

### MOVEMENT FOR SCOTT ACT REPEAL

To the Editor of The Gleaner.

One of the writers for the Scott Act Committee quotes the Toronto Globe as being opposed to the open bar rooms. The editor of the Toronto Globe is a clergyman, but I do not know that for that reason his opinion is entitled to more respect than that of any other man. The editor's mind indeed seems to be in a state of great uncertainty, for while he is opposed to the open bar he is not in accord with local opinion, which he thinks may not be the final word in the programme of temperance reform. Everyone must sympathize with the editor of the Globe in his difficulties, for while he is opposed to license he is also opposed to local opinion, and he has not indicated any system for the restraining of the liquor traffic which he thinks would be satisfactory. Toronto is a city with a population of almost 300,000, and in times past it was regarded as the model city of Canada with respect to the restraint of the liquor traffic by legislation. What has changed its character in this respect? Does anyone suppose that Toronto would be in a better moral condition if no licenses were issued and free run prevailed as it has done in Fredericton for the past thirty years? The idea of giving up a city like Toronto to such a condition of affairs is utterly absurd, and while it is possible that the people of Toronto in a moment of weakness may agree to such an arrangement, it will not be long before they find occasion to change their minds. The license system in Toronto may not be perfect, but free run, sold without any restraint, would be ten times worse.

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### COURT SAYS HE IS DEAD

Decision in Case of a Man who Disappeared 128 Years Ago.

London, March 11.—One of the strangest cases ever brought before a judge in England was heard this week in the Probate Division, when an order was asked for leave to assume that a certain man who disappeared 128 years ago is dead.

The man in question was C. M. Putney, who was practicing as a surgeon at Sherborne in Dorsetshire in 1780. The application was brought on behalf of the administrators of the estate of the late Miss Rebecca Putney, a daughter of the surgeon, who herself expired in 1822.

The case took up the case in its traditional businesslike fashion for the purpose of settling real evidence that Mr. Putney was not an immortal, so that one-third of the sum of \$5,000, representing the surgeon's portion of his father's marriage settlement, might finally be turned over to his rightful owners. This sum of money was paid into court some time after Mr. Putney disappeared, and has been there ever since.

It was finally decided that Mr. Putney really died, and that £200 be lent to him should be distributed to his heirs.



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### EXPORT DUTY ON PULPWOOD WAS DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT

Mover of Resolution Maintained That the United States Must Get Their Raw Material for Paper in Canada, and They Should Be Forced to Manufacture It Here—Says That Canada is Losing \$6,000,000 a Year in Labor by Following the Present Course.

Ottawa, March 11.—At to-day's sitting of the House, F. D. Monk gave notice of his intention to move at an early date a resolution in favor of the discontinuance of the present system of bounties to immigrants arriving in this country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying to a question by Mr. Foster, stated that no rule or standard existed by which the seasonal expenses of parliament can be distinguished from the annual expenses. During the session of 1905 the expenditure, outside the indemnity of the House of Commons, was \$289,891, as against \$210,891 for 1906-7. This was based upon a pro-rata calculation and a deduction of the charges which are considered to be of a permanent nature. The session of 1905 lasted from January 11 to July 20, and that of 1906-7 from November 20 to April 27. This expenditure does not include expenditures of the public works department nor of the printing of parliament. The items for the session of 1907 were: Speaker, \$1,000; deputy speaker, \$2,000; permanent officers, \$34,867; committees, sessional and other clerks, \$36,171; contingencies, \$31,240; publishing debates, \$39,644; sergeant at arms department, including the charwomen, pages, servants, messengers and other attendants, \$12,967.

### Wants Export Duty on Pulpwood.

Mr. Lewis (West Huron) moved that an export duty should be placed on pulpwood which will be sufficient to induce its manufacture into paper in Canada, and thus save to the labor of Canada the \$6,000,000 now lost. He said the federal government would impose an export duty. He also quoted extensively from publications and articles in newspapers in favor of an export duty.

About \$6 or \$7 a cord was left in Canada for every cord of pulpwood exported. The value of a cord of pulpwood made into pulp was \$20; chemical pulp, \$32, and into paper, \$45. There was no other industry that paid so high wages for the same number of men and women employed as did the pulp and paper industry. He condemned the article in the tariff of the United States that said if Canada put on an export duty on pulpwood the duty on pulp entering the United States would be increased by that amount. What right had the United States to say anything of the kind? he asked. The fact was that the United States had to get our pulp from the wood we not exported, the United States would require to build their mills in Canada, and export their pulp and paper from this country.

In concluding his speech, he suggested that the government should appoint a committee to take evidence and look fully into this matter with a view of putting an export on pulp wood.

Dr. Beland did not agree with those who maintained that the United States was at the mercy of Canada as far as pulp wood was concerned. Official returns contradicted this. One-half of Canada's timber area comprised pulpwood. We had in Canada, according to Dr. Bell of the geological survey, 828,000,000 acres. This would give four billion cords, and supposing that Canada exported 1,000,000 cords a year, the exact figures being 628,000, there was enough to last 4,144 years. Canada had thirty-four pulp mills in 1888, which, run-

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### TENDERS FOR G. T. P. IN N. B. SECTIONS

Nineteen Concerns Bid on Six Contracts—Successful Ones Not Known as Yet.

Ottawa, March 11.—Tenders for construction of 265 miles of the National Transcontinental railway, covering six sections between Moncton and Lake Nipigon, were opened by the commissioners yesterday. Nineteen tenders were received, the contractors showing great eagerness this year to undertake construction work on the national railway. It was the case last year, when labor was scarcer and wages higher.

It is understood that the figures quoted this spring by the contractors are a little lower than last year.

The names of the successful tenderers will not be known for some weeks, pending a report of the commission on the railway. The figures on each class of work are:

The Grand Trunk Pacific, as usual, tendered for each contract in accordance with the policy of the company to make the construction of the road as cheap as possible, so as to reduce the minimum amount on which rental will have to be paid.

For section No. 1, from a point eight miles west of Moncton to a crossing of the I. C. R., a distance of forty miles, the G. T. P. was the only tenderer.

For section 2, covering the next sixty-seven miles westward to the River Tobique, the tenders were MacDonald & O'Brien, and the G. T. P.

For section 3, covering the next thirty-one miles, westward from the Tobique river to a point twenty-one and a half miles west of Grand Falls, N. B., the tenders were Craig & Thompson, MacDonald & O'Brien, M. P. & J. T. Davis, Kealey and MacDonald, Willard Kitchen Co., Trites, McPhail, Moore & Miller, and the G. T. P.

For section No. 4, covering fifty-two miles westward from the inter-provincial boundary of New Brunswick and Quebec, the tenders were O'Brien & Fowler, M. P. & J. T. Davis, and the G. T. P.

For section No. 5, running westward 100 miles from a point eight miles west of Abitibi river in Northern Ontario, the tenders are E. P. & G. E. Fougier and the G. T. P.

For section 6, running seventy-five miles west of Lake Nipigon, the tenders are J. D. McArthur, E. P. & G. E. Fougier, Chambers Bros., McQuigge & McCaffrey, and the G. T. P.

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