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**THE WIRELESS STATION**

When it was announced in these columns some few weeks ago that the Postmaster General had concluded arrangements with a wireless telegraph company for a new service between Canada and Great Britain, it was little thought that the Canadian terminus would be located at Newcastle. However, such will be the case, for the negotiations which have been under way for the past few weeks, for the acquisition of a site on which to erect the necessary plant and offices, have now been successfully completed, and under the contract which has been prepared and is now about being signed, the work of erection will commence at once, and it is expected it will be finished before the year is out.

It will readily be appreciated what all this will mean to Newcastle. Not only will it be another step towards making the town the bustling centre of industry which we hope it will become within the next few years, but it will make it known from one end of Canada to the other, as the Canadian Wireless Station. The very publicity which this fact will give, will draw the attention of manufacturers and others to the town as a desirable location for future industries. In fact it is an open secret that within the last few days one industry which is likely in the near future to assume large proportions, has chosen the town as the site for its operations. Others will follow, and with the prospect of certain railway developments which have now practically been decided on, it begins to look as though Newcastle were about to come into her own at last.

The thanks of the citizens are undoubtedly due to Mr. W. E. Fish, for the efforts he has so successfully made to get the Radio Syndicate to locate here. There were, we understand, other equally suitable sites which could have been obtained at less cost, but Mr. Fish was able to point out several advantages which Newcastle could afford, that were not so available in other places, that he was able to turn the scale on our town's favour, notwithstanding the higher price.

**THE LAST WORD**

As there is no more benefit to be derived or advantage gained from continuing to discuss the pros and cons of a matter that has already been decided on, than there is in thrashing a dead horse, there is no sense in rehashing the various arguments that have been used in connection with the Chelmsford section of the Canada Eastern, but some assertions are made in recent issues of The World that should not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

1. "This is a matter that affects the whole province. The Legislature recognized it as a provincial issue when it unanimously passed a resolution against the proposed outrage." The matter does not affect the province in any shape or form or way, and there is not a single section of it outside of Chatham and Nelson that cares one iota about it. Why should there be? As for the Legislature's resolution, the whole thing was engineered by Mr. Stewart and went through, simply for the reason—as one member afterwards expressed it—that "Stewart wanted it, and we had to do something to humour him or we'd never keep him quiet."

2. "The Minister of Railways is sorely troubled because enough business does not arise on the Chelmsford section to pay running expenses. But he is spending millions on a railway to Hudson Bay that is not expected to pay running expenses." This is merely the assertion of The World and its truth or otherwise has yet to be proved. But in any case there is a vast difference between running a line to open up a new country and discontinuing the use of

one of two lines when the other is sufficient to do all the work.

3. "The thing for him (Mr. Hazen) to do is to put his foot squarely down and prevent the robbery." If such a childish statement as this had been made by The Gazette, it might have been excused on account of its Editor's youth and inexperience in political matters; but that so old a hand as the Editor of The World, who has been sitting in the political game for so many years, should make it, almost passes belief. Mr. Hazen is hardly the man to lay himself open to the request to keep his feet off other people's toes, which is about the only treatment he could reasonably expect to get. Mr. Monk "put his foot squarely down" on the Naval Bill, but it was Mr. Monk and not the bill that suffered in consequence. It is certainly not in the interests of either New Brunswick or Canada at large that the same fate should overtake Mr. Hazen, just at present.

The interest which The World is taking in the welfare of the Chelmsford people is truly pathetic, and we wonder if it would evince the same interest in the welfare of Derby people if it were the Indiantown branch that was to be discontinued, instead of the other. We are sadly afraid it would not; but on the contrary we feel sure that the laughter that would arise in Chatham could be heard all the way up to Newcastle, even through a thunderstorm.

**HELP FOR AGRICULTURE**

The department of agriculture is now arranging with the several provincial governments for the expenditure bill passed at the last session of Parliament.

This bill provides for the appropriation of ten million dollars in the next ten years, but the amount for the first year is only \$700,000, as it is felt that larger annual amounts will be required and may be expended to better advantage as the work develops. In the interest of the smaller provinces the bill provides for a level grant of \$20,000 to each province, regardless of population, the balance of the appropriation for each year to be distributed on the per capita basis. The grant will be increased by \$100,000 each year for the next four years and the maximum amount continued until 1922, with every probability of renewal. The money is to be spent largely to strengthen all lines of instructional and educational work.

