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CANADA'S FIRE LOSS IS NOT DIMINISHING.

Main Portion of Total is in Larger Losses of \$10,000 or over—Carelessness and Neglect of Dangerous Conditions Responsible.

Fire losses in 1919—\$23,500,000. With the war over, with no munition plant fires, with industry under normal conditions, and with many interests advocating fire prevention, Canada, in 1919, reached the above enormous total of fire waste—a waste equal to \$2.30 per capita of her population. Of the larger losses, there were 238 of \$10,000 and over. These larger losses are mostly of business properties or manufacturing plants. They make up the greater portion of the total loss, and the effect of this loss is widespread. With the destruction of the factory, employment is discontinued and the workman suffers; business is interfered with and the employer suffers. The keen competition of today very often absorbs the market for a product before a business can be re-established, and the owners, realizing this condition, decide not to rebuild.

Many of the smaller municipalities have, as their chief support, one large industry. If fire should destroy this industry the community must almost cease to exist, or, alternatively, secure another, often by burdening itself to pay a bonus.

Employers and workmen are almost universally responsible for fires in factories. Through carelessness or negligence they allow conditions to exist which sooner or later create fire dangers. This carelessness is the result, largely, of home training. The greater number of our fires are in the homes, where little care is taken with matches, ashes, lighted cigarettes, and cigars, etc. The careless man this carelessness is the root of our, and at home is careless at work, and to reduce our fire waste radical measures are necessary. Legislation or rules are of no avail unless enforced. Personal care and responsibility by both em-

ployer and employee are essential fire loss problem.

John Dixon in Conversation.

COATING IRON WITH LEAD

Lead as a substitute for tin as a coating for sheet iron, iron wire and wire gauze was strongly advocated at the Buffalo meeting of the American Chemical society by Charles Baskerville, who exhibited specimens of a process worked out by him.

Iron shingles, so treated, have been exposed to the weather in a roof test for two years and eleven months and show no signs of rust. They may be bent without cracking, the coating and exposing the iron. Chicken wire so treated is quite as good as the galvanized and cheaper to produce.

THE MATHEMATICAL FISHER

The morning faded into afternoon which in turn was shadowed by the coming of night. It was cold and grey.

But the angler moved not, save to readjust his bait. He had been there for many weary hours, when a friend chanced to stroll along the river bank.

"Halloo, George!" he cried. "How many have you got?"

George looked up rather vacantly and responded:—

"When I get this one I'm after and four more I'll have five."

"GOLDEN WEDDINGS"

If many an American multi-millionaire has not been able to spend the equivalent of a \$5 note on his own wedding, he is ready to squander a million dollars on his daughter's nuptials; and, in addition, to provide her with a dowry few queens have taken to their husbands.

When, for example, Miss Morgan, daughter of the mid-millionaire banker, was wedded to Mr. Satterlee, the ceremony was over in a quarter of an hour, but every minute of the fifteen cost many thousands of dollars; while the guests who witnessed it represented at least \$200,000,000 of the world's wealth.

The orchids, roses, and tropical flowers which made St. George's Church a "bower of Eden," cost \$2,000. \$1,000 was the price of the bridal gown of heavy white satin, trimmed with point-lace; the bride's trousseau was valued at \$10,000; and the officiating clergyman received a fee of a thousand dollars. For the reception Mr. Pierpont Morgan's house in Madison Square was transformed into a veritable Aladdin's Palace, the tapestries alone which decorated the walls being worth \$100,000.

When Miss Elsie French wore a bridal veil for Mr. Alfred Vanderbilt some years ago, we are told the wedding was a dream of such splendour that it recalled the most extravagant Aladdin's description of the Arabian Nights. The cost of the social side of the ceremony was \$20,000, while the groom settled three-quarters of a million pounds on the fortunate bride. The presents were estimated to have cost \$100,000, and were of the most varied and the richest character imaginable.

Even more fortunate was Miss Alice Roosevelt when, a few years ago, she was married to Mr. Longworth, a wealthy member of Congress. From kings and cowboys, millionaires, and rough-riders, the presents poured into the White House until their number rose to 4,000, and their value to a million dollars; while they ranged from gorgeously-gemmed tiaras and necklaces to mammoth turnips and pumpkins, potatoes and apples, the tribute of her father's humble admirers in the Far West.

