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THE CANADIAN FLAG

The government of Manitoba has given a text to the newspapers for a discourse from various standpoints on the subject of the Canadian flag. In an address to the young conservatives in Winnipeg this week Premier Roblin made the following statement:

"The provincial government has decided that since the first of January, 1907, every school of this province must have a Union Jack flying during school hours. The government will provide the flag and it will be the duty of the trustees to replace any such flag that may have become useless. The rule of the department will be that the school teacher or board of trustees that neglects or refuses to do so will be liable to a fine of \$100. I trust in making this move we will not be misunderstood. We welcome the various people that come to our province, who are born under foreign flags, who speak a different tongue, and we give them the benefit of our civil laws, and we give them the benefit of our education of the schools, all of which are the outcome of civilization and benefit that follows the Union Jack, and I think the man who comes from a foreign country in order to better his circumstances, and objects to participating in the glories of our flag, who declines to have his children-informed with British patriotism, is a man that is undesirable."

Three Montreal papers, the Star, Herald and Witness, discuss Mr. Roblin's statement, and all of them in a tone of adverse criticism. They do not object to the proposition that the flag should float over the schools, but they find fault with the method of announcing the new policy. Thus the Star says:

"Stated as it was, as a dash of political pyrotechnics, there is the danger that many who would willingly accept the principle, may dislike the method of its promulgation. There should be no petty politics. There should be no petty politics. One can conceive that an order issued by the Department of Education of Manitoba would very effectively give effect to Mr. Roblin's excellent idea."

The Herald, which is politically hostile to Mr. Roblin, is more vigorous in its comment. Thus:

"It must be said that while it is wise and proper to familiarize children with the sight of the flag of their country, it is unwise and improper to force people to fly the flag, and to penalize them for not flying it. The haughty gentility who invited William Tell to salute the Austrian eagle, whether he wanted to or not, were in the same mould as Mr. Roblin; and there remains in the hearts of men in all countries a good deal of that obstinacy which prompts them to refuse to do what they are told they must do. There must be some such Austrian motive behind Mr. Roblin's declaration. The language he used must be as plain as a pikestaff that he proposes to force immigrants from the United States and elsewhere to fly the flag, being moved thereby by something more than a suspicion that they do not want to fly it. If he is right about their feeling, one of two things must happen; either they will refuse to fly the flag on the schoolhouses they control, will forfeit the grant, and will be marked as outlaws by the rest of the community, or they will let the flag be flown, but always with the feeling, which they will instill into the minds of their children, that the flying of the flag is an act of tyranny so far as they are concerned. There is no record that men were ever made loyal to a government by having its flag shoved down their throats, and as it is in that spirit Mr. Roblin's speech shows his policy to have been conceived, sober statesmen may well take breath at this display of recklessness."

The Witness more mildly observes:

"If there is any such latest delinquency, as the remark of Mr. Roblin appears to be, at least possible, it must either hide its head before this government order or be brought into every public evidence by it. The operation of the regulation, which is likely to be initiated by the other new provinces, will be watched with a shade of anxiety. It is often better to let sleeping dogs lie; but, now that the rule has been determined upon, it is to be hoped that no opposition to it will develop."

Perhaps the most that may fairly be said in criticism of the Manitoba programme is the method of announcing it. The Montreal Star observes, the educational department could have dealt with

the matter without arousing any prejudice. It is quite as proper to have a Canadian flag over a school house as a Canadian text book in the hands of the pupils. The people who come to Canada to establish homes know that they must submit to Canadian laws and respect the Canadian flag. They expect to become Canadian citizens, or their children will be such, and ready to defend the flag of their country. The attitude of the Manitoba premier would be less open to criticism if it were more dignified and statesmanlike. The flag is in no danger, and there is no need to rush with heat of drums to its defence.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to the Cuban people, has warned them that if they do not settle their disputes with him he will do it for them. The warships in Cuban waters, and the despatch of the secretary of war to Havana, are the proofs of his determination. But the Cuban revolutionist is a turbulent gentleman, who scorns peace. He will probably snap his fingers at President Roosevelt and proceed to burn another bridge. Even if the American forces re-occupy Cuba the insurgents will doubtless keep them busy for a considerable time before the island is completely pacified.

Onlooker, in the New Freeman, has discovered some more evidence that Senator Ellis is the man for the governorship. He has consulted "more than a few" public men, and "all seemed agreed" that Senator Ellis had greater claims than anyone else on the governorship of the province, and that his appointment would do much to steady the old-time Liberals, many of whom had done more than begin to think that too much was being done for recent converts to Liberalism.

When Mr. Copp M. P. is charging St. John with opposition to a better bay service someone should remind him that when Digby failed to send a representative to the Maritime Board of Trade it was a St. John man who moved the resolution, calling for a better steamship service across the bay. The resolution was adopted.

That sixty thousand people should trample on each other in a mad rush to see the daughter of President Roosevelt is a fact which will cause a ripple of amusement in democratic countries, where queens and princesses are able to go about without causing undue excitement.