The purpose of the Minister cannot be better set forth than by quoting from his speech delivered in the house when the measure was introduced: "Help given in an educational direction will not only mean better farming, but better farms and better and happier men and women. The particular form such assistance may take may vary with the special needs and conditions in each province. It will embrace the increasing of the

equipment of our agricultural colleges; the establishment of agricultural schools, of dairy and horticultural schools, of short course in agriculture; the initiation of agricultural teaching in the public schools and work by travelling or located qualified instructors. It might well include the valuable educational work carried on by means of demonstration trains, training of teachers in nature study and invaluable work of domestic science concerned with the women and girls of our communities, whose influence will always constitute one of the most potent forces in solving the problems we are considering."

It ought not to be necessary to call the attention of the Chairman of the Park Committee to the untidy condition of the Public Square, for he spends most of his waking hours in close proximity to it. This is the time of year when most visitors are around, and it should be the aim of the Committee to make the Square as neat in appearance as possible in order to give the best impression. Why cannot the grass be kept short? It is very little use a man coming to cut it once a fortnight, or just whenever it is convenient. It should be mown often and regularly. Boys can use a lawn mower and there are enough of them loafing around at present in all conscience.

With reference to The World's Macedonian appeal to Hon. J. D. Hazen, the Fredericton Mail says:— "What's the use of the Commodore wasting his time appealing to a man whom he at once described as 'a weak-kneed, back boneless leader.' Mr. Cochrane has decided to tear up the rails and that settles it. The only thing for the Commodore to do is to withdraw his support from the Tory party."

**THE NEW LUMBER REGULATIONS CALL FORTH DIVERGENT VIEWS**

The Editor of The Pulp and Paper Magazine Condemns the Government's Policy as Being Contrary to the Best Interests of the Province, While Mr. Jas. Beveridge, a Pulp and Paper Manufacturer, says That It is All Right

Among recent visitors to the province has been Mr. A. G. McIntyre, Editor of the Pulp and Paper Magazine, and while here, he aired his views on the Crown Land Policy of the Government.

In the course of an interview he gave to a representative of the St. John Telegraph, he is reported as having said:— "I would like to have a little more time with you to tell what I think of the short sighted policy of the provincial government in restricting the big lumbermen and big pulp mill holders to a lease of twenty-five years and cutting down as well on their present leases which have five more years to run. This policy is directly opposed to the principles taught by Hon. Clifford Sifton and the Conservation Commission of Canada and will result in the very state of affairs which the government professes to be trying to avoid. It is only reasonable that if a lumberman is granted an area of land for twenty-five years only without any right to renew he is going to take off everything he possibly can down to the smallest growth. On the other hand if the big operators know just where they are at by having the right to renew expecting to draw their raw material from the same area for a lifetime it is in their own interest to look after the smaller growth and will co-operate most willingly in any large and effective scheme of conservation."

In speaking of the provincial government's action in shutting off the renewal of the limit holders' licenses, and the provision for a twenty-five year lease, Mr. McIntyre said: "It seems strange that this section should have been taken last when the province was so secure to very large lumbermen at least for the manufacture of pulp and paper. I happened to know personally of a copman with a capitalization of \$7,000,000 which proposed to build a plant costing \$2,000,000 for the manufacture of paper but which has been obliged to abandon it since the new law went into force. Everyone knows that bonds cannot be sold for less than a forty year term in these days and the company could make no financial arrangements on a twenty-five year lease."

"Ontario and Quebec are getting new industries and achieve the same end sought by the New Brunswick government making provisions for the renewal of leases under certain restrictions. It was the action of the New Brunswick government alone in this regard and other restrictions imposed which led to the recent imposition of the \$2 duty on Canadian

lumber represented that the Canadian provinces were hostile to the American lumber interests."

**Premier Fleming Replies**  
 The attention of the Hon. J. K. Fleming, Provincial Minister of Lands & Mines, having been called to Mr. McIntyre's remarks, the Premier said:—

"I wish Mr. McIntyre had been able to take a little more time, as he expressed a desire to, and then perhaps he might have got to a point of telling the truth," said the Premier.

