

dipped down to the next floor D. B. Hanna shot up parting instructions to the face at the wicket.

"Say," I remarked, "wouldn't you like a little monotony once in a while—just for a change?"

He laughed like a kid let out of school. "Oh, well, as long as a man can keep his health—what's the odds?"

The Two Colonels

NEVER has Col. George Taylor Denison, Toronto's police magistrate, Imperialist, and author, sought to hide the fact that he has little or no use for Yankees or Yankee institutions. There is but one American for whom Col. Denison is known to entertain a genuine admiration. That man is also a colonel, an author and a cavalry officer—Theodore Roosevelt.

"One touch of nature—" runs the old adage, and that probably applies in the case of the two colonels. Col. Denison is the author of a book on cavalry warfare, and it happened to fall into the hands of Col. Roosevelt, whose exploits at the head of the Rough Riders in Cuba made him famous. When Hon. Mackenzie King went to Washington during the Roosevelt regime, he was asked by the President if he knew Col. Denison.

"Yes, I do," said the young Canadian Minister.

"Then tell him when you see him that his book is the best I have read on that subject," said the President.

Mr. King did so.

A year or so later Col. Denison was in Washington. Having a little spare time, and remembering the Roosevelt message, he decided to test Teddy's memory. He went to the White House and presented his card. Under-secretaries and secretaries made the usual attempts to stall him off.

"Just take in my card," said the Police Magistrate of Toronto. "I don't want to see the President if he doesn't want to see me."

The card was taken in. A moment later Col. Denison was shown in to the President's room. Roosevelt had remembered the author of the book on cavalry warfare. Next day they lunched together, discussed wars of the past, present and future, and decided just how cavalry should behave under any given set of circumstances.

Displacing Cedar Ties

IN 1910 eastern cedar composed 40 per cent. of the total number of cross ties purchased in the Dominion; in 1911 it fell to 5.4 per cent. and to fifth place in importance of species used. Its place has been taken by jack pine, of which wood 40 per cent. of the ties used in 1911 were made. Tamarack, with 19 per cent., Douglas fir with 14 per cent., and hemlock with 12 per cent. are the three next in order.

The Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, which is authority for the foregoing, states in its bulletin on the subject that 13,683,770 ties, or 4,469,808 more than in 1910, were purchased in 1911. Railway development in the West is largely responsible for the increase.

The average price per tie was 39 cents. The United States furnished the most expensive kinds—Southern pine at \$1.10 and white oak at 81 cents apiece. These latter were used largely in switches.

In 1911 the sawn tie stood ahead of the hewn tie both in quantity used and price, 70 per cent. of the total being from the mill. The cost was 41 cents apiece, or 4 cents more than the hewn tie.

An interesting estimate of the amount of timber which could be saved by preservative treatment is given. Creosoting makes the initial expense per tie about 93 cents as compared with 58 cents for the untreated tie. However, as the length of life is extended by 10 years, the economy is two cents per tie per annum. This would mean \$1,400,000 per annum, to say nothing of the vast quantity (estimated to be 350,000,000 feet board measure annually), which is being taken from the fast diminishing timber supplies.

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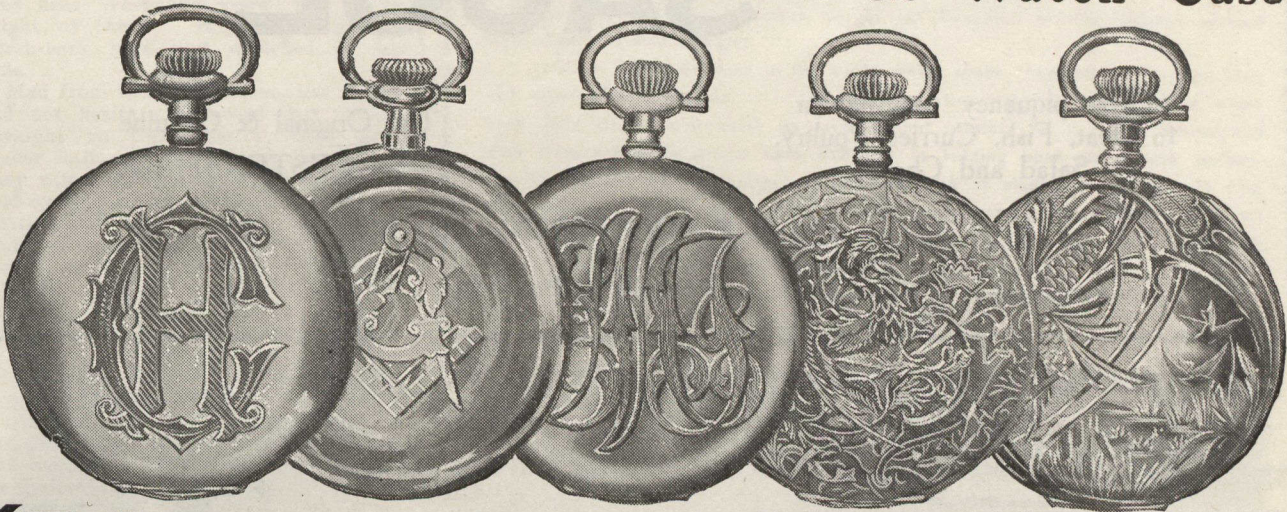
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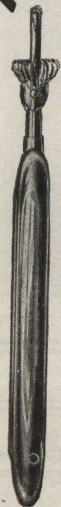
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