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FACTS ABOUT DISAPPEARANCE OF FORESTS.

People of Canada Are Blind to the Meaning of the Losses of Timber, and an Expert in Forestry Makes Some Plain Statements About the Situation—Food for Very Serious Thought.

A SEVERE indictment of the management of our forests, and especially of the attempts to safeguard them from fire, was made by Dr. C. D. Howe, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, at the recent annual meeting of the Commission of Conservation. He showed that not only is the present supply of pine, spruce, and balsam diminishing rapidly, but that the methods of logging and the repeated ravages of fire are killing off the young trees. The result will be in a few years the end of an industry which is exceeded only by agriculture and manufacturing as a producer of wealth to the country.

People are aware in a general way of the enormous loss to timber caused annually by forest fires, but the most destructive effects of these fires are not generally recognized or appreciated even by those who have our forests in their keeping. It is the repeated fire which is the most vicious agent of destruction, for it kills the young trees which are to make the future forest, and it also kills the mother or seed trees, which might if allowed to live replace the young that are destroyed. He examined 80,000 acres of cut-over and burned-over pine lands in the central portion of old Ontario and found 110 young pine trees on the average acre of area burned over once; 14 pine trees per acre on areas burned over three times, and only three pine trees on the average acre of areas burned over four or more times. It will take several hundred years for nature to restock these areas with pine.

"This is not an exceptional case. Repeated forest fires are producing similar results on thousands of square miles throughout the Dominion. One-half of our commercial timber lands have been burned. Even if there never were another forest fire, one-half of our present supply of timber should come from these burned areas. Every fire decreases that possibility by destroying the young commercial trees. We have not only killed the commercial, revenue-bearing trees on one-half the timber-producing area in Canada, but our forest policy has been such that we have virtually decreed their children shall not live."

The original forest in the St. Maurice River Valley was dominated by white pine from 3 to 6 feet in diameter and from 100 to 150 feet high, towering 50 to 75 feet above the associated birch, maple, spruce, and balsam. Judging from the stumps left, the trees ran from five to 30 per acre, but to-day there is only an odd pine standing on some inaccessible bluff. The original giants have disappeared from the forest, and, worst of all, no young pines are rising to take their place. In order to prosper the pine requires plenty of light overhead, but the openings made in the forest by the removal of the original trees were allowed to fill up with hardwoods, which overshadowed and stifled the young pine shoots.

It was further shown by Dr. Howe that both spruce and balsam were also in danger of extinction. Taking 97 acres of severely culled areas from which 26 spruce trees per acre had been removed, he found that the present number of spruce trees per acre was: Seedlings below half-inch, 422; half-inch to three inches, 28; four inches to seven inches, 19, and eight inches to eleven inches, 7. Although the total came to 477 new trees, it will be noted that the mortality increased very rapidly with the growth of these trees. The net result is that there will be only 7 spruce trees to take the place of the 26 per acre removed by logging operations. Taking the same severely-culled areas based on sample plots totaling 97 acres from which 32 balsam trees per acre had been removed, he found that the present number of balsam trees per acre was: seedlings below one-half inch, 2,477; half-inch to three inches inclusive, 58; four to seven inches, 27, and eight to eleven inches, 12. Apparently there would be only 2,590 balsam trees per acre to replace the 32 removed, but again the rate of mortality increases so rapidly with the growth of the trees that there will really be only 12 trees per acre where 32 had been taken away. Moreover, out of the 12 which will be discarded as unfit for pulpwood, so that the net result will be only 5 pulpwood-bearing balsams, where 32 were originally.

Dr. Howe states that the fundamental problem is how to guard the forests properly from fire; that in the last decade about \$10,000,000 has been spent in protection, and yet the forest has been so badly hit for trees through destruction by fire that there is apprehension of serious curtailment, perhaps exhaustion, of our timber supply. He declares that without adequate fire protection it is only a waste of time to discuss methods of forest conservation, and that when they are made reasonably safe from fire other measures are required to make them continually productive.

Tigers Like Water.
Tigers are extremely fond of bathing. In a zoo, if a tub be provided, they will eagerly make use of its facilities for ablution. They are first-rate swimmers, and in former days it was reckoned at Singapore that they ate a Chinaman a night, swimming across from the mainland to get him.

