

Timber Policy of Leader of Opposition

J. A. Macdonald Outlines a Comprehensive Way of Dealing With Situation as it Exists—Government Rejects It.

(From Saturday's Daily). Last evening in the legislature, the leader of the opposition, J. A. Macdonald, unfolded a timber policy which he believed would solve the vexed question...

twenty-one years and less. It is feared by those interested in the preservation of our forests that if permanency is not given to these titles our forest wealth will be wasted by indiscrimination...

In marked contrast with this is the question pursued by the leader of the opposition who has addressed himself to the situation created by the bungling policy of the government...

Provided that the holder of any special timber license in good standing shall, within eighteen months next after the passing of this act, have the right, upon compliance with the terms and conditions of this act with regard to the renewal of license...

"Now sir, we have to approach this question, having in mind the lasting interests of the province. I hold that too much of our timber has been alienated far in excess of the needs of legitimate mill men for a long period to come...

The government voted against this, thus turning down the policy advocated by the opposition. In support of the proposal Mr. Macdonald made the following speech in the legislature during the evening:

CLEVELAND SCHOOL VICTIMS ARE BURIED

Closing Scenes in Agonizing Disaster—Parents Crazed With Grief.

Cleveland, March 7.—North Copleywood yesterday came to a full realization of its affliction. Slowly and solemnly the processions of death began to wind their way toward the cemetery for the charred remains of children whose lives were snuffed out in Wednesday morning's catastrophe...

LUMBER MERGER OF B. C. PROPERTIES

American Capitalists Have Incorporated \$10,000,000 Company in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, March 7.—A ten million dollar company called the Union Lumber Company has been incorporated here to take over several of the B. C. lumber companies, namely the Elk Company, at Fernie; the Bowman Company, at Comaplex, and smaller concerns at Cascade, Nelson, Revelstoke and Wesley, also the Red Deer Company. Seven plants in all will be taken over...

NOT INCENDIARY. Wronged Girl Who Revenged Herself on Farmer is Acquitted.

Toronto, March 7.—A verdict of not guilty was brought in after three hours' deliberation by the jury in the case of Michael Allyn, Mount Albert, who was charged with having set fire to the barn of Jacob Hopkins, a farmer...

FRUIT GROWING IN CHILLIWACK. Improved Method of Planting Will Make For Good of Industry.

Chilliwack, March 6.—The fruit industry of the Chilliwack valley is fast becoming one of its chief industries. The agricultural manager of the valley is recommending a method of planting and allowing nature to do the rest has given way to a more careful and more scientific method...

FOUR LABORERS ASPHYXIATED. Three Negroes and One White Man Succumbed in Railroad Tunnel.

Baltimore, Md., March 7.—Twenty-two persons were overcome by carbon dioxide gas in the Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Potomac Railroad tunnel here to-day. Four died and ten were so badly affected that they were taken to a hospital. The others were revived. Three of the dead are negroes. The other is a white man.

BIG PRIZE FOR AERONAUTS. Parisian Has Founded World's Challenge Cup Valued at \$20,000.

Paris, March 7.—M. Michelin has founded a world's challenge cup of the value of \$20,000 to be competed for annually by aeroplanes. After the first race aeroplanes will be compelled each year to fly double the distance made by the winner of the trophy of the preceding year. The winning aeroplanist, in addition to the cup, will receive \$2,000. The trophy will be held by the Aero Club of the country of which the winner is a native. M. Michelin also offers a special prize of \$2,000 to the aeroplanist who between now and 1909, travels in an aeroplane from Paris to Puy De Dôme, a distance of 350 miles.

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TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. Will Be Solved by Construction of Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal.

Ottawa, March 7.—M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways, addressing the May Court Club, said that Canada's transportation problem would be solved by the construction of the Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal. It was a dream of some engineers that ocean going ships would go from Liverpool to Port Arthur but that was only a dream as transshipment did not cost so much as to make that necessary.