If the gentlemen of the Methodist General Conference really regard the admission of women to membership as a policy to be feared, their attitude is merely another illustration of the fact that ancient prejudice dies hard. But this one will die because it deserves to die.

The political situation in New York grows more interesting. One of the most influential Tammany leaders has repudiated Mr. Hearst, and there is no reasonable doubt that Mr. Jerome will be the nominee of the Democratic convention for the governorship of the state.

The various dispositions that are being made of Hon. Dr. Pugsley by eager journalists must give that gentleman some concern. As there is only one of him the number of positions he is asked to fill must be somewhat embarrassing.

Contractor Mayes says the dredging for the site of the first crib is within a few days of completion. Contractor Clark says he does not anticipate any serious difficulty in placing the crib. But the Globe is unconvinced.

The supreme court of Canada must deal with the Quebec-Sheburne election case before the by-election is held. This may postpone the latter until November, and affect also the date of the opening of the parliamentary session.

The appointment of Hon. J. I. Tarte to the chairmanship of the Maritime Harbor Commission will give that body a capable and energetic head. His qualifications are unquestioned.

Daniel Mitchell, sixty-five years of age, and weighted with his clothing and heavy boots, risked his life yesterday to save a boy from drowning. It was the act of a brave man.

The departure of nine Baptist missionaries to the field in India is an indication of a more aggressive policy on the part of the united church in the work of foreign missions.

Sussex has just closed its most successful fair. It is now the turn of Chatham, where an excellent exhibition is promised.

There is another guess coming to the Globe on the question of west side dredging and wharf-building.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Inquiries at Ottawa confirm the report that Hon. J. I. Tarte is to be appointed chairman of the Maritime Harbor Commission at a salary of \$7,000 a year. The other two commissioners are yet to be chosen.

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III.
It's stay at home! I reckon—jess all that we kin choose;
Unless the railroads turn about, an' furnish us with wheels!
For the walkin's mighty rocky!—an' I s'pose we'll have to pray
For a hurricane to help us when we've got to git away!
—Atlanta Constitution.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNDERSTOOD HER.
"As you fond of yachting, Miss Gray?"
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"But by borrowing from my friends I do save my own money."

IN THE ALPS.

"How much do you charge to look through that telescope?"
"Ten cents."
"But the fog is so thick you can't see a thing!"
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THE WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

"What are you looking so glum about?"
"Oh! My fiancée has changed her mind."
"Still worrying over that?" It was fully two weeks ago since you told me she had broken off the engagement."
"Oh, it's been on and off again twice since then."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

OBLIGED THE LAW.

A health officer recently received the following note from one of the residents in this district:
"Dear Sir: I beg to tell you that my child, aged eight months, is suffering from measles, as evidenced by act of parliament."—The Bix.

THE INGLE NOOK

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A big black cricket with some of whose forebears I was well acquainted many years ago, has taken up his winter quarters in the closet opening from my chamber. As people of this sort pay no rent, and are generally welcome if they are not too numerous and are well conducted, my cricket, who is extremely well-behaved, feels as much at home as if he owned the house. It was under the hearthstone of the kitchen fire-place that the cricket of my boyhood found his apartments when the night of September or October grew chilly, but the roomy kitchen fire-place of old times, with its slate stone hearth and huge back log and glowing tea kettle in grate, and with it have disappeared the "cricket on the hearth," the elder, the doughnuts, the hickory nuts, the better nuts, and all those who gathered therabouts of an evening to discuss the news, tell their stories, sing their songs or engage in games of blind man's bluff, checkers and the like. My cricket is inclined to sociability. Every night he gives me a few staves of his music, and the other evening, as soon as I had lit my lamp and seated myself in my easy chair I heard a faint "Hallo!" from the closet.

It was the cricket who spoke.
"Hallo yourself," said I.
"Lonesome!" queried the cricket.
"Lonesome!" said I.
"Open the door so we can be sociable," said he.

I opened the door and out hopped the old gentleman who clambered up my trousers leg and sat down on my knee.
"After spending a whole summer with friends," said the cricket, "I find solitude rather irksome."
"Most of them have gone to Cricketdom," said the cricket, "and the rest of them are scattered hither and yon. As one of your poets has said:

"I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed."

Then the cricket played a merry jig on his fiddle, which he always has at hand. "You are optimistic," said I. "There were crickets before me; there will be crickets after me. I've had a cheerful summer in the hedge rows and in the tall grass. As winter approaches I have nothing to do but to lay low in your closet and wait my summons to 'Wag-Over-Yonder.' As he said this he whisked around like a top with one leg pointing sometimes perpendicularly and sometimes horizontally.

"By the way," said he when he had finished his gyrations, "if you have a spare sweet apple, toss it into my closet. It will serve as a pleasant reminder of the world outside."

I did as I was bid, and the cricket at once retired with a courteous good night. I looked at a half an hour later. Mr. Cricket had burrowed into the apple out of sight. Without revealing himself, he shouted: "Go away there! I'm busy now! Good night!"

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