

THE ACADIAN.

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"Around the World in 40 Minutes."

Mr. T. S. Simms, of St. John's, who has just made a tour of the world, lectured in College hall on Wednesday evening. His subject as he quaintly expressed it was 'around the world in 40 minutes.' In the brief space of time which he had allotted to himself, Mr. Simms delighted his audience and left them with an added knowledge of the world they live in.

Starting from Boston, Mr. Simms sailed by a White Star liner for the Mediterranean. He touched at Gibraltar and Port Said, landed in the Holy Land at Joppa and spent two weeks there in the country of the Bible. Through the land of Goshen he passed into Egypt. Leaving Egypt he came through the Red Sea to Ceylon and India. Mr. Simms just struck India in the cool season, the thermometer registering only 105° in the shade.

In India he travelled from the wonderful tribes of fire worshippers called Parsees, and the great tomb at Agra. At Serampore he saw the college started by Wm. Carey. The great size of the building was surprising. On the eastern coast of India, which is taken up entirely by Baptist missions, he had the privilege of visiting the different stations. In the Maritime Province mission field he met the different missionaries and saw the conditions and results of their work.

He could not describe clothes worn by most of the boys as they had none. A woman can be clothed in India for 65 cents a year. One of the Rajahs in India, a friend of Mr. Simms, is very generous to his servants, he has an income of one-fourth of a million dollars and pays them each the magnificent sum of 5 cents a day. After leaving India, Mr. Simms spent two and one-half minutes in China and Japan.

One thing that was impressed upon him by the trip, was the greatness of the British Empire. Everywhere he saw her flag and felt her protection. In closing he asked the question, 'Why are the peoples of the West so much superior to the rest of the East?' He answered he said that he believed it was because of the fact of Jesus Christ in the West.

Forest preservation and the perpetuation of existing forests are the essential objects aimed at by the Canadian Forestry Association. This is a national body, which now numbers about 1200 members, having on its rolls representatives of all the provinces and districts of Canada, and United States, Great Britain and several European countries.

Prominent lumbermen and manufacturers of lumber, pulp and paper, teachers of forestry, well-known scientists, professional foresters, prominent government officials having charge of the public timberlands and others interested in one or other of the many aspects of forestry are included in its membership. The first president of the association was Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, lately Lieut-Governor of British Columbia, and among his successors have been prominent lumbermen, such as Messrs. Hiram Robinson, of Ottawa; Wm. Little, of Westmount, P.Q.; and E. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, of Quebec, and prominent officials, such as Messrs. Aubrey White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario, and H. Stewart, late Superintendent of Forestry for the Dominion.

The president for 1907-1908 is Mr. H. M. Price, of Quebec, well-known in the pulp wood industry, and the secretary is Mr. R. H. Campbell, of Ottawa, Superintendent of Forestry for the Dominion.

The Canadian Forestry Convention, held at Ottawa, in January, 1906, was organized by the Association, and has resulted in greatly increasing the interest in forestry throughout the Dominion. Provincial forestry conventions held during the past couple of years in Vancouver, B. C., Fredericton, N. B., and Yarmouth, N. S., have also owed much to the example and encouragement of the parent association.

The Association meets annually in March. The next annual meeting is to be held in Montreal, on March 10th and 11th, 1908. Previous annual meetings have convened at Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec.

The Association was organized in 1901 through the efforts of Mr. H. Stewart, then Superintendent of Forestry for the Dominion. Its objects, as set forth in its constitution, include the advocating of judicious methods of dealing with Canada's forests and wilderness, the securing of the public interest in the consequences of reckless deforestation, the exploration of the public domain and its division into agricultural and non-agricultural land, with a view to having the latter set aside for permanent forest reserves, the encouragement of tree planting and the spread of information with regard to forests and forestry.

To aid in the last-named object the Association has established the CANADIAN FORESTERS' JOURNAL, which is issued quarterly and sent to each member of the Association.

Plans for the new Presbyterian church of St. John's, N. S., have been announced in a paper published in the Halifax Herald.

The Art Railway Club will meet on Thursday evening of next week at the home of Mrs. Smith, Victoria avenue.

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN: SIR,—To the wave of anonymous copy which has lately flooded the press-room permit me to add a ripple. One of your contributors, who writes himself down 'Impertinent'—and something else, has taken the town council of Kentville into his lap to teach it law. This interests nobody here, and the kindly office would have been performed more fittingly in the columns of the bi-weekly Stationer or the Sub-Target Ragerfinder. It would almost appear that this lecture to the Kentville folk was intended as a mere setting for the gem of local import, found in the first and wholly irrelevant paragraph.

O, thou son of Jehu, who art normally genial, kindly and of a good heart, what evil spirit came upon thee that thou shouldst slip? For slip thou hast, well nigh to the undoing of thy thy reputation, in that thou hast yielded thyself to caricature a town clergyman and his church service of a recent Sabbath day. And what possessed thee that thou didst lug into thy prating the professor, 'late as us-

that falls down? Howbeit, the hemp is not yet planted that will hang thee, I trow. Thou satest no fine and feathers on the man, and thou dost pervert in thy reflection that he had 'just crawled out of bed.' Thou dost sore amaze us with thy little pig in the organ.' O, to, now. Hast thou so fear that the window-shaking Beadle peradventure may pass by the organ and make inquisition in the pews? Suffer me to entreat thee that thou no more mingle gall in these ink-horn, lest some worse thing come upon thee than this,—that thou art found to sit in the seat of the scornful and to be verily shamed before the congregation, even as a son of Belial.