A GROSS LABEL

Sandy had been staying with some friends for about a month, and while he and his host were out for a walk one day they called at a wayside inn for a drink.

As his host was about to pay for it, Sandy stopped him.

"Na, na," he said, "I'll not allow it. Ye've been keeping me in everything at yer house for a month, and ye've treated me to the best tea, and cab fares, and paid for all the drinks. I tell ye, I'll haec na maist of it; we'll toss for this one."

Silver Service Made Here for Indian Prince

Sterling Set Completed by Reed and Barton for Maharajah of Barwan is Largest and Richest Ever Ordered of American Firm

BOSTON, March 22.—The Reed & Barton silver company has completed a silver service for the Maharajah of Barwan, who is one of the rulers of a large principality in India. The service is made entirely of sterling silver. It is the most complete, individual collection of silver ever turned out by this concern, and it also is the largest individual order of its kind ever received in America by any silver concern. It is also the largest and most costly silver service ever turned out in the world, according to the best information obtainable on the subject.

The service includes everything that goes upon a table, and not the least attractive of the many beautiful pieces of the silversmith's art are the many different articles of silver to be used in the service and consumption of various kinds of liquors, the land where this beautiful service is destined evidently being not yet under the ban of prohibition.

Many of the pieces are of a massive and rich nature included in this class being a large punch bowl with a capacity of five gallons; mammoth fish trays, casseroles and other tableware. Each piece has the crest of the Maharajah under which is engraved Sanskrit several letters, translated into English meaning "God is Everywhere."

The hollow ware amounts to 490 pieces and in addition to this wonderful collection there is added the flat ware which consists of the spoons, knives and forks. The entire collection is to be put in a large case, the dimensions of which are 13 feet high, 12 feet long and five feet deep. There are 124 square feet of plate glass in the case doors. The case is made of burl walnut, handsomely hand carved, and in itself represents an outlay of several thousand dollars.

In addition to the silver service, the Reed & Barton company was given carte blanche orders to assemble a set of silverware, a set and a crystal set. These articles were all made on special orders and also are inscribed with the crest and motto which adorn the silver service.

The cups of the silver service are made with silver holders which are lined with rare pieces of porcelain with borders of the Maharajah state colors of Maroon and gold. The silver service is really a collection of several services, as there are separate breakfast sets and wine and liquor sets, each in itself representing a small fortune. Many of the large pieces, such as the trays are made in double sets, as the prince evidently is a lavish entertainer.

To a resident of this great and glorious city counting the assortment of liquor utensils is of interest. Drinking glasses for every kind of liquor, from the choicest whiskies to the most expensive wines and cordials, all have their special pieces of silver for the proper serving and drinking of the same. The lowly beer is not forgotten, any more than the champagne, as there are several dozen beer mugs which are made of massive sterling, lined with gold. The various sterling drinking cups are all lined with gold. The sundries are not forgotten, these including openers for all kinds of drinks mixers, jiggers, corkscrews, champagne holders, both for the quart and pint bottle, and the silver even includes small silver lables, each with a silver chain which hangs around the neck of the bottle, each plate bearing the name in English of the kind of liquor that the bottle or decanter contains.

The Reed & Barton Co. was also instructed to furnish other articles of a luxurious nature, included among which is a complete hunting set. Cigar and cigarette holders are made of solid mahogany with the large enough for two packs of playing cards. These cases even have a sterling silver

plate on the outside, with the exact design of the card etched on the design the maharajah evidently having his playing cards made to order. Two sets of ivory checkers and two sets of hand carved chess men will also accompany the shipment. The chess men are worth \$37.50 per set and the checkers will put his highness back just \$16 per set. Smoking sets containing articles not used by the ordinary mortal will also be sent to the Indian prince. The ladies enjoy the weed by the country, as several cigarette holders of unique designs are made of fine silver wire and the cigarette sets in a ring supported by a piece of silver wire about two inches long with a ring that slips on one's finger, being the very acme of comfort for the ladies of the court.

The entire assembling of the big order has been in the hands of Ralph F. MacKendrick, export manager of the Reed & Barton Co. Mr. MacKendrick, as well as all the people of the factory in the work of preparing this work, are all greatly pleased with the completion of the order.

