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## OUR FOREST WEALTH.

John Bull, in peace time, places a tremendous drain on the world's forests. He requires 600 million cubic feet to keep him going a year. Only one log of eight used is grown in the British Isles. The balance he brought from Russia, Scandinavia and America. His cheque for Canadian lumber and square timber is about \$14,000,000 a year.

Canadians are possessors of the world's greatest spruce supply, and spruce is the reliance of the "news-print" paper industry that keeps 40 million newspapers tumbling daily off the presses of the United States and Canada. We are, however, second to the United States in total timber resources, and the latter country is very considerably behind Russia.

But Canada has sacrificed two-thirds of her original timber to forest fires. So drowsy has been public sentiment regarding the value of forests, so sluggish have governmental policies been in the main, that the survival of Canada's present forests is due to their isolated geographical position, and only in small degree to thoughtful care by their human custodians.

It is an encouraging sign that government and private systems of forest protection have quickened their pace remarkably during the past four years. Even so, the waste of the precious forest resources persists season after season. Protective machinery—such as patrolmen, telephones, lookout towers, fire pumps, etc.—go a long way to stop fires spreading. But to stop fires from starting is the big end of the task. It can be accomplished only by a constant educational hammering. It means a reasoned, persistent endeavor to abate the misconceptions of the splendid national value of the forest industries. It means a country-wide "show-down" of facts to induce the Canadian people to see that Providence made two-thirds of Canada unfit for agriculture and that if natural law is not to be defied, much of that two-thirds ought to be kept producing timber for centuries to come.

That the present provincial government is thoroughly alive to the importance of the great question of forest conservation was amply attested at the recent session of the legislature, when there was placed on the statute books a bill to create a forestry advisory commission, and another to give greater protection from fires. The legislation is in line with the most drastic laws to be found on the statute books of any province in Canada.

## A JUNIOR CLERK'S PULL.

Commenting editorially on the resignation of Mr. W. F. O'Connor, cost of living commissioner, the Toronto Saturday Night says:

"If the allegations made by Mr. W. F. O'Connor respecting his reasons for resigning his post under the Minister of Labor are true, and there is no reason to disbelieve them, even after reading the Minister's reply, then it is time that this department was reorganized. When a woman clerk, whose services were valued at \$700 per annum, can meddle with a department to the extent of telling her superiors that they must comfort themselves to the satisfaction of this junior clerk or lose their jobs; and when, moreover, this woman did demand and have her immediate chief removed, it is time for a general cleaning up and reorganization. Can a business man imagine a condition in his own organization whereby the stenographer or junior clerk demands, for personal reasons, the discharge of the superintendent of the particular department in which she is employed, and succeeds in having her wishes carried out by appealing to the president or general manager of the company? One cannot but admire the supreme nerve of this young woman as well as her "pull" through father and friends, but at the same time the Department of Labor is scarcely a place where it should have been possible to exert it."

Mr. John McMartin, M. P., one of

the best known mining men in Canada, died in Montreal a few days ago. He was a native of Glengarry, Ont., and had a remarkably successful career as a lumberman, railway contractor and miner. He was one of the original owners of the La Rose mine, and was interested in Hollinger and other wealth producers. In addition to his mining interests he owned extensive timber limits in Quebec, Ontario and Labrador. Although possessed of millions, Mr. McMartin was one of the plainest of men and gloried in the recollection of the days when he did things at which others failed, and when he split his purse's contents with a friend. Mr. McMartin was a Liberal in politics and was returned to Parliament for Glengarry by acclamation in December last.

Opposition Leader Murray in his speech on the address at the recent session of the House, declared that the bill to compel restitution on the part of Valley Railway hoodlums in order to have the support of the opposition, would have to include the Central Railway. The opposition leader may have meant what he said, but he was not able to carry out his threat. The opposition considered the bill in caucus and came to the conclusion that it would not be wise from a party standpoint to oppose it. The "new blood" in the party persuaded the leader to back down and as a result the bill passed the House without opposition. So anxious was Leader Murray to avoid a show-down that he persuaded the chairman of the committee to dispense with the reading of the bill.

## Through Our Sieve

The longer you live the more it costs you.

Another good home guard is the home garden.

Down deep in his heart the average man is anxious to see some other man get it in the neck.

The hardest woman to please is one who doesn't know what she wants.

Speaking of plots and counter plots, how about your garden plot? Does it thicken?

Lovemaking has the same relation to married life as the seed catalogue has to hoeing the garden.

Too many men like to stand around and grunt while the other man lifts.

The less people know the harder it is for them to keep it to themselves.

Domestic bliss is simple. If the husband buys his wife pretty clothes and she feeds him well the rest is easy.

Many a man's dyspepsia is due to the mistaken belief on the part of his wife that she can cook.

Many a man looks upon marriage as a sort of blotter with which he expects to blot out all his past.

The hen is the sole recipient of praise for laying down on a job.

That strange illusion is by a spring poet who has just almost discovered a pussy willow in full regalia.

