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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty,
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

THE publication, last Thursday morning, of the names and nationalities of those who are employed on the Provincial Government buildings completely refutes the statement made by alleged laboring men that at least 75 per cent. of the men came from the Sound. Out of the 104 men employed, 7 are American citizens and two Germans, the rest being British subjects. If the charges preferred against Mr. Adams had any foundation in fact, THE HOME JOURNAL would have been the first to condemn him. It has repeatedly pointed out that foreigners spend no more of their earnings here than they can help, the balance being taken out of the Province and put into circulation elsewhere.

Of course it is not desirable that Mr. Adams should demand an affidavit as to the nationality of the person he employed, and when it is considered the strong resemblance which a Northern Yankee bears to a Canadian or British subject, it is surprising that out of the 104 men employed by Mr. Adams, he should have happened to engage 95 British subjects. If the story that men from the United States side the line were given preference over our own people was traced to its origin, it might be found that it was conceived in the brains of some of the Opposition candidates.

The success of the recent celebration has demonstrated one fact, and that is,

Victoria is really the recreation ground for the Sound country population, if not the whole Pacific Coast. If the event had been properly advertised, no doubt hundreds more would have visited the city.

A year or so ago, Mr. J. H. Falconer suggested the wisdom of the city council appointing a recreation committee whose business it would be to put Victoria in proper condition to receive tourists and to look generally after their entertainment. This suggestion was never acted upon. If it had it might have been the means of inducing a greater amount of tourist travel.

Would it not be a good idea to appoint a citizens' committee for a midsummer celebration? This is the headquarters for sport on the Pacific Coast, and a programme of international sporting events could be arranged that would attract thousands to the city. Horse racing and a brass band contest would add interest to the occasion.

In selecting such a committee it would be wise to steer clear of an error that was made when the celebration committee was appointed. I refer to the circumstance that a member of the reception committee, if the statements of other members are to be believed, actually insulted several visitors from Seattle who were invited to partake of the refreshments on the barge. This same person created a great deal of trouble for the committee, and humiliated one or more of them by his officiousness. A man such as I have referred to can do much harm when placed in a position of authority.

Now that Prof. Gibier has satisfied himself that dogs have souls, a good many views are likely to be changed. There are many who will insist that dogs must have souls as well as horses and monkeys. At the same time I don't see how men are to draw lines in the animal kingdom. We know that some men have greater souls than other men, as a result of heredity, education and environment. Some dogs are more intelligent than other dogs, and I can say confidently that there is a great difference in the intelligence and affection of horses. Are we, however, to infer that animals of a higher order, who cannot exhibit the qualities of the horse or the dog, are yet without the germ of the same qualities? The modern conclusion

seems to be that any organic being that lives partakes in some degree of that fundamental principle of life and action which is called the soul.

I was amused at the answer of the worthy Secretary of the Board of School Trustees in reference to fire escapes on the new buildings. Chief Deasy informed the Board that the ward schools required metal escapes outside the buildings. The answer he received was: "That the Board is of opinion that by their internal arrangements the buildings referred to are amply protected from danger to the occupants by fire." The internal arrangements consist of wooden stairways leading to the ground floor. Should a fire start in the lower portion of the building the blinding smoke would certainly find its way up the stairway, cutting off the only means of escape. Metal stairways on the outside, similar to one on the New England Hotel, on Government street, should be erected on all school buildings over two stories in height. At the last session of the Provincial Legislature a law was passed to compel all owners of buildings to erect outside escapes from all the buildings or floors above the ground floor and extending to within eight feet of the ground. The law shall take effect on the first day of October; but our worthy School Trustees should provide the children with means of escape before the opening of the new schools.

While I believe in women's rights; that is to say, consistent rights, and in perfect equality of the sexes, yet there are cases in which the female yearning seems to reach a little too far. Not content with working in her own extensive and important sphere, she is too often inclined to seek employments that more properly belong to the male, much to the disadvantage and serious loss of the latter. Many a poor man is thus driven out of employment, because female labor is cheaper, and it is quite the fad to employ females in place of men and boys in many lines of occupation.

These same females who are doing men's work, do it quite as capably, it is true, and it would not be right to debar them of their perfect right to fill such callings if they chose, as they should be the same free moral agents as mankind,