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30TH YEAR

TIMBER DUES GO UP Province To Share in Increment of Value BIG CHANGES MADE

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Makes Announcement—Licenses To Pay Fire Ranging—For Next Ten Years.

PRINCIPAL BURDEN ON THE SPECULATORS

An announcement of great importance was made last evening by Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of crown lands, in an official statement of an increase in timber dues.

Taken in conjunction with the announcement early this week by Premier Gouin of a protectionist policy in pulpwood, it is thought that the "cat is out of the bag" as to the real meaning of the conference some weeks ago in Toronto between the members of the two provincial cabinets of Ontario and Quebec.

The province has decided, in view of the fact that there has been no increase in the dues on "old limits" for 23 years, to raise the dues on saw logs from \$1 to \$1.50 per thousand feet (board measure); square timber, from \$20 to \$50 per thousand cubic feet; and hemlock by 50 cents per thousand feet, board measure. Ground rent, which was raised from \$2 to \$3 per mile, twenty-three years ago, is now to be advanced to \$5. The transfer fee will be raised from \$1 to \$5 a mile.

These rates are fixed for ten years.

The licenses to cut the timber will be the whole cost of fire ranging, instead of half, tho the government retains an authority over the men engaged.

The statement begins: "The government has had under consideration the question of sharing in the increment of value that has taken place in the stumpage value of timber on lands which have been under license for long periods.

"We have recognized that any increase made would be considered in all their bearings—that is their effect upon the trade as well as upon the revenue of the province—and after getting all the facts before us, and listening to the representations of those interested, we have determined upon certain increases which, while they will bring in an additional income in timber revenue, will not, in our opinion, prove injurious to or embarrass the interests of the lumber trade."

What Revenue Has Been.

According to the last annual report of the department of crown lands for the fiscal year, 1908-9, the revenue from woods and forests for ten months was \$285,824.41, consisting of bonus, \$25,511.41; timber dues, \$23,422.50; ground rent, \$85,825.25; transfer fees, \$2,570. The revenue from timber dues, being for ten months only (ending Oct. 31, 1909), is small as compared with amounts appearing in previous reports. The explanation is that the accounts for the previous season's cutting were not collected, as the do-overs were not completed until following the winter, which the cutting took place. The bonus consists of deposits made on account of the sale of timber licenses.

The fire ranging on licensed territory as heretofore has been conducted by men selected by the government. The number of rangers on licenses in 1909 was 459, costing \$16,117.11, the licenses paying the expense of fire ranging on their limits.

The report concludes: "The lumber trade is in a better condition because there is an increased demand and an advance in prices. What effect the tariff legislation of the United States will have when applied remains to be seen. The output for the season of 1909-10 is estimated to be from 100 to one hundred millions in excess of last year."

Lumberman's Opinion.

Concerning the changes, John E. Miller, president of the Dominion Lumbermen's Association, and president of the Parry Sound Lumber Company, when seen by The World last night, said that most of the lumbermen would be satisfied to put up with the conditions for the sake of getting the thing settled, and fixed for 10 years.

"So long as there was no stated period they never knew where they were at," Mr. Miller, "why the government should charge anything for a transfer and fee of \$5 a mile is outrageous. Yet, it is a better place to put an excessive charge than on the manufacturer, because a man who simply buys and sells limits is doing no good to the country."

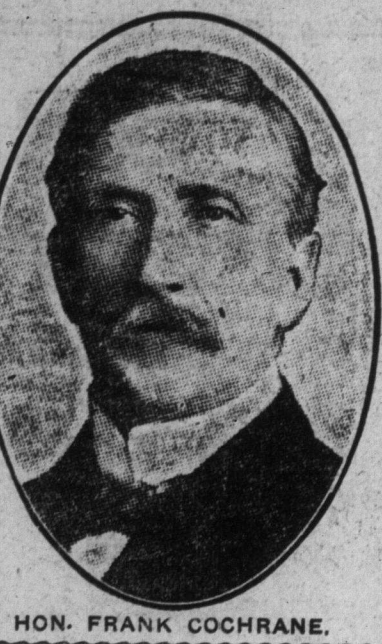
"I think there is a great injustice in raising the dues in old limits to \$1.50, because they have been cut over several times. The increased ground tax is a fair proposal to the man who secures a limit for really lumbering purposes. It is more of an assessment on standing timber than the ground. Five dollars a mile will be a pretty serious tax, tho, on a speculator who is cutting only so much a year and holding the balance for an opportunity to sell at a big profit."