If people would reflect more they would be brighter, and if they were brighter they would reflect more.

Why isn't an offspring of an African couple a colored supplement?

"THE HEARTS OF HUMANITY."

To Be Seen At Griffin's Theatre Next Week.

"The Hearts of Humanity," one of the greatest of pictures to-date, is being shown at Griffin's Theatre next week. It is a masterpiece of dramatic photography, and ranks as a third of a triumvirate of great pictures produced since the inception of the film industry. The first two are "The Birth of a Nation," and "Intolerance." Allen Holubar wrote and produced this masterpiece, which Dorothy Phillips, one of the noted emotional actresses on the screen, appears in an important part. The picture, unlike the majority of war subjects, passed off on the public, has a deep undercurrent, a theme of absorbing interest, a theme well summed up by the title "The Heart of Humanity," is the first all-Canadian picture. It is so real, so big, containing so many cross-currents of human interest and human love that it fairly beggars description. Miss Phillips portrays the role of Nanette, a Canadian girl who follows her husband to the front as a Red Cross nurse, with all that marked ability that has brought her to the front rank of moving picture actresses. The film starts off with scenes in a Canadian village where Dorothy Phillips is portrayed as the ward of a Catholic priest. She is engaged to one of the eldest of five sons of a widowed mother. Then comes the news of the great war. One by one the sons enlist and Dorothy marries her soldier lover before he leaves for France. She meets him in the war zone later. This colossal production is dedicated to the mothers of Canada and is considered to be a portrait of historic immortality bearing an unforgettable moral. Altogether there could not be two hours spent to greater advantage than viewing this great tribute to the mother. It is coming to Griffin's next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday direct from the Allen theatre where it is playing to capacity houses at every performance. There will be an enlarged orchestra and all seats will be reserved for the evening performance. —Adv.

PERSECUTING JEWS IN RUSSIA AGAIN

Fifty-six Killed in Pogrom—The Bolsheviks Even Flog Jewish Women.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 1.—Fifty-six Jews have been killed in a pogrom at Pinsk, according to an announcement from the central office of the Zionist Association. Forty persons were imprisoned and brutally treated. It is said, and three women were flogged, one school mistress being rendered insane by torture. The pogroms at Pinsk are reported to be closed and the Jews have been impressed at forced labor. Military leaders are said to have demanded 100,000 marks, threatening to shoot Jewish leaders if that sum is not paid within twenty-four hours.

ONE OF THE BEST GIVEN.

A Musical Event That Was Much Enjoyed.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, April 30.—The last meeting of the Napanee Ladies' Literary and Musical Club was held in the town hall Tuesday evening. The visiting artists were Boris Hambourg, cellist; Eva Galloway, Farmer, pianist, and Isabel Jenkinson, soprano. The recital was one of the best ever given in Napanee. The club is to be congratulated on securing the services of such brilliant and talented artists. The audience, which was a large one, was delighted with the splendid rendering of the various selections.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harrington entertained Boris Hambourg for the evening and Mrs. (Dr.) Cameron Wilson entertained the ladies after the recital.

Miss Carolyn Perry, Smith's Falls, spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Perry, Napanee.

Mrs. (Dr.) A. L. Howard and little daughter, Claire, returned to Avonmore on Tuesday after spending the Easter week with Mrs. C. I. Maybee, John street. Mrs. Alice Gibson and daughter, Mrs. D. Carter, Picton, are visiting Mrs. Martha Finkle.

Three more residents of the county of Lennox and Addington appeared before Magistrate Rankin, on Wednesday, for failing to enlist under the Military Service Act. Patrick O'Ray, Reed, paid \$250 and costs for his neglect, while Felix Clement, Beagart, came across with the same amount for not "being on the job" when he was called. Stanley Sweet, South Fredericksburg, was called to pay \$25 and costs for failing to report for a second medical examination.

REV. BEN SPENCE GUILTY.

Fined \$500 or Four Months at the Jail Farm.

Toronto, May 1.—The evidence in the trial of Rev. Ben Spence, on trial for publishing "The Parasite," was concluded yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Kingsford. Mr. Spence was found guilty and fined \$500 or four months at the jail farm.

