

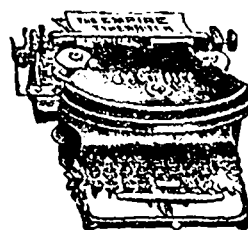
GIANT FIR TREES.

Mr. J. Sprott, superintendent of roads for the district of New Westminster, B.C., has received, for consignment to Kew Gardens, London Eng., the great botanical, horticultural and forestry display centre, officially maintained by the British government, a splendid cross section of one of British Columbia's giant Douglas firs. The section measures 6 feet 9½ inches in diameter, and is without knot or blemish. The fir, whence it came, stood 268 feet high, and the selected specimen was sawn at a point 11 feet from the base. The tree grew in the valley of the Squamish in the Vancouver coast district. This section of giant fir will, at Kew Gardens, be seen during each year by several thousand visitors, including botanical and forestry experts from all parts of the world, and should, together

with the giant flagstaff of Douglas fir which is to float the Canadian flag over the rifle shooting camp at Bisley this year, give Englishmen a better notion of the magnificent timber of the Dominion's Pacific province.

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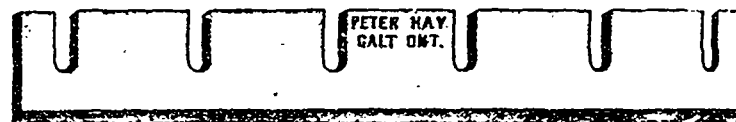
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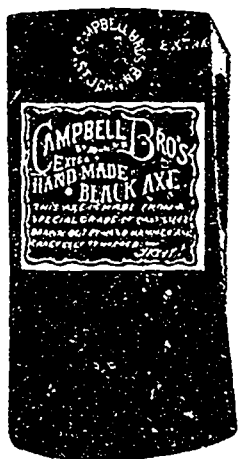
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