"Mr. McIntyre evidently knows nothing whatever about the matter which he is discussing and seems only too anxious to make some criticism of the provincial government. He spoke of our losing two valuable pulp and paper industries because our new leases for pulp and paper mills are only for 25 years, when as a matter of fact the provisions were made especially to protect the pulp and paper interests and provide for a tenure of 50 years."

"In addition to that at least one of the two big industries which he evidently has in mind have expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the provisions of the legislation and as to the other I have no knowledge. Our legislation was designed particularly to give the necessary tenure to encourage the pulp and paper industry in the province and to meet the needs of the lumber industry by giving a reasonable tenure there, too. The legislation has been well received in the province by those engaged in the lumber industry and only from this one particular source has there been any criticism."

**Mr. Beveridge's Views**  
 Mr. James Beveridge, of the Millerton Pulp and Paper Co., and one of the best known lumbermen in New Brunswick, contributes to the current number of the Canadian Lumberman an interesting summary of the new timber regulations, together with some observations on the law's provisions. As Mr. Beveridge is a practical lumberman engaged in the pulp

and paper industry, his views are therefore of particular interest. After stating briefly the provisions of the act, he writes:—

"Although exceptions may be taken to this new act as being in matters of detail somewhat indefinite in its terms, and subject to wide interpretation, yet no one who understands the conditions prevailing in New Brunswick can deny that its operation if carried out in the right spirit, will have a very beneficial effect on the business of the province. The act is very comprehensive and lucid in its intention, but its usefulness will depend on the interpretation which the Government gives to some of its clauses. New Brunswick possesses such a large area of non-agricultural land, and such extensive forests that lumbering and the allied industries will flourish there for many years to come provided proper means are adopted to protect its forests. Besides it is provided with good railroad facilities, good water ways for the cheap transport of lumber, cheap coal from the neighboring province of Nova Scotia, and comparatively cheap labor. The Bill is a serious attempt to protect those industries already established and to foster others which depend upon the forest for their existence."

First and foremost the Act gives fifty of tenure in the Crown Land licenses for a definite period so that lumbermen and others now know precisely where they stand in regard to the future. This extension of tenures to be granted on payment of a bonus to be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, but what this bonus will amount to has not yet been revealed. It is hoped, however, by those interested, that it will be placed on a moderate basis.

**Encouraging New Enterprises**  
 Then the Act wisely makes provision for an extension of the pulp and paper industry seeking to induce fresh enterprises in these manufactures to come into the province, and offers possibilities to present limit holders hitherto unknown to them. The "Pulp and Paper License" stipulates that "at least fifty per cent. of the lumber cut under such license shall be manufactured into pulp and paper or other manufacturers of pulp within the province." Direct inducements are thus offered to the licensees to embark on these important manufactures, or to ally themselves with others who would be willing to do so. The object of the Government is easily understood in formulating this clause. Obviously it is two-fold, first, the utilization of the enormous amount of waste occurring in the forest itself and in the saw mill by converting that waste into useful high class commercial products, and second, fostering an industry which, on a strictly comparable basis, is of greater benefit to the community than log sawing."

"In point of fact this Act is a whole some and straightforward effort not only to protect the capital already invested in these Crown Lands by licensees and in the plant and machinery of the lumber mills, but also to benefit the community at large by offering inducements to further industrial development along the most economic lines for the State. This is the highest office of government and Premier Fleming is to be congratulated on his efforts to produce an Act which will yield a maximum return to the wage earning class from a minimum of raw material."

The Act taken as a whole is framed on equitable lines, and if any controversy can arise from its terms, it will be under those clauses dealing with the general survey of the timber areas held under each lease, with a view to assess their commercial value. This general survey involves such a mass of details that it seems doubtful if a "true estimate of the value of each holding can be arrived at without prolonged and very careful investigation. The provision made for this in the Act seems adequate, and if the truth can be reached the investigation should prove of the utmost value to the Government. Whether or not the bonus to be paid for the extension of these leases is to be based on this investigation is not clearly stated in the text of the Act, but it seems to us that such is the intention. It is the assessment of these values which appears to us to be open to dispute and dissatisfaction."

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