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## FORESTRY

The following article from the Montreal Witness is of local as well as of general interest, relating as it does to a question of great importance to the people of New Brunswick:

"Senator Reed Smoot, the great Mormon, who was sent by President Roosevelt to investigate forestry in Germany, has come back as far as London, very much impressed by what can be done to render forests valuable. He was particularly enchanted by the Silviculture, a forest owned and managed by the municipality of Zurich, where, in addition to the most valuable forestry, by-products of the land are carefully cultivated, and local manufacturers of wood maintained, all under municipal management; also by a forest under charge of the University of Munich, which was a model. Neither the United States nor Canada, however, is going to earn its first lessons in forestry from such enterprises as these. As for municipal management, it would be worth while as an experiment, but we have not here developed the municipal virtues to such an extent as to make it anything but a succession of scandals, or, to say the least, untrustworthy. We should have our forests and their contributory enterprises carried on by the nominees of the alien men, who would divide the patronage and the contracts among them. The first purchase of land would be from some alien's brother-in-law. The university model forest is certainly an idea well worthy of consideration, and we should think few things better could be done in the forestry line than to put a reasonable extent of country under the charge of the Jesuit College, the Agricultural College at Oka, respectively. These would show how the most perfect forestry could be made to pay. But, as nations, we have to face an immediate condition extending in each country over a hundred millions or so of acres of forest. To deal with all this we must be satisfied with the crudest methods to begin with and must learn from the most extensive European models. Let us go to Norway and Sweden and other countries where the forests are not artificial plantations, but have still the upper hand and mark how these have a proposition most like our own."

On the subject of forestry the Witness further says: "One of the greatest lessons of the Fernie calamity is the demand it makes upon the country as a whole to face the question of forestry on a large scale. Hitherto we have only thought of the nation's duty in that matter in a partial and tentative way. We have made certain reserves and certain regulations. The time has come to declare all the forests a reserve and to undertake their complete governance and culture."

## WESTERN CROPS

On the subject of western crops the Imperial Bank, Toronto, on Wednesday gave out this statement, based on reports from the managers of local branches in the west:

"Our reports are very favorable. In a few points where there is light soil the hot weather caused some of the grain to ripen too quickly. The reports do not show the proportion of this light soil area, but they all state that the crops will equal any previous year. Where any damage has been done by the hot weather in the light soil areas, it has been made up by the increased acreage. Our reports indicate that harvesting will be general by August 15, not only in Manitoba, but also in Saskatchewan and Alberta."

Byron C. Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, gave out a statement in which he said:

"From our reports I would suppose there will be at least an ordinary crop. Everybody out there has been buying carefully, and the present crop ought to enable the west to get largely out of its immediate indebtedness. When the crop has been marketed money should be much easier in Canada. It is much easier now than it has been at any time during the past year. By Christmas time there should be a noticeable improvement in money conditions, and

by next May or June there ought to be very easy money. I don't believe importers will import for next year, nor manufacturers begin manufacturing largely for next year until we feel sure of the crop, and what the country wants in order that we shall get everything back on a good sound basis is that everybody should go slow for the present in the matter of expenditures. It is a great task for a country with the population of Canada to provide for the expansion and development of our western country, and it is of the utmost importance that our credit shall be good, so that we may draw on outside resources for aid in providing for the settlement of the west. Our credit is fast improving now in foreign countries. There is a splendid market for good safe securities, and by next year there will be a good market for securities with a slight element of risk. We must not, however, spill our credit by plunging at once into heavy expenditures either of a private or public nature."

## GROWTH OF TEMPERANCE

An exchange prints the following thoughtful review of conditions with regard to drink habits:

"That the temperance movement in the United States has its roots in a deep sociological transformation, taking place in the thoughts and habits of large numbers of people, is now abundantly apparent. The Internal Revenue returns, published at Washington, show a decrease of nearly sixteen million dollars in the revenue from whiskey, and an increase to a less amount in the revenue from beer. Prohibition laws in several states now doubt had their effect in lessening the consumption of whiskey, but the returns show a marked decline in the states where there are no prohibitive enactments. A similar change appears to be taking place in Great Britain. At a meeting of a great hotel company, of which the Earl of Bessborough is president, held in the Hotel Metropole, London, recently, it was stated that there was actual decrease of fifty per cent. in the wine bills of hotel guests. These wine bills include all kinds of stimulants supplied to visitors. About the same time that the proceedings of the hotel company's meeting were published, a report from India appeared stating that the military messes were reducing their orders for wines and liquors by one-half. Thus it appears that the temperance movement is growing simultaneously in both the European and American branches of the English-speaking race."

