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NO FOREIGN FLAG.

The following remarkable paragraph appeared a few days ago in "La Croix":
"Announce to your readers a new triumph, for our magnificent national flag, the Carillon Sacred Heart. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we had the 'forty hours' and as the people wished to decorate the church and presbytery, there were displayed more than fifty of the Sacred Heart flags, the Pope's colors as well as our own, and to our great honor not a single foreign flag such as that of revolutionary France or of England was to be seen. Honor, therefore, to the beautiful parish of Marguerite."

Commenting on the above, which appeared in the religious weekly referred to, over the signature of "A Parishioner," the Montreal Commercial Gazette says:
"Of course no one imagines for an instant that this is the feeling of our enlightened French-Canadian citizens, who recognize fully that they are Canadians and as such citizens of the great Empire. But it does show how utterly ignorant people of all kinds are out in the country places. And it seems a pity that a city paper should expose such dense ignorance by printing such a miserable letter. For a Canadian who can speak of the flag of England as a 'foreign flag' is so ignorant as to be entitled to pity."

In Eastern Quebec particularly, there are to be found many opportunities for the exercise of such pity as is mentioned. There are communities in which the British flag is never seen, and would not ever be recognized if displayed, where the tri-color is regarded as the national flag, and, in fact, is believed to be so. In some cases this cannot be wholly ascribed to ignorance, for there are districts in which the British flag is still looked upon as alien, and in which the only patriotism to be found is towards France.

THE WELLMAN GAME.

Newspapers throughout Europe and America are now expressing the opinion that they have for a long time entertained regarding the qualifications of Walter Wellman as an Arctic explorer. The general tone of comment can hardly be regarded as gratifying to Mr. Wellman if, as is strongly doubted, he ever intended making a serious attempt to reach the pole by airship. It is admitted to be a very clever writer, a genius in his methods of securing subjects for newspaper articles, and perhaps the best advertising agent any journal ever had in the field. But beyond this the compliments do not go. Mr. Wellman has been three years preparing for and postponing his start. He, at the beginning, professed a thorough knowledge regarding Arctic conditions, and was quite certain that the winds at seasons mentioned would be favorable to his undertaking. From his preliminary articles there was absolutely no possibility of failure nor could there ever be a delay in the start. He announced his plans accordingly, but when the time for departure came, his airship was found unsuitable. The start was put off for a year, and the ship remodelled, but during the present summer those winds with which Mr. Wellman professed such a personal acquaintance failed to appear, according to report. Some sort of a breeze did come up, it is true, and Mr. Wellman with his companions thought it best to get above ground if only to show that he was really in earnest. The inflated balloon was let go, but oddly enough it drifted in the wrong direction. Had the flight been continued Mr. Wellman might have discovered the sacred capital of Tibet and secured much information of interest. However, this would not have accomplished the advertised object of his expedition. He is now returning from Norway with material for another series of readable stories dealing with his past experiences, and sufficient imagination to continue for the benefit of the paper he represents, the recital of what he hopes to do next year. Meanwhile the North Pole still leads a secluded life, quietly awaiting the advent of our own Captain Bernier, who, however, is not going north at present.

METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATED

OLDTOWN, Me., Sept. 15.—The Methodist Church which replaces the one destroyed by fire on December 10 of last year, was dedicated here today. Rev. T. W. Penenden of Bangor, who presided the dedication ceremony was assisted by Rev. John W. Hatch, presiding elder of the Bangor district. Rev. A. L. Nutter, pastor of the church, formerly of Lynn, Mass., announced after the service that the collection taken up at the exercises had wiped out the church bill of \$250.

CHANSON.

Come, Willie, o'er the hill!
"Joy!" beams the sun on high;
The cocks crow, zied and shrill;
Birds from their nest-homes fly—
Willie, come o'er the hill!

Noon makes the grass look sere;
A plowman 'neath yon trees
His horses doth ungear,
And through the dells, forlorn,
Take now their midday cheer.

