

## THE MAPLE LEAF.

First Worn as an Emblem by Native Canadians in 1860.

The fifth volume of the papers and records of the Ontario Historical Society, just issued from the press, contains an unusually interesting series of papers contributed from time to time to the transactions of the association. The most interesting of the documents published in this issue of the records is 'The Globe's report of a public meeting held in the St. Lawrence Hall on the twenty-first of August, 1860, "to take measures with a view to native Canadians taking part with distinctive badges in the procession on the occasion of the arrival in Toronto of the Prince of Wales," now King Edward VII. The meeting was well attended, and among those present were many prominent citizens, including the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Mr. David Reesor, Col. Denison, Mr. W. H. Boulton, Mr. J. H. Morris, and Dr. Richardson, who still survives. Several resolutions were adopted with a view to occupying in a systematic and creditable way the place assigned to "native Canadians" by the program committee and one of them asked that "all joining the procession should wear the maple leaf as an emblem of the land of their birth." The request was very generally complied with, not merely in Toronto, but wherever the Prince subsequently traveled in Canada.

It is interesting to note that some exception was taken to the inclusion of only "native" Canadians in the invitation, but Mr. Morris was ready with an admirable defence. The Prince was coming to this country on the invitation of the "Canadian" Legislature, and he should be able, on his return to his native land, to say that he had seen "Canadians." This he could not do if the people turned out "in one uniform mass without banners to distinguish those who were born in Canada from those who were not. The three national societies and other societies not of Canadian origin will occupy in great numbers a prominent position on the day of the Prince's arrival, showing that they are English, Irish, or Scotch, or of such descent; in other words, that they are not 'Canadians'; we walk in the same procession in a separate body to show that we are 'Canadians,' and not that we love the British Isles less, but 'Canadians' more. This step will lay the foundation of a nationality and give to the inhabitants of 'Canada' a distinguishing name."

It is needless to call attention here to the manner in which this prediction of forty-four years ago has come true. Mr. Morris, who was a man of high culture and of exceptional precision of speech, knew exactly what he meant by "nationality," and few Canadians, especially those who are "native and to the manner born," will have any difficulty in understanding him. Nor is it necessary to say much about the effective way in which Mr. Alexander Muir's stirring lyric, "The Maple Leaf Forever," has been the means of diffusing and intensifying Canadian national sentiment.

## Too Free With Knives.

Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent English surgeon, recently delivered an address in which he took the view that the knife is used too hastily in many cases of appendicitis. There are opposing schools of surgery all over the world in this generation. One is rarely willing to wait and often cuts in a hurry. The other holds to the view that nature ought to have a liberal chance to do her best. In the long run the conservative surgeons may possibly come out ahead.



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A reason against the success of the Duke of Marlborough as Lord Lieutenant—apart from the fact that he is a very poor speaker—is that the Duchess is not very able to act as a good hostess on a large scale. Personally, she is very kind, and most anxious to do all she can for her guests, but she has never sought London society on a broad basis, preferring her own American acquaintances and the personal friends of her husband. Unfortunately, a couple of years ago, she became afflicted with deafness, and has twice been to Vienna to undergo the painful treatment which partially consists in putting instruments into the ears to meet others put up the nostrils. Although she now hears an ordinary conversation, directly there is a buzz of talk she becomes quite unable to discern what is said. The regularity of a Dublin Court would also not suit her, for she has never acquired the repose of the British country aristocracy, and after having been two or three days in a place, loves to be off by train somewhere else.

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