## GAMBLING AT FAIRS

The following interesting information concerning special attractions at exhibitions comes from Albany, N. Y.:

"State Commissioner of Agriculture R. A. Pearson today received from Attorney-General Jackson an opinion which will have its effect on every one of the county fairs that will be held during the next two months. Because of the fact that Governor Hughes has taken on gambling, the fair managers have been wary and a short time ago several of them asked Commissioner Pearson for a ruling as to what might be construed as gambling. The opinion says that games of chance which depend on the skill of the player are permissible. Throwing balls at a target, or throwing dice, or throwing a cane rick, knife boards, dice throwing, drawing of paddles and the like. Under the ruling many of the institutions of the county fair will disappear or else the managers might forfeit the money which the state gives the fairs. The attorney-general's opinion will be sent to the president and secretary of every county fair association."

## HAD SEEN THE LIGHT.

One of our popular New England lecturers tells this amusing story:

A street boy of diminutive stature was trying to sell some very young kittens to passers-by. One day he accosted the late Dr. Phillips Brooks, asking him to purchase, and recommending them as good Episcopal kittens. Dr. Brooks laughingly refused, thinking them too small to be taken from their mother. A few days later a Presbyterian minister who had witnessed the episode was asked by the same boy to buy the same kittens. This time the lad announced that they were faithful Presbyterians.

"Didn't you tell Dr. Brooks last week that they were Episcopal kittens?" the minister asked sternly.

"Yes," replied the boy quickly, "but they've had their eyes opened since then, sir."—Everybody's.

## IMPERTINENCE REBUKED.

Count Tolstoy's anecdote of the shamed Moscow hangman, who hid from the artist and would not consent to sit for him, recalls many illustrations of the natural repugnance with which such functionaries are regarded. An amusing example is given in Dean Ramsey's "Reminiscences." A certain Stirling laird had annoyed his clergyman by dilatoriness in paying his tithes, or tithes, and was admonished that he must pay up at the proper time. Next term the money arrived punctually; but the minister thought he recognized the messenger, who proved to be the hangman of Stirling, sent by the laird as an affront to the minister. But the minister was equal to the occasion. He wrote the receipt: "Received from Mr. —, by the hands of the hangman of Stirling, his deer" (agent, or man of business) "the sum of —."—London Chronicle.

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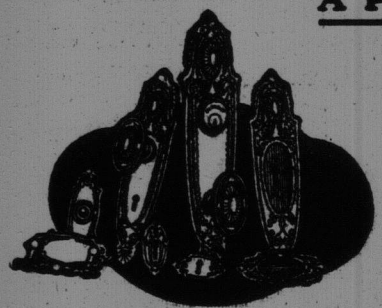
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He did not linger in his flight to rest, nor yet to sing.  
I only caught a fleeting glimpse of polished breast and wing.  
But with it came the fragrant scent of plumbling roses red,  
And with it came the memory of summer days long dead.

Sweet summer days and glorious nights, when hearts beat fast and true;  
When down the primrose path of life I wandered, love, with you;  
But now the days of youth are dead—the path of life is lost.  
And only memories of all come with the martin's song.

—Will D. Muse in Uncle Remus' Magazine.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

JUST WHAT PA SAID.

"But I am so unworthy, darling," he murmured, as he held the dear girl's hand in his. "Oh, George," she sighed, "if you had been as good as every other fellow on that, how happy we would be."

THEN AND NOW.

Wedderly—"To tell the truth, I never thought of saving a dollar until I got married."

Sligleton—"And do you now?"

Wedderly—"Oh, yes, I'm constantly thinking how much I might save if I were single again."—Chicago News.

