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THE YANKEE FLAG IN CANADA.

A correspondent writes to this paper calling attention the very frequent display of the United States flag in St. John. He says: "I am glad to notice that the flag of the United States does not form so important a feature of the decorations at public entertainments as it formerly did, but regret to say that it is seen much too often in St. John floating from the flag staff of private residences."

The GAZETTE has before pointed out that the people of St. John are very liberal in their recognition of the flags of nations other than the one we form a part of. The custom in the past has been to allow any one who would to fly the flag he pleased from his flag staff. This is very courteous and very nice if our neighbors reciprocated. But they don't. Who ever saw the British flag flying indiscriminately in Boston, New York or any American city except from the British consulate or perhaps in an isolated case, such as a national holiday. We who love and respect the British flag have no cause of complaint at this, because the Union Jack, great as it is, has no more business in the United States than the stars and stripes have in Canada.

The time has come for Canadians to show their disapproval of the statements daily made in the press of the United States that Canada is looking for annexation, by demanding that the stars and stripes be no longer allowed to fly in this country excepting from the consulate of that country. There is no necessity of the Royal, the Victoria or the Dufferin hotels flying the flag of the United States. It does not bring them a single guest in a year. We mean that there would be just as many people stop at these hotels if the stars and stripes were piled away in a box in the cellar as if floating from the highest pinnacle of the hotel.

We have in St. John a large number of gentlemen, citizens of the United States, who find it advantageous for themselves to live and transact their business here. They are large employers of labor and deserve the respect of our community generally, but they have no right to put up the stars and stripes on their establishments on Dominion day.

There is much to admire in the constitution of the United States, and we are forced to respect the men and women of that country for their love of its institutions, but even that is no reason why we should forget our nationality and that we live under a flag which is not only an emblem of freedom but commands respect everywhere, and is strong enough to protect its citizens against insult in any part of the globe.

FREDERICTON DISUNITED.

The Fredericton Gleaner referring to that city says "We are suffering at the present time from lack of union among our citizens for the purpose of advancing the interests of our city." There is no question as to the truth of this statement. But how could it be otherwise? Fredericton has been run for the past few years by a few fanatical prohibitionists who believe that the chief end of man is to blackguard and persecute all who do not think exactly as they do. This was more than amply demonstrated in the prosecution and imprisonment of the proprietors of the two leading hotels for violation of the Scott Act. The direct result of this act has been to divide the citizens into two hostile camps, and to cause a severe strain in the social relations of more than one family. It is to be hoped that the good sense of the people of Fredericton will prevail and that the city will be brought under the license act again. The Scott act has not diminished crime or drinking in Fredericton, notwithstanding that public sentiment is stronger in its favor there than elsewhere. Fredericton people should learn a lesson from St. John north. For three years that section of the city was under the Scott act. As a result the police were able to find seventy-six places where liquor was sold when the license act came in force, and the prosecution of the dealers has resulted in closing up all these places until it is decided who of the seventy-six dealers shall have the thirty-nine licenses. The frequent punishment which follows the illegal sale of liquor in St. John demonstrates at once how much easier it is to enforce the provisions of the license act than it is to secure a conviction under the Scott act. In the former instance it is possible to do the work with regular police but in the latter the services of a paid informer are necessary and all know that there is often a great temptation for informers to commit perjury—and the experience of the past has been that perjury is far from infrequent in Scott act cases.

Fredericton cannot do better than seriously consider the advisibility of getting rid of the Scott act. Any change from the present condition of affairs would be benefical.

WHAT DO WE READ?

In conversation with a gentleman a few days since who has always felt a deep interest in our public libraries, regarding them as next to our public schools the most benificent of our institutions, he expressed profound regret that so large a portion of the books loaned were works of fiction, and fiction of a rather inferior order at that. "Our best authors," said he, "are represented in our libraries but they grow dusty on the shelves while the trashiest of novels grow shabby from constant use." Conceding that such may be the case, our belief that good books are much more generally read than inferior ones remains unshaken. Our librarians would probably be astonished if any one should apply to them for a week's or a fortnight's loan of a copy of the Bible, yet there are very few houses in the city where that book is not read at more or less frequent intervals. Books have become so cheap that nearly everyone gathers about him a collection of works of permanent value and interest. As no one thinks of borrowing a Bible, so there are very many who never think of going to a lending library for standard works in history, biography, poetry or fiction, for the simple reason that they have them on their shelves at home and they feel that they could not do without them for frequent reference. If any one questions our accuracy let him interview the booksellers and he will find that standard works are standard stock and that in their sale there is little fluctuation. Such works as Macaulay's, Hume's, Gibbon's, and Grote's histories, the plays of Shakespeare, the novels of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray and Lytton, and the poems of Milton, Scott, Byron, Coleridge, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Longfellow and Bryant, are kept for study or recreation in many hundreds of homes. And they are published in such a variety of editions and at such a variety of prices that no one need be without them. We are rather pleased that a good many books of light character are borrowed at the libraries. It shows that while people are willing to spare the time to read them they are not willing to spare the money to pay for them. And after all, while some of these books may not be very elevating in their tendency, we doubt if any books that are positively bad ever find a place on the shelves of our libraries. It is rare that a reputable publisher of our own time sends out a book that has nothing to recommend it. We conclude that in most cases the readers of "trashy novels," as they are called by our friend resort to them as a momentary relaxation from serious study or the activities of business or professional life.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Tourist travel to St. John is larger this summer than ever before. There never was a time when the need of improved hotel accommodation was more keenly felt than at present but somehow our people fail to recognize this great and pressing need.

