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LIGHT ON THE TRANSVAAL

Rev. Thomas Manning, B.A.,
Answers Some pertinent Questions

THE QUESTION OF CITIZENSHIP—RIGHTS OF OUTLANDERS UNDER AGREEMENT—WERE VIOLATED—OTHER REASONS FOR WAR—A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE BRITISH—IT DID NOT BEGIN A DAY TOO SOON

Rev. Thos. Manning, pastor of the of the Cambridge-st. Methodist church, preached an eloquent sermon on "The War in South Africa." We made and published a fairly full report of that sermon in our next issue and it was read with the greatest interest by our subscribers. One of those who had read it wrote and requested us to ask Mr. Manning certain questions which we have done. Herewith is our letter to him and his reply:

Lindsay, Jan. 17th, 1900.

Rev. T. Manning, B.A.,

DEAR SIR,—The synopsis of your sermon on the South African war published in our issue of the 11th inst. has been read with great interest by our subscribers. Since this is a live topic at present and every phase of it is being discussed by the people, I beg to submit to you at the request of a correspondent who had read your sermon, the following questions:

- (1) Are the Outlanders subjects of Great Britain or the Transvaal?
- (2) If they are British subjects, why do they want to vote in the Transvaal?
- (3) If they are subjects of the Transvaal why is Great Britain seeking to redress their grievances?
- (4) Is the war to enable British subjects to become subjects of another state, or is it to obtain for them the rights of citizenship in a country of which they are not citizens?

By answering these questions you will oblige.

Yours truly,
ED. WATCHMAN-WARDER.

MR. MANNING'S REPLY

Mr. Manning very kindly and promptly sent the following reply:

To the Editor of the Watchman-Warder,

DEAR SIR,—You ask me at the request of a correspondent, who has read my sermon on "The War in Africa," to answer the following questions:—

- (1) Are the Outlanders subjects of Great Britain or of the Transvaal?
- (2) If they are British subjects why do they want to vote in the Transvaal?

Answer: Because in the negotiations of 1881 when the Transvaal was given independence it was decided that the government of the country should be vested, not in the hands of the Boers alone, but "in the inhabitants of the Transvaal."

"It was thoroughly understood by both English and Boer negotiators that no privileged class should be created, and that the non-Boer section of the population should be placed in a position of absolute political equality with the Boers." The Rt. Hon. Earl Grey.

- (3) If they are subjects of the Transvaal why is Great Britain seeking to redress their grievances?

Answer: Because they are also subjects of Great Britain, and she stipulated certain rights for them which the Transvaal has refused.

- (4) Is the war to enable British subjects to become subjects of another state, or is it to obtain for them the right of citizenship in a country of which they are not citizens?

Answer: There is a fallacy implied in this question. It is a fallacy to suppose that the Transvaal is "another state" outside of the British suzerainty. The object of the war is stated by Mr. Joe Cowen, Radical member for Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be as follows:

"We are fighting to prevent men of British blood from being treated as helots on British territory by a solid oligarchy which British arms saved from extinction, and British generosity endowed with autonomy. We want social equality. The Boers want social ascendancy. That's the difference. We are at war for the purpose of preventing our brethren of South Africa from being taxed without representation, from being placed under the control of courts whose judges take their orders from a corrupt executive, from being refused the right to carry arms while their oppressors flourish theirs with insolent brutality, from being compelled to contribute to schools in which English is treated as a foreign tongue, in short from being denied the elementary rights of self government."

I may add that the later developments of the facts in the Transvaal show that we are fighting for a great deal more than is specified above, or than we ourselves were aware of at the beginning of hostilities. We are fighting to prevent the Boers from driving the British, not only out of the Transvaal, but out of all South Africa. We did not know a few months ago what has since been disclosed and brought clearly to light, viz: that a formidable conspiracy against the British was deep-seated in the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and was rooted

and fast spreading throughout Natal and Cape Colony. No conceivable diplomacy on the part of the British government could have averted war either now or else a few years later on, unless Britain should be willing to give up her possessions in South Africa without fighting to retain them. The war did not begin a day too soon.

Yours,
T. MANNING.

STUDENT'S CORNER.

This column will be open for the publication of questions, answers, discussions and original articles of an educational and literary character. Our readers who are or have been students are requested to contribute.

A BEAR HUNT

A TRUE STORY OF VICTORIA COUNTY.
PERCY G. PROUSE

Many young persons of the present age know but very little of the struggles of the early pioneers of their country to maintain an existence and of the perils from the wild beasts which roamed throughout the vast forests of their native land. This is a lamentable fact for persons ought to be well acquainted with the stories of the founding of their country especially their immediate county. Many years ago this county, in which we live, was covered with dense forests through which roamed wild animals from the great, shaggy, black bear the fierce, snarling lynx and the cruel, cowardly wolf, with his blood-curling cries, to the gentle and timid deer. Fortunately for the present generation these fierce beasts of prey are seldom found in this county and the gentle deer has also disappeared—one effect of the onward march of civilization.

The lives of the settlers were often imperilled from these prowling wild beasts of prey and many of them met with as thrilling adventures as are told in books of adventure, but their adventures have never, or seldom, been sung in poetry or chronicled in history.