Must Pay License Fee.

It is stated that there are quite a number of carters in the city who have not yet paid their license fee at the city hall, and that a batch of summonses will be issued against the guilty parties. A number of carters are now busily engaged in the spring cleaning up, and no doubt in their rush of business have neglected to pay their license fee, which was due several weeks ago.

Rev. Dr. Scott The First.

At Queen's convocation proceedings on Wednesday afternoon, Principal Taylor remarked that Rev. Dr. Duncanson, of Montreal, was the first to receive the honorary degree of D.D. at his hands. Dr. Taylor noted his mistake immediately after making the statement. The first degree conferred by Queen's since the installation of Dr. Taylor as principal was the honorary degree of D.D. upon Rev. Dr. A. H. Scott, Perth, a year ago.

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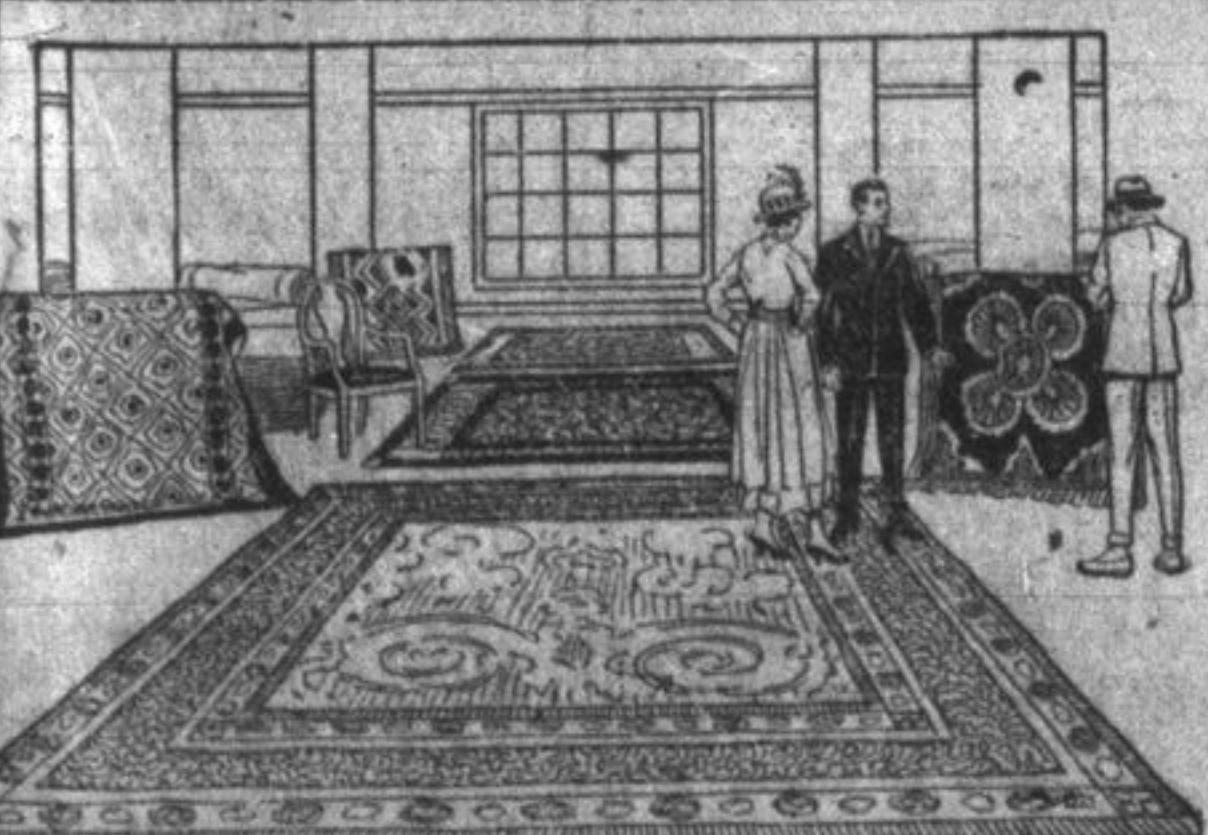
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