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## THE FOREST'S REVENGE.

...According to the most recent estimates the total number of newspapers now published in the world is about 56,000, of which the United States and Canada have 24,000 and Great Britain and the other colonies 9,800. A searching investigation carried on in Germany reveals the fact that these records of the every day life of the world cannot hope to have any permanency. Within a comparatively short period, as records go, the paper will disintegrate and the print will become illegible. The fabric of the paper, being manufactured out of wood-pulp, has no lasting qualities. Books also are coming into the same category. To an imaginative writer the situation might suggest an interesting tale of the future, entitled, "The Forest's Revenge."

The alarm was first sounded by Germany twenty years ago. One hundred leading newspapers in the country were at that time examined, and it was found that only six of them were printed on paper that promised to resist the wear and tear of time. Since then matters have gone from bad to worse. Books as well as newspapers are now printed on paper made of wood, and the librarians feel that they are wasting money and time in accumulating volumes that will not endure.

The daily or weekly newspaper appears so regularly and so often that the majority of readers have come to regard it as ephemeral. Its value as a record of events, or as a source of reference, is only recognized by the few. But the loss to posterity, for example, of the history of the reign of King Edward VII., as told in the press of the period, would, nevertheless, be severely felt when the time arrived, and that time, we must now believe, will surely come unless some remedy is adopted.

The head of the University Library in Berlin not long ago sent a communication to the royal "Materialprüfungssamt," and Professor Herzberg, who is director of that department has co-operated with him in getting at the facts. Borrowing from the university library 435 books and newspapers, he submitted them to microscopic and chemical analysis. It was found that only 12 per cent. of them were made of paper such as the government prescribes for important documents. As permanent records the remaining 88 per cent. were useless.

It is clearly recognized that it would be impracticable to compel publishers of books and periodicals to again resort to paper manufactured of rags, and the sensible suggestion is made that each country should insist that at least those copies of all publications which have to be sent to the government libraries must be printed on paper less perishable than that now made of wood-pulp. By this means the hand of time may be stayed.

## FLAG LEGISLATION.

St. John is happily free from those little unpleasantnesses which have come to be known elsewhere as "flag incidents." Whenever occasion calls there is a proper and liberal display of bunting of the right sort. Suggestions which have been made from time to time by patriotic citizens for the more frequent recognition of the British national flag, have met with universal approval, and, as in the case of the school buildings for instance, have been generally adopted. Canadian cities in the West, with their mixed population of many nationalities, are wisely inaugurating a movement to regulate the display of national flags by civic bye-laws. Winnipeg already has an ordinance requiring the prominent display of the British flag in all processions or parades and Calgary, according to the Calgary Daily News, is likely to enact similar legislation. Notwithstanding the recognized patriotism of this Loyalist city, the subject is well worthy the attention of the Common Council.

The following article in the Western Municipal News, dealing with Winnipeg's flag bye-laws, well expresses the sentiment underlying the movement from a western standpoint:—

"Patriotism in terms of bye-laws. That is the latest decision of the City Council of Winnipeg. It is a very excellent judgment too, and quite time that our national sentiment was worn a thought more visibly. When any flag but the Union Jack can be bought in the places of business, when at a city's big exposition, the same Union Jack is all but absent, when our own First of July passes as a mere holiday, with scarcely a thought of its larger and fuller aspects, either by patriotic observances or by giving any celebration truly national significance, while our own people load their motors and carriages and adorn their homes with the flag of another country on that country's day of birth, then every city and every town, and every village and every municipality that has power to pass bye-laws should pass a bye-law dealing with the display of the national flag.

