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## NEW BRUNSWICK'S OPPORTUNITY.

Whilst there are some evidences of increasing interest in the opportunities for pulp and paper manufacturing in this province there is little general appreciation of the possibilities of the more effective utilization of our forest wealth. Remarkable as has been the development in the United States and Canada of the pulp and paper making industry in recent years the per capita consumption of news print has in twenty-five years increased from nine to thirty-five pounds—there is reason to believe that its expansion in the near future will be still more astonishing. It is not only in Germany during the war that science and invention has converted pulp and paper into a multitude of new uses; the manager of a big Canadian pulp and paper enterprise recently made the interesting announcement that many of the delicate stockings which reveal the shapeliness of feminine ankles once formed the substance of the trunks of spruce trees, and it is probable that other near-silk articles originated in the forest primeval. It is safe to say that approaching the paper age, and it is doubtless true that some portions of mankind are marching on paper soles. The annual consumption of paper of all kinds is now over six million tons, and increasing rapidly. Of this total about two million tons is news print, and the newspapers in the United States increased in twenty-five years from 7,916 to 21,864. This year's production of news print in the United States and Canada would cover 3,000,000 acres, or more than half the area of New Brunswick. It would put a belt around the earth 48 miles wide. In the form of a standard roll 72 inches wide it would unwind twelve million miles, and eight years' output would reach from the earth to the sun.

In view of this great and increasing demand, New Brunswick might very well give more attention to the possibilities of utilizing its forest wealth than it has done in the past. Its people may hope to find in pulp and paper enterprises a more profitable field of investment than wild cat mining schemes and western swamps. The immense demand for paper presents an opportunity that the public men and the business men of this province should not ignore. The United States has exploited its forest lands in an extravagant manner, and though lately it has undertaken ambitious reforestation schemes they cannot for many years offset the rapid decrease in the supply of pulp wood. America now secures over a million cords of pulp wood from Canada every year, but even in Canada the supply is not inexhaustible and the tendency is to put restrictions upon its export.

To produce the six million tons of paper consumed annually, nearly ten million cords of pulp wood is required. On the basis of five stands of pulp wood to an acre, to secure this amount of pulp wood it is necessary to cut over about two million acres of forest, or about one-third the area of the Crown Lands of this province. If the forest lands of New Brunswick were covered with pulp wood it could only supply the demand for paper products for a few years, a fact which emphasizes the importance of making proper provision for the development of a scheme of reforestation against the time, which does not appear far distant, when need will compel the stripping of our forests of pulp wood.

Maine today is manufacturing 400,000 tons of news print a year, using up for this purpose 600,000 cords of pulp wood. For all kinds of paper, Maine uses about 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood a year, and this necessitates the cutting over of a forest area of 200,000 acres. At this rate Maine's resources of pulp wood are diminishing rapidly, and more and more the manufacturers there are looking to New Brunswick for their supplies. Under present conditions, and with the possibility of an increasing demand for paper for a variety of new purposes, there is no need of New Brunswick remaining a hewer of wood for Maine factories. The action of the present provincial government in suspending the policy of its predecessor intended to encourage the development of pulp and paper manufacture within the province may have been justified by the unsettled conditions following the war. But the sooner there is a return to the policy of the old government, and the sooner that policy is amplified with a view to the systematic exploitation of our forests in the future, the better it may be. If there was ever an opportune time for laying the foundations for the development of pulp and paper making industries in New Brunswick, it would seem to be the present.

## MR. VENIOT'S EFFORTS.

A few days ago The Standard drew attention to the wonderful repair work made by Mr. Peter Veniot and the Department of Public Works on

