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"I got a new spring coat," said Tessie, "but I don't know whether to keep it or change it."

"What's the matter, don't you like it?" asked her office chum, Tillie. "Why did you buy it if you don't like it?"

"I like it all right. I really think it's sleek, but I'm afraid my boy friend won't care for it. It's a tailored coat, you know they have such swell tailored styles this year and I love 'em. But he likes me in dressy clothes—regular girlie, girlie things—and this hasn't even got a fur collar. I can't decide whether to please him or please myself."

"Tillie nodded her head as she took a new piece of gum out of her desk."

"I know just what you're up against," she said. "Frank, the boy I used to go swimming with last summer, wanted me to dress like an outdoor girl, wear sports clothes all the time. I bought a black lace Sunday-night dress and he was so crabby every time I wore it that we always had a fight and finally busted up." Tillie chewed vigorously. "After all, a girl's got to be herself, and I think she ought to wear the kind of clothes she likes. My advice to you, Tessie, is keep the coat, and if he don't like it, get a new boy friend," she said.

Are you a college man?  
No; a horse stepped on my hat.

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## New Brunswick Has Been Sacrificed to Promote Interests of Other Sections

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the duty of this House to protect His Majesty's subjects in this Province from injustice at the hands of the Federal Governmental machine or from any other source.

The people of the divisions of the United Kingdom retain and cherish the nationality of their respective countries, even though they are under one Parliament; for instance, England is still England and an Englishman is an Englishman, first, last and all the time.

We are taught in our own schools to think of ourselves only as Canadians, and, in effect, that Canada is literally one country divided into Provinces, no doubt so that we will submit to being commercial vassals of what we call Central Canada; such a mental attitude is another self-imposed handicap.

If educational institutions, our own included, had properly informed the youth of these Confederated Provinces in respect of what this thing called Canada is and how it was intended to function, no doubt most of the tragedies which now confront the people could not have developed.

We frequently see Canada referred to as one country and a democracy; if we allow ourselves to be deluded, that Canada is literally one democratic country, it naturally follows that we believe it should be governed by policies formulated by the majority of elected representatives and submit to the loss of our federal rights if such is the will of the Government and Parliament of Canada.

A federal service is a defined duty, not a political party policy and Canada should be in effect a service institution for the mutual benefit of the Provinces.

### New Brunswick Sacrificed

For many years, Canada's ministries have been controlled by Montreal and Ontario majorities, and New Brunswick has been sacrificed to promote the interests of those sections. To expect a Government controlled by representatives from Montreal and Ontario to be much concerned about the welfare of New Brunswick, unless they are compelled to do so, is much too much to expect of human nature.

The only democratic section of the governmental machine established at Ottawa is the House of Commons—the Senate is independent and appointed for life without regard for population or the votes of the people they represent. The Governor-General is appointed for a term of years without regard for the votes of the people, and is vested with the power of veto, primarily for the protection of the federal rights of the small Provinces.

Those independent sections of Canada's governmental machinery are not functioning as intended, but should be made to do so in the national interest. We cannot otherwise expect "peace, order and good government."

### Our System Good

I submit that the system of government provided for this Confederation is the best that has ever been devised and especially suitable for these con-

federated British North America States with their peculiar geographical layout, physical obstacles and dual racial conditions. Also, that if the Agreements of Union were carried out, the serious economic problems which now confront Canada would soon disappear.

The Incorporators of Canada set up a strong Central Government, but it was debauched by its first Executive Council, and we now have a hybrid or cross between a federal or constitutional government and a British Parliamentary Government or government by the will of the majority. We now have at Ottawa a weak political machine, which is floundering in a political party morass of its own making.

For the Provinces to vest greater powers in that hybrid political machine as it is now functioning would but invite greater national tragedies.

We also often see Canada referred to as a Federation; frequently, the same speaker or writer will use both words, Federation and Confederation, to define Canada, even though it is not possible for Canada to be both a Confederation and a Federation.

