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## Life In the Bush.

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When first we came to Holland's grounds,
From where the Humber flows,
Our path was strewn full three feet deep
With winter's drifting snows
No sturdy coach along the line,
Upon its wheels could go;
But sledges smooth and swift did glide
Upon the frozen snow.

Then desolation reigned supreme
And naught appeared around,
But snow clad hills and lonely streams
In icy fetters bound.

The forest stood as thick as when
Before the flood it grew,
But, soon a clearing long and wide
Appeared to please the view.

With sturdy arms and axes keen,
Two youths that forest felled,
And soon a dwelling rose to sight
Where late the savage yelled.

The house then was composed of logs
Upon a gentle hill,
And joined together at their ends
With scientific skill.

The cedar swamp then lent its aid
And furnished us with means
With shingles then and neatly laid
For to keep out the rains.

Her father Adam's sentence then
Upon us fell full sore,
But all with patient fortitude
Our lads and lassies bore.

The words of Israel's sage proved true,
Even here among the wilds,
And many a comfort we enjoyed
For those we left behind.

No real want we ever knew,
Though homely was our fare;
With thankful and contented hearts
We banished grief and care.

Our lads the forest ranged for game
And sometimes a fat buck
Or doe rewarded them if they
Upon their track had struck.

A blazing fire adorned our hearth
And cheerful faces round
Sat gossiping or listening
To music's lively sound.

The Matron and her Maiden then,
Like Watt's busy bee,
Improved the time with easy toil
Or vocal melody.

The Ox, the heavy plodding Ox,
Of all the Bestial train,
Was then our friend, for to his strength.
We looked for future gain,

With patience slow and solemn tread,
His devious ways he wound
To Sydenham's mills, the nearest place,
Where flour could be ground.

The Bakers art soon turned to bread,
The flour thus obtained,
With home-made yeast, both good and pure,
The maple tree contained.

Of all the trees the forest yields,
No other can compare,
For innate virtue all thy own
Thou sugar maple fair.

Thy useful virtues well deserve
More commendable praise
Than can be given by me or mine
In these poor homely lays.

Thy juices manufactured can
When done at proper times,
Produce a sugar sound and sweet
As those of sunny climes.

A syrup sweet as nectar and
All acid pungent too
As that which crosses o'er the sea,
From old and famed Bordeau.

Thy wood doth make a cheerful fire
and with a little art
Thy ashes forms the substance, which
Doth cleanliness impart.

When turned and polished it doth make,
Most splendid furniture;
O bird eye maple how I love
To have such garniture.

But now the sun in Taurus takes
His systematic place
And nature now begins to wear
A mild and cheerful face.

Grim hoary winter takes his flight,
The snow doth disappear,
And busy labour now begins
To occupy the year.

The feathered tribe now visit us
From distant sunny climes
And grateful to our ears is the
Sweet music of their chimes.

The wood pecker that taps the trees
For its sustaining food,
And pigeons numberless which come
To nurish their young brood.

The woods do now begin to wear
Their bright green summer's dress,
And cattle now their pastures find
In the wild wilderness.

The strength of men and oxen joined
With fire doth clear the ground
Of lumbering, logs and brings to view
The fertile fields around.

For the first year the settler has
No need for any plough;
The Harrow, by them, called the Drag
Being quite sufficient now.

And now with wheat and pulse and roots,
The fields are quickly sown
Which genial suns and copious showers
Soon made maturely grown.

Those fields which never yet were tilled
Since Adam was a boy,
Now waves with corn and golden wheat
The settler's hope and joy.

And then with scythe and careful rake,
Both men and maidens go
To gather in the bounteous crop
Which Heaven did bestow.

With rapid strokes the mower goes
Among the ripened wheat
And curs it down in even rows
Upon the ground so neat.

The careful rake then follows him,
Held by some maiden fair,
Who rolls the swarth in even sheaves
With handiness and care.

Another hand in order comes
Who ties them with a band
And then they're placed in shocks erect
Upon the stubble land.

The heavy wagon by horses drawn
Was scarcely to be found
Among the settlers of the time
For many miles around.

Instead of them the ox and sleigh,
(Though they were rather slow,)
Were used to carry in the crop
And place it in the mow.

The healing art though highly prized,
Was seldom practised here.
For temperance and labour joined
With pure and balmy air.

It braced our nerves, our spirit cheered,
And purified our blood,
That of the doctor or his stuff
In little need we stood.

The lawyer he was seldom seen,
And just as seldom wanted;
No litigation then had been
To jar the quiet homestead.

The pious man did not forget
The God who reigns above,
But lived in peaceful harmony
In friendship and in love.

The Ministers of God with him,
A hearty welcome found,
Whenever they at stated times
Did go the circuit round.

This was the routine of our life
And of most settlers too
And should you be so inclined,
It may be so with you.

Now settlers bate your heads with me
And gide three hearty cheers,
And then go singing through the wood with me
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A census of the papers listed and described in the 1915 Directory shows nearly 150 dailies, seven tri-weeklies, 15 semi weeklies, over 1,065 weeklies, about 46 bi-weeklies or semi-monthlies and 18 quarterlies—a total of over 1,575 publications.

This means approximately one daily to every 10,000 families, and one weekly to every 1,500 families. From this one would infer that for a comoaratively new country, Canada is well-read.

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## The French Language In Ontario.

(Toronto Daily Globe.)

"Regulation 17" of the Education Department of Ontario has become noted during the past two years on account of the reasons that led to its adoption and the resistance made to its enforcement in the city of Ottawa. A searching inquiry by a veteran officer of the Department thoroughly established the fact that many children whose mother tongue was French were not getting a fair chance to learn English, not to say become expert in its use, and the above regulation was enacted for the purpose of securing them in the exercise of the right to become effectively familiar with the language which is that of the great mass of the people, and in which nearly all private as well as public business is transacted. The child who becomes an adult without learning the practical use of the English language has a right to feel aggrieved at manhood because in this respect his early education has been neglected, and to find fault with an educational system under which such an irremediable deprivation is possible.

The question raised by Regulation 17, which purports to make the teaching and use of English in all public and separate schools effective, became a subject of bitter controversy in the Ottawa Separate School Board, and eventually led to the closing of certain schools in that city. When the issue between the parties came before Mr. Justice Lennox he declared the closing of the schools illegal and ordered them to be reopened pending the trial of the main action. An appeal was taken to the Divisional Court against this finding, and recently judgment was given by it, dismissing the appeal and affirming the validity of both the regulation and the legislation authorizing it. Needless to say, the judgments of Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Garrow will carry much weight with both the community and the teaching and legal professions, and the appellants will act wisely accept the situation and children a chance.

At present it is not ne affirm that regulation best possible solution grave difficulty, but it the law on the subject who are not satisfied with visions should allow them into operation and be tested. What cannot be is the failure to give French practicable, so that they unjustly handicapped struggle for existence in lish-speaking community. be noted that the use of language in schools in speaking districts is no


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