How long the shadows grow!
The plow lies on its side;
Barnward the horses go;
Through darkling boughs doth glide
A thrush-song, sweet and low.

Far west the sun has gone;
Mists from the mill stream rise
And through the dells, forlorn,
A twilight echo sighs
Like some faint-wailing horn.

No stars! The night falls chill;
The wind has ceased to moan;
The earth is dark and still,
And you are left alone—
Come, Willie, o'er the hill!

Willie, come o'er the hill!

A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

How the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands are destroying locusts is told by the Manila Times:—"Tremendous swarms of locusts have appeared in different parts of Panay and the prospects for a crop of rice or sugar look decidedly gloomy at the present writing. As a result the anxiety of the people has become of noticeable concern, and in the Town of Balasan, according to El Tiempo, they have captured and destroyed approximately two thousand canaves (the canave is a measure equal to 3.47 cubic feet) of these destructive insects. Mague also it is stated, has caught about half that number. The only time efforts to catch locusts can produce very effective results is while they are yet too young to fly, and the method that has proved the most successful is that of digging a hole two or three feet deep in the ground and then placing by it broad boards or sheet iron fastened together in a V-shape, so that the hole is in the hollow of the V. When this is done nearby where they are, swarms of young locusts can be driven into the hole and effectively buried. This method has been in limited use for several years and has been encouraged by the Government. The provincial board of Iloilo has bought sheet iron, which is to be distributed in the districts most infested, for the purpose of destroying, as far as possible, the dreaded pest."

THE EXPLANATION.

"Yes," said Hawkins, who had recently bought some old silver at auction, "this is the old Hawkins family plate."
"Indeed?" said the observant guest, "but surely this is an 'A' engraved upon it."
"Is it? O—yes, of course. The original Hawkins were English, you know."

AN OBSERVANT AND INDULGENT FATHER.

"Pa!"
"Well, daughter?"
"May I have your waste basket to make a mushroom hat?"
"Yes, child. And you may also have this old feather duster for trimming."
The Rev. Mr. Freuder of Philadelphia tells this story of himself. Some time ago he was invited to dine at the house of a friend whose wife went into her kitchen to give some final orders. Incidentally, she added to the servants, "We are having a Jewish rabbit for dinner today." For a moment the maid surveyed her mistress in grim silence. Then she spoke with decision, "All I have to say is," she announced, "if you have a Jewish rabbit for dinner, you'll cook it yourself."

Tramp—Please, ma'am, if you'll gimme sumthin' t' eat I'll shove the snow off your walk.
Lady—Why, there hasn't been any snow on the walk for some months!
Tramp—Well, that ain't no business of mine, lady. Won't you gimme a sandwich for bein' willing t' shove it off if they was any?

Hook—There goes Sweet. He is bent on a summer vacation.
Cook—And what happens to a man who is bent on a summer vacation?
Hook—Why, it isn't long after he is bent before he is broke.

25 BAPTIST PARSONS
LIVING IN WOLFVILLE

Rev. Dr. Manning Will be One of the Number.

Rev. Dr. Manning and family will shortly leave for Wolfville Nova Scotia, where they will reside during the winter. Miss Manning will resume her studies at Acadia College. A rather curious fact in connection with Dr. Manning's removal to Wolfville, is that he will make the twenty-fifth Baptist minister who will reside in Wolfville this winter. This is rather remarkable considering that Wolfville has only a population of a little over a thousand people.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Manning will be tendered a reception in the Leinster street Baptist church by the lady missionaries of the city. The reception will last from three until six o'clock.



