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Editorial

A POLITICAL MUDDLE

Politics in Northumberland County are in a rather mixed up muddle. This applies to both the Liberal and the Conservative parties. In both camps there is more or less friction and the outcome is one on which there is considerable speculation. Today the Liberals are holding a convention to select a candidate to contest the bye-election in this county on October 7th., and the decision of the convention is being anxiously awaited. It is possible that the delegates will have more or less difficulty in arriving at a satisfactory solution of the problem before them. The names of the aspirants that will be placed before the convention are merely conjecture, but if rumors prove true there will be no dearth in the number. Among those who may possibly allow their names to be presented to the convention for nomination are: Chas. J. Morrissy, M. L. A., F. C. McGrath, M. D., R. J. Gill, W. B. Snowball, W. F. Cassidy, ex-Sheriff, and James Robinson, ex M. P.

If all these gentlemen's names are placed before the convention it is obvious that the delegates have a difficult job to perform. Each of them have their own supporters and it is usually a hard proposition for delegates to back down from their own selection and give support to another.

Last week's North Shore Leader made a suggestion to the effect that "the delegates will have to be very careful whom they select as the rank and file of staunch Liberals will not stand for any candidate whose Liberal principles are doubted," which suggestion would lead one to infer that some of those seeking the Liberal nomination are not altogether looked upon as being consistent in their politics, and if such a one did receive the nomination, there is a possibility that it would not be unanimous and a considerable portion of the Liberal party would have to be reckoned with at the polls. However it is their job and let them go to it.

Neither is the Conservative party by any means a bed of roses. Discussion is rife in their ranks as well. The election of 1921 has not been forgotten by those Conservatives who stood to the mast throughout the entire campaign.

They have not forgotten the treatment accorded them by some of those in high places nor by others within their own ranks.

"Consistency thou art a jewel," and the Sir John A. MacDonald type of Conservative looks to and demands from his party supporters, men who are consistent at all times. Consistency is all they ask and to such they are entitled. Failing to receive this they are determined to enter a protest and when such happens it will not presage well for the party. Inconsistency from within and interference from without may be the party's undoing and if such occurs, there will be nobody to blame but those who created the muddle as well as those who aided and abetted them.

The Conservative convention takes place tomorrow and several names are mentioned of those who will seek the nomination. There no doubt, will be more or less difficulty experienced in securing a unanimous selection at this convention also, although many of the hold dyed-in-the-wool Conservatives will be conspicuous by their absence. In summing up the whole situation it is not unlikely that a dark horse will appear on the stage and many are of the opinion that his chances to win are good. We shall see what we shall see!

JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS

The Junior members of the Newcastle Tennis Club played a return tournament last Saturday with Chatham on the latter's courts. The finals resulted in a win for Chatham by the score of 6-5.

PRINCE OF WALES IN U.S.A.

Edward Prince of Wales arrived in New York on Friday. He was warmly welcomed at the pier, and thousands of eager people were on hand to see the royal visitor.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Tennis tournament between Bathurst and the local club, which had been arranged for Labor Day had to be postponed on account of the wet weather on Sunday, the courts being unfit to play on.

ENJOYED EXCURSION TO REDBANK

A large number of excursionists from Chatham, Douglastown, Nordin and Newcastle enjoyed the sail to Redbank on the Str. "Max Aitken" on Saturday afternoon. This week end trip is becoming very popular with the residents on the Miramichi, it being a most delightful sail and the service and attention given the patrons is highly commented on.

SALE OF HORSES

On Friday morning Mr. George Stables disposed of a carload of Western horses by auction at the C.N.R. station, here for Mr. A. Shannon of Medicine Hat. The sale was a most successful one to both the seller and the purchasers. Today Mr. Stables is auctioneering the large stock in trade of Mr. Albert Bryenton of Derby.

RECEIVED INJURIES

Mrs. G. P. Burchill of South Nelson met with a painful accident last Friday in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Burchill were on a holiday trip to the city and it is understood that Mrs. Burchill is quite seriously injured.

