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THE GRAND FALLS QUESTION (Edmundston Observer)

This year the option which a great United States industrial concern has on the water rights at Grand Falls expires. At the present time that firm is conducting a publicity campaign to acquaint the people of the province with the cost of harnessing the Falls, and making power available for manufacturing and industrial purposes. It purports to be for the benefit of the people. History repeats itself, for two years ago when the same company found a previous option expiring they did the same. Where is the colored gentleman, that these people are so concerned about? Their argument is practically the same as it was years ago, but the situation is vastly different.

Just a word about these magnificent Falls. There is said to be greater potential power there than in any other place east of Niagara Falls, counting both the United States and Canada. These Falls, because they happen to be on our side of the International Boundary, belong to Canada. Because they are located in New Brunswick they belong to this province.

The Falls are undeveloped, although days gone by numerous attempts have been made to secure the rights to them, by different people, and survey work has been carried out but today in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty three they are still undeveloped, and the power of the waters as they pour their millions of gallons down over the rocks, produces no wealth, contributes no well being to the people of the province, provides no work for the workman, develops no industry for the capitalists, and turns no wheels for the manufacturer.

But let this be clearly understood by the people of the province:

The rights of this great water-fall have been held for some years by an alien concern, who have no particle of interest in Canada and her prog-

ress, her industry, or her development—excepting in so far as it contributes interest to the capital invested. More than that, during the past years, the years that this concern has had the option on this project, this concern has done nothing to develop these Falls. And let it be noted, this option expires in a very few weeks.

The people of Madawaska county, the thinking people of the Province, the people of the Dominion who know the Falls, and the conditions at present existing, say with one voice that under no circumstances should the option be renewed. The time has come for the firm concerned to be told that it can have no further interest in the Grand Falls development.

There are several reasons for this. Today, more than at any time in the history of industry, men are turning to electric energy to help in the manufacturing end. We are living in a part of the Province, in a part of Canada, where under the best conditions coal is expensive, and oftentimes hard to get. With coal their is necessarily a large expense, the handling of it, the waste from it, and endless labour which is eliminated when electricity is used.

A Canadian concern is obviously more interested in the development of Canada than can an American be. By the development of these Falls either by a purely British concern, with British capital or by the Government of Canada, we are assured much more sympathetic handling of the plant after the Falls are developed.

There is still a more pressing question in connection with this thing, and one which the people of the province, which our representatives in Fredericton must see to.

Wherever water power is developed with as much power as will be available near Grand Falls, industries are attracted. Manufacturers are ever on the look out for cheap power, and if this power is developed it will mean that industries will be attracted, to this part of the Province in such numbers as we cannot at the present time conceive of. Look what has been done in Quebec, and in Ontario, to say nothing about other places across the border. And here is where there is a danger, a danger recognized by hard headed business men—wish we were at liberty to mention names—that SAFEGUARDS WILL NOT BE DRAWN AROUND ANY AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONCERN IN THE EVENT OF THE GOVERNMENT DECIDING TO LEASE OR SELL THE RIGHTS OF THE FALLS TO A PRIVATE CONCERN, so that electricity will not find its way across the border.

At the beginning of this article we said that the Falls are Canadian; the Falls cannot be taken into Maine, but the power can. It is up to the people of this province to see to it that only a small amount of electricity is taken across the border.

What was it that defeated the Liberal Party in 1911? More than any other factor in that contest was the statement attributed to the Present Chief Justice of the United States, then President Taft, who in advocating Reciprocity between the two countries said that if the agreement was ratified by both countries it would "make Canada an adjunct to the United States." And in this question of Grand Falls we do not want it made possible that New Brunswick should be an "adjunct" to Maine.

Let the Falls be developed by British capital, for British industry, to provide work for British Workmen, and to further the work of the development of New Brunswick.

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HISTORY OF SURNAMES.

They Throw Light on Origin of Your Ancestors.

It is by no means every man who knows that in the name he bears there is probably an interesting and valuable clue to his ancestry.

Thus, if he bears it Harcourt or Venables, Pugham or Percival, Dwayne or Daubney, he may be pretty sure, says Mr. Thornton Hall, in John O'London's Weekly, that the founder of his family had his cradling in Normandy, though whether he was a lord, a knight, or a squire is hidden from him.