We Canadians are so desperately afraid of any expression of our sentiment, we take our loyalty so as a matter of course. That was all right in the days when we were all Canadians and abode soberly in that knowledge. But now look at our population! Of course nation and kindred and tribe and tongue they have come to become Canadians, most of them, and the rest are always subject to the leaven working through the whole lump, but they do not know our aims, our spirit, our ideals, our history, constitution, laws, government and aspirations. A flag they understand, and they know to some extent what any flag stands for. Give them this tangible thing, then, to start from, everywhere and always unfurl the Union Jack, and gradually an outer recognition will grow into an inner understanding.

"The two bye-laws read as follows:—  
"In every procession or parade in which the applicant for any such license shall display any national flag or flags, the said applicant shall display the British

National Flag, unfurled, of not less than 4½x9 feet in size at the head of such procession or parade. If any flags of other nations are displayed in such procession or parade, the same shall be unfurled behind the British National Flag; and for every flag of any other nation so unfurled or displayed there shall be unfurled or displayed at least two British National Flags of the same size and dimensions. The due observance of the provisions of this section shall be a condition to the granting of a license under sub-section 26 of section 11 of this bye-law, and upon a breach thereof, the city may recover the amount of the bond or retain the cash deposit to be furnished by such applicant in terms of section 34 of this bye-law.

"3a. No procession shall parade in the streets of the city of Winnipeg in which national flags are displayed without having at the head of the said procession the British National Flag, unfurled and flowing, and, wherever the said procession has any flags other than the British flag displayed, there shall be displayed the British flag as the proper emblem, in a position above and in precedence to all other flags.

"No procession shall parade the streets of Winnipeg without first giving three days' notice thereof to the chief of police, who shall, upon receipt of such notice, receive from the persons in charge of said procession, an understanding that the British flag shall be most prominent and most conspicuous flag in such procession, in case it is proposed that any other national flag shall be displayed in such procession."

"The Winnipeg City Council," adds the Municipal News, "is to be congratulated on an insistence on at least good taste, and it is to be hoped that every municipal body will soon have a similar bye-law on the bye-law books."

## PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION.

Since the recent meeting of representatives of the three governments of the Maritime Provinces to discuss the question of united action to prevent the further diminution of the representation in the House of Commons, there have been comments both favorable and unfavorable to the claims of this portion of the Dominion. The Toronto World raises a point, not hitherto brought out, by emphasizing the injustice of having representation depend altogether on the accuracy of the count of the population of the Province of Quebec, which is absolutely in the hands of the citizens of that province. This the World regards as the real issue, and as affecting not only the Maritime Provinces but Ontario and all the western provinces as well.

"Mr. Bourassa and his associates," says the World, "propose to take charge of the enumeration of the population of Quebec next year and naturally they will see that every name that can be counted in as resident of Quebec will be enumerated. The other provinces up to the present have been afraid to speak out against this unfair system, and when we say that it is unfair we are making no charges against the people of Quebec other than this: that inasmuch as they have a vital interest in keeping down the representation of the other provinces in order to strengthen their own ascendancy as much as possible, they are in duty bound to see that every name that possibly can be counted is counted; and we do know that as a matter of fact in past enumerations, people were numbered who had left the province and gone to New England or who came back on a holiday visit and then instructed their friends to have them put in the count. Other people of equal industry were not slow to enumerate their friends who had left Canada for good.

"To come back again to what we said before, while we say we have no great fault against Quebec trying to get in all she can, we do put in a protest against the other provinces not having some kind of supervision of the enumeration of Quebec inasmuch as their representation is governed by what is called 'the unit of representation,' a number that is found by dividing the total population of Quebec by 65, which is the limit fixed by the British North America Act for the representation of Quebec in the House of Commons. It will likely be found that the Province of Quebec has increased since the last count and therefore instead of the unit of representation being about twenty-three to twenty-five thousand, it may go by a very full count over thirty thousand, and in that case, the Maritime Provinces will lose quite a lot in their representation, and the western provinces will not gain anything like what they expect in their representation in the next House of Commons.