"It is the fairest phase of the measure, because it is taxing the increased value of the timber that is left standing. The only bad feature of the increased ground rent is that we who are in the business as extensive lumbermen have got to pay on dead areas areas that have been cut off completely. The government will not allow us to cancel these portions of our lots."

Manufacturer vs. Speculator.

The assessment is a direct tax on the manufacturer which is paid, while the ground tax is up against the speculator, which is commendable. There is no reason why the government should charge anything for a transfer, and to tax up \$5 a mile is outrageous; yet it is better here than on the persons on the Devonshire place."

As to loading the responsibility of



HON. FRANK COCHRANE.

GREAT WATERWAYS CO. IS A SHADY AFFAIR

Albertan Enquiry Discloses That Canada West Construction Co. Had Real Control.

EDMONTON, Alta., April 15.—(Special.)—It was announced to-day that H. A. Robson, K.C., of Winnipeg, counsel for Minty and Clarke, has retired from the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway for expenses. A. C. Fraser of the Merchants Bank, Edmonton, had been elected manager pro-tem, and it had been moved by B. R. Clarke, brother of W. R. Clarke, that W. R. should receive \$26,000 a year as president of the company. B. R. Clarke had announced that he contemplated the formation of a construction company to build the road, and had thereupon resigned as director. It was then moved that the contract be entered into with the construction company, which the railway company was to transfer them all the balance of the Guarantee Act, suggesting not more than \$12,000 a mile. Cornwall denied any intimate knowledge with this draft agreement, also he was shown by documents to be the man who was to receive \$54,000 worth of stock if he got the draft thru.

R. B. Bennett entangled Mr. Cornwall rather badly when he gained a statement to the effect that Cornwall knew nothing of the draft form of the Guarantee Act, suggesting not more than \$12,000 a mile. Cornwall denied any intimate knowledge with this draft agreement, also he was shown by documents to be the man who was to receive \$54,000 worth of stock if he got the draft thru.

Letters showed that Cornwall acted as intermediary between Premier Rutledge and Clarke in furnishing information as to the progress of the organization of the company.

HOME OF FALLS' POWER GETS A REDUCED RATE

Hon. Adam Beck Offers Niagara Falls City Power at \$12.40—Is Heartily Cheered.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 15.—(Special.)—But little news on the hydro-electric commission's project was brought out in an address by Hon. Adam Beck before the board of trade to-night. Cheap power for the entire province was the keynote of the speech. He prophesied that the power beyond the industrial centre of the province. It would be a greater boon, including Welland and Chippewa.

That work would be begun in the near future upon the dredging of the Welland River to make it navigable was a promise by W. M. German, M.P., in discussing what the Dominion Government intended in securing for the Falls navigation facilities. He forecasted a great industrial boom for the frontier.

Mr. Beck offered the city power at \$12.40, but he did not criticize the Ontario Power Company. The offer was cheered for nearly 20 minutes. The city pays the Ontario Power Company approximately \$17 at present.

DIES FROM HYDROPHOBIA

Veterinary Surgeon Reaches Hospital Just Before He Was Seized.

NEW YORK, April 15.—C. E. Pierce, veterinary surgeon, of Wellsville, N.Y., who applied for admission at Bellevue Hospital to-day, saying that he feared he was about to be attacked by hydrophobia, died a few hours after his admission, with all the symptoms of rabies.

Pierce, early last winter, removed a bone from the throat of a dog that afterwards died of hydrophobia. His hand was badly scratched during the operation.

He had enjoyed his usual health until yesterday, when, noting alarming symptoms, he consulted his physician, who advised him to hurry here and consult specialists. He was near a collapse on his arrival here to-day. He was taken to Bellevue, where the first paroxysms of hydrophobia attacked him within a few minutes after his arrival.

VARSAVI ATHLETIC FIELD Will Be Moved Up to Corner of Bloor Street and Devonshire Place.

The athletic grounds of the University of Toronto will be moved northward from their present location to Bloor-street, and will occupy the ground between Devonshire-place and the grounds of McMaster University. A part of the present ground will be required for an entrance from Devonshire-place to Trinity College, in the event of the latter being moved to the site agreed upon, fronting on Bloor-street to the west of the university residences. The athletic grounds will have a grand stand accommodating a least two thousand persons on the Devonshire-place side. The track will be constructed after the most approved methods.

BALFOUR BRINGS OUT NEW FOOD POLICY

Wheat Grown Within the Limits of Empire Should Be Admitted Free—Churchill's New Campaign.

LONDON, April 15.—(C.A.P.)—Replying to a letter from a Unionist M. P., Mr. Balfour says: "Wheat grown within the limits of the empire should be imported free. This policy will, I believe, commend itself to the judgment of the British community and will certainly be received with favor by the colonies."

