

THE GREAT VALUE OF SHADE TREES

(Journal of Commerce)

Arbor Day, celebrated in most of the provinces throughout Canada and in the states of the neighboring Republic, has never received the attention it should in this province. The nearest approach we ever got to it in Montreal was to have a clean-up week, but that is far removed from the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

From time immemorial poets and philosophers have told of the happiness to be derived from planting a tree and the good such an act conferred upon the tired and dusty wayfarer. Certainly nothing gives the same amount of pleasure as nicely kept shade trees. This applies whether trees line a highway in the country, a street in the city or are grouped in parks and playgrounds. Not only do they give pleasure, but they possess a monetary value far in excess of what is popularly supposed.

A short time ago the Massachusetts Forestry Association undertook an investigation to determine the value of shade trees on streets. They consulted real estate men and others who were in a position to pronounce upon this question. To the question, "How much in your judgment do full grown shade trees improve the value of the adjoining land for house lots?" the majority of the answers ranged from ten to fifty per cent., but some went so far as to say that a house lot would be worth one hundred per cent. more if full grown shade trees were growing in front of it. The average reply showed a figure in the neighborhood of thirty-five per cent.

Expert tree appraisers stated that a shade tree in good condition and well placed is worth as high as four hundred and fifty dollars. Shade trees undoubtedly have an aesthetic and monetary value, and it would be well if the citizens of Montreal were encouraged to plant trees in front of their homes. The city itself could do much by taking the initiative and planting a great many trees. Many streets in the city are absolutely devoid of shade. "Clean Up Week" would have a new significance if it were combined with Arbor Day.

Winnipeg, Man., May 14—Hbn. T. C. Norris, new premier of Manitoba assumed office yesterday. He says he expects to have his cabinet completed by Saturday morning, and indications are that it will be as foreshadowed by a strong probability that G. J. H. Malcolm, member for Birtle, will be minister of agriculture.

Asked about policy, Mr. Norris said:

"The general policy of the Liberal party is well known to the people because it was so fully defined and dealt with during the general election last July, and in the legislature during the recent session. This policy will be strictly adhered to, and carried out as rapidly as possible."

"In regard to the parliament building all matters will be thoroughly investigated and an action will be commenced forthwith against the contractors for the recovery of moneys improperly paid them. This action will be pressed to a conclusion as rapidly as possible, and should it appear that any crime has been committed, the guilty parties will be prosecuted."

Mr. Norris' attention having been drawn to repeated statements that some Conservative members would resign their seats, and thus enable the new government to be elected, so ensuring a working majority, said that "any resignations that may be made, would be purely voluntary on the part of the Conservative party."

Now...the spring has come singing, and the summer days are near; Eh, what? Yes, it's hot. But what of that—get on your hat (the rough old straw one, lost it? Borrow one) Join the crowd; you'll feel some proud to go a-walking and a-talking down the street; and your feet will slide along so easy, and your necktie'll float out breezy—and tomorrow you'll be sneezy. For the spring is really here; can't you hear the robins singing, joy-bells ringing, tree-buds swinging, and the other things come flinging? But it's spring that comes to fool us; and an east wind next may come to cool us. So although today's a hammer, it is not yet really summer.

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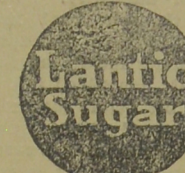
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VILLIANOUS SCHEME OF PUBLIC ROBBERY

Chatham Conservative Paper Compares Manitoba Scandal to New Brunswick Timber Land Steal—Why Not Whitewash Berry?

(Chatham World.)

Premier Borden, when it was shown to him that contractors had overcharged the government for war munitions, made them disgorge and when one of his supporters in parliament was shown to have carelessly permitted horse traders to rob the treasury, he was forced to resign his seat. Premier Roblin of Manitoba, though supported by a majority in the House, has just resigned because an unfinished inquiry shows that government officials are responsible for having overpaid contractors, to allow his opponents to form a government and continue the investigation.

How differently we act in such circumstances in New Brunswick. When an official close to the government, and with the assent and cooperation of the premier, raises a huge election fund by getting contributions from lessees of crown lands, regardless of their politics, the government disclaims all responsibility for the crime and joins with its supporters in voting confidence in the convicted premier after his resignation.

