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Mr. English Concludes His Criticisms.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In this paper I intend to continue my criticism of what Mr. McGrath's book has to say in that chapter devoted to hunting and fishing. On page 191 is a seeming contradiction of all the good things the compiler has elsewhere said of the mildness of our climate. Persons reading this passage might well question the sincerity of the writer. He says: "until the middle of November most of the local hunters go out, though the weather at last gets too cold for the alien." Too cold in November in a country where, according to Mr. McGrath, the winter does not begin before New Year. We do not get many visitors or sportsmen from the tropics.

Canada, Mr. McGrath says, is colder than Newfoundland, therefore it may be assumed that Canadians can withstand coldness of climate as well as we. Englishmen are notably hardy, and the Yankee can take his share of roughing it with the next. What aliens had Mr. McGrath in mind?

Speaking of the Game Laws the author says: "The Act is framed to afford every facility to visiting sportsmen, while at the same time providing such safeguards as will prevent abuses in the pursuit of this noble pastime by pot hunters and others." It would be very interesting to know in what category McGrath, and the Reid Company place MacLean; evidently he is of that class to whom every facility is offered. The kind of visitors "we must handle with gloves," as the General Passenger Agent remarked to me, Mr. McGrath has nothing to say in defence of poor fishermen who are now and then fined for killing deer to supply their families with meat. Oh, no, they are but natives and must suffer, whilst foreigners, who kill for the lust of killing, go scot free. Mr. McGrath even holds out inducements to visitors to kill out of season. On page 195 he says: "Throughout the summer the black duck, sheldrake, wildgeon, teal, canvasback and other fowl are procurable." Mr. McGrath, I would say, has committed a grave breach of the Game Laws by giving such a statement publicity. Is it possible that he is ignorant of the Game Laws? Those laws distinctly state that no black duck or other wild birds (except geese) may be shot before September 20th.

Mr. McGrath's book is everywhere grossly misleading, mostly through ignorance, but in some cases, I am inclined to think, deliberately so. As for instance wherein he states that there should be no reason why visiting sportsmen should not indulge in the diversion of wolf, bear and lynx hunting. The man who would go in to hunting either bears, wolves or lynx in this country would be doomed to great disappointment. Bears and lynx are rarely met with; as for wolves, if they exist at all, they must be "like angels visits, few and far between."

He says also that hares or rabbits are constantly purchasable in St. John's for twenty cents a couple. This is a falsehood, as anyone may prove for himself. They were sold for as high as fifty cents per pair last Fall, and are now offering at forty. As for hares being brought into the city in car load lots; well, that, too, is "studiously moderate," as Sir Edward expresses it in his introductory remarks.

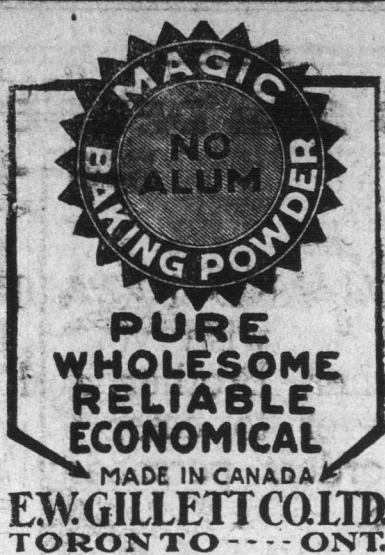
On page 193 Mr. McGrath says: "It is possible for anybody with the slightest knowledge of wood-craft to kill caribou in Newfoundland by his own unaided exertions." What the author means is not quite clear. Does he mean to say that one may by just grappling with the beast throw him and choke him, or does he mean that the animal may be killed by a blow of the fist. In either case the slayer must first catch the deer. I suppose one would need a bit of fresh salt to throw on their tails, according to the legend. It would be interesting to

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see Mr. McGrath in a wrestling bout with a caribou. If the author of "Newfoundland in 1911" thinks, as he says, that to be a successful hunter of caribou very little wood-craft is necessary, he is greatly mistaken. He says it is all a "matter of clothing avoiding unnecessary noise, and availing of every patch of cover."

Let us for argument sake grant these premises, and I will prove that Mr. McGrath is writing what he knows nothing about. It will be remembered that Mr. McGrath recommends sealskin boots for the hunter, a most unfortunate circumstance for him. Men who have had experience know that sealskin boots are positive nuisance, if one is desirous of getting noiselessly through the woods, for branches and twigs by brushing against them make a noise that might easily alarm the deer. If one is wearing such boots he must cover the legs by putting them under his pants legs, not a very pleasant alternative. For the clothing will be torn and get wet. Sealskin boots are objectionable for another reason. When wearing them one cannot go near a fire for they shrivel up and become hard and small. As for rubber boots recommended by Mr. McGrath, nobody with any knowledge of wood-craft will wear them when hunting. Gumbo shoes (vin cushions) may do. I cannot say, have never seen them.

The book also says that Newfoundlanders are good shots with either shot gun or rifle, their proficiency being acquired by shooting seals on the ice. One might think that seals are constantly about our shores, although Mr. McGrath is very anxious to dispel the impression that ice is constantly surrounding us. There are thousands in this country who have never seen a seal on the ice who are likely good shots. See page 194. If the fishermen of this country are good shots, it is not because they get so much practice whilst killing seals or the ice? Not many. Guess again, Mr. McGrath.

