

Autobiography of John Macoun

Explorer and Naturalist

THE Autobiography of the late Prof. John Macoun, recently published by the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, is a book that will interest many readers of the "Illustrated Canadian Forestry Magazine."

The writer of this Autobiography was for many years Assistant Director and Naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada. He was a great lover of trees, and during his life continuously urged greater protection for Canadian forests for he was much impressed with the terrible destruction by fire constantly going on. He was one of the first members of the Canadian Forestry Association.

Prof. Macoun's explorations on the prairies, which are described in this Autobiography, did much to bring their value for agriculture and settlement to the attention of the Dominion Government. His most noted expeditions were in 1872, 1875, 1879, 1880, and 1881, and in his account of these is much valuable and interesting information. Many incidents of travel are described, most of them of a very amusing character.

The side-lights he throws on the organization of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the exploration for and building of the same, and on the North-west Rebellions of 1870 and 1885, and other important matters of Canadian history are outstanding features of the book.

During his long life, 1831-1920, he had many noteworthy experiences both in Ireland, where he was born, and in Canada, the land of his adoption, and these he has recorded in his Autobiography.

One of Prof. Macoun's most important contributions to science is his Catalogue of Canadian Plants, published in seven parts in which the name and range of all Canadian trees are given. The preparation of this Catalogue is described in the book. Altogether this Autobiography is a most readable book, being almost free from technicalities, and containing a vast amount of information.

Forest Fires "Raging"

From "Root and Branch"

The forest fires are still raging in the South of France notwithstanding all efforts to check them, says the Central News Paris Correspondent. Several villages have been evacuated and a number of houses have been burned. The latest information, however, shows that the fires have not been extended, but six hundred acres of forest have been destroyed. Yes, sir—all of that!

Supplies Forestry Article

Mr. Freeman Tupper of Milton, N.S., Forester of McLeod Pulp and Paper Company, has been doing much valuable educational service in preparing articles and letters for Nova Scotia newspapers with wide circulation. Mr. Tupper is unusually well equipped to further the cause of forestry and frequently finds time to supply newspaper readers in Nova Scotia with most interesting and informing articles.

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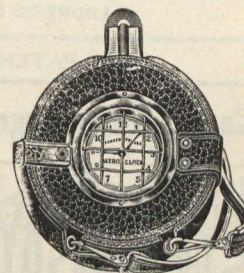
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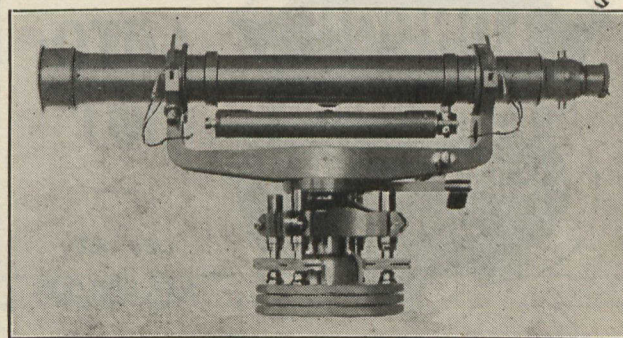


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