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CAMP ALDERSHOT IN FULL SWING
NOW—SIR FREDERICK BORDEN
A VISITOR—SOME CHANGES

CAMP ALDERSHOT, Kentville, N. S., Sept. 14.—The militia camp for Nova Scotia is now in full swing and is one of the most successful ever held here. There are about 2,700 men under canvas, the regiments all being up to strength. There are two brigades of infantry, a cavalry regiment, army service corps, field hospital corps and corps of guides.
The cavalry are doing particularly good work. Among them is a new cavalry squadron formed in Windsor. It is under the command of Major Ryan, who was with "Gat" Howard in South Africa, and who has both the King's and Queen's medals.
The Highland regiments from Cape Breton are composed of a well built lot of men and receive much favorable comment. The pipers band is the most popular organization in camp.
Col. Drury, C. B., A. D. C., is officer in command of the camp. His staff is changed somewhat from the usual. Major McInnes, D. S. O., a distinguished graduate of the R. M. C., Kingston, and who was in command of the fortifications at the defense of Kimberley, is chief staff officer. Major Carpenter, of the R. C. B., Halifax, is D. A. A. Major Tremaine is intelligence officer; Major Siroon, chief paymaster; Major Wickwire, senior army service corps officer and Capt. Doull is in charge of the company of R. C. B.
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GLOOMY REPORTS
FROM MANITOBA
TORONTO, Sept. 15.—Premier Roblin of Manitoba says:
"I have just received the following telegram from Winnipeg, which, I fear, is too true. 'Think 70 per cent. of wheat territory will be badly frosted. Have had severe frosts there last two nights. Should say about 50 per cent. of northern Manitoba badly frosted. Have had some cars inspected from southern Manitoba, and all show some frost, grading Nos. 2 and 3 northern. Do not look for over 25,000,000 bushels of No. 2 northern or better. Balance of No. 3 northern down to chicken feed. That condition is the way I figure it out at present time. Unless weather improves quickly conditions will be even worse than this.'

DR. ATHERTON WILL
LEAVE HOSPITAL
Writes to Trustees Insisting That His Resignation be Accepted—House at Lincoln Destroyed by Fire.
FREDERICTON, Sept. 15.—Dr. Atherton last evening sent a letter to the hospital board in which he states that he begs to press the acceptance of his resignation from the staff of the hospital which he temporarily withdrew at the urgent solicitation of the board a few weeks ago.
The Civilians badly defeated the Royal Regiment yesterday at cricket, in a ten inning match, the score standing 39 to 27.
The feature of the game was the playing of Meldon, the Dublin cricketer. He carried his bat for 70 runs and took 7 wickets for 11 runs. Outside of Meldon the teams were about evenly

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CANADA WILL LIKELY APPLY
FINANCIAL TEST TO IMMIGRANTS IN
FUTURE—INCREASE IN COMMERCE

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—Canada's commerce continues to show remarkable growth. For the twelve months ending with the first of August, the aggregate trade of Canada amounted to \$884,672,345, an increase of seventy-eight and a half millions over the corresponding period of the year previous. In the year ending with August, the value of the imports was three hundred and sixty-four millions, a gain of sixty-nine millions; exports were of the value of two hundred and sixty-nine million dollars, a gain of nine millions. Fifty-seven million dollars was collected in duty, an increase of ten millions.
There is a recommendation before the Dominion government, which is likely to be acted upon for a further restriction being placed on immigrants coming to Canada. It is proposed to change the immigration laws so that persons coming to Canada will have to be possessed of a sum of money as a guarantee that they are not destitute and are not likely for a time to become a charge on the public. At present the law will only allow Canadian immigration officials to refuse admission to persons who are deficient in physique, mentally or who have bad moral records. The United States has been applying the financial test for some time, and it is thought that its use by Canada will lead to the improvement of the class of immigrants arriving from Europe and will facilitate the controlling of the immigrants from Asia who arrive at Pacific coast ports. This change has been strongly recommended by the Superintendent of Immigration W. D. Scott, who has just completed an inspection of Canada's immigration office and organization in England and on the continent. Mr. Scott reached Ottawa Saturday with W. H. Corey, Deputy Minister of the Interior, who has been in England on business.
Mr. Scott says that in Great Britain and on the continent there was never a better prospect for Canada obtaining a large volume of high class immigration. The indications are that at the end of the year the immigration department will be able to report another great increase in the number of arrivals in Canada. Probably this increase will amount to from thirty to forty thousand more.

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