It has often been a source of wonder to us that a larger number of provincial people do not visit St. John. Of late years, however, excursions from different parts of the province to St. John have become quite popular. Several times this year there have been train loads of excursionists brought to this city from different parts of the province. The latest was yesterday when 400 persons came down from Dorchester to see the sights of St. John. They had a good time and no doubt went away with a good opinion of this city.

The Sun has another fling this morning at Mr. Leary. The New York Herald expressed the opinion that in the event of breaking up the Leary raft would be very dangerous to navigation. The writer of the original paragraph was evidently very little acquainted with existing dangers of the ocean, and apparently knows nothing of the construction of the Leary rafts. If he had the paragraph would not have been written. But what are we to think of the ignorance of the Sun's editor who copies the paragraph and endorses it for the purpose of attempting to injure Mr. Leary in St. John. After the foolish exhibition the Sun has made of itself in opposing the Leary scheme and the drubbing it got in the common council its editor ought to either retire to his rural home or have the good sense to hold his peace.

Respecting the recent attack of the Gleaner on Mr. Blair and his government for granting a subsidy to the Tobique valley railroad the Fredericton Herald has the following:—

This railway we are told by the Gleaner should not be built further than twenty miles up the Tobique river and there it should stop. What point there is just at that distance which would warrant a railroad being built to it, but not beyond it, does not appear. But we are told that neither the interests of the road nor the interests of the country require it beyond the distance named. If the government does next session ask the legislature to give this railway any assistance, and if the legislature consents to do so, no man sane enough to run at large, would propose subsidizing a railway out of the provincial treasury, to stop three miles short of the valuable Plaster Rock owned by the province, and which will yield ten cents royalty upon every ton of plaster removed from it. The government or legislature that would give one dollar of subsidy unless the railway was guarranted to reach and open up the government property in that vicinity, would richly deserve extinction.

TERRIBLE ENCOUNTER.

The Brave Fight of a Mother to Save Her Child From a Gigantic Panther.

Harrold, Tex., special to the Philadelphia Times of recent date says: The wife of Morris Kapper, a ranchman owning an extensive place near Harrold, Tex., had recently an adventure with a large female panther, in which the lady succeeded in killing the animal with a hoe. Her husband had requested her on leaving the house at dinner to send him some medicine which he was to take at regular intervals, when these intervals occurred, which she did, dispatching her son, a boy of 9 or 10 to his father, who was employed in his vegetable garden, situated about three hundred feet from the house. Her second child, a little girl of 3, begged several times to go instead of her brother, so in the cool of the evening Mrs. Kapper, to gratify the child, sent her instead with the medicine. The path, thouch bordered with tall bushes, was all the way in plain view of the piazza where the lady sat watching the little girl as she toddled off; but removing her eyes for a moment to examine her work she lost sight of her, and the next moment was horrified to hear the child scream out in sudden pain or affright. Running as fast as she could down the path she found that the child was no longer in it, but the crushed grass and broken bush on one side showed that some large animal had just left it. The mother, following the trail, which was perfectly distinct, soon came upon a panther dragging the child by its little dress along the ground, but the weight prevented the animal from going faster than a walk, so that without its detecting her, she ran back and caught up the hoe that her husband had left in the garden and returned. The panther had then dropped the child, but was still standing over it, and on seeing Mrs. Kapper began to snarl, showing its pointed teeth. She ran to it, when it again seized its prey in its teeth, but the heroic lady tore her child from its grasp, and putting it behind her met the panther as it rushed at her, infuriated by the loss of its booty, with a blow of the hoe, which, missing the head, yet severed its left ear from it. The panther paused in its attack on her, and began to try and reach the wound with its mouth, screaming and tearing up the earth. Mrs. Kapper then brought the hoe down on its head with such force as to crush its skull, and the next moment the animal lay dead at her feet. Turning to the child, she found it insensible from fright which accounted for its silence while being dragged by the panther. The little one is still in a precarious condition from the nervous shock it sustained. Mr. Kapper, who had left the garden for a few minutes, on his return was surprised to see his wife crawl in sight, and instead of calling to him signaled him to approach. When he did so he found her so exhausted by her late excitement that she could not stand on her feet nor speak other than in a gasping whisper. He carried her and the child home, where they were placed in bed. The heroic lady, though she managed to tell her adventure to her husband, cannot hear it mentioned without going into violent hysterics. The carcass of the panther was brought to town this morning to be preserved as an interesting relic and instance of a modern devotion. It was a large one, measuring nearly nine feet from the muzzle to the tip of the long, curling tail, and of the family known as the "tawny bellied."—Philadelphia Times.

ONLY A LOVERS' QUARREL.