DAMAGING FIRE IN TORONTO. Toronto, Ont., March 7.—Fire at 85 Church street, M. Meakin & Sons, brass manufacturers, McBride Bros., fruit merchants, and the Amoy Hat and Frame Manufacturing Company, did damage to the extent of \$15,000 to-day.

JAPAN INSISTS UPON APOLOGY. TATSU MARU MUST BE RESTORED AT ONCE.

Immediate Action Threatened if China Does Not Climb Down. Pekin, March 7.—Japan's ultimatum in the case of the Japanese S.S. Tatsu Maru, recently seized by the Chinese, was presented to the head of the Chinese foreign board yesterday and to-day the board has the matter under consideration.

The irreducible minimum of the Japanese claims is the restoration of the steamer as well as of her cargo and the payment of a full indemnity. Action is demanded within a "reasonable" time. In case of default or postponement of the restoration of the steamer, subject to the conditions of the "Land Act," and subject to the control, with regard to cutting of timber and preservation of the forests, of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, with the further provision that wherever it becomes necessary, by reason of growing agricultural settlement, to bring lands or largely cut into the field of agriculture, the Lieutenant-Governor shall have the power, after giving the holder of the timber license sufficient notice, to enable him to remove the balance of the timber, to refuse a further renewal.

The province has no more urgent question, none so vitally important to its future revenue, as that of proper management of its forest wealth, and no time, I believe, is to be lost in adopting a sane and honest policy for the protection of its interests, a policy which will enlist the hearty co-operation of timber holders in pursuit of an agricultural settlement, to bring lands under both the province and the timber holders are so essentially involved.

Twenty Lives Lost in Terrible Gale.

London, March 7.—A violent gale has swept the coasts of the British Isles. There have been numerous wrecks of small craft on the east coast of Ireland. Altogether about twenty lives have been lost.

COUNT VON HOHENHAU IS DEGRADED.

Deprived of Military Rank for Connection With Court Camarilla. Berlin, March 7.—General Count Wilhelm von Hohenhausen, former commander of the Guard Corps, and at one time adjutant to Emperor William, has been sentenced by a military court of honor to be deprived of his rank in the army and to surrender all the orders, decorations, etc., that have been conferred upon him because of his connection with the so-called "Court Camarilla," recently exposed by Maximilian Harden.

TSCHAIKOVSKY'S FLIGHT. St. Petersburg, March 7.—The two specialists who examined Nicholas Romanoff's body at the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, where the Russian revolutionary patriot is awaiting trial, have turned in their report to the government. The article states that the prisoner is in danger of a complete nervous and physical breakdown if the present prison regime is continued.

HACKENSCHMIDT COMING. Liverpool, March 7.—The Cunard steamship Lusitania left here to-day for New York, carrying her passengers, including the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, the latter of whom was Miss Rosie Booth, the actress, and George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler.

KAISER'S LATEST INDISCRETION.

ENGLAND INCENSED OVER "AFTER DINNER" LETTER.

Britishers Will Permit No Interfering With Empire's Naval Policy.

London, March 7.—An outburst of anger against Emperor William on the part of the British public equalled that caused by the German emperor's famous message to President Kruger at the time of the Jameson raid has followed the announcement made yesterday by the "Times" that Emperor William had attempted to influence the British navy policy by a secret correspondence with Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty.

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GRANALY EMP.

Strathroy Farmer Cleaned Out by Thieves for Second Time.

Strathroy, Ont., March 7.—When Norman Brock, a young farmer residing four miles north of here, looked into his granary he was surprised to find it nearly empty. He had about \$80 worth of wheat on hand. This is the second time he has been cleaned out.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BURNS.

Speaker* Suggests Him for Post of Chancellor of the Exchequer. London, March 7.—The high place that John Burns, president of the Local Government Board, has assumed in the estimation of the public is illustrated by the fact that the Speaker, a most Conservative weekly newspaper, to-day seriously suggests him for the highest post in the cabinet, namely, the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, in the event of Mr. Asquith becoming Premier and finding it necessary to resign the chancellorship.

GERMANY NOW HAS DREADNOUGHT.

MAMMOTH BATTLESHIP FOR KAISER'S NAVY.

