

BRITISH COLUMBIA PAPER INDUSTRY

Attracts Attention—Record Apple Crop Expected—
British Capital for the Coast.

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Sir John Bingham, a prominent master cutler of Sheffield, England, who is on the coast, tells how the British investor is looking to Canada. This point has been brought out before; but greater importance attaches to it, in view of the advertising that is being carried on by Canadian cities. Mr. Harvey Hadden, who is a large holder of real estate in Vancouver, says the change in England with regard to Canada and Canadian cities is remarkable. A few years ago people had a hazy idea of where Vancouver was, but now its prospects are well known. As to the province in general, attention is being directed to it, with the result that capital will be steadily coming out for investment. Legitimate propositions, with good security and fair returns, will be considered in preference to those in which the risk is greater and the profits larger. It is stated that within a month of the appearance of the budget last year \$500,000,000 of accumulated interest was withdrawn from England, never to return. While the capitalist himself is investing direct, much money is also coming out with those who are taking up holdings of land in British Columbia. The C.P.R., finding its ready-made farm proposition successful in Alberta, is adopting a similar scheme in respect to its lands in the Kootenay, and will have ready-made fruit farms for British families. This kind of work will bring many small amounts of working capital here, which will gather into a large aggregate, so placed that it will be of great productive value.

Pulp and Paper Industries.

Mr. E. P. Bremner, of Vancouver, and Messrs. J. P. Whitney and John Moravec, appearing before the Forestry Commission of British Columbia, stated that they represented a company that was prepared to establish a 30-ton daily capacity chemical fibre mill, and that it was the desire to secure from the Government the right to select 20,000 acres of timber lands and 20,000 acres of cut-over lands. Any regulations that the Government imposed as to cancellation for non-operation they would accept. This proposal comes at a time when pulp concessions are held but not operated, and Commissioner Flumerfelt asked many questions. All the proposers were satisfied that a success could be made of the enterprise. Mr. Moravec, who is an expert, declared that British Columbia pulp-wood is superior to that of Europe, while fir, hemlock, larch, alder and cottonwood could be utilized also. This would mean much for the industry in British Columbia, and would render of value timber that is now rotting.

The National Paper Mills, Limited, which is organized locally, will use refuse from the plant of the Fraser River Lumber Company, on the Fraser River. The trend is, to utilize more the amount of small timber that has gone into the sawmill refuse burner. Timber is becoming more valuable every day, and with processes being perfected in the line of pulp manufacture small stuff is now considered less of a waste than ever. Among those connected with the National Paper Mills, Limited, are Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, M.P., Vancouver; Mr. James A. Mitchell, director of the Bank of Vancouver; Mr. John A. Lee, mayor of New Westminster; Mr. J. A. Mara, Victoria; Mr. L. D. Taylor, mayor of Vancouver; Mr. E. W. Barrett, Mr. F. G. Benson, Mr. F. Wright, Mr. C. J. Kay and Mr. S. Cropper.

Real Estate Active.

In the coast cities and Winnipeg, Portland Canal stocks here are being actively traded in. Stewart townsite now has a main street with many buildings. Steamers from the north bring reports of good mineral ground, and much is expected now that the snow is away and operations can be proceeded with. At the auction sales of Stewart lots in Victoria, a corner was sold for \$10,000. With Mr. D. D. Mann and other prominent people operating there, this district will probably soon become one of the most active in British Columbia.

Reports from different parts of the province indicate that the crop of fruit this season, of all kinds, will be large. To assist the growers, the Government is taking an especial interest in the industry. The inspectors of the department are careful not to allow any infected nursery stock to pass through, 30,000 young trees being recently burned. It is by this means that British Columbia fruit is getting a good name. When the trees are set out, orchards are inspected and a careful watch kept. Demonstration orchards are located in different parts of the province, where the grower may see the best kind of spray, and how to secure results.

Government and Fruit Crop.

The Government is now helping to get the crop marketed. Last year, owing to lack of information, gluts of fruit took place at points on the prairie, resulting in loss to the shipper. This year, it is expected to obviate this by keeping the

Government informed on the condition of the market. Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, of Hammond, a well-known fruit grower, has gone to the North-West as the agent of the Government in this capacity.

Preparations are being made to have displays of fruit at the various shows in the territory east of the Rockies, and following those, the usual displays will be made in the Old Country, after a stop at the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto.

With the industry in a fine condition, and the prospect of a good crop, the time is opportune for the holding of the first national Canadian apple show, which is being promoted here with success. The show to be held in Vancouver will take place in the week beginning October 31st next. Citizens of Vancouver are subscribing liberally towards this project, while the city council and Provincial Government are also assisting. It is proposed to raise \$20,000 by subscription, and already over \$10,000 is in hand. While the initial exhibition will be held in Vancouver, next year some other city will have the attraction, and by the holding of the show in different cities the fruit industry throughout Canada should benefit.

GOLDWIN SMITH.

Mr. Goldwin Smith, distinguished publicist and esteemed the world over, died on Tuesday at Toronto. Master of an unique English prose style and possessor of extensive learning, he was able to enrich current literature for many years with valuable contributions. His death will leave a distinct void where so many had become accustomed to look for and peruse his writings. To the last he maintained a firm opinion that the ultimate destiny of Canada is annexation by the United States, although he was loth to discuss this matter during recent years. When the Oriental labor problem reached an acute stage in British Columbia, in the fall of 1907, Mr. Smith gave his views regarding that subject to *The Monetary Times*. As to the suggestion that the Dominion Government should decide the matter without too serious a regard for the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, he thought that such a course would be opposed to all diplomatic precedents.

"The best solution for the present difficulties," he continued, "is for the Japanese to forego, for the time being, its privilege of emigration to Canada." When reminded that this would settle the problem only a short period, he added that this was the first necessary step, as a crisis had been reached.

"If I were a diplomat," he proceeded, "that would be my course. As to the future, I cannot see one inch ahead, so far as the solution of this intricate problem is concerned."

Professor Smith thought that the Vancouver riots were not caused by the interference of United States labor unions. "British Columbia has its problem without any relations with the other side of the border."

He thought that the employer's case should be heard. Nothing but the cry of, and for, the working man had arisen, he said. Households were without domestic help, railroad companies without construction labor, and agricultural lands without men to till, and sow, and reap.

He did not think that the Japanese, in spite of their remarkable progress, would ever become sufficiently "Westernized" as to mingle freely with the white races.

"Before very many years," he concluded, "there will be a great tussle between the white and Oriental races for supremacy on the Pacific Coast of America."

The Metropolitan Bank has opened a sub-branch at its Milton branch at Campbellville, Ont.

The number of directors of the Bulldog Mining Company, Limited, has been reduced from nine to five.

The head office of the Great Lakes Dredging Company, Limited, has been changed from Toronto to Port Arthur, Ont.

The capital stock of the Baynes Carriage Company, Limited, has been increased from \$250,000 to \$375,000, by the issue of 1,250 shares of new stock of \$100 each.

The head office of the Western Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, Limited, has been changed to Port Arthur from Toronto, and the number of directors increased from three to five.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Niagara Power Company, the following directors were elected:—Wm. H. Beatty, William H. Brouse, Wallace Nesbitt, of Toronto; A. Monroe Grier, and Delancy Rankin, of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The Royal Bank of Canada will open a branch at No. 2 Vincent Street, London, opposite the Bank of England. The bank will be near the Canadian Agency, and Sperling & Company's premises, in the heart of the Canadian section. Mr. C. E. Neil, assistant general manager of the bank, has been in London completing the arrangements.