The workmanship is the finest possible, as the Reed and Barton factory is not only the oldest and best known throughout the civilized world, but it also has the reputation of turning out work which is the very acme of the silversmith's art. Several of the pieces of hollow ware are done entirely by hand, having been hammered into their present artistic shape and no machinery having entered into their creation.

The silver used in the making of the various pieces weighs the unheard total of 5,000 ounces. Silver today is among the rarest of metals and is being sold at a record price. Mr. MacKendrick stated that it is possible a few of the larger pieces may be placed on exhibition down town before being shipped. The Reed and Barton company would like to have the public view the entire service as it stands today in the case but it is very doubtful if they will be able to arrange the space for such a display. The first order will be ready for shipment within 30 days, as all that remains to be done now is to put the final polish on the sterling hollow ware. It is estimated that it will take about two months for the service to make the long trip to its Indian home.

The Maharajah rules over one of the principalities under British dominion, and during the war he held the commission as a captain and led his native troops in France. The order was received by the Reed and Barton company last fall through the local representatives at Bombay, India.

ORIGIN OF JURY SYSTEM

The exact origin of the jury system is not known with certainty, it having been attributed to different European peoples which at an early period developed methods of trial somewhat similar to the early jury trials in England. Trial by battle was cast in the background by the Norman conquerors when the Norman institution of recognition by sworn inquest was adopted. The Curia Regis, or King's Court, directed the sheriff to select four knights of the country by whom twelve knights were selected to serve as recognitors. After being duly sworn they inquired into the facts of interest to the new rulers of England which might be subject to public inquiry, such as matters affecting taxators, Sultors in cases affecting the title of real estate, as early as the reign of Henry II. 1154 to 1189 applied to the King's Court for recognitors whose verdict, if unanimous, was accepted as conclusive. Originally the jury was selected because of their knowledge of the people, locality, and customs and thereby passing upon the facts from a more intimate knowledge of them. During the reign of Henry IV the jury was instructed to judge the facts upon the evidence submitted to it, which is the single function of the jury of modern practice.

SEALS APPEAR ON ENGLISH COAST.

The appearance of the seal on the East coast of England, like the great increase of fish in the North Sea, is one of the results of the war. No doubt one cause is the fact that they are under the protection of the Local Government Board. Four different sorts of seals are found on British coasts. One is apt to think of seals in connection with ice floes, but the common seal has no use for ice. It is always to be seen upon sandbanks or beaches, and ranges as far south as the Mediterranean. This seal has no fur, but its skin is covered with hair, while its flesh is quite good to eat. The Harp Seal—so-called from the dark harp-shaped mark on its back—is a larger animal, being as much as nine feet long. It has been seen lately on various parts of the British coast. So too, has the Ringed Seal, a small species which is very common in Greenland. The finest of all British seals is the Great Bearded Seal. The bulls are often as much as ten feet in length and of immense weight. All the seals are terrible destroyers of fish, especially of salmon. Consequently they are not popular with fishermen. On Danish coasts a reward is paid for their destruction, and they are being killed at the rate of a thousand a year.

AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE IN MALAY ARCHIPELAGO.

The Malay Archipelago soon is to have an aeroplane service to carry mail and passengers between its various islands. That is an astonishing innovation for a land where, throughout countless centuries, everything was done in a manner hundreds of years behind the times. The air route is planned by a Dutch firm. So the most conservative part of the earth will have to give way to the newest form of transportation.

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isans of the past. It stands on an artificial 30-sided plain and is today almost as it was when completed thirteen hundred years ago in Central Java. As far as can be learned it was erected in the seventh century of the Christian era by the people of Java, who had become converted to Buddhism. The temple's sculptured beauty, the magnificence of the galleries, cupolas, the spirals and great central dome are indescribable. Upon

ascending the outer terrace which takes one to the plain on which the temple stands, further flights of steps lead up to irregular shaped galleries, and on to the great circular one surrounding the mighty dome. This dome is fifty-two feet in diameter, and once was capped by a wonderful spire. Upon the upper flat are seventy-two bell-shaped dagabas, remarkable, uniform pieces of lattice worked stone, each topped by a minaret.

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