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### CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AN INKING GIVEN BY THE PREMIER. COMING LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER

#### Will Give Teachers a Chance to Present Their Views—High School Pupils for Public School Pupils—Important Utterances at Kingston Meeting.

Kingston, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Donald McIntyre's meeting tonight was a great gathering, with no interruptions and no unpleasantness at all. The presence of three members of the government was an attraction, and great respect and attention was shown to the ministers. Premier Whitney came out to the meeting to deliver the address, and Mr. Foy launched a sensation as to the methods in the crown lands department of the old administration.

#### PREMIER WHITNEY AT KINGSTON.

Mr. Whitney's speech showed the iniquity of the numbered land. It had been put to an end by the new government; that the liquor laws were now being honestly enforced to the letter; common sense management of public institutions was showing enormous increase in revenue; pool rooms had been closed; the Temiskaming and Northern Railway was made a splendid paying proposition; no money or lands had been given to the railways by this government; the policy is to dispose of public wood privileges without secret bargains being necessary, and efforts will be made to right a great wrong in this connection by cancelling all agreements made by the old government, where the conditions have not been carried out; the mining policy was also announced, and great praise was extended to Hon. Frank Cochrane; the old government was denounced for its harsh treatment of Dr. Mills, for years principal of the O.A.C. at Guelph. On the educational question the premier came out very strongly, and a policy was outlined which will bring the teachers in line with the government, and will be a view to improving the curriculum so that it would be just a training for the high schools, and with a further view to the improvement of the capacity and the salary of the teacher, two questions which must be dealt with at the earliest date.

### SPS OF TIMBER LIMIT MARKED OFF ON MAP BY E. J. DAVIS

#### APPEARED TO BE GIVEN AWAY

No Documents Can Be Found By Hon. Mr. Foy to Show That Province Was Remunerated For Valuable Territory Others Claim.

A sensational situation exists in regard to the conduct of the late government in connection with dealings with lumbermen, whereby the privileges of an enormous tract of country in the Spanish River district have been apparently handed out with absolutely no return whatever to the government. The revelation was made by Mr. Foy at McIntyre's meeting in Kingston Saturday night, and was substantiated by the minister in detail yesterday.

It doesn't take the appearance of a signifier to know the truth. Appearances may be deceitful, but this looks almost like a criminal disposal of public lands. The French charge d'affaires, J. McNell, of Muskoka, the right to take the timber on some burnt areas in the east and north side of the river, offering is the pine timber which is estimated at 5,750,000 feet, board measure. The price for the timber is \$100 per acre. They gave a bond of \$10,000 to guarantee the performance of their part of the contract, and the government received promptly. Hon. J. M. Gibson was commissioner of crown lands when McNell and McNell got an extension whereby a small portion of the land on the other side of the river was included in the contract. McNell, however, there, and it was thought by Mr. Gibson that the tenders were entitled to the land.