Now why not a vote of confidence in Berry?

The New Brunswick lapse from public virtue was a thousand per cent. worse than either of the other cases we have referred to.

It was the raising, in cold blood, four years before an election was due, of a corruption fund.

The man who solicited the contributions asked for and received a fixed sum per square mile from the lessees of crown lands.

He acted with the knowledge of the premier of the province.

The money he collected was paid over to a treasurer of the premier's selection and was speculated with, invested and handled as it belonged to them personally.

The official who exacted the "gifts" was the one whose duty it would be, under the premier, for whom he was collecting the fund, to decide all disputes between sealers and land leaseholders in respect to stampage, with power to grant rebates and refrain from enforcing government regulations.

It was clearly shown that the contributions were not given for love of party, but as good business—given because the givers expected to get more money back in the way of stampage rebates than they contributed.

It was the most villainous scheme of public robbery for personal or political profit that has ever been unearthed.

Flemming has been whitewashed. Why not Berry?

Sir Rodmond Roblin says his government is constitutionally responsible for the acts of its officers. And so are the members of the Flemming government responsible for Mr. Berry and for Mr. Flemming. Sir Rodmond steps down and out. Our New Brunswick cabinet ministers get rid of the two exposed offenders and hang on to office. They know that they are responsible for Mr. Flemming's acts and this is why they have proclaimed faith in his innocence. They are equally responsible for Berry.

So why not whitewash Berry?

THE BUTTER PAPER REGULATIONS

(The Hartland Observer)

During the past few weeks there has been a good deal of misapprehension over the new regulation issued by the Dairy Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Announcement made last week was on the best authority when available. Since that time The Observer wired the department at Ottawa and yesterday received this despatch:

Ottawa, May 12—"Wraps for dairy butter must be printed 'dairy butter' in letters at least one-quarter inch square. Maker's name is strongly advisable but not actually required by law—(Signed) J. F. Singleton."

The Observer has been very busy with orders for butter paper and it is interesting to note the different opinion of the makers. A small percentage call the law an outrage, and say if it is necessary to have the name and address on the wrappers they will hereafter pack all their butter. This leads at once to the question "What kind of butter is it the maker of which refuses to let himself be known?" We might say we know what kind it is, as would give a good deal to know who made some of the stuff we bought for butter recently.

The good butter maker is proud of his product, and most heartily resents taking it to a store and having it thrown into companionship with other butter, the very odor of which is sufficient to contaminate his own. Therefore the wise

maker of good butter will have his name imprinted on the wrapper and insist that it be kept separate from butter from an unknown maker. The properly labelled butter will be eagerly sought and it is safe to say a retailer cannot sell butter made by an unknown person if he is also offering that bearing the name of the maker—a clear evidence of good faith. The average buyer of butter would sooner pay a cent extra for the wrapper.

Remember, farmers, it is against the law to buy or sell dairy butter in bricks that is not wrapped with butter paper bearing the words "Dairy Butter." The name of the maker is a guarantee for the quality.

OLD MAN PERKINS SAYS:

"There's nuthin' riles a dancier quite as much ez one er two Bunions, corns er calluses a-fillin' up a shoe;

An' when it comes t' aggravin' things thet wurry me There's nuthin' quite s' stingin' ez a quarrel with a bee.

"Th' man who raises honey sumtimes suffers from th' hives; Th' fellers playin' poker tussel night-ly with th' dives; While folks who play planys oft'n hev th' rheumatiz.

In th' fingers—makes us wonder what a backward worl' this is.

"A singer gits th' asthma an' a boxer gits th' cramps; A reader hev t' wurry 'bout new glasses fer his lamps;

Th' farmer when he's ploughin' hev sum trouble with his feet; An' th' man who never hikes it quick-ly finds a trolley seat.

"Folks with lots uv munney allus git th' extry check; People on th' bunkers git th' groe'ry bills, b' heck; Seems ez tho' yet troubles never send around a card

'Fore they strike y' in th' places wher' yer tender—git me, pard?"

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