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The Botanist Quietly Working to Stave Off Starvation That Is Threatening the World

Through the Shortage of Its Food Supply—Interesting Story Told Kiwanis Club by Prof. R. O. Earl of Queen's.

How the botanist in his laboratory quietly working to stave off the starvation that is threatening the world through shortage of its food supply made a very interesting story as related by Prof. R. O. Earl, of Queen's University, at the Kiwanis Club's luncheon in the Frontenac Hotel on Monday.

Prof. Earl showed how very much man owes to green plants. They are the only things which can change the radiant energy of the sun into such a form that it can be used by animals for the food that supplies their bodies with energy. Besides food, plants furnish man clothing, directly as cotton and linen, indirectly, through animals, as wool and silk, also with much of his furniture, part of his houses and much of his fuel and oil supply.

A world shortage of food was coming. Animal life was steadily increasing, in spite of reported birth rate decreases. In 1904 there were only twelve plants of Marquis wheat. In 100 years, elephants, under ideal conditions, would cover the earth. Before the discovery of America the population of the Old Land had been kept down by infant mortality, lack of food, wars, etc. But America opened up new food areas, and medical science has been lessening infant mortality and extending the lives of a larger number of people than in the past. The birth rate in England might be dropping but the other factors kept the rate of increase in population up to the normal one per cent. There was no fear of depopulation in Canada.

Each person needed 2 1-2 acres to supply him with food. Forty per cent of the earth (13 billion acres) was available for food supply purposes. In another century the world would have as many inhabitants as it could feed, a condition which had already been reached in some parts of the older countries. There did not seem to be any chance of reducing the number of England's unemployed. All United States can support is 150 to 200 million, and Canada sixty million. Australia will stop exporting in 1975.

Can food production be increased? There is not a great deal of hope. The slow increase made in efficiency may stave off the fearful day for a time. In Canada conditions are brighter. The speaker was strongly in favor of a careful selection of immigrants. Those who came from a

the greater is the need for a protest. We have put up with this sort of thing about long enough. It is high time to let it be known that the Maple Leaf is a device which will not shame the proudest flag on earth.

There will, at the same time, be general agreement that the Union Jack must be retained. Apart from its historic associations, there is perhaps no handsomer flag to be seen anywhere. To drop it would be little short of a crime.

"We'll rally round the Union Jack and Maple Leaf forever."

The Montreal Witness has suggested the adoption of the Red Ensign, with the Union Jack in the upper corner as usual, and a large golden Maple Leaf on the fly. It sounds good, and would look still better. A correspondent in the Montreal Gazette suggests a similar arrangement, using a modified form of the White Ensign—a magnificent flag, at present flown only by warships—with the Maple Leaf in red or green. Either of these forms, featuring both Union Jack and Canadian emblem, would satisfy everybody except a few extremists to whom the Union Jack or anything else of British origin is anathema, and a few at the other extreme who think that Canada has no right to an emblem or a name or an existence of her own.

Anthony J. Ellwood, South Elmsley township, died last Tuesday, after a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, two sons and five daughters.

The Iroquois branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is to be closed on July 31st.

The Maple Leaf Flag

"To have introduced a Union Jack defaced with a Canadian emblem would not have been history, and therefore quite incorrect. To have done so would have been presumption on our part, nor is it, frankly, our desire or intention to in any way foster such an idea. The Union Jack as it is, is good enough for every Anglo-Saxon in Canada." (From a recent letter to the Globe, dealing with a booklet on the history of the flag; the capitals are ours.)

"Deface:—To destroy or mar the face or surface of; to injure the beauty of; to disfigure." (Concise Imperial Dictionary).

In one naively significant word the Globe's correspondent has let the cat out of the bag. Here is one of the ideas that have inspired all the drum-thumping and all the loud protests against the recently appointed flag committee—and isn't it a gem of an idea? The Maple Leaf is not good enough, forsooth, to be placed on the same flag with the Union Jack! It would contaminate it, disfigure it—deface it! Take a good look at that word. It sums up in a nutshell the attitude of a certain type of mind towards everything Canadian.

This amazing insult to our national emblem was, without a doubt, unintentional—the involuntary expression of an ingrained habit of thought, innocently unconscious that it was being insulting. So much

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