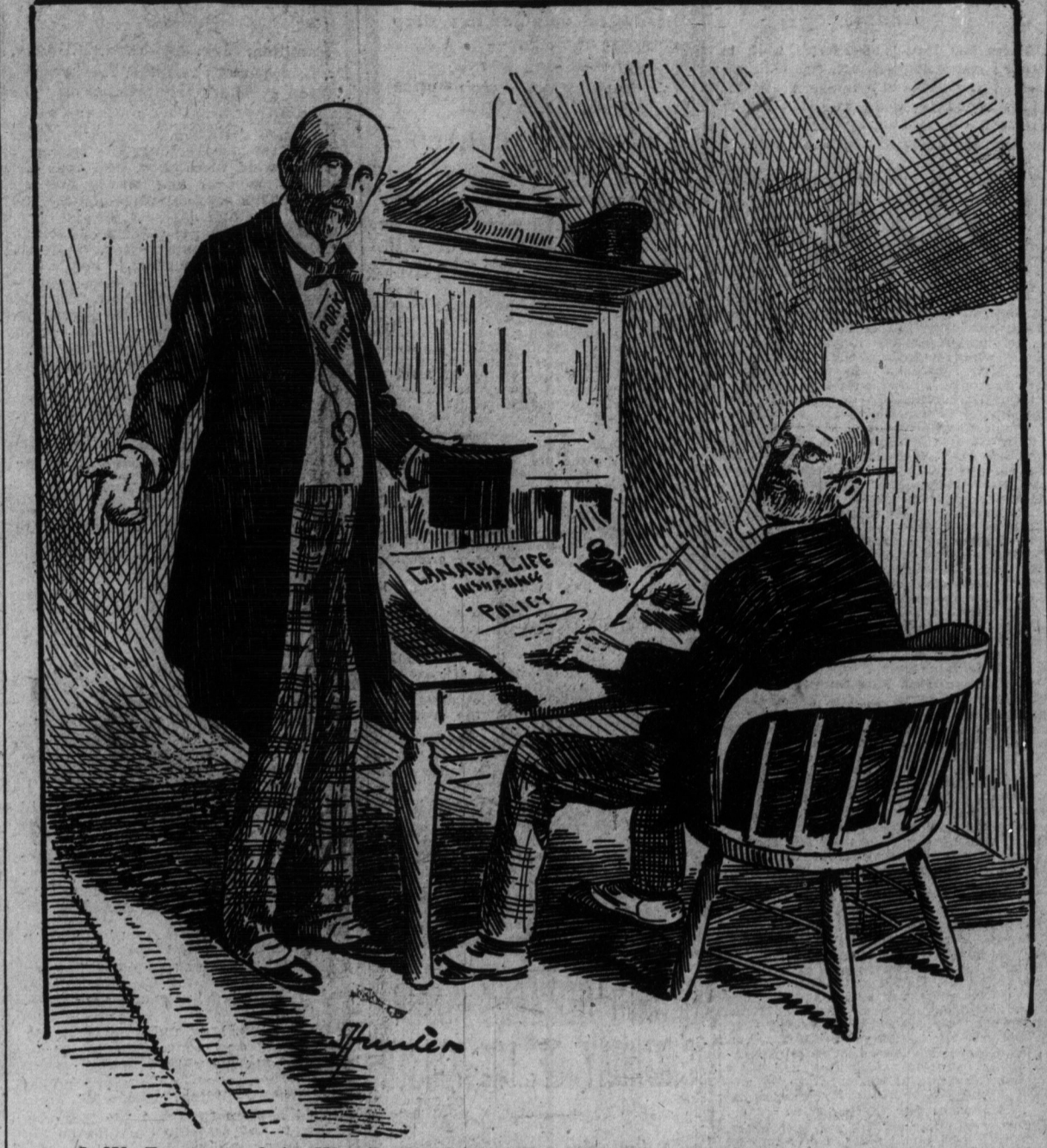
That did not end it, and it looks as if the transaction included about 120,000,000 feet of timber, and that they gained possession of an area of twelve miles by eighteen miles, on the east and north side of the river. All records of the way in which this came about have disappeared, and no documents to show how it was consummated. The original grant of 5,750,000 feet has been increased to 120,000,000 feet. All there is in the department to show anything about it is a copy of a map given by Hon. Mr. Davis to the company, on which the extension is marked. Apparently Mr. Davis marked it on the map and told them they could have it. The deputy commissioner of crown lands, Mr. Davis, gave a ruling authorizing the extension and had given the men a copy of the map. The extension was 120,000,000 feet of timber has been cut so far, and the value of the timber is estimated at \$50,000,000.

It seems that McLeod and McNell sold the land to the Metagam Lumber Company, who in turn transferred their rights to the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, who now own the land. The price was \$320,000, and the title was purchased by the Metagam Lumber Company, and the proposed transfer now sanctioned by the present government. This transaction has been asked, and it has led to the disclosure of the fierce state of affairs regarding the matter.

Hon. Mr. Foy was asked by The World on Sunday what the government intended to do about the matter. Attorney-general replied that action will depend very largely upon the attitude of the present cabinet, and that he and his colleagues are not making any discoveries. What do you think of that?

A project is on foot among some of our leading citizens, having for its object the widening and improvement of the northeast and southwest corners of King and Yonge streets. It is proposed to ask the city council to purchase the Lawlor Building on the western corner and the James Building on the eastern corner, and so widen King street back to the lanes running south of Fairweather's and The World office.

### THE TWO MESSRS. FLAVELLE



J. W. FLAVELLE of the Wm. Davies Co. (to J. W. Flavelle, Canada Life Director): It's a mistake, my dear sir, not to be perfectly candid with the public. You should offer an investigation in insurance as I did in pork.

### SOME INSURANCE POINTERS

What is the Policy-Holders' Charter? What does the Act of Parliament mean? Has it been observed in letter and spirit? How can a proper amendment of the law be secured?