LABOR DAY

Yesterday was Labor Day and was generally observed as a holiday. The weather was dark and threatening, although many took advantage of the holiday to enjoy a day's outing in the woods, while others remained at home making preparations for the winter months that are fast approaching.

Law Suit Possibilities

(From Canadian Forest and Outdoors Magazine)

Recently a firm of lumber manufacturers in British Columbia was mulcted to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars for damages caused by a forest fire which, starting outside their boundaries, passed across their limits and destroyed a soldier's settlement. The defence claimed they were not responsible as the fire originated on their property and every effort to stop it proved unavailing. The court held it otherwise.

New comes a news despatch from Duncan, B.C., intimating that settlers plan to take action claiming damages for forest fires originating in the burning of logging debris.

This introduces a new problem which, however contains possibilities not altogether favorable to the settler, camper, cottage owner or small property holder. Only a few weeks ago a California court delivered a judgment, imposing on the entire costs of fire fighting amounting to \$2,500 on a pair of amateur fishermen whose negligence had caused a difficult conflagration. If the assessing of costs on lumber companies is adjudged good law and in the public interest, the logical development surely is to apply the same medicine in liberal doses to those who, be they settlers, campers, fishermen or others, recklessly destroy the timber holdings, camps or other property of the industrial corporations. It is to be feared that the total damage listed against the settler, for example, will far outmatch in any season the billet d'outrage handed to the lumberman. A few seasons ago, a settler, clearing land by fire in order to grow five dollars worth of potatoes, let loose destructive forces that swept away half a million dollars worth of white and red pine. Three years ago in New Brunswick, fishermen accounted for almost half the timber loss. What about damage suits in these instances? What about a joint suit of provincial government and limit holders against, say two hundred fishing parties to recover three million dollars worth of ruined resources?

The thing has great possibilities. It would certainly bring home to the public the drastic truth that forest destruction is due not to the axe but to the ignorance and thoughtlessness of thousands of woods travellers. Let's have a docket full of law suits: The King vs. Sans Souci Campers Club for \$550,000 worth of young growth destroyed by carelessness; B.V.D. Lumber Company vs. Richard Roe, champion bait caster, for \$30,000 worth of pulp logs set afire; The Pulp & Paper Workers Union vs. John Doe, prospector, for ten weeks unemployment because of low water due to forest fires. It would make a stimulating document if we could once place the blame for forest fires and ask the carefree children of our Personal Liberty regime to show cause why they should not pay to the State and industrial companies a forfeit of \$15,000,000 annually.

A clerk in a downtown Springfield Mass. store drove to work from his home and on getting out of his closed car, he noticed a large rat sitting on the running board complacently licking its chops. The rat was caressed with a jack and met an untimely end. Where the rodent happened in for a free ride is a mystery.

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MUST NOT TOUCH FAWNS OF REINDEER

"Particular care must be exercised" says William T. Lopp, Superintendent of the Alaska Division of the United States, Bureau of Education in handling reindeer fawns.

"Once a human hand touches a fawn its mother disowns it. For that reason the Eskimo herders wear gauntlet reindeer-skin gloves and a reindeer skin parka, and also spread reindeer skin in the sleds on which the little creatures are placed until the herd rounds up for the night and they can be delivered to their mothers."

Because of the encroachment of privately owned herds of reindeer on the Seward Peninsula and Poin Barrow section of Alaska, it is planned eventually to remove the Eskimo herds to Broad Pass, with Cantwell as the directing base.

It is estimated there is a strip 100 miles square in this vicinity suitable to reindeer grazing. With real transportation at hand, those interested in the industry predict that some day before long, reindeer meat will be as common as mutton in the markets of the States.