Mr. Balfour's announcement is regarded as likely to have an effect on the industrial constituencies in the next elections. The free trade view, however, is not a tax colonial corn and not to affect the price of bread, as three-fifths of the corn is imported from foreign sources, who would raise the price to pay the duty. Colonial and British farmers would do likewise to make extra profits, so the statement will not prevent the cry of the "little loaf."

The Morning Post, the organ of advanced tariff reforms, determinedly disagrees with the Unionist leader's new policy, and hopes the agricultural members and candidates will stick to their guns in the matter of pledging themselves to fight when the time comes for fair play to home agriculture.

Winston Churchill has received a large sum for the purpose of a free trade campaign and is arranging 2500 special lectures in the next twelve months by distinguished men, including Lords Avelbury and Bessborough.

The Standard publishes the views of leading tariff reformers expressing great satisfaction at Balfour's pronouncement.

The Political Crisis.

Premier Asquith's statement Thursday night has made the coalition very enthusiastic and the opposition very angry, and has bristled the political situation once more to an exciting point. Strong speeches were delivered tonight by Henry Law, and F. E. Smith. The former at Birmingham said that Asquith had paid the price of the degradation of his high office, and indignity, and that the Nationalist vote. The Premier had brought the sovereign into the mire of party politics.

The same points were made by Smith, who also declared that Asquith's master was Redmond, whose master was Patrick Ford.

Augustine Birrell, speaking at Reading, declared that as Irish Secretary, there was no bargain or understanding with the Irish. Asquith's pronouncement was absolutely necessary to fill with genuine encouragement and loyalty to his own supporters.

To the Unionist complaints, the Liberals reply that they are only pursuing a constitutional course, and, anyway, the lords never have been subservient to anything but force, and say they can only disregard the use of the national anthem as a war cry by their opponents.

UNCLE SAM: Waal, I swan! I thought Bill Taft and the Dook of Grey fixed that up



REV. WM. PATTERSON WILL BECOME AN EVANGELIST

Announces Resignation From Philadelphia Church To Enter a Great Work in Canada.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 15.—(Special.)—Having definitely decided to devote the remainder of his life's church work in an evangelistic effort, the Rev. Wm. Patterson, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, and formerly of Toronto, Ont., has notified the officials of the church organization that he will shortly resign from the pastorate.

Dr. Patterson's decision is taken after having continuously served the term of service which exceeds that of any previous pastor of the church. The first Sunday in June will mark the 10th anniversary of Dr. Patterson's acceptance of the charge. Dr. Miller, who was the pastor of Bethany thirty years ago, is the nearest approach to Dr. Patterson in point of service, with nine years as pastor.

Before Dr. Patterson accepted his present charge, he served as pastor of Cook's Church in Toronto, and two years ago he received a call to return but this he declined, preferring to remain in Philadelphia.

Altho the pastor has not yet tendered his resignation, he has turned 50 years of age, and desires to enter the evangelistic field in Canada, under the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and work along the same lines as Dr. Chapman, under the assembly here.

His resignation will be handed in shortly, and his evangelistic work probably be taken up next October.

On his recent visit to Toronto, Dr. Patterson, altho not stating his intention, expressed a desire to return to Canada. He is a gifted Irishman, dearly beloved here.

REV. WILLIAM PATTERSON, D.D. REVIVAL OF GRIMSBY PARK

Cleveland Company Will Make It a Fine Pleasure Resort.

GRIMSBY, April 15.—(Special.)—The Beach Realty Co. of Cleveland are making great changes in Grimsby Beach (Grimsby Park). The park is being remodeled into a theatre and a company of New York players have been engaged for the season. The 4th Regiment Band, under F. M. Howard, will give two concerts a week. A dance hall, merry-go-round, miniature railway, moving picture theatre and other amusements are to be added. The Park House has been let to Jas. Stewart of Cleveland, and will be conducted on the European plan.

Over 20 picnics have been booked already.

START ON HUDSON'S BAY RY. Engineers at Work Near Prince Albert—Saskatoon Southern Terminus.

SASKATOON, Sask., April 15.—(Special.)—A well authenticated report says engineers left Prince Albert at 8 o'clock this morning and commenced work fifteen miles from that city on Hudson Bay Railway. It is determined that the southern terminus will be Saskatoon, and that the construction is to commence in six weeks. The Earl of Essex and Lord Tenterden, representing English capital, are behind the scheme, and are expected here within ten days.

RIOTERS STILL CONTROL. TWO NEGROES LYNCHED.