I think, Mr. Editor, that in this series of reviews I have proven that the compiler of the book, "Newfoundland in 1911," undertook a work that was altogether too much for him, and instead of bringing credit to the country is in a fair way of bringing contempt on us as a public, for what intelligent person can read it and not discover its multitude of grotesque errors. I, among my fellow countrymen, am the least fit to offer it any criticism. I do not pretend to any great learning, but happily, through years of careful reading and a little travel combined with an observant turn of mind and having had a variety of experiences, I am able to see the mistakes in Mr. McGrath's book and to bring them to light. I should have been glad had somebody else taken up the task of putting the stamp of disapproval on the work and repudiating it. I saw the falseness of the book, and waited long for some more gifted one to condemn it, but I, tired of waiting, seeing nothing but praise for a thing which I clearly saw merited only severe condemnation. It would be a shame on us to have permitted the abortion to have gone out as a representative of Newfoundland ability in the field of literature.

Mr. McGrath has lately given us a lot of stuff about Canada in his "From Ocean to Ocean." Fancy a man telling us all about Canada who knows nothing about his own country. Any body gifted with ordinary intelligence and a slack code of ethics may write as well as Mr. McGrath of a trip across Canada. Railway folders, souvenir booklets, etc., give all the data necessary.

I will give just one or two instances of how Mr. McGrath can fail in putting his data intelligently together. He says in that article just appearing in the "Newfoundland Quarterly," that the Rocky Mountains run East and West 250 miles. Everybody except Mr. McGrath knows that the Rocky Mountains run nearly North and South extending from the Arctic Ocean to the Cordillera of Mexico, a distance of 3,000 miles, and notwithstanding some interruptions they may be taken as part of one continuous range right through Central and South America to Cape Horn or nearly so, a distance in all of about 10,000 miles. To refer to those majestic mountains as fortresses, is objectionable, so also is the word sublimest, but Mr. McGrath has a fancy for

strange words and making misapplication of terms.

I have finished with Mr. McGrath's book, not that I have exhausted its fund of errors, but I cannot afford any more time. Before closing I wish to thank my unknown friend, ex-Reporter, for his manly defence of me. I should have done this before but retrained for fear it might be taken as an appeal for help.

I thank you also, Mr. Editor, for the large demand I have made on your space, and in conclusion I wish you and your readers a very Happy Christmas.

ARTHUR ENGLISH.

December 18th, 1911.

Sidewalk Sketches.

By H. L. RANN.

FASHION.



Fashion is a hypnotic influence which is felt, but rarely seen. It is felt mainly in the region of the check book by husbands who couldn't tell a sheath gown from a Mother Hubbard. The decrees of fashion change faster than the partners in a square dance. It has subjected the noble blouse and the pleasing hoop skirt to impious levity and has developed a figure which is about as svelte as a crutch. It is considered as vulgar nowadays to wear hips in public as it used to be to chew gum at the opera. This mode has its compensations, however. For a few hundred dollars a good dressmaker can clamp a stout woman into a gown that makes her look like Camille in the last act, and as most of our society leaders are long on embonpoint the style is likely to remain with us for quite a spell. Fashion is no respecter of incomes, either. It is no more trouble for her to go through a \$50,000 income than it is to insert a melon dent in a salary of \$12 a week.

Whenever business is dull, fashion invents a hat that looks like an inverted grape-basket, pastes a French label on it and extracts a price that is calculated to make the average husband see stars for a week. As a rule, however, fashion is very moderate in her charges. For \$22 you can get a modest little toque with fully 60 cents' worth of material in it, not counting the labor and the pins, while a pair of those shredded willow plumes, which hang over a woman's right ear like a sea-sick tourist on the bridge, rarely costs more than a runabout. Yet every little while some brutal husband and father, with four daughters who have never succeeded in backing anybody into the ring service, lets go of a profane roar about the high cost of living. Man is an unreasonable being.

The Reliability of a Gas Cooker.

Now one must admit that the reliability of a gas cooker is especially useful when one has no servant to take charge of dainty dishes. Boiling water can be obtained in the shortest time imaginable, and this fact alone is of great importance both in sickness and in health. Everything keeps so beautifully hot on a gas cooker, and there is no fear of viands being spoilt through delay in the serving of a meal; and the dripping-pan, having been filled with boiling water, makes a splendid impromptu bain-marie.

Again, one of the greatest merits of gas is that the arrangements of the household need not be upset as unexpected visitors arrive; a fresh brew of tea can be made in an incredibly short space of time, and the preparation of more substantial viands can soon be put in training. The old-fashioned range has a way of going out at times, but a gas cooker is always ready to give a warm welcome to any comer he never so late. One wonders how many doctors' bills have been saved by that hot soup, cocoa coffee, hot milk, or some other refreshment that can be prepared immediately when a member of the community arrives cold and wet, after perhaps some hours' exposure to inclement weather. In case of sickness, no one can speak too highly of the invaluable help that the handy cooker gives; the nourishing little dainty meals can be served in the most appetising way, cooked to a perfection, and kept piping hot, even though delay may occur in the serving of them.

Smallpox at Fortune.

Yesterday afternoon messages were received by the Government to the effect that an outbreak of smallpox had occurred at Fortune and that several persons were ill of it. The message stated that measures to guard against its spread were being taken, and that the houses in which it appeared were quarantined, and it is hoped the disease will not spread. Passengers will not be taken from the affected section by steamboat people. We learn that the disease is of the type of that which has been more or less prevalent in the past few years.



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