Pass we now to the empty bottle statistician who so appropriately writes himself down 'Odds and Ends.' This person, who rails against certain of our mothers, wives and sisters because they pray to the God who made him and keeps him yet out of the universal compost, is doubtless the same Jew-dealer who several years ago offered to betray seven places in the town where liquor was sold, but failed to 'make good.' He seems to spend his Sunday mornings picking up 'empties,' or 'odds and ends' for his stock in trade. He is such a monopolist that the rest of us, who are of course in church, never see these outward and visible signs of his inward and familiar spirit. Being, apparently, a judge of the quality of intoxicants and a somewhat scientific man withal, he presents us with a chemical analysis, derived either from the smell of the 'empties' or through the medium of a doctor's prescription.

After reading this vivid analysis one can almost see the analyst 'sit on his hind legs and spit in a bulldog's face.' Poor bulldog!

I distrust this writer's insinuation that his Sunday harvest of drug store planting. However, if in any Scott Act county drug stores can be converted into gin shops, as has been alleged at times, the responsibility for this must rest upon the shoulders of the physicians of the community. Under that Act, if they choose to debase themselves and to prostitute the high calling of a noble profession, they have uncontrolled power to conduct a liquor traffic, through innocent druggists, largely to the nullification of the statute.

A way can be found to end such a state of affairs; but as I am not writing for any local application and have already overstepped the bound of propriety in asking for so much of your type, I cut out any suggestion, and so subscribe myself

THE EXECUTIVE. EDITOR ACADIAN,—I note in your last issue a letter signed 'Voter,' dealing with the action of C. A. Campbell, M. P., in voting for the election of Mr. Farrell last year as speaker of the House, and again with the Government this session on the legality of holding the bye-election in Hants county in July last. Now I think it could be lazier had the writer signed his name to the correspondence, but opinions may differ on that point. I want just to make one or two observations with reference to Mr. Campbell, whom I look upon as a Liberal of the old school (as before 1896 Liberal) and not one of the many loaches and kang-

ersons who are trailing the name of Liberalism in the dust to-day. Personally I think Mr. Campbell should have voted differently on the Farrell matter. Had he the same thing to do over again I think it most probable that he would vote differently; but all men are liable to err and Mr. Campbell claims not to be divine. It was his first vote, made not ten minutes after the House opened, under very peculiar circumstances. For my part, am willing to forgive Mr. Campbell for any mistake I may think he made in that regard; and think 'Voter' should do likewise. Mr. Campbell during the last session, while making very few speeches reported in honour, attended regularly the sittings of the House in the afternoon and was busy in committee work during the forenoon. In committee his advice had great weight, due to the business and practical training which he possesses. Before becoming a member of the legislature.

Now as to the 'Voter' in the Hants county matter. In brief the argument was as follows: The statute states that when the same person is named on or more than one time, the election in those circumstances shall be void on the same day. Of course there is the legal contention that the word 'shall' is peremptory and not imperative, but

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that legal argument was not discussed since the facts were that the writ for the election in Antigonish were issued before even the Hants seat was declared vacant, so the statute does not apply. Had the Antigonish seat been vacated on say March 10th and the Hants on March 12th, then by the statute the elections must be held on 'the same day' if the Antigonish writ was issued after March 12th. But before Mr. Campbell gave his independent vote in the matter (and remember that Mr. Campbell was elected as a Reform candidate and not as a Conservative) he first asked the premier this question, 'Was the writ for Antigonish issued before the Hants seat was declared vacant? The premier said that it was. What, then, could Mr. Campbell do? The statute was not violated and why should Mr. Campbell vote to condemn the Government for violation of a statute which was not violated?

What we need in this province is more men who will not be whipped into line by the party lash to vote as the Government commands, but men who vote as their conscience dictates. Such a man, in my humble opinion, is Mr. Campbell, and altho' on many occasions he will doubtless make mistakes, yet there is no more conscientious member in the legislature than our general representative from Port Williams. Let us not judge him unfairly nor pass censure on his conduct unless we are sure of our ground.

Yours faithfully, J. W. MARGORON, Halifax, Feb. 24th, 1908.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I note with interest what Observer says about the importation of 'boozie' at Grand Pre. Why is he so particular about the year 1908? The year 1908 is quite young yet. As he seems to know all about the business perhaps he could tell us how many 'suspicious' packages arrived during the year 1907, and incidentally what was in the 'suspicious' packages that arrived a few days ago.

Another Observer, Grand Pre, Feb. 25th, 1908.

Gaspereau. Although but little news from this quarter, have been seen in the paper of late, the old valley if far from dead, and I trust these few items may prove of interest.

Mrs. A. Davis, of Spencer, Mass., who was called home on account of the death of her mother, the late Mrs. Martha Coldwell, is spending a week here before returning to her home.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. George Hunter, who is being treated in the hospital, Halifax, is improving, and we hope her health may soon be restored.

White Rock Division paid us a very fraternal visit last Saturday evening. Although the attendance was small on account of the snowstorm, a very pleasant evening was spent. With the social news may be added some pleasant 'At Home's.' On the evening of the 18th inst., a number of young people, from Gaspereau, Wolfville, Wolfbrook, Grand Pre and Long Island, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Coldwell, Melancon. At seven o'clock the guests sat down to a bountiful repast, and after an hour had been spent, the evening was passed in playing various games, including the amusing game of 'Linnets.' During the evening Miss Floella Palmer rendered a number of fine selections on the piano and was assisted by Miss Lydiard, of Kentville. This was spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the winter.

Following this, may be mentioned a pleasant evening spent at Summer Hill Farm on Wolfville Ridge. About 20 guests were present from Wolfville, Gaspereau, Wolfbrook and Grand Pre. After a most generous supper had been partaken of, the evening was well filled with games and music. After ice-cream and cake had been served, the party broke up, each and all feeling that a very enjoyable evening had been spent.

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