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THE NEW CROWN LAND REGULATIONS

Notwithstanding all the hot-air recently exhaled by the Editor of the Pulp and Paper Magazine as to the rottenness of the Crown Land policy of the Fleming government, we imagine that the large majority of the lumber operators of the province will have little fault to find with the regulations made by order in council at the meeting of the Government last week with regard to the renewals of the present lumber leases. Elsewhere in this issue we give our readers a statement of the scale on which the bonuses to be paid by the limit holders for a renewal of their leases will be based, and also the revised rates of stumpage which will be payable after the 1st August.

It may be that some people are of opinion that the payment of a bonus for renewal is not as much in the general interest as putting the lands up for public competition on the expiration of the present leases would have been; but a little reflection will show that in adopting the course they have, the government discards the possibility of having some of the least desirable blocks of land left on their hands and leaves the old lessees if they wish to renew, with the obligation to pay the bonus upon their entire holdings, good, bad and different. The bonus is not a heavy one, but is graduated according to the value and class of land involved.

The increase in stumpage rates may not commend itself particularly to lumbermen, who naturally have a constitutional objection to paying more than they are absolutely obliged; but in the matter of the Crown Lands, the Government is merely a trustee for the people, and must make the most of their trust in the public interests, whether private interests are suited thereby or not. The rate just decided on is not an arbitrary one, fixed by statute and which cannot be changed, except by further Act of the Legislature, but can be varied at any time by Order in Council, so that should occasion or reason arise, a new scale can be adopted.

If there is any complaint to be made in regard to the increased rates, it will probably be with reference to block and sleeper. The rate on the former was 40 cents per M, and the new rate is \$1.25. This is quite a lift and may fall a little hard on the Extract Manufacturers. The rate on sleepers was 2 1/2 cents each, which has been raised to 5 cents, and this will be felt to a very large extent by the farmers and others who own good lots which produce nothing but lumber suitable for sleepers. However, having regard to the Government's well-known desire to assist and foster local industries to the greatest possible extent, no doubt should it be found in practice that any serious hardship is inflicted on any industry by the new rates, they will be quite willing to listen to any representations which may be made to them on the matter, and if found practicable, take the necessary steps to mitigate it as much as possible.

Speaking generally, the Government's lumber policy has been well received throughout the province, and they are to be congratulated on this fact.

COMING INTO CANADA

The American government is apparently becoming alarmed about the movement of population from the United States into the Canadian west. For some time the U. S. authorities tried to comfort themselves with the delusion that the reports of the rush across the border into Saskatchewan and Alberta were exaggerated and unreliable.

But now they are up against the facts and while committees of both Houses of Congress are gravely considering the matter, Speaker Champ Clark seems to be perturbed lest Canada may absorb the United States.

This is the same gentleman who boldly proclaimed two years ago that the absorption would come the other way about under the reciprocity pact.

This drainage is costing the United States millions of dollars annually, and the character of the immigrants who are flocking across the border into Canada is of the highest. "These emigrants are among our best citizens," declares Champ Clark. "I am personally acquainted with three hundred of them. There is not a bad or shiftless man in the lot. They are seeking to better their conditions. They almost invariably take their families with them. The principal reason they expatriate themselves is the lure of cheaper lands and less stringent land laws as to homesteading."

As to the capital brought by these new arrivals, Speaker Clark states that in one week not long since 1,845 American farmers, with \$388,500 in cash and \$145,000 in personal property, crossed into Western Canada. That is an average of \$288 per capita, and that week was below the weekly average into that region alone. How many go to other countries he does not know.

Statisticians assess the money value of the average adult citizen at \$1,000, considered solely as an asset to the country. Calculated on this basis, he arrives at the conclusion that the 1,845 American farmers who crossed the Canadian boundary depleted the assets of the Republic that week by \$2,378,500, which multiplied by 52 would make the total loss to the Republic \$123,682,000 gone to Canada alone.

These immigrants constitute a valuable accession to our population. They come north to take advantage of the larger opportunities offered in this country. They are English speaking to a very large extent and they appreciate our institutions, under which they will have the fullest freedom consistent with due respect for law, order and justice. They will make excellent Canadian citizens.

THE BUSINESS TAX

"The Business Tax, and How it Should be Abolished" is the subject of an article in the Canadian Manufacturer by A. B. Farmer, secretary of the Tax Reform League of Eastern Canada. The basis of the business tax is an assessment of the premises occupied by a merchant or manufacturer. This plan was adopted instead of an assessment of the stock carried, because the value of the building varies less from time to time and it cannot be concealed, and because it was supposed that the premises fairly indicated the amount of the business.

