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## THE WINTER WOODS

What is it in the Northland strain that makes us a people of the forests? Perhaps it is a spiritual throw-back to ages when we gave trees mysterious God-like attributes. This we did because of all the children of Nature in the lands of the Arctic winds, trees alone gave us shelter and warmth. As we built the naves of our cathedrals in the semblance of the arched forest and fashioned their pillars like the trunks of oaks, thus also we took to ourselves the spirit of the woods in an inborn love of the woodland such as some hamadryad might have stirred in a pagan breast.

We of the Northland strain find peace in the forests. "We go to the god of the wood to fetch his word to men." Winter or Summer, if one be of the race, the woodland will arouse in the heart the sombre joyousness peculiar to the Saxon at his happiest, a spiritual sense of being part of it all. We fear the wood with a primeval instinct, but we love it because it was thence we came.

Go into the woods in Winter if you would test your northern heritage. Follow no seashore trail, stick to no road through fields and meadows, but strike for the forest. Among the bare trees or amid that gladdest sight of Winter, an overgreen copse, test yourself. If that silence, which always seems to forecast, a tremendous crash of sound that never comes, does not quicken your pulse or stir emotions you can not understand, you are not a child of the North-men. You from those who followed the tropic seas, or threaded the deserts or lived in the jungle where the oak grows not and the pine is far away.

As an American exchange well says:

In the Spring the forest has the joy of a child, in the Summer the glory of a beautiful woman, and all the wistfulness of the world in the Autumn, but the woodland paths of Winter are peopled with the lineage of mighty men"

## BUSINESS PROSPECTS

Without any formality the business world has passed from 1921 into the new year 1922, says the Commercial Review, with high hopes of a better twelve months, trade than that furnished by its predecessor. The prices of most commodities are down to a level in which investment can be made without any fear of losses and as stocks in the majority of lines are low in the hands of retailers their replenishment should open up business in the new year under fairly active and favorable conditions.

There is an improved feeling in the wholesale dry-goods trade, orders for cotton and woolen goods being received for spring delivery, and also for prompt shipment along with other winter requirements. Hardware merchant's have also had a foretaste of the coming year's trade in orders for future shipment as well as for spot delivery. A dealer stated that most iron and steel products had seen their lowest values and that the prospects for the coming season were good. The wholesale grocery trade is reported favorably with a promising future for most of the leading lines. The leather and boot and shoe trades are said to have passed their most crucial periods and more prosperous times are looked for in the near future. The flour grain and provision trades are in a steady and healthy condition with fairly good prosperous condition as could be expected considering they are only just emerging from the dull and inauspicious period brought about by the late war.

New York World. A red fox was released in Fifth avenue, New York, Tuesday in a publicity stunt to advertise the wares of a fur trader. The bewildered animal was promptly run down by an automobile and one of its legs broken. This is a fairly cruel performance and Reynard has our sympathy in being associated with the

# WILL NEW IRISH STATUS CHANGE OLD UNION JACK?

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Creation of the Irish Free State is giving heraldry experts in the Capital an opportunity to conjecture as to possible changes in the national flag and the Canadian coat of arms should the Irish authorities demand the removal of the cross of St. Patrick, which is superimposed upon the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew in the Union Jack.

Possible changes in the Union Jack because of action by the Irish Government will be of special interest to Canada owing to the fact that the new Canadian coat of Arms has but recently been approved by the Imperial Privy Council. Should a change become necessary the new coat of arms will undoubtedly have to be re-adjusted to meet the situation.

Whether or not the Department of External Affairs, of which Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is the Minister, has yet taken the matter up officially could not be ascertained, but it is understood that nothing will be done here until the Imperial Government in London signifies its intentions. The Canadian flag and arms will, be of course, have to be made to conform with that approved by the British Government. Another feature of the problem is that it will undoubtedly again give cause for a great deal of discussion on the advisability and feasibility of the creation of a distinctively Canadian ensign. With regard to the latter feature in any possible change, it is felt in well informed circles in Ottawa that even a special flag emblematic of Canada would have to contain the Union Jack, and therefore any attempt toward securing a Canadian flag would also involve study and adaptation of possible changes through Irish action.

in bedlam. But every day in Wall street there are lambs turned loose with bankrolls, and the lambs waste very little time in loosing their wool.

Hon. W. C. Kennedy, the new minister of Railways seems to be right on the job. A telegram forwarded to him last week by Col. Osborne complaining of the recent change in the service on the Valley Railway brought a prompt reply from the minister saying that the matter would be looked into under the old administration it was quite a rare thing to get an acknowledgment of a telegram sent to a cabinet minister on a matter of public business.

The provincial government has disposed of \$1,890,000, worth of bonds at \$102.267, this is a highly satisfactory showing and indicates that the credit of the province stands high in the estimation of the moneyed men of the country.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Giggling is the universal language.

Nothing behaves better than a furnace on a warm pleasant Winter day.

One great human tendency in every man is to magnify his grievances.

"People like to believe what they hear," remarked the Man on the Car "if it's sensational."

You may call it muddling through but Lloyd George always seems to know which way he is going.

Now that they have music of colors making no sound, I suggest that some Burbank come along and cross-breed it with the victrola next door.

When an agent comes along promising to make a portrait enlargement free of charge he may be trying to frame you.

Every year the mens clothiers meet and decide what the style for masculine wear for the coming season will be. It never works because the average man seems contented with last years suit.

After a man gets married and falls heir to the job of carrying out ashes there's nothing to look forward to except the time when his boy will be big enough to carry them out for him.

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## DIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dr. H. S. Simmons D'ed Suddenly There—Native of Sheffield Relatives Here.

C. J. B. Simmons of this city has received word of the death in British Columbia of his brother Dr. H. S. Simmons of Vancouver, who has been practicing his profession as dentist in that province for about twenty two years. Death occurred suddenly while Dr. Simmons was enroute from Vancouver here he lived to Amox where he had been practising recently. The deceased is survived by a widow a sister of Ald. H. H. Pickard of Devon and one son Dr. H. A. Simmons of Vancouver who had taken over his father's practise in that city. Other surviving relatives are his brothers C. J. B. Simmons and B. L. Simmons of Fredericton, Thomas L. Simmons of Ottawa and S. Dow Simmons of Devon at present in Vancouver on a visit, also two sisters Mrs. Anderson Littlehales and Miss Edna Simmons of Vancouver.

The deceased was a native of Sheffield and was graduated by Baltimore Dental College. Since going to British Columbia he was very successful in his profession. He was aged fifty-six years.

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