"What we say, therefore, is that all the provinces, without making any direct charge of unfair count against the Province of Quebec, should see that they are entitled to some kind of supervision of the counting of the population of Quebec, and for that matter, Quebec is equally entitled to some kind of supervision of the count in the other provinces in order that the fairest justice may be done. It looks to us that some change must be made in the law, but we do not think that the Maritime Provinces can make out a good case by saying that their representation must not be reduced. We must find a way to secure substantial representation by population, and the present plan does not conduce thereto."

## CURRENT COMMENT

(Woodstock Press.)

The people of this country were given to understand at the last federal election that if they elected a Liberal as their representative, they would secure many public works much needed. They fell into the trap. Everyone knows what has happened. Outside of the building of the armory and a few minor repairs to public offices nothing has been done in this country in recent years. What the people looked for was that our representative would leave no stone unturned until he would get the government interested in the all important question of a railway down the valley of the St. John. Instead of doing so, judging from the surface, he is rather working against the movement to have the road commenced in a short time. This part of the province was never served worse than it has been since a Liberal was elected to represent us.

(Yarmouth Times.)

It is stated on good authority that the provincial elections will take place the latter part of October. It is further stated that Attorney-General Maclean wanted to pull them off two months ago, when the building of a railway on the eastern shore was announced, but Premier Murray said, "not yet." The contest will, however, be on at the time stated above—unless Hon. W. S. Fielding decides otherwise. Grit hot-air ships are now moving and there are other indications that the battle is on. That the Murray government will be defeated is an opinion expressed by even its own friends.

(Montreal Gazette.)

From Northern New York comes the first story of the season of a man being taken for a deer by his hunter companion and shot dead. Every fall and winter the woods are the scene of such tragedies, the lesson of which in any one case does not seem to extend beyond the circle immediately concerned with it. There would be fewer occasions for grief if the eager hunters would pause to think that it is better to miss many wild animals than to kill one human being.

(Vancouver World.)

That wise man who said nothing could be done by halves didn't know about oysters on the half shell.

## CLOSING MARKET LETTER.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Sept. 28.—For a time there were evidences of a disposition on the part of speculators to follow the reactionary tendency which the stock market developed yesterday, but early sales from this seemed to be quietly but effectually absorbed. No attempts were made to bid up prices, but it was clear that the market was receiving concerted support on the declines, just as it became evident yesterday that the stocks were being supplied on all sharp bulges. The action of the market as a whole, was such as to cause no change of convictions in commission house circles. The word went out some weeks ago that the so-called big interests would oppose reaction. While the action of the Republican Convention at Saratoga furnished no surprises, it nevertheless served as a sharp reminder that the market will be more or less subject to political influences for the next six weeks to come. During this time it is not expected that there will be any vigorous initiative on the part of the big interests, although the general run of commission houses are confidently recommending purchases of stocks for the pull on every moderate reaction.

## CLOSING COTTON LETTER.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Sept. 28.—Further unfavorable crop reports were the dominating influence in today's cotton market, causing directly and indirectly an advance of 23 points, more than half of which was retained at the final price. The early buying was based upon additional adverse reports published by the Journal of Commerce this morning, which strengthened the unfavorable census report, which is due Monday at 12 o'clock.

Reports to the Journal of Commerce state that the boll weevil have wrought havoc in Louisiana and Mississippi. The condition of the crop in the former state is estimated below last month's figure of 71 per cent. The crop is gradually being converted to belief in another short crop. The heavy buying of December contracts spot interests has been a feature for some time past. The reason for this buying is something of a mystery, but the theory is that spot interests are bent on accumulating a large local stock of the staple in order to prevent a repetition of the August deal.

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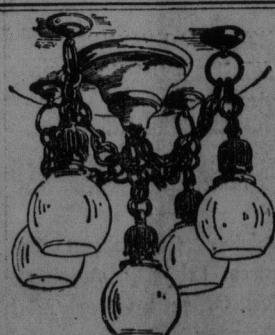
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