Nova Scotia's Ancient Flag

J. Healy, Manitoba Provincial ibrarian in the Winnipeg Free Press.)

the guest of honor at the r of the Maritime Provinces iation this evening, his Honor Honorable William Johnston r. K.C., Lieutenant-Gover- f Manitoba, who was born in x, Nova Scotia, will find the t flag of his native province ved beneath the Union Jack e dining-room. Not many ans, probably, are aware ova Scotia, alone of the nine es, has a flag of its own. ll be the first time that flag en seen in Winnipeg. It only the day before yester- latest addition to the Free collection of flags which ggers see, one at a time, om the courtesy flagstaff ree Press building, each propriate day in the year. was when the whole area ow makes up Nova Scotia, nswick and Prince Ed- land was the colony of cotia. The name "Nova dates from the charter by James I on Sept. 12, i renewed by his son, , on July 12, 1625, by of which document a ms was authorized for otia and an order of set up who were privi- bear the arms of Nova e granting of the coat- gave authority for its pon seals, shields and This was the authority g.

Edward Island was set separate colony in 1749. rs preceeding the estab- of New Brunswick in a separate colony, the ere had many troubles, t Halifax, the capital of ia, too far away. One of bles was that their coast- harried more than once vateering sloop under of a remarkably and piratical individual, ular name, believe it or Captain A. Greene Crab- in Crabtree and his on their visits to what w Brunswick used to settlers into the woods thier looting.

Edward Islanders as w Brunswickers have ht and title with Nova that ancient flag ence" apparently was the College of Heralds when that august sing coats-of-arms in original four prov- Dominion, provided th a brand new one. to Nova Scotia's antiquity was not January 19, 1929, rrant of Queen Vic- the armonial bear- by the College of 867 was revoked and warrant issued by the restoring the Nova arms of 1625, with f bearing that coat- seals, shields and that date, there- tians have been able full possession of g, which is now 309

to the College of y be mentioned that y, while lord chan- described a witness eme heraldic body d man who does not even his silly old surely Lord West- ce, as head of the ittee of the Privy a judgment which, epitaph quoted in a on this page, was lismissing Hell with with undue harsh- iness of the College which deals in heraldic emblems which being sym- the realm of cold,

rrant of June 22, o the coat-of-arms of Manitoba, is in Library. Attached ter color drawing ollege of Heralds, buffalo with a only be described as that of a bad-tempered old man. Obviously the artist never saw a live buffalo and knew little about the natural habits of that noble beast, because on that original sketch of Manitoba's coat-of-arms the buffalo is shown standing on a heap of rocks, or of slag metal such as you might expect to find outside the Vulcan Iron Works But the buffalo on that coat-of-arms is a symbol, just as the rampageous lion in the British coat-of-arms is a symbol. That lion looks every inch the king of beasts, but anatomically he is a bit impossible. Still, he looks as if he fed on roast beef and Yorkshire pudding and bee; whereas the unicorn which face him is a pale, anaemic, silly creature with an ornamental horn in his forehead, which he seems quite unable to make any practical use of. In fact, he looks as if he fed on such fodder as Scottish thistles, Irish shamrocks and Welsh leeks, which you could not call a nourishing diet, in comparison with the lion's.

As for the date on which the flag of Nova Scotia should be flown in honor of the birthday of that province, there has been a good deal of discussion. The establishment of the first representative assembly in British North America, or Canada, on October 2, 1758, was celebrated recently at the Memorial Tower erected in Halifax by contributions from a wide area. The French, however, were in Nova Scotia before the British. The present writer received the day before yesterday a letter from Dr. Danial C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia, whom many Manitobans remember well as Professor of History in the University of this province, in which he mentions that so far as he has any historical record the first official act of Europeans in Nova Scotia was the seizure by de Monts of a fur-trading interloper on May 12, 1604. On the follow ing day a party landed at Point Mouton and stayed there for about a month, while Champlain surveyed the coast, looking for a better place. The mayflower is the provincial flower of Nova Scotia, and May 1 is known as Mayflower Day. That day has been suggested by some Nova Scotians s a suitable day for flying the old flag. Dr. Harvey offers an excellent suggestion of his own. February 2, 1848, was the day when the first cabinet was sworn in under responsible government in Nova Scotia. February 2, Dr. Harvey suggests, would be an excellently suitable day to be chosen as the day to be honored by throwing that ancient flag to the breeze. He offers this only as a suggestion, however, pending the legislative action which is to be taken at Halifax, fixing such a day.

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The wind's on the wold
And the night is a-cold,
And Thames runs chill
'Twixt mead and hill,
But kind and dear
Is the old house here
And my heart is warm
'Midst winter's harm.
Rest then and rest,
And think of the best
'Twixt summer and spring
When all birds sing
In the town of the tree,
And ye lie in me
And scarce dare move
Lest the earth and its love
Should fade away
Ere the full of the day.
I am old and have seen
Many things that have been:
Both grief and peace
And wane and increase.
No tale I tell
Of ill or well
But this I say:
Night treadeth on day,
And for worst or best
Right good is rest.

—William Morris.

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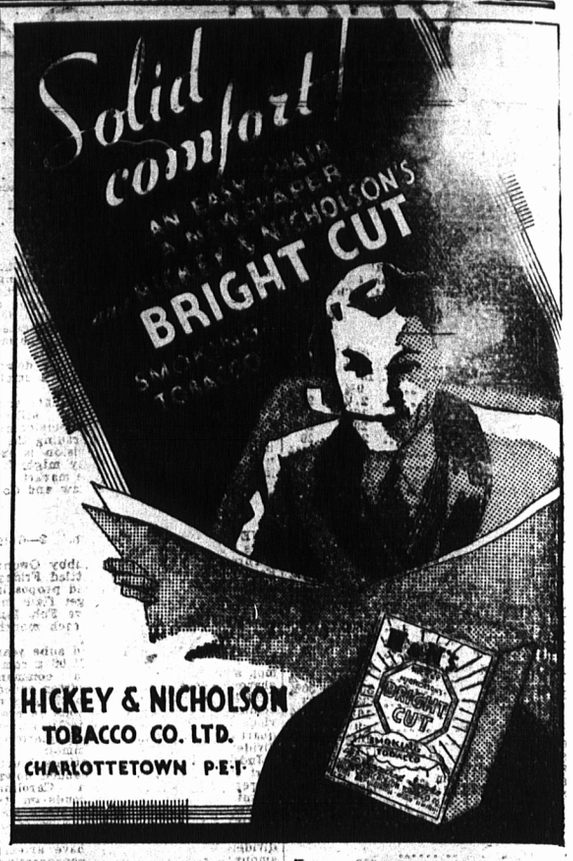

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