

"T & B."

A lover of the fragrant weed, who by the way is a resident of Manitoba, sends the following composition in which he extols the merits of his favorite plug:

I have travelled all over this wide world,
I have wandered through every zone,
With my pipe and my pouch in my pocket,
For I'm fond of my baccy I own;
And I've smoked every kind of tobacco,
But the brand that is dearest to me,
The one that I prefer to all others,
Is the plug that is stamped T. & B.

I have smoked in my own native island
Every kind that the Britisher burns,
Cut Cavendish, Golden Leaf, Shag,
Virginia, Birdseye, and Returns.
Yes! I've smoked every English tobacco
But found none to satisfy me
Like the brand I prefer to all others
The pure golden leaf T. & B.

Through Europe I travelled from Brest,
Going east till I reached Astrakan,
And from Nordkyn, the northernmost town,
Down southward to Cape Matapan;
In Europe I tried each tobacco
But none were as pleasing to me,
As the brand that I prefer to all others
The plug that is stamped T. & B.

I have smoked with the pipe-loving Germans,
I have smoked with the grandes of Spain,
I have tried all their choicest tobaccos,
And don't wish to try them again;
For of every kind of tobacco,
The one that stands foremost with me,
The one I prefer to all others,
Is the pure golden leaf T. & B.

I have smoked the West India Havanas,
And Hinoos cheroots and Burmese,
I have smoked hubble-bubbles and hookas,
Lying stretched on divans at my ease,
But I never yet found a tobacco,
In my journeys by land or by sea,
To compare with that best of all baccys,
The pure-golden leaf T. & B.

Through the States from Dakota, southeast,
I have travelled to Florida's shore,
Smoking there Echo and Vanity Fair,
Snowflake and a dozen brands more,
But boys there is just one tobacco,
Only one in this wide world for me,
'Tis the one I will stand by forever
The plug that is stamped T. & B.

They say that tobacco will shorten
One's life, and I know that is true.
For once when I ran short of baccy,
Each awful day lengthened to two;
But I mean to take heed for the future,
That no such mishap befalls me,
And intend to invest my spare dollars
In a caddy of choice T. & B.

Owing to shortage in the cranberry crop of the United States prices are high. United States buyers have been buying cranberries in Canada, so it is reported. In Nova Scotia some very good berries are grown.

The temperature of Macleod, Alberta, in the range country, ranged from 40 to 70 above zero each day for the week ended December 14. On December 10 the thermometer touched 82 above zero.

The hide dealers of Montreal have formed a combine to stop the reckless cutting in prices that has been going on for years past in selling, as well as the unprofitable practice of paying above established rates when one or more dealers wanted to harass the trade. An arrangement has been made whereby the hides purchased by the respective dealers will be received at one warehouse and all goods sold shipped therefrom. James Price is the elected president of this association, and Emile Galibert, secretary.

Every Mackintosh

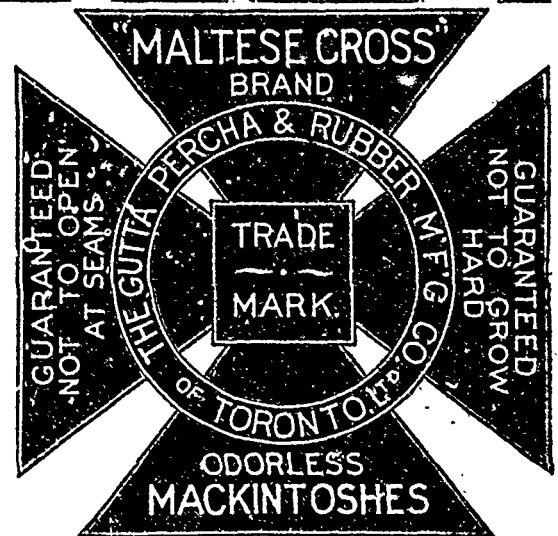
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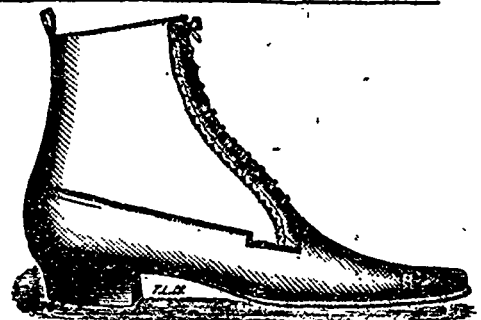
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