TELESCOPING A BAFT.

An exciting scene lately amused the Sunday strollers at Williamsport, Pa. Rafts were plunging through the Chute, when one lodged on a sand bar. Efforts were made in vain to dislodge the obstruction. A large square tim, her raft rushed into the chute, and it was ovi dent that extraordinary good mand-uvering would be necessary, or there would be a collision between the moving raft and the stationary one The onlookers at the Beaver mills became greatly excited, and exclaimed, "By George, there will be a smash up." "They'll telescope, sure." Striking the brakers obliquely, the rapidly descending craft plunged into the one on the bar, bitting it amidships, and sending heavy timber high into the air, but, fortunately, without injuring a man on either raft. The sandbar, now apparently not satisfied with detaining one raft, reached up and fastened upon the last disturber of its rest. Those on the boom steamboat, above the dam, seeing this, blew from their whistle an alarm of danger, for other rafts above the chute to haul in, as they knew that navigation in that quarter must cease until at least one of the rafts on the bar could be pushed out of the way. The little steamer, at the same time, hurried to the assistance of a raft that was a short distance from the mouth of the chute, and which would, undoubtedly, have entered and been wrecked but for the timely presence of this useful boat. Other rafts tied up at safe points above, thereby cutting off the interest in a visit to the chute in the rafting season. Sorthwestern Lumberman.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

Is it not about time that our Local Government did something for the protection of the tumber of this Province? It is fast disappearing. Poles, ties, timber, logs, and lumber are cut in millions daily, and are being carried away, some to the front, some to the States, some nobody knot a where, but our forests are disappearing. The Midland has 500 miles of railway, more or less, and it is only along the Haliburton any timber left. With we want is that Mr. Mowat should establish a Department and School of Forestry, to protect the old forests, and to plant new ones. The Foresters should make a study of forestry, and first of all plant all the roads in the Province with trees. The roads form three per cent. of the whole area of Ontario, and this at once would be an advantage. This thing should be attended to without delay. Nearly all European Governments have State Foresters,-why is Ontario without them. - Boleangeon Independent.

FORESTRY CONGRESS.

It appears that the National Forestry Con gress, to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, at the end of this month, has been made an international affair by the appointment by our Minister of Agriculture of a commission consisting of Mr. Saunders, Prof. Brown, of Guelph, and Mr. D. Beadle, of St. Catharines. The American Forestry Association, it will be remembered, meets in the same city on April 25-29, to read and discurs papers bearing on the science

The Presidential Arbor Day will also be observed at the same time, and Dr. J. A. Warder, the President of the Association, informs us that a site has been selected in the Presidential Grove for a tree to be planted on behalf of the Queen.

A Splendid Market.

The Winnipeg Times sr ;s ; -"We have had experience in this land of how the National Policy is benefiting Canadian manufacturers. A few years ago, prior to the present tariff, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois supplied us with carriages, cutters, wagons and farming implements. We drew scarcely anything in these lines from the castern provinces. To-day, Ontario manufactories are so crowded with work of this description for this Province and the North-west that in some cases, it is said, it will take a good part of the summer to fill the orders; and this is in addition to the very large supplies already coming to hand under the tariff. The Canadian manufacturers have secured a splendid market here, of which they have not been slow to avail themselves.

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