Some authorities claim that it was an omission on the part of the Founders of Canada in not making written provision for amending Canada's constitution.

No written provision is necessary for amending the constitution of a Confederation because the constitution of a Confederation cannot be amended without the unanimous consent of the countries which arranged it and it would be superfluous to so declare in its written constitution. When countries confederate, they do not lose their independence and autonomy and are not merged into one country.

On the other hand, if when countries arrange a federal union, they agree that its constitution may be amended by the approval of a fixed minimum number of votes of the countries parties to it (not by the votes of the people as a whole) such an union is a Federation. Continuing Mr. Paterson traced the history of Confederation and the movements leading up to it.

If it were true that the Imperial Legislation in this respect is based on the Quebec Resolutions, Canada would be something that was created by the Imperial Parliament instead of being what it is, something that was sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament upon the expression of such desire by the Provinces.

### Our Position

Any country in a Confederation may withdraw from the Alliance for cause, but a country cannot withdraw from a Federation except in accordance with the agreed voting arrangement for constitutional amendment, as recently shown by the refusal of the Imperial Parliament to enact legislation which would permit Western Australia to withdraw from the Australian Federation contrary to the Agreement arranged by the Australian Provinces.

Western Australia, in effect, asked the Imperial Parliament to break the Australian contract. What New Brunswick requires is the carrying out of the contract arranged by the British North America Provinces by the agency established at Ottawa for that purpose.

New Brunswick is holding to her parts of the contract, such as allowing Quebec and Ontario to sell their commodities in this Province without paying customs duties.

Customs duties and transportation regulations which should have been established for the mutual benefit of all the Provinces have been established almost exclusively for the benefit of Montreal and Ontario, with the result that New Brunswick is now a tributary country paying a large amount of tribute to Montreal and Ontario. Not only do we receive no return from such financial contribution, but it is used against this Province in competing with those Provinces for our own local, inter-Provincial and foreign trade.

### We Are Vassals

The people of New Brunswick are now practically commercial vassals of Montreal and Ontario.

That is why, for instance, New Brunswick is importing such a quantity of agricultural products from the Central and Western Provinces. The farmers of the Central and Prairie Provinces are indirectly heavily subsidized by the Federal Government and the farmers and other people of New Brunswick are indirectly contributing to this subsidization.

The parts of the contract which the Government and Parliament of Canada were established to carry out for the protection of the rights and interests of New Brunswickers are being ignored and evaded to promote the interests of Montreal and Ontario and in the United States, especially.

I submit there is no parallel in British Colonial history for the unjust and unwarranted treatment that New Brunswick is receiving at the hands of the Government and Parliament of Canada.

A few days ago, the Honourable the Attorney-General referred, in this House, to the fact that the country formerly named Canada, (Ontario and Quebec) sent delegates to the Charlottetown Conference of 1864, asking that that country be admitted into a union with the Maritime Provinces.

Why did they send those delegates to Charlottetown?

Primarily because of the fact that the St. Lawrence River was useless as an overseas trade route for about six months of the year and consequently it was impossible to develop their country except as an appendage of the United States. They publicly stated that their country was at the mercy of the United States as far as overseas trade was concerned and was on the verge of being forced into the American Union.

They literally begged the people of this Province to agree to a Union which would permit their country to establish a continuous trade route to the ocean through our territory. They stated that they were willing on behalf of their country, to arrange an Agreement under which their over-

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## Of Interest to Women

### WILD FLOWER PROTECTION

Every province in Canada possesses a rich heritage of native flora. From early spring until cold weather returns in the autumn our woods and glens provide a succession of charming flowers, more varied and quite as beautiful as the best gardens provide. Unfortunately many of the citizens, particularly of the larger centres of population, regard this abundance as a free gift to be ravished at will. Without thought for the perpetuation of the native stock they descend upon the inviting groves week after week and seem to take pleasure in gathering with reckless abandon the most charming flowers in bloom. It is commencing to be realized that this unrestrained gathering of wild plants is threatening the disappearance of many of the finest of the native species. The Ontario Horticultural Association, conscious of this danger, took steps at their recent convention to arouse a public sentiment towards the protection of the native flora.