Nassau Launched at Wilhelms-haven—Three Other Leviathans Building.

Wilhelms-haven, March 7.—The first mammoth warship of the German navy was successfully launched here to-day and christened Nassau by the Grand Duchess of Baden, Emperor William, the Grand Duke of Baden, Prince Henry of Prussia and Prince Henry of the Netherlands, as well as a brilliant assemblage of prominent officials, were present.

Wilhelm von Hengstenberg, lieutenant of Hesse Nassau, made a speech in which he greeted the new vessel as a welcome addition to Germany's sea power and a defender of the interests of the empire. The launch of the great battleship Nassau inaugurates a new era in the German navy. She is the first of the mammoth vessels of which the aqua quadrans are in future to be ordered, and in size, armament, speed and installation, superior to any warship hitherto built in Germany.

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Another point which was cleared up was in connection with the original grant of 10,000 acres. The opposition at the time that transaction was completed took the ground that the transfer of the land had been made in an illegal way by being conveyed under order in council. The stand taken by the opposition leader was borne out by the fact that the government yesterday incorporated in the new bill a section to ratify that original conveyance.

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BUMPTIOUS MINISTER BECOMES

He Tests Allegiance of Servative Member Arrogant A

Every day that Hon. J. H. Bowser, in the office of his arrogance increases general last night and first law officer was to legislation. J. H. H. who for years was dis government's actions, quished that office last transferred the title to from Vancouver. Mr. H. formally acknowledged that Bowser was the dictator. The attorney-general been regarded as a big man, possessing a big faculty for pouring out somewhat in the style of an attorney-general, his attorney-generalship has the opportunity to put as that the attorney-general knows no bounds.

He has made himself anxious to the support of government. The attorney-general tested the allegiance of members on the government extreme, and there he has stated the fact that some of these members to openly renounce to which the attorney-general would enforce.

Hon. Mr. Bowser is with the magnitude of the marvels that the justice court has done in name, and he is at a stand while these judgments much more marked results. There is no question now-general is bringing all kinds of trouble to have to discipline him session or there will be Conservative ranks. He entered the cabinet for becoming virtually present was made to time, and the Vancouver that over several paragraphs to putting Mr. Bowser then the popular notion Mr. McBride might be. Bowser has a big title, the real power would be "Bowser."

The new attorney-general is bringing up a question of jurisdiction. The opening up of an excellent opportunity Bowser to show his hand. Last evening of the show he has done in his assumption of consideration of the Inter-Affairs Act, Mr. Bowser has undertaken all that committed announced that he was responsible for the first law officer, and the ed House to substitution.

The Municipal committee has been formed by Macgowan, Mackay, G. Taylor, Davey, Munro Kerger and Hall. The weeks and heard evidence matters after the fact he capillaries. One of these one which was fully of the committee, was the of a number of the placed underground.

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UNKNOWN SCHOONER ASHORE.

Chatham, Mass., March 7.—An unknown four-masted schooner, heavily laden and northbound, went ashore at 4:30 a.m. to-day on Beanes shoal, in Pellico rip-shoal. A strong southwest wind was blowing at the time, and it is supposed she went too close to the north side of the channel and grounded. A tug with two barges, bound south, was dispatched to the scene.

Before the life-saving crew reached the stranded schooner the wind shifted to the westward, and the vessel slipped off into deep water and proceeded apparently unharmed.

DARING ROBBERY.

New Jersey Farmers Fight With Robbers, Wounding Two. Camden, N. J., March 7.—A battle between farmers and three robbers in which two of the latter were wounded, followed the daring robbery early this morning of the post office at Fredericks town and Bridgeport, near here. Two of the men were captured but the third succeeded in eluding the farmers.

ROSSLAND SCHOOLS.

Rossland, March 6.—The average attendance at the public schools during February was 412.33 on 21.17 less than that of the preceding month. The number attending during the month was 412.33 on 21.17 less than that of the preceding month. The drop was no doubt caused by the superior attractions of the winter carnival and also by the fact that there was a case of diphtheria in the city later in the month.