Marquis de Louville Cannot Dispute Mrs. Leslie.

LONDON, July 23.—The seven suicides of Mr. Mantalini and the four confessions of Mrs. Elizabeth Milton are the only parallels in fiction and history to the oft repeated rumor and denial of the engagement of Mrs. Frank Leslie to the Marquis de Leuville. Nevertheless, the prospective marriage of so distinguished a journalist as Mrs. Leslie to a British nobleman with one of the proudest titles ever purchased is of so much interest to the American public that the Herald reporter has been at pains to investigate the latest rumor of the engagement, which came out soon after Mrs. Leslie's departure on the City of Rome, and was denied by her as soon as she came within hearing distance of the New York newspapers. A rigid investigation of the matter leads to the inference that Mrs. Leslie's coyness has led her to depart from the strict path of veracity in order probably that she may have committed matrimony before her intentions to do so became known to the public.

My first efforts led me to the office of Registrar Frederick Hearne, in Victoria square. This gentleman informed me that Mrs. Leslie and the Marquis de Leuville called upon him on the evening of Thursday, July 10, and took out a marriage license. Mrs. Leslie was to sail for America on Saturday, and she desired to have the ceremony performed on Friday. Registrar Hearne told me that he informed her that one clear day must elapse between the issuance of the license and the ceremony, and that Mrs. Leslie then told him that she would be compelled to leave London at 9 o'clock Saturday morning to catch the steamer City of Rome, and that she must then be married early Saturday morning.

"Are you sure," I asked, "that the lady was Mrs. Leslie? De Leuville is quite capable of securing the services of some one to personate her."

"She is the same lady to whom I granted a license last year," replied the registrar. "I issued a license to the same persons last August.

I could not swear that the woman was Mrs. Leslie. but I have every reason to believe that she is."

"Will you describe her?" I asked.

The registrar described Mrs. Leslie perfectly. I next called at the vestry office in Mount street, Grosvenor square, and, being shown the "notices of marriages" records, discovered that Mrs. Leslie and the Marquis de Leuville had filed a notice of intention of marriage there on Aug. 19, 1889. De Leuville had there described himself as "William Rene Oliver de Lorncourt, Marquis de Leuville, bachelor, age 44, residence 98 Victoria street." Mrs. Leslie was recorded as "widow, 38 yeaas of age, residence Grosvenor Hotel." To the question, "In what church or building is the marriage to be solemnized?" the response is, "Registrar's office, St. George's, Hanover square."

Turning to the date of July 10, 1890, I found the last record of intention of marriage on the part of the marquis and Mrs. Leslie. Here De Leuville had described himself as only "William Oliver Marquis de Leuville," and had given his age as "43 years," one year younger than in 1889. Mrs. Leslie's "pedigree" was the same as in August, 1889. She still remained 38 years of age, according to the record, but her residence was Burlington Hotel.

To elucidate matters I called at 98 Victoria street, the Albert mansions, and was shown into the noble marquis' drawing-room, an apartment magnificently furnished with the most uncomfortable chairs ever manufactured, and decorated with all the most modern designs in bric-a-brac. To me there entered here a gray and cadaverous person of masculine gender, who announced himself as "Capt. Humber, the dearest friend of the marquis." I told him that I would like to have De Leuville explain why Mrs. Leslie so persistently denied the fact of her engagement to him when that fact was on record. "My Lord is not at home at present," said Capt. Humber, "but I am sure that, if he were here he would say that, if the lady chose to deny the fact of the engagement, he would uphold her in whatever she said."

Capt. Humber then informed me, in confidence, which he evidently did not care to share with persons outside of the English speaking world, that he had chanced to be standing in front of Registrar Hearne's office on the evening of Thursday, July 10 when a hansom cabman, whose vehicle was standing before the door, accosted him with the remark: "The Marquis de Leuville has just gone in there with the rich American lady he is going to marry." It struck the captain as so remarkable a coincidence that he should happen to be there, and that the cabman should happen to be there also, and likewise the horse and the hansom, that he remained until the marquis and Mrs. Leslie came out and drove away without seeing him.

"I am sure," said the captain, "that my lord will desire to have the matter kept as quiet as possible, however, and in no event will he consent to be interviewed on the subject."

The correctness of Captain Humber's estimate of William Rene Oliver de Lorncourt's views in the matter was proved by the circumstance that the Marquis called three times at the Herald office this afternoon and finally sent his carriage to bring the reporter to see him. The marquis was found in a wine vault off the strand sampling 1880 Pommery sec with Freemen Thomas and a contingent of admiring satellites. The nobleman needed a shave, a hair cut and a better hat, but he wore a golden bangle about his manly wrist, and scintillated in the region of a cravat with all the known gems.

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TEA—Good strong Congou @ lb;
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SOAP—Yellow, @ lb;
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BUTTER—@ lb.
BEANS—@ bushel;
OATS—@ bushel;
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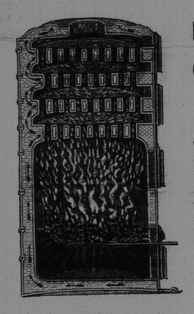

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