Some day soon in the letter you get from "over there" there will be a scarlet poppy plucked from a roadside in France. The little French poppies do not know that the world is at war, so they go right on blossoming, joyously, for soldiers' sweethearts.

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## MONTREAL WANTS THE BIG FIGHT

New York, April 29.—George Kennedy, of Montreal, who is in this city, is quoted in the Tribune this morning as saying that his mission is to secure the Willard-Fulton heavyweight title bout for Montreal. The Montreal promoter is said to have declared that no real opposition could develop in the Canadian metropolis against such a championship battle, which might be made of any number of rounds up to forty-five, and that he will go west to confer with Willard and Colonel Miller, prepared to offer more for a match over a route to a decision to a finish than has yet been offered by the promoters in middle western cities which tolerate only a low limit of rounds.

## RUMORS OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

Stockholm, April 28.—By the Associated Press Correspondents of Swedish newspapers in Finland telegraphs persistent rumors current there of important happenings in Russia. The most definite rumor declares that the former grand Duke Alexis, son of the former emperor, has been declared emperor with Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch as regent, and that the government would refuse to recognize the Bolshevik peace treaty with Germany. The rumors would be disregarded were it not for the fact that a report from Vasa, Finland, last Thursday declared that the transportation of Russian civilian prisoners had had to be suspended "because of current disorders in Russia". Finland and Sweden have had no telegraphic communication with Russia in more than three weeks.

## OVERCROWDING ON MARYSVILLE SUBURBAN TRAIN

Marysville, Apr. 29.—Miss Florence M. Bird has arrived here after an extended visit to Toronto and other cities. She is at present supplying in the absence of Miss Minnie Titus, teacher in the primary department of the West Side School. Miss Titus is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Miss Winifred Holmes left this morning on a visit to St. John.

Work has been commenced on erecting the dwelling of Mr. Frank J. Smith, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago.

Mrs. John Fletcher is visiting her husband at Minto for a few days.

Mr. J. W. Everett returned to Minto this morning after a week spent with relatives here. He has accepted a position with the Grand Lake Coal Company, having recently severed his connection with the Sheffield Coal

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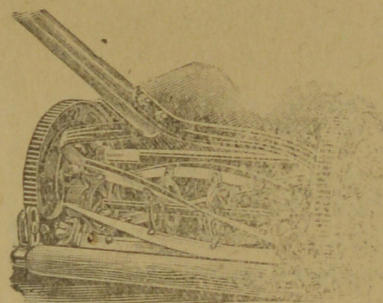
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# An Unexpected Meeting

ANYONE who knows the Canadian Pacific Rockies knows that north of the main line of the C. P. R. and in the neighborhood of the headwaters of the Bow River there is good country. At one point where a crystal lake nestles in the chill grey rocks of 10,000 feet elevation there can almost always be found fresh indications of the peak dwellers.

Now, old goat hunters will tell you that there is nothing more difficult to

approach from below than a band of Rocky Mountain goats. Their keen eyes and sensitive senses, their exaggerated caution and incessant watchfulness makes it a game of highest skill. But once let a hunter get above a band of goats and they are practically at his mercy. Trained as they are in the safety of the peaks, knowing full well that danger comes from below they watch the down slopes and are inclined to be careless about the trail behind, down which they have come in safety.

An old he-goat, tall as a yearling

calf and odorous as an Indian fish camp, went down to the lake to drink, and started back up the rock slide to his waiting band. It was summer, or rather early fall. Only old snow was yet in the mountains, and it lay only where the shadows of the cliffs protected it from the rays of the sun. It was above the timber line, there was no brush, but plenty of succulent lichens. The old goat was well-contented. He drank, he turned and climbed. Topping the grade, five hundred feet above the lake, he stopped astounded and

angry. A fierce black animal, neither wolf nor bear nor cat, faced him with fiery eyes, gleaming teeth, and deep throat rumblings. It was the lone hunting dog of a hunter. The dog had been trained to get above the goats and dispute passage until the hunter came to kill.

"But what's the use of killing him when I want to get sheep further up," the hunter reasoned, as he snapped his kodak shutter and whistled the reluctant dog to heel, while the goat still stood paralyzed with amazement.

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Company.

Mr. Newton Yerxa was a visitor in town yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Harrison has returned from a visit to Boiestown.

Mr. William J. Markey and family have removed to Devon, where they have purchased the McElman property.

Owing to a leakage in one of the

water mains yesterday a number of dwellings owned by the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., were without water for the day, the supply having been shut off to permit of repairs being made.

The passengers on the suburban which is due to leave Fredericton at ten o'clock Saturday evening were placed at considerable inconvenience owing to the insufficient car accommo-

dation which was provided last Saturday evening. Only two cars were provided and they were greatly overtaxed with the result that great inconvenience was caused. It is about time that the authorities of the C.P.R. commenced to realize that the public has rights which will have to be enforced if present conditions are not improved.