OFFICIALLY ENDORSED

The oft repeated warnings of Frank J. D. Barnjum that our forests will be depleted in a very few years were officially endorsed at the recent meetings of scientists in Toronto. Roland D. Craig, of the Dominion Forest Service, set the time at thirty years. His views were endorsed by another expert, F. Storey. In New Brunswick the disposition has been to regard Mr. Barnjum as something of an alarmist and to assume, if not actually to assert that conditions are not nearly so bad as he has asserted. In view of what was told the British scientists it is foolish longer to take that attitude, foolish in the extreme to deny the facts or to attempt to color them. Whether the depletion of our forests comes in thirty years or is delayed to forty years or fifty years is of far less importance

than the confessed fact that the end is in sight unless there is a speedy resort to vigorous conservation methods. Only a few months ago, George Carruthers, president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, declared the time has come when we can no longer temporize with the forest problem. He urged vigorous action to avert a national catastrophe. The dollars and cents value of the forests was stated by Mr. Carruthers at \$500,000,000 annually, a sum sufficiently large to impress on every citizen the necessity of conservation for the sake of preservation. The forestry experts who discussed the question at Toronto pointed out that at present only 456,000 out of 1,250,000 square miles of Canadian forests bear timber of merchantable size. Because of fire, cutting and other destructive causes, the remainder is not at present available, but with wise and progressive, protective measures Canadian forests could be made to produce several times the present requirements of the Canadian lumber industry. The plain meaning is that unless the problem is dealt with in a large way the forests will cease to be an asset of value, giving large employment and producing substantial annual revenue for the provinces and for many workers in the many trades and occupations in which lumber figures. There is still time to save the forests and to make them a much more valuable source of wealth, but every year that the inauguration of a real forest policy is delayed means a larger area to reclaim and merchantable timber is a product of slow growth. In the face of what the practical foresters say, no province can afford longer to turn a deaf ear to the demand for better forestry methods, least of all can New Brunswick, now considering projects of water power development, dependent for their continued success on assured forest reserves for saw mills, pulp mills, paper mills and those other industries which time and the world's timber needs are certain to bring wherever timber is abundant.

Here and There

A remarkable report comes from Brockville, Ont. Harry Church, a farmer residing five miles north of that town, is the owner of a Holstein cow which has just given birth to three calves. All are alive and thriving.

On July 11, Her Majesty the Queen of Spain and her two daughters visited the Canadian Pacific Railway's pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition. Her Majesty evinced deep interest in all she saw and declared the exhibit to be "perfectly lovely."

Although the present season of ocean travel has reached the period usually associated with a falling off in the number of passengers, steamship companies report that little decrease is apparent this year and that the total volume of passenger traffic in 1924 will probably be the largest of any year since the war.

World production of silver for the first half of 1924 is 117,650,000 ounces, as against 118,250,000 ounces in the first six months of 1923. Canada accounted for a production of 10,800,000 ounces in 1924, as against 10,500,000 ounces in the first half of 1923, being the third producer after Mexico and the United States, both of which showed a decline.

Saskatchewan's output of creamery butter in June amounted to 1,737,056 pounds, as compared with 1,746,000 pounds in June, 1923, an increase of 41,056 pounds or 2.4 per cent. From January to June, 1924, the province has produced 5,109,090 pounds of butter, as against 4,423,016 pounds in the same period in 1923, an increase of 686,074 pounds, or 15.5 per cent.

Among the tributes to the late Sir Edmund Ouler, of the Canadian Pacific Railway's directorate, was one from C. R. Hosmer, for many years a fellow-director. It was addressed to Vice-President Grant Hall and read as follows: "He was the last living of the great men who organized our great railway."

The late Sir Edmund became a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885, the year of the completion of the transcontinental line.

A most interesting and attractive volume entitled "Here and There in Montreal" has just been published by the Musson Book Co. of Toronto. The book is well illustrated with maps and pictures in color and brings out many noteworthy facts, such as that the city's total population is 900,000, that two-thirds of this number are French-Canadians and that Montreal is the second port of importance in North America. The author is Charles W. Stokes, Asst. Gen. Publicity Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The first annual Pow Wow of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies, held at Yoho Camp, was a great success. Over 200 internationally known writers, artists, etc., rode in to gather round the sacred fire in the Sun Dance Lodge. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., honorary president of the Trail Riders, addressed the gathering; a poem written specially for the occasion by Miss Carmen was read and Chiefs Walk-in-the-Road and Buffalo Child Long Lance performed an Indian dance.

New Fall Coats

Just the right weight to be comfortable these cool evenings.

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