But the early settlers were made of sterner stuff than the present generation, and thought but little of attacks on their homesteads by bears, wolves, wild cats and foxes, and rejoiced when their turn came and they had a chance to avenge themselves on the intruders which generally ended gloriously for the settlers. The animal was killed and his skin carried home in triumph by the successful hunters.

Some years ago a small boy was told by his mother to take his hoe and go to the potato field and bring their next day's supply of those humble, though delicious tubers—potatoes. Accordingly he shouldered his hoe and set off, whistling merrily to pass away the time.

In this same field was a large patch of corn and while busy at his humble task the boy discovered that the corn was moving as if a large body was coming through it. As was natural he was curious, but his curiosity was soon satisfied. A large, shaggy, black bear was thrust out, shortly followed by a large, black body. The animal moved along at a slow, shambling gait, which seemed exactly suited to his huge lumbering body.

This strange animal gazed about him in apparent astonishment, but, after awhile, as if satisfied with his scrutiny he went back to the corn and coolly began tearing down great loads of it, preparatory to having his supper. The boy had heard of raccoons and thought this was one. However as his pail was full he picked up his hoe and wended his way quickly to his father's house, he being like some small boys somewhat afraid of darkness and the shades of night were already beginning to fall.

Arriving at home the boy told his father that he had seen a large 'coon in their corn patch. The father questioned him and found out that it was a large animal with a long, thick, black coat of fur. He at once recognized this strange animal as a large bear. A bear at so close quarters endangered the lives of his stock and perhaps, who knows, their own as well. He hastily gathered a party together and told them about it. It was agreed that in the morning they would meet at the settler's home and and pursue the beast, which it was agreed was indeed a bear.

On the morning all met as agreed and soon, with a number of dogs, proceeded to the field. The scent was soon found and the dogs went directly towards the woods. The search did not end here as Bruin was absent, in all possibility in quest of his morning meal.

A creek had to be crossed and for some time the chase was pursued along its bank. On all other sides they were surrounded by primeval forest which had probably been existing for centuries. Who knows what these giant oaks and stately maples have witnessed? What tragedies or crimes have been enacted beneath their heavy branches. Ah, if the human mind was but strong enough to fathom the mysteries of the dim old forest! What revelations would be made! What changes in man's history! But man, who uses the water and the wind to his own benefit, cannot unravel the mysteries of gloomy forest, silent save for the chirping of the squirrels, the

twitterings of the birds and sometimes the blood-curdling roars of the beast of prey as he pounces upon his helpless victim.

In this instance the barking of the dogs and the voices of men awoke the stillness of the forest.

But still the hunters pressed on past farmhouse and orchard, past field and garden, till a large gloomy swamp, covered with a thick growth of bush common in wet places, was reached. "Here, at last" thought Bruin, "is a safe place to hide. Why not rest awhile and fool these striped things called men? At anyrate they cannot find me here and I might as well rest as lie down with my eyes open." Bruin was mistaken. He was found and surrounded and the first notice he received was the crack of a rifle which sent forth its deadly message. Bruin was conscious of a numb feeling in his hind leg but with characteristic courage he assumed the bear attitude of standing erect on his hind legs. This was fatal for him, for thus standing showed his breast to view, which was at once taken advantage of by the hunters. Bruin fell, but the leader of the hunting party knowing the tenacity with which a bear clings to life, stepped forward and plunged his hunting knife deep into his throat. With a gurgle and a final kick Bruin rolled over—dead.

Carden Council Proceedings

The members elected to compose the council of the township of Carden for 1900, namely: Michael Healey, reeve; John M. Chrysler, James McKay, Patrick Moran, and Frank Thompson, councillors, met at No. 2 school house on 8th January and having subscribed their declarations of qualifications and office, the reeve took the chair. The clerk read the minutes of last meeting of council for 1899.

The following communications were read: From the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, asking for a grant; from L. E. Rice, M.D., asking for a grant to the Consumptive Sanitarium for the poor.

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, that Jas. Thompson be allowed to take the timber off the 2nd con. line across lots 13 and 14, for the sum of \$4.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, that the clerk notify Ed. McNabb not to remove or destroy Geo. Gilbert's fence on the boundary of Carden and Dalton, when removing the lumber off lot 25, con. 3.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. Moran, that Mr. Avery be refunded \$2 amount of statute labor charged against him in error.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. Moran, that Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell be refunded \$2, amount of statute labor charged against her, as there was no road open at the time for her to perform the work.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the following accounts be paid and that the reeve grant orders on the treasurer for the same: Joel Day, \$1.50, for use of a road across lot 20 for the year 1900; clerk for holding municipal election, \$17.50.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moran, that Patrick McKee and Jas. Graham be appointed auditors.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that David Finn be allowed to take the lumber off the third con. line, opposite lot 5 for the sum of \$1 50.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, that the collector's time be extended until the 14th of February.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that a grant of \$5 given to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and that the reeve grant his order on the treasurer for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. McKee, that John M. Chrysler be paid \$2 15 commission for letting road jobs, and that the reeve grant an order on the treasurer for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chrysler, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that A. E. Graham be reappointed a member of the local board of health for the ensuing three years.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet at No. 1 school house on Saturday, March 3rd, at 10 a.m. JOHN WALSH, clerk.

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