Similarly, if he bears the name of any town or village in England, of a surety that village or town was the cradle of his forefathers; though here, again, he gets no clue to the quality of his first ancestor, who might be the lord of manors, or an honest tradesman or artisan. And when there are several places of the same name, often in different counties, he is still ignorant as to which of them he originally hails from.

Even when a man's surname throws no light on the place of origin, it often gives interesting clues to past history. Thus, if he is called Tanner or Glover, Butcher or Baker, Carter or Carpenter, he may know that the first of his forefathers to bear that name followed one or other of these occupations.

The first Thrawites was a feller of wood; Jenner was a joiner; Milner, a miller; Webster, a weaver; Barker, a tanner; Lorimer, a maker of bits and spurs; and so on through the long list of old-time trades, many of them now scarcely identifiable by the average man, such as Siffriges, a man who made bowsstrings; Tipper, who tipped arrows; and Fletcher, who amixed the feathers.

When surnames throw no light on the place of origin, they occasionally reveal the situation of the original home. Thus, Tom who lived at the foot of the hill was labelled Underhill; if his home was on the shore, he was Tom-by-the-sea. And similarly we get such patronymics as Undercliff, Atwood, Atmoor, Byfield, and so on.

Other surnames tell us what kind of men were they who first bore them: Dark or Fair, Ruddy (Russell) or pale (Whiteman); whether they were "Long" or "Short" or "Broad"; "Merry" or "Sadd"; "Bold" or "Coward"; "Lightfoot" or "Heavyride."

When in those olden days there was no such way of distinguishing a man, it was an easy matter to identify him as his father's son. Thus Richard's boys became known as Richardsons, William's as Williamsons, and Robin's as Robinsons. And when, in process of time, these labels grew too plentiful and confusing, the maker's name was modified in other ways—to such an extent, indeed, that the connection is almost impossible to trace.

Even names which suggest no desirable lineage are often both ancient and honorable. Mr. Hobson can derive comfort from his name, for before the Conqueror set foot on our shores a Leoric Hobbesone figured among Saxon tenants in Suffolk. Mr. Buggins and Mr. Bangs, adds Mr. Thornton Hall, will be relieved to find that their names "came over with the Normans"; and Mr. Buckle can point to Devonshire as the cradle of his numerous family.

Harkness means dweller at a temple built on a Ness (a headland jutting into the sea). It is probably of Scandinavian origin. Knox is "dweller at a hill" (from Gaelic knock, a hill). As is natural in a mountainous country the Highlands are full of "hill" names—as Knox, Law, Dun, Ard, and so on, all having to do with hills of great antiquity. John Knox is said to have been of this family.

Chap—or Chepman—is common to both England and Scotland. It is of great antiquity, being derived from the occupation of hawking haberdashery, etc., throughout the land. "Chapman" is mentioned both by Chaucer and in "Piers Plowman." Mason means a form of Mason, one working in stone, a very old name. Mason is old French for Mason.

Ewart means ewe-headed (shepherd), an old English name. "John Ewehead" is named in "Piers Plowman." A.D. 1739, W. E. Gladstone's middle name, as is well known, was Ewart. Leith is from the place name, which is supposed to be from Gaelic "leith-on" (broad or wide). There is also a "leithen water" at Peebles.

Lecky is found as a place-name throughout Scotland, from Leck, East Lothian. Such stones seem to have had great significance in ancient times, especially they were Druidical sacrificial tables. Corrie and Corrie are derived from the Gaelic coire, which in land names is applied to deep hollows in mountains or to little valleys, and Dobbie is said to be a diminution or pet name for Robert.

Greatest Living Americans.

Of more than one hundred nominations for the honor of being considered one of the "twelve greatest living" Americans, Thomas A. Edison, inventor, easily heads the list. Here are the twelve, in alphabetical order—Thomas A. Edison (inventor), Charles W. Eliot (educator), Henry Ford (automobile maker), Herbert Hoover (engineer-organizer), Charles E. Hughes (statesman), John J. Pershing (soldier), John D. Rockefeller (philanthropist), Elihu Root (statesman), John B. Sargent (painter), William H. Taft (statesman), Woodrow Wilson (statesman). It will be noted that the list contains the names of none of the religious leaders of America.

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