## ANOTHER POINT.

"Is it hot enough for you?" inquired the party of the first part.

"It is," replied the other half of the sketch, "and the humidity is also sufficiently excessive."—Washington Herald.

## WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE.

"Love is blind," remarked the quotation dispenser, who happened to be single.

"Don't you believe it," rejoined the man who had been trusting in double harness for nearly a year. "After the honeymoon is over one gets wise to the fact that the blindness was only a bluff."—Chicago News.

## NATURAL DEBEDICTION.

Pechum—"I can't understand why so many people look upon Friday as the unluckiest day of the week."

Mrs. Pechum—"Why, do you consider it lucky?"

Pechum—"It must be. Few people get married on that day."—Chicago News.

## THE RETURN.

Tourist—My physician advises me to locate where I may have the benefit of the south wind. Does it blow here?

Landlord—My but you're fortunate in coming to just the right place. Why, the south wind always blows here.

Tourist—Always? Why, it seems to be blowing from the north now.

Landlord—Oh, it may be coming from that direction, but it's the south wind. It's just coming back, you know.—Life.

## SCRAMBLED PHILADELPHIA.

An Englishman, newly returned from America, was asked if he had visited Philadelphia.

"Yes," he replied. "Awfully odd place. Nearly all the people are named Scrapple, and they have a dish they call 'scrapple' every morning for breakfast."—Saturday Evening Post.

## NOT A FOREIGN MINISTER.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Chaplain of the Senate, went over to the State Department a short time ago to see Secretary Root. He did not know it was diplomatic day at the Department, when only diplomats and received during certain hours.

He started to go into Secretary Root's office when a messenger stopped him.

"No," replied Dr. Hale, "I'm a domestic minister," and he settled that.

## SAID HER DAUGHTER

HAD TURNED HER OUT

A pitiful case of destitution came to the notice of the police last night. Between 11 and 12 o'clock, as Patrolman Nelson was on his Brussels street beat, he met an old frail looking woman wandering aimlessly about.

In reply to the policeman's questions she said her name was Mrs. Taylor, and that she had no place to stay. Her son and daughter-in-law, who lived in Marsh road, had turned her out of their house yesterday morning. During the day she had had a cup of tea given her by a married daughter, who had called on a married daughter, who had given her her dinner, but refused to keep her all night.

At the central police station, she said she could not tell how old she was. She thought, however, she was about 65 years old. Mrs. Taylor was quite respectably though poorly dressed. She looked older than she said she was, and appeared quite bent with age.

## HE EXPLAINED

After doing some business with a countryman in connection with real estate, and having something to say about the weather, I remarked—

"You people out here have had all the candidates before you for a month or so and you ought to know how you are going to vote!"

"Yes, I guess most of us do," he replied.

"Is there much excitement?"

"Well, I have heard of one case of excitement. Bill Regan and Henry Smith got to talking politics about a week ago and Bill lost his temper and called Henry a liar."

"And then what did Henry do?"

"He knocked Bill down and it took five men to separate 'em. That's all the excitement I've heard of."

I made him good-bye and walked down to the depot half a mile away, but before the train came along the man followed me down to say—

"Say, Mister, I was mistaken about what I told you up town."

About the political excitement, you mean?

"Yes. Bill and Henry didn't get into a scrap over politics at all. It was about whether pumpkins grew faster at night than by day, and we all think Bill was in the wrong of it."

"I see."

"And so, as I didn't want you to carry away a false impression of the town I've come down to explain. It wasn't politics, but pumpkins. Please correct."

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## AN EXTRA.

Angry Mother (suddenly entering parlour and catching young music teacher kissing her daughter)—"Young man, is this what I pay you for?"

Music Teacher—"No, ma'am, I make no charge for this."—Florida Times-Union

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"So you are going to teach your daughter music?"

"Yes," answered Mrs. Thingit, "just enough to give us an excuse for having a piano lamp and a mahogany music rack."—Washington Star.

Rafael Villafraña, of Costa Rica, the banana king, is to make Richmond, Va., his home. He says he expects to make that city the headquarters for the south for the banana industry. He has large plantations in Costa Rica and other banana-producing countries.

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