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Night 'neath the northern skies, lone, black and grim,
Nought but the starlight lies 'twixt heaven and him.

Of man no need has he, of God, no prayer;
He and his Diety are brothers there.

Above his bivouac the fire fling down
Thro' branches gaunt and black, their needles brown.

As far, some mountain street us, rockbound and fleet,
Sing themselves thro' his dreams in cadence sweet.

The pine tree's whispering, the heron's cry,
The plover's passing wing, his lullaby.

And blinking overhead the white stars keep
Watch o'er his hemlock bed—his slumber sleep.

—E. Pauline Johnson, in *Outing*.

SLEEP.

Gently and softly the mother bent
Over the baby in sleep's embrace,
Watching the rosy smiles indent
And dimple the little dreamer's face;
And the longed-for kiss she would not take
Lest peradventure the baby wake.

Gently the mother watched and wept
Over the coffin where lay her child;
Only one thought in her bosom crept
As she bent to the lips in her anguish wild,
Again and again the lost kiss to take—
Oh! if the baby would only wake!

—R. K. Munkittrick.

ABOUT THE CENSUS.

Editor Critic.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me to offer a few remarks on the statement made in your last week's paper that—"Another serious feature (of the census) is the assumed decrease in population in the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants, all of which counties are enjoying a remarkable degree of agricultural prosperity."

When you say these counties "are enjoying a remarkable degree of agricultural prosperity," do you mean that this has been the case for the period covered by the last census, or that this state of affairs exists at the present time of writing? If the former, then the sentiment—liberal and conservative—of Hants County is against your proposition. If the latter, your statement is hardly pertinent to a discussion of the census, as the present prosperity of the farmers in the counties mentioned is due, if it exists, to the conditions which have crowned agricultural labor with gratifying success all over the continent this season.

I have passed the last two months in the interior of this county and "along the shore," visiting about five hundred houses. By actual count, out of nearly two hundred houses of which enquiry was made on the subject, only seven families were unrepresented by a member in the United States. A number of the families had five children in the States, while very few had only one there. Do you still think, Mr. Editor, that the decrease here is only assumed?

Hardly a district visited by me but had its quota of farmers who were anxious to sell—many wanting to go to the States to join their children. Many farms are hopelessly mortgaged; a number cannot be sold at a price to cover the indebtedness, and are only run on the sufferance of the real owners. Drive in any direction, and you are met by deserted farm-houses. Old men want to sell because their boys are away, and they are unable to continue the work.

What is the trouble? Let us hear what an old farmer in Newport says: "It is no use disguising the fact, our boys—and girls too—have gone, and are going, to the States and no where else. They know they can get work there and get cash for it. The time has come when our boys and girls want dollars for their labor, and will go where they can get them. Mine send me a five dollar bill occasionally. Why is it," he asked pathetically, "there is no demand for their labor in our own cities? Why is it they cannot get as good wages in Canada as in the United States?"

Leaving you to answer these questions and others involved, I will hasten to a close. Is it not folly for us to hide our heads in the sand and ignore our true condition? Contact with the people and honest enquiry will emphasize the disagreeable facts disclosed by the late census, and will prove that the half has not been told. It is for political economists and statesmen to diagnose the case and apply the remedy. And to assist in this mission there is none more competent nor influential than the independent press.

One word more. You agree with the *St. John Gazette* that the condition of New Brunswick is no worse than that of the States of Maine and Vermont. Will you allow me to point to the very important fact that while the United States still retain the people who have deserted the farms in the Northern States, our Dominion loses probably forever the young people who leave Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island every year.

A. FULTZ, Editor *Windsorian*.

ORIGIN OF WEDDING TOURS.

The origin of the wedding trip is entirely unknown. As to it we can only be sure of one thing—the wedding trip originated among civilized or semi-civilized nations, and not among barbarians.

Custom now requires that a newly married pair should fly from their friends and seek the seclusion of a cottage by the sea, or the more acute loneliness of a hotel crowded with strangers. Exception is sometimes made in behalf of a husband and wife who are advanced in years, or who, by

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