In the public interest the Insurance Law of Canada was amended in 1899. The Minister of Finance is responsible to the country for the full and proper observance of that law and also for advice as to how it may be improved. To him is responsible the Superintendent of Insurance, who makes recommendations from time to time. He may have recommended a dozen things which the Minister of Finance need not publish. The Minister is the responsible party. The Superintendent of Insurance is only his subordinate.

The President of the North American Life on Thursday made this statement: "In connection with these bonds we received a stock bonus of \$40,000, which is so entered on our books and is registered in the name of the company; but, being a non-dividend-paying stock at present, is held with our other securities in the trust vaults as a silent asset." The World understands that this is the first time the existence of \$40,000 of "silent assets" has been disclosed by the company, which is sound and flourishing and could have afforded to be thoroughly candid about all its affairs. It would be a great thing if every company were worth more than its annual statement shows. But that is not the point of public importance. The point is, Has the law been observed?

To-day The World merely sets forth some extracts from the Statute, as amended in 1899, which it is necessary for the policy-holder to have before him when considering whether the Act ought to be still further amended. Amendment of the Act was suggested to the Minister in the last report of Superintendent of Insurance.

Sec. 19. The president, vice-president or managing director and the secretary, actuary or manager of every Canadian company licensed under this act shall prepare annually under their own oath a statement of the condition and affairs of such company at the thirty-first day of December in each year, which statement shall exhibit "THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE MINISTER." Such statement shall be made in the form and manner set forth in the Form A in the schedule to this act.

### MY BROTHER AN EMERSON

#### GERMANY MORE THAN ALLY CZAR'S TOAST TO KAISER

### "SEAWOLF" IS DROWNED ANOTHER COAST CALAMITY

#### Captain McLean, Notorious Sealer, With Five of His Crew, Perishes off Vancouver Island.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 28.—The fishing schooner Ella G., a small "Pike" schooner of about 15 tons, is reported from Bamfield to have been lost with all hands, six in number, having turned turtle in the southwest gale of Tuesday, when the wind blew from 50 to 60 miles an hour. There were six men on board, one of whom was the notorious sealer, Alexander McLean, whose capture with the sealing schooner "Carmenita" caused the United States government to order a revenue cutter to patrol the vessel.

The Ella G., formerly owned in Seattle, and purchased by Victorians after being taken from Clayquot, where she was wrecked three years ago, left Victoria on Saturday, the 20th, on a fishing cruise off the Vancouver Island coast, in the vicinity of the entrance of the straits.

She was seen on Tuesday last by settlers at Carmanah Point, standing off Bonilla Point, two miles to the eastward of Carmanah, and according to those who then watched her, she did not pass out and appeared to be acting strangely. Last night there were rumors that she had been lost.

A despatch now comes from Bamfield Creek to the effect that the schooner had turned turtle, and all on board were lost. The Ella G., after she was salvaged from the beach at Clayquot, had a large amount of ballast of cement and pig iron removed, and it is thought the ballast was not placed properly in the vessel again, for she acted as a water tower, and Captain Forrest is a local fisherman. A Novelist's Hero.

#### Unusually Significant Utterance

Attributed to Nicholas at Luncheon in Honor of the Birthday of William.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A new grouping of the powers of Europe with Germany and Russia arrayed side by side in the closest friendship and the mismatched alliance of the empire with republican France lagging in the rear, was forecasted by the words of Emperor Nicholas at a gala luncheon at Tsarskoe Selo to-day in honor of Emperor William's birthday.

Rising to his feet before a brilliant company of Russian and German representatives to propose a toast to the German emperor, Emperor Nicholas laid out his glass and said slowly and distinctly as if weighing every word: "I drink to the health of the emperor of Germany and King of Prussia, my brother and very dear friend."

The stage of the momentous utterance was the great dining hall of the Alexander Palace at Tsarskoe Selo, where the emperor had his winter residence. The press and the Grand Duke, Michael, were present. At the luncheon to which were invited besides all the members of the German embassy staff, the emperor and Grand Duke Michael were the uniform of the Prussian regiments of which they are honorary commanders.

The emperor's choice of the word "ally" indicates that the defensive alliance with France is a mere binding, and undoubtedly, as has been the case in diplomatic circles here for some time, not a half-hearted beyond the letter of the agreement, but a common action only in case France is not the aggressor, and there is nothing how long will be allowed to pass into desuetude.

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