LONDON, April 15.—A special dispatch from Peking says that the rioters are masters of the situation at Changsha, China. Some accounts say the governor has been killed and that the consuls fled with the missionaries and other foreigners, taking refuge on board river craft.

ASHURN, Va., April 15.—Two negroes were strung up and shot near here to-day by prominent men for an assault committed two weeks ago.

FIRSTWARD CONS. WANT TO REPEAL RIOT ACT

Consider Col. Hughes and E. A. Lancaster Have Betrayed Party Principles in Fight on Radial Bills.

"That the Central Conservative executive be asked to draw to the attention of R. L. Borden the conduct of Col. Sam Hughes and E. A. Lancaster, who, while claiming to be Conservatives, should so far forget themselves as to insult the Conservative party in the City of Toronto and district, and their representatives, by their attitude towards the H. W. & G., and Toronto and Eastern Ry. bills, when before the house of commons."

That is the substance of a resolution which Ex-Ald. W. J. Sanderson moved and a large gathering of the First Ward Conservative Association last evening endorsed to the limit. It was the result of a number of remarks by members of the association, which were far from complimentary to the members mentioned, who it will be remembered, fought tooth and nail against the City of Toronto's objections to the federal incorporation of the two radial companies. Col. Hughes, too, had referred to Toronto aldermen as in the same class with Montreal's and Pittsburgh's bribe takers and graters; while Lancaster was constantly harping that Toronto was asking for more than any other city could expect to get.

Praised Local Members.

Another resolution, moved by George Stagg and H. Harang, was carried, congratulating Mr. Bristol, M.P., and Claude Macdonell, M.P., and the other Toronto and district members for their support of the city's contentions.

The meeting was held in the old Dingman's Hall, President Richard Greer presided in the early part of the meeting and Chas. Doughty, the rest of the time.

House Cleaning Necessary.

Controller Church was present by request to give an address. He spoke of the proposed redistribution bill as it might affect Toronto, and went on to talk of the Conservative party at Ottawa. He was sorry that the convention had been postponed. A house-cleaning was necessary, and the party should get together and formulate a progressive platform. He gave the history of the Liberal-Conservative party, but for whose policy of municipal and provincial rights there could have been no confederation. It was time for the party to emphatically reassert that doctrine.

At this point Ex-Ald. Sanderson asked what he thought of the conduct of Hughes and Lancaster. It was absolutely impossible for the party to make any headway encumbered with such a load of wood. He was surprised the city council had not made a protest.

Controller Church explained that the bills should have been presented to the legislature, but the promoters had expected better results at Ottawa. He regretted that there was an estimate in the party that disgraced it. There would have been no hydro-electric policy had not Premier Whitney been strong enough to support a similar element in the various bills.

Obstructionists Must Go!

Mr. Borden must now rid his party of such followers. He was sorry to have to refer in such a way to members of parliament who were his own personal friends, but they had proved themselves to be obstructionists, and had gone out of their way to insult the city's representatives. Mr. Lancaster had in the past sponsored a lot of useful railway legislation, and Col. Hughes had done fine work in the St. Lawrence power bill, but on the radicals they had been false to the principles of the Conservative party.

He said that Liberals of the Mark time Provinces and far west, who usually did not take an interest in the affairs of the railway committee, had evoked an unusual interest in these two local bills.

Hughes a Renegade?

Thos. Whiteside, M.L.A. said that Col. Hughes was once a Liberal, and perhaps he had gone back. Other speakers went so far as to say that both the offending members should be "expelled" against at the next elections.

TWO CHARGED WITH MURDER.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—John Rechart, butcher, and Thomas Grabowski, laborer, of Plum Coulee, Man., were arrested to-day at Morden, charged with the death of Alexander Phillips, a farmer of Morden, who was killed Monday night by a blow from a blunt instrument.

BLIZZARD IN WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—(Special.)—After six weeks' balmy weather, a storm, the worst since Christmas, and blizzard-like in character, broke over this section this morning and speedily tied up all city traffic.

A RETROSPECT.

April 16, 1853.—The Toronto Locomotive Works completed the "Toronto," the first locomotive built in Canada. The railway in 1854 opened. In 1856, Parliament expelled Riel from the house. An agricultural college and experimental farm was established at Guelph.

EVERY SATURDAY.

Rain or shine, Saturday is the only shopping day for men. And the wife shopkeeper prepares for his visit with some tempting goods. Dress makes a specialty of hats for the male man. He has all the good things in either Europe or America, and some hat you can't buy beyond his door in Canada. Store open until ten o'clock Saturday night.