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MEN AS WELL AS MONEY.

If Canada configures its naval policy by buying Dreadnoughts and presenting them to Great Britain—which is the course greatly favored by some of the more enthusiastic imperialists—how are these ships to be manned? According to Lord Charles Beresford, who is likely to be posted, the first lord of the admiralty "cannot find crews for eight additional battleships; there are not enough men now for active service in the fleet alone." The imperial navy needs not only ships

but men. Canada can bring the greatest strength to the navy by making available the splendid human material to be found in our maritime provinces; but this can be adequately developed only by a Canadian navy.

Another reason why the organization of a Canadian navy should not be delayed, according to the Winnipeg Free Press, is that no possible outlay of money can expedite, beyond a certain page, the creation of a naval force.

FUTURE OF THE BLACKS.

One of the most suggestive cartoons, pointing a great lesson on passing events, is given in the New York Herald. It presents the great Roosevelt in a disappointing light, as the candidate of a progressive party which, contrary to the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, would deny the negro the franchise because of his colour. A stalwart example of his race, with bowed head and countenance indicating a humiliated and broken spirit stands by with feet manacled and chained to a stake labelled "Disfranchisement."

The future of the negro in America is clouded in doubt. His emancipators declared that it was "unhuman and unjust to make a slave of him."

He is in many respects, if not in all, the equal of the white. Booker Washington has demonstrated in his own life, and in the lives of others, the possibility of the black rising intellectually to the highest accomplishments. Only the colour remains as a distinguishing mark between them, and symbolizing the differences between the Africans and Americans. True, it was never expected that they would in any sense or degree come into competition. In

slavery the black was imported into the United States, and in slavery he would never have been anything but the servant of the whites.

In process of time the black secured his freedom, and he has been showing what he can do when the way to progress is not barred.

Away down south in Dixie the average negro may be content to eke out an existence.

The climate added to his own natural inclination to avoid work keeps him in a condition of servitude.

In the north he is a different man. He is more industrious, more aggressive, more in evidence as a physical and mental force which must be reckoned with. Mr. Roosevelt welcomes the support of this man. His brother in the south he disowns.

This discrimination is one of the political contingencies which the negro may not understand, and his race or vote counts in the campaign. It will not be settled in this day, or perhaps in this generation, but sooner or later the question will be whether the black may be safely or wisely disbanded from any privilege politically which the white man enjoys. That is only the reflections which follow a meditation upon the occasion and meaning of the Emancipation Act;

INSULTING THE TRAVELLERS.

The murder of a Canadian inspector of immigration, on the ferry between Windsor and Detroit, emphasizes a condition that has been for a long time well nigh intolerable. The purpose of the government is to prevent the intrusion, into Canada of undesirables, men and women who for physical or mental reasons, or because of low and vulgar habits, are not calculated to make good citizens of the United States.

The Windsor Record gives some valuable information, upon the question, and it is in a position to do so. The tide of travel between Canada and the United States at this point is very great. About 4,000,000 a year cross the Detroit river, and almost daily it is alleged there are annoying and discomforting experiences. It was the Americans who began the unfair tactics, who made the immigration nuisance.

Only last week a Kingstonian, a young woman, of inoffensive appearance and ways, was addressed as she passed into the United States, and the officer seemed pleased that he had the right—or he assumed the right—to address her in a personal and impudent manner. The immigration law does not require this, and it should be stopped. The best of laws, passed for a purpose and with good reason, are made farcical by the manner in which they are sometimes enforced. The U. S. and Canadian governments are invited to enquire into these frontier indignities or insults, and for the purpose of putting an end to them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Short sermons make the deepest impressions, but it is hard to make some ministers think so.

There are 30,000 children in Manitoba who do not attend school, although of school age. The lack of a compulsory law explains it.

Canada has 30,000 miles of railways, costing \$1,700,000,000, the country having contributed over \$700,000,000 to that cost. The country is needing 200,000 miles more of railway within the next fifty years.

There is one plank in Mr. Roosevelt's platform with which most people will agree, says the Montreal Herald. It is the revival and extension of the country life commission. Not only the United States, but many other countries, would be benefited by a searching examination of the rural problem.

The Peterboro Review reminds the

FIREMEN OF NAPANEE

HAD A FINE DEMONSTRATION
ON WEDNESDAY.

Five Thousand People Attended It.—
Trenton Won the Hose Reel Race
—Results of the Other Races.

Napanee, Aug. 15.—The firemen were greeted with ideal weather, bright and warm, and all that could be desired for a very successful firemen's demonstration yesterday. Fully five thousand people were in town and all declared that this was the best firemen's demonstration yet. Excursions were run from all points by both train and boat. Every train was loaded to its full capacity and special trains were run by the Canadian Northern from Orono, Port Hope and Trenton and brought in large crowds.

The procession formed at the market square at one o'clock and proceeded to the driving park. Among the bands and fire companies present were Gananoque, Lindsay, Deseronto, Trenton, Port Hope, Napanee, Enterprise, and Belleville. Horse races, foot races, hose reel races and bowled ball were the attractions and they were varied enough to suit the most ardent sport lover.

The horse races were exceptionally good, but the chief attraction centred in the hose reel races, the trophy for which was the magnificent Waddell cup, and was won again by the Trenton fire brigade.

The baseball match between the Victorians and the C.L.C. both of Kingston, was won by the Vics by a score of 11 to 5.

The hose reel race was won by the Trenton fire department, who were one-half second ahead of Deseronto. Lindsay was third. The time was:—Trenton, 32 seconds; Deseronto, 32½; Lindsay 34; Port Hope, 36.

The mile race was won by Seale with Foster a close second.

The 100 yard open race and the firemen's 100 yard dash were both well contested. Roach, of Deseronto, defeated Johnston in the first heat, but in the second the tables were reversed with Johnston coming out ahead.

100 yards firemen—Roach, Deseronto; Johnston, Deseronto; Ketcheson, Belleville.

100 yards open—Johnston, Deseronto; Roach, Deseronto; Ketcheson, Belleville.

220 yards—Ketcheson, Belleville; Borman, Orser.

The fire chief race was won by Capt. Heany, of Deseronto, he being the only entry.

The town was prettily decorated with flags and bunting. Banners very appropriately worded, extended across the streets. It was decided that next year the demonstration would be held in Deseronto.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Why Kingston Girls are Beauties.

Detroit Free Press.

Lillian Russell says that walking out in the rain benefits the complexion.

What You Take.

Galt Reporter.

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Here's a Puzzler.

Toronto World.

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