The result is that the building is taxed twice, for every thousand dollars a retailer spends in improving his property so as to give better service to his customers, he must pay taxes on an assessment of \$1,250—namely, on \$1,000 for the building, and then on twenty-five per cent of its value for the business tax. A manufacturer spending a thousand dollars to improve his factory building must pay taxes on \$1,600, the business tax in his case being based on sixty per cent of the value of the building.

Of course, the result is to discourage the erection of good buildings. Mr. Farmer's remedy is to tax the land occupied by the merchant or the manufacturer. The land is just as easy to assess as the building, and cannot be concealed. Such a tax does not penalize enterprise. The more business, the better for the community. The more spacious the building the better for the community. The tax should be levied so as to encourage enterprise.

The new Montreal Liberal Paper, The Daily Telegraph, having received the benediction of Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell, its success is of course assured. The former expresses himself as "DE-lighted" with it, and the Woodstock gentleman is "very much pleased" with it, as "it will supply an urgent need in all Eastern Canada." (This is a little rough on a certain other Daily Telegraph.) On the top of these encomiums, come Mr. W. S. Loggie's "heartily congratulations on the extraordinary success." What more could a paper desire?

The suffragettes having tried food and water strikes might now turn their attention to air. Cutting themselves off ten minutes from breathing would be highly effective—Toronto Star.

Some men are used to being called liars and don't mind it.

PROVINCIAL

Fire broke out shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday night in L. C. Moore's jewelry store, Bridgewater, and spread swiftly, destroying Johnson's bakery, the Bridgewater Dry Goods store, Barnaby's drug store, Ducotte's dry goods store, a barber shop and a tenement house. At midnight the fire was still burning. No estimate can yet be made of the loss. There is considerable insurance on the places burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. All the buildings are in one block, which is known as the Frank Davidson block.

Chief of Police Hughes of Campbellton has been quite busy the past few days in a successful effort in making liquor seizures. On Monday morning he procured at the establishment of Amedee Guimond a barrel of bottled gin. Wednesday morning he took charge of three barrels of gin whiskey at the freight shed, and a little later in the day dropped on to a barrel of whiskey in one of the town hotels. The gin and whiskey seized at the freight shed will be stored along with that seized there some time ago, until some time as it can be ascertained as to what can be done with it. The ardent seized in the other places will in all probability be destroyed.

Unusual stories of a fall of honey, which came down like rain, come from Grand Anse near Sydney, N. S. Early Thursday morning, it is said, while taking a morning stroll round her house, discovered that a light shower of rain which had fallen about half an hour previous, had not dried on the stones and pebbles, despite the fact that the sun had been shining for some fifteen minutes. Examination of these supposed raindrops acquainted her with the fact that they were not water at all, but of a sticky nature. Tasting it, the substance was found to have several of the qualities of honey. Walking further from the house Mrs. McDougall found the bushes, fern and trees covered with the substance. It was only after the sun had been out for two or three hours that it evaporated.

The explosion of a dynamite cap in the stove in a millmen's camp in connection with James S. Scott's mill near Medicine one morning recently is likely to render Charles Coburn, of Fredericton, totally blind. Mr. Coburn had been watchman at the mill and for some time lately had been acting as cook. Yesterday morning he was sweeping up the kitchen and apparently in the sweepings gathered up a dynamite cap, for as soon as he dumped the sweepings into the stove a terrific explosion occurred. Mr. Coburn is an old man and has been without the sight of one eye for some years, and is also deaf. The material which was blown about by the explosion caused by the dynamite cap being thrown into the stove hit the old man's remaining eye, causing very painful injury.

A story too good to keep is on a prominent business man of Carleton county who paid a visit to Fort Fairbairn on July 4. He bought an excursion ticket but failing to connect with the special train he thought his ticket ought to carry him home on the regular train next day. The conductor thought otherwise and demanded full fare. This the belated passenger refused to pay with the result that he was ordered off the train. He also refused to get off whereupon the conductor summoned a trainman and together they gently carried the man, excursion ticket and all, from the train and carefully deposited him on the platform of a lonely station, thirty miles from home and a Saturday night coming on. Walking part of the way and telephoning home for a team the rest of the distance, he arrived home along towards Sunday noon, convinced that it was useless to try to mock the C. P. R.—Hartland Observer.