In an address by the incoming president, J. B. Spencer of Ottawa, it was pointed out that some of the finest plants of the woods have already disappeared and others will follow in their wake unless a more sane attitude possesses the flower pickers who visit the wooded areas from time to time. The fact was disclosed that no less than twenty-three of the American States have passed laws designed to protect wild plants.

Reference was made also to the organization and work of the Wild Flower Preservation Society with headquarters in the United States capital. This organization through its branches carries on its work chiefly by influencing public sentiment by lectures, newspaper articles and poster campaigns. No attempt is made to prevent the picking of wild bloom, which they point out should be done only in a sane and thoughtful manner with due regard for the future.

Rules strongly urged are that sufficient flowers should be left to form seed and that plants should not be torn up by the roots. Some species such as the violets, hepaticas and others with flower stems rising directly from the roots may be freely picked so long as the plant body is not disturbed. Others, like the Trillium, the newly selected floral emblem of Ontario, should never be gathered freely as the flowers cannot be picked without removing all of the foliage and on this depends the maturing of the bulbous root for the following season's crop.

What is needed, Mr. Spencer urged is the developing of an attitude towards the native flora similar to that which has come to possess the youth of our land towards wild life. Instead of a rush for the gun or the catapult when an unusual bird or animal appears, the normal lad now takes his pleasure, it was pointed out, in erecting bird houses and feeding stations, and in other ways making friends with the feathered and furry visitors which come and go or remain throughout the year to add so much to the joys of life. With organized effort this same sentiment can be developed towards the flowers of the fields and the woods.

## TRELLIS TRANSFORMATION

(Mabel Rose Levy)

It needed imagination to see any beauty in this place when we bought it—no shrubbery, ram-shackle fences. Practically no soil on the hard timelock yard, and in the back, this yard was a picture of desolation—heaps of ashes, tin cans, broken bottles, and the neighborhood cows dogs, and children roamed in and out at will.

The first thing I did was to plant a hedge entirely around the place. A friend gave me privet seedlings and cutting from time to time, but the school children rode over it with their bicycles and killed it. My friend was generous, however, and I tried again and now have a high green wall surrounding my back garden, while we keep the front hedge cut low. In the side high hedge I have a curved trellis and at the back gate, another which has a curved gate.

My foundation planting is largely gifts from gardening friends, although for several years on Christmas and birthdays we gave each other evergreens, or garden benches, or bird baths, regardless of what gift might have been preferred. To this good day my daughter gives me a Tree Peony every Mother's Day.

My yard was beginning to please me but every time I walked up the street and saw the bannisters and gingerbread trimming on my front porch I would say to myself, "If I ever get any money, I'll build a new porch." But there never was any money for remodeling and the porch got on my nerves.

My husband delights in doing odd

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Jobs around the house, so I conceived the idea of tearing out all that unnecessary decoration and putting up trellises. He did all the work at odd times, and the actual money spent was so little that no one need be deterred by the expense. The transformation was marvelous.

The house has an air now and the trellises are in keeping with my white cottage with green blinds and the dwarf Boxwood by the walk. It looks homelike and comfortable and the Van Fleet Rose and Coralvine wind in and out of the trellises and yet do not hide them.

If you look closely at the snapshot you will see that I have blinds at the front door. These are screened inside and answer the purpose of a screen door and also keep out glare and dust and give the hall a cool shady in summer while adding to the quaint outside appearance which the trellises give.

In fact I am sure that every tramp, peddler, and agent who comes up my walk has a vision of a quaint, sweet-faced old lady with a cookie jar in her right hand and no sales resistance in her soul! Since I am neither quaint, sweet-faced, nor old I fear they must feel that the trellises misled them—but when I come up my walk, I am reminded of a little poem I read before I bought my home.

"A wee white house just big enough  
For two or three  
Set in a little garden plot  
With flower and tree  
A low green hedge to circle all  
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