

THE MAPLE LEAF.

A Gathering of Forty Years Ago at Which the Badge Was Declared the National Emblem.

A correspondent sends an interesting extract from The Globe of August 22, 1860, regarding the origin of the use of the maple leaf as the distinguishing national badge of Canada. The Dr. Richardson referred to is Dr. James H. Richardson of 36 St. Joseph street, Toronto, who is probably the sole survivor of the gentlemen named in the report at the gathering of 40 years ago. The extract reads as follows:

"A meeting was held last night in the St. Lawrence Hall, to take measures with a view to native Canadians taking part, with distinctive badges, in the procession on the occasion of the arrival of the Prince of Wales in Toronto.

"On motion of Col. R. L. Denison, Hon. W. B. Robinson was called to the chair.

"Surrounding the Chairman on the platform were: Reesor, Warden of York and Peel; Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. S. Givins, Col. Denison, Col. Jarvis, J. H. Morris, W. H. Boulton, R. P. Crooks, T. G. Ridout, Dr. Wright, Dr. Richardson, F. H. Heward, Isaac White, Allan Macdonald, George Monro, Lewis Moffatt, M. B. Vankoughnet, Thos. Bright, Emmanuel Playfair, Wm. Gamble, D. K. Feehan, etc.

"Mr. J. H. Morris moved the first resolution as follows:

"That the Committee on the Program, having assigned to native Canadians a place in the procession in honor of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, it is desirable to take such steps as may be necessary for the effective organization of that part of it.

"The resolution was seconded by T. G. Ridout.

"Rev. Dr. Ryerson moved the second resolution:

"That all native Canadians in Toronto at the time of the Prince's arrival are earnestly invited to join in the procession, in the place assigned for that purpose by the committee.

"Mr. Louis Moffatt seconded.

"Dr. Richardson moved the third resolution:

"That all native Canadians joining the procession, whether identified with the national societies or not, should wear the maple leaf as an emblem of the land of their birth.

"Mr. F. H. Heward seconded the resolution."

From The Globe, Sept. 8, 1860: In the report of the procession it states: "Then walked the Canadians, some with silver maple leaves, and others with those supplied by nature."

The Colonial Troops.

A correspondent writes to ask how many colonials were sent to the South African war. The official figures are:

	Officers.	Men.
Canada	135	2,942
New South Wales	137	2,503
Victoria	81	1,348
Queensland	69	1,058
South Australia	31	543
West Australia	24	450
Tasmania	14	288
New Zealand	82	1,705

573 10,837

In addition to the foregoing there was a corps of Imperial Bushmen, consisting of 35 officers and 1,050 men, and a composite regiment of 10 officers and 240 men. These, in the absence of information, cannot be classed under the separate colonies to which they belong, but their inclusion with the other contingents would swell the total colonial force to 638 officers and 12,109 men.

Determination.

"Don't you admire determination in a man's character?"

"It all depends on the result," answered Sirius Barker. "If it brings success, I praise it as splendid perseverance. If it brings failure, I denounce it as confounded obstinacy."—Washington Star.

Class in Language.

"We will now do a little paraphrasing," said the teacher. "Tommy Tenspot, you may give us a paraphrase of 'Virtue is its own reward.'"

"We must be good for nothing," replied Tommy, with ready appreciation of the niceties of language.—Puck.

Her Answer.

"Oh, I want you to marry me, don't you know," said the exquisite to the plain girl.

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"A weazened little old chap arose in the back of the hall and in a shrill, nasal voice read what purported to be a clipping from a western newspaper, the date being in the early seventies. In it I was charged with getting all my poultry from a neighbor's chicken coop, with being a Sunday school superintendent as a blind and with decamping between two days with \$5,000 of my partner's money."

"The audience looked black and muttered ominously. I dramatically called for the clipping, and it was brought to me by a young man in the audience while I was denying the accusations in burning language and branding them as the contemptible products of a desperate opposition."

"I read the article aloud and then asked for a few hours in which to refute it by telegraphic evidence. Suddenly I braced up, tried the paper between my finger and thumb, held it between me and the light and jubilantly exclaimed: 'Gentlemen, I know something about paper, as I'm interested in a factory. This is made from wood fiber, and there were no wood fiber mills 30 years ago.'

"Then I searched and roasted with mighty indignation until I had the crowd in a frenzy and it rushed forth to wreak vengeance on my traducer after a unanimous vote to support me. It was a small town, and they searched house after house, but failed to find their victim."

"Where was he?"

"Well, of course they didn't go through my house. The dear old chap was my favorite uncle. Great scheme, wasn't it?"—Detroit Free Press.

Regardless of Cost.

"You must come to the club this evening and hear Professor Zargissosopos give his lecture on the eastern problem," said Mrs. Lucinda Perkins Jones McGoozie. "He is to deliver it in the modern Greek language."

"But I don't understand modern Greek," replied Mrs. Marie Hinkwell Carrington Glossop.

"What difference does that make? Neither do the rest of us. We don't know anything about the eastern problem, either, but the professor delivered that lecture before the Universal Culture club in Yorkadelphia the other day, and we're not going to allow that club to score any points on us when it comes to lectures, no matter what they cost."—Chicago Tribune.

The Willy Celestial.

"Why does a Chinaman purchase his burial casket and make all the preliminary arrangements for his own funeral?" asked the man who thirsts for information.

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