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Ontario Holocaust**

From far-separated sections of our country there has come during the week in which I write news of momentous significance and dread omen which should arrest the attention of every thoughtful citizen of the Dominion. The terrible forest fires in Northern Ontario, in British Columbia and in Quebec have driven home the lesson which I have been striving to teach, with the written and the printed word, with more force than any words of mine could convey. It is a compelling warning of impending disaster. Just as it is true, no nation lives unto itself, so no community, no man lives unto itself, or himself. Every citizen has a vital stake in the protection of our wood resources, and if our splendid Canadian heritage is to be preserved, we must be ready to recognize—nay to fulfill the obligation imposed upon every one of us individually.

Why is this so. In cutting the small immature trees as we are doing today, we are not only robbing the next generation, our own children; we are fast producing conditions that will make our country uninhabitable through extremes of climatic conditions, and in long periods of drought causing such appalling holocausts as in Northern Ontario, with occasional surplus of rains producing damaging freshets, washouts and wind storms of increasing velocity. All of these conditions are the results of denuding our country of forest growth.

We are not only cutting down trees that do not belong to us for our own industries; we are bartering them away by the millions, for a mere pittance, robbing our children for our own present needs and squandering them lavishly on another country. Over one million, six hundred and fifteen thousand cords of pulpwood alone were shipped out of Canada last year, or more than twenty-five million trees; half of the entire annual requirements necessary for Canadian pulp and paper mills.

In addition to this we are sending settlers back to clear up forested country which is more suitable for raising trees than anything else; when past experience has proved, time and time again, that it is only a question of the first really dry hot season when these settlers will be burnt out, with a very good chance of their being burnt up as well. This is particularly wicked when we are already suffering from a lack of forested area have a surplus of vacant, cleared and prairie land. In short, we are not merely penalizing ourselves; we are just as surely imperiling the future of our country.

As the Boston Herald recently tersely said; "What adds to the pity is that most of the timber destroyed by our woodland fires is so young as to belong to generations not old enough to protect it."

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM,
Annapolis Royal, N. S.**News and Gossip of the
Motion Picture World**

(Moving Picture World)

Paramount is screening "Java Head," the novel of old Salem by Joseph Hergesheimer, with Leatrice Joy as Taou Yuen, the Chinese wife. This will be Miss Joy's first character part, and she should be charming for her face is of a decidedly oriental cast.

Constance Talmadge is having the time of her life in Paris. Everywhere she goes she is pointed out as tres jolie Constance. She has been chosen mascot for the American team entered in the international pistol tournament being held in Milan, Italy.

J. Warren Kerrigan is back before the Klieg. He is being co-featured with Lois Wilson in a Paramount special production of Emerson Hough's novel of pioneer days, "The Covered Wagon." James Cruze is directing.

Gene Stratton Porter has entered pictures as an independent producer. She plans to film her own stories, beginning with "Michael O'Halloran."

**WAS ONLY THE
FIRST TIME**

Providence, Oct. 23—Pleading for another chance because, he said it was the first time he had run away with another man's wife, Alexander Somerville, 31, of 39 Howard st. failed to satisfy Judge Gorham in District Court today that he was entitled to leniency in deserting his wife and young child for a mother of two children. He was sentenced to 11 months in the Provincial County jail after being found guilty of non-support.

Somerville was brought back by Inspector Coffee from Albany, N. Y. where the police say, he and Pearl Brown of Olneyville had been living as man and wife.

"This is only the first time," pleaded the defendant.

"I should hope so," declared the court as he imposed sentence.

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With the exception of "Freckles," which was produced some years ago by Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, Mrs. Porter holds screen rights to all of her novels.

Fred Niblo is drafting them from far and wide for his stellar cast in "The Famous Mrs. Fair" the initial Fred Niblo production for Metro. Myrtle Stedman is to play the title role, made famous by Blanche Bates and others already cast include Huntley Gordon, Ward Crane, Cullen Landis and Marguerite de la Motte.

George Ade not only wrote "Back Home and Broke" for Tom Meighen's next picture, but is even touring the state of Connecticut with Director Alfred Green to find the proper setting for it. The specifications are "A town that drummers would call a small town and farmers who drive in would call a city."

WHEN AUTUMN COMES

The fairy columbine of Spring,
The fragrant rose of June,
The cherry song the robins sing,
Have gone, and all too soon
For now the Autumn days have come—

Sunlight days and mellow;
The harvest has been gathered home,
Beech and birch are yellow;
Crimson oak and scarlet maple,
And azure sky above.

Field of gold and field of purple—
Ah, who could help but love
Autumn leaves and Autumn flowers
And Autumn days so clear!
But sweeter are those happy hours,
The childhood of the year.

A tinge of sadness in the air,
Mystic melancholy,
Suggests that trees will soon be bare,
Except the fir and holly;

The birds are southward taking flight
For they, too, seem to know
That scenes so beautiful and bright
Presage the frost and snow.

The stubble on the hill is gray,
The leaf clogged brook is still;
The golden days thus slip away
As nature works her will;

Yet green and grand the hemlocks stand,
And crickets bravely sing:
Though Winter's hand may strip the land,
Twill bloom again in Spring.

GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, Jr.

Merely a Matter of Miles

Charles G. Norr's author of "Brass" which is now being pictured by Sidney Franklin for Warner Brothers, is probably the world's champion baseball commuter. Mr. Norr journeyed all the way from San Francisco to see one game, and went right back again.

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