Sussex Record: Dr. Henderson, president of the Maritime Oilfields, Limited, makes the definite announcement that his company will immediately commence operations near this town, in order to locate natural gas. The statement is the first authentic pronouncement on the subject since the return of Dr. Henderson, who spent several months in England in the interests of the Maritime Oilfields. Not only will the work be started but it will be carried on with the most modern machinery that money can purchase. This means that the sinking of the wells will be carried on with the greatest dispatch and that Sussex will be given the advantages of natural gas at the earliest possible moment. During the past few months many representatives of the company have arranged for boring rights on a large number of farms in this vicinity. They are now in a position to move and Dr. Henderson's statement is an important one. Natural gas should do a lot for Sussex, if advantage is taken of it. It will make possible the operation of large manufacturing plants at low cost and should serve as a lever to induce manufacturers to locate here. It will make Sussex a more desirable residential section and should prove a priceless boon to the town.

WILSON'S FLY PAPER POISON  
Good housewives commence using Wilson's Fly Pads early in the season. Do not wait. You will not kill many, but every one represents thousands that would infest your home later on.

Mr. Ernest Ross, who lived in Carleton, met a tragic death Monday when he was drowned off the Norton Griffiths Company scow at St. John. The fatal accident happened about 12 o'clock. As near as can be ascertained, Ross, who was a scowman, had gone out with the scow and dumped it. It had been brought back in charge of the tug Muskoka. It was about 200 yards off the dredge Deaver at the time and Ross had just thrown off the tow line. Those who saw the man fall in say that he stood at the edge of the scow for some time and then suddenly went in feet first. It is not thought he got tangled up in the line in any way. The unfortunate man came up for about half a minute to the surface, but no one was near enough at the time to render aid and although all haste was made he sank for the last time before any one could reach him. Ross, who was twenty-six years of age, married a young lady belonging to Yarmouth two or three weeks ago.

NERVOUS PEOPLE MADE CHEERFUL  
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Good blood—rich blood makes all the difference between health and sickness. If the blood is thin and watery, the health of the whole body suffers. The sufferer becomes nervous and irritable; the stomach fails in strength and the appetite becomes poor. Food does not give the necessary nourishment, and the first feeling of weakness passes, as time goes on, into a general breakdown in the health. The case of Mrs. Angeline Gagnon, of St. Jerome, Que., illustrates the truth of these statements. Mrs. Gagnon says: "I am fifty years of age and up to a few months ago always enjoyed the best of health. Then I began to feel run down and weak, without patience or ambition. My appetite grew poor, and my nerves seemed to be on edge, and the least noise or worry would make me irritable and nervous. Life became an actual burden and I could no longer look after my household duties. My doctor prescribed and ordered a change, saying that I was a nervous wreck. I tried to become interested in other things but failed, and my condition was really deplorable. I continued in this condition for several months, gradually going down, and as the doctor was not helping me I was easily persuaded by a friend to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking the Pills for a few weeks I could see an improvement, and I gladly continued using them for a couple of months, when I found my health fully restored. I am more than thankful for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and I gladly recommend them to all who are weak, nervous and run down."

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WANTED TO BE SURE OF DEATH BEFORE BURIAL

Mrs. Adelaide Sherwood Soule, widow of Professor Frank Soule of the University of California, who died at Berkeley, Cal., July 3, took measure to insure past-all doubt, that neither she nor her pet animals should be buried alive. Mrs. Soule's will, which was filed for probate provided that her heart should be cut out within 24 hours of the time she was declared dead, and her body held seven days for burial. The will also provided that all her animal pets should be chloroformed, within 24 hours of her death, and their bodies held under water 24 hours. The provisions of the will have been complied with.

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SUNNY CORNER

Mr. John Wilson, New York is visiting friends here.  
Misses May and Sadie Johnston were in Boom Road last week.  
Miss Margaret Hines is spending a few days at her home here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nowlan are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a boy.  
Mrs. William Stewart, Sillikers, spent a few days with Mrs. Wm. Nowlan last week.  
Mrs. Buyant and Miss Maloney of Harcourt are visiting the former's son Mr. John Porter.

CIRCUS COMING  
---TO---  
Chatham July 23  
Str. "Dorothy N."  
will leave Redbank on Wednesday Morning, July 23rd, at 7 o'clock, calling at all intermediate points, arriving at Chatham in time to see the Big Street Parade.  
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Grass stains can be removed if rubbed with molasses and washed carefully.  
Frequently you meet benedicts who look as though their wives had caught them robbing the ice chest. Matrimonial bonds are taxable, but not negotiable.