wharves between St. John and Wickham, and presented certain facts in connection with the present state of these properties. There are other wharves on the river, lying between Wickham and Fredericton, which are very generally used by certain of the river steamers and which have received the same kind of treatment from Mr. Veniot as have those lower down. His boast that the Department of Public Works has been responsible for and has looked after all necessary repairs on these wharves up till July, 1919, does not entirely coincide with the actual facts of the case as they appear to river steamboat men. At Queenstown, for example, there are both high water and low water wharves. The high water wharf has been in place for three years. The low water wharf, the posts are missing, the fenders were long ago destroyed. On the low water wharf the covering on the back of the ship is coming to a width of four feet, the ship standing almost on end, the pier twisted around, the posts broken and no face left on the wharf. Repairs at Queenstown have not been made for years. At Oromocto, although the wharf is in bad shape, no repairs have been made. At Margerville a little work has been done, but at Sheffield and at Barker's no attention has been given to the wharves by Mr. Veniot's department. Barker's high water wharf is so out of repair that a team cannot be driven on it. At McGowan's, next below Barker's the high water wharf is in very bad shape. At Upper Gagetown no repairs have been made, the high water wharf being in a dangerous condition and without attention for the past three years. The Gagetown low water wharf is also in a disreputable state and what is said of it is equally true of the wharves at Fox's Landing and at McAlpine's. As a matter of fact nothing whatever has been done during the present year to the wharves at Sewell's, Oromocto, Court House, Margerville, Upper Sheffield, Buron, Barker's, Sheffield, Upper Gagetown, Gagetown, Fox's Landing, McAlpine's or Queenstown. The Oromocto Wharf is not more than a couple of hundred yards from the residence of Robert B. Smith, M. P. P., one of Mr. Veniot's supporters, who might be expected to at least look after the interests of his own friends and neighbors, but who evidently has not seen fit to do so. In the year 1918 repair work was done at Margerville, and this is practically the only one of the up-river wharves which was given any attention at all during that season. In 1917 no one along the upper waters of the river heard of anything whatever being done. So serious has been the neglect of the Department this year that before next spring's freeze is over several at least of these wharves will be practically demolished unless the Federal Department, forgetting the negligence of the Foster administration, is able to put them in better condition to withstand winter weather and ice conditions.

## GERMAIN STREET.

According to last evening's Times, Commissioner Fisher is authority for the statement that the paving of Germain street between King and Union streets was well within the estimate made in advance by the road engineer and adopted by the Council. This work of course is not permanent paving as that term is generally understood, but it is a class of paving which has been found suitable for certain streets in St. John and no doubt will continue in the programme for future years.

In asking the commission for a statement as to costs The Standard desired to learn whether the piece of work had cost much more than similar work had in preceding years, whether it is economical in view of the service which it gives, and whether such work can be carried on more cheaply by the city than by contract. It would be interesting to know in detail the number of men employed, quantities of material used, and, in fact, the detailed cost, in order that when next spring's programme comes up for consideration accurate knowledge of work of this nature will be available.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**A Costly Guess.**  
 (Houston Post.)  
 Bulgaria will have to give back everything she stole and pay \$400,000,000 in gold. It pays to guess right when the fate of the world is at stake.

**Party and Principle.**  
 (Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)  
 There are many people with whom party names, associations and traditions count for a great deal, count for more, perhaps, than party policies. Many a man who would think it a disgrace to change his party label would abandon without hesitation a party policy for its opposite if party expediency required it.

**The Recall.**  
 (Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
 The recall is part of the U. S. O. tem of toxins and poisons.

programme, but it is foreign to the British Parliamentary System. Percy, a member of Parliament "crying on" with his written resignation in the hands of a group of men who are keeping chairs warm around the paternal innkeeper. He would not be a member, he would be a puppet.

## A New Word.

(Halifax Chronicle.)  
 A London news agency which transmits its despatches on ticker tapes dropped out several letters in sending the word "school children" in a news item recently. The two words were abbreviated to "school-dren." Newspaper headline writers, always vigilant for newly coined words, have seized upon "school-dren," and it may now be seen frequently in the London press. It does not seem to be an innovation which is likely to migrate to this side.

## Families Come High.

(Hamilton Spectator.)  
 Premier Hearst made a most interesting declaration in the course of his speech at Peterboro on Monday. "I have come to the conclusion," he said, "that the man with a family is entitled to further consideration, and if returned to power, we will pass an act next session to give a greater exemption to the married man with a family even than the married man without a family." This definite promise, and though election promises are proverbially to be received with caution, such a pledge from such a quarter is above suspicion. The Hearst administration keeps faith, and nothing can be fairer than the contemplated amendment to the provincial Assessment act. Such a provision is already in force with regard to the federal income tax.

The married man with children is unquestionably entitled to greater consideration than the man who has but his wife to support. It takes money to provide for a family in these expensive days, when articles of clothing for juveniles are about as costly as they formerly were for the appetites of robust children.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## THE TIGHT LITTLE ISLE.

(H. M. Ridley, in Toronto Mail.)  
 O little island, set in sea  
 Of silver, sung by him  
 Who wrote on many a glowing page  
 Thy deeds of valor grim.

Rise up and be the pioneer  
 Of that heroic dream  
 Thy poets knew when to them came  
 The bright, authentic gleam.

Which gave them vision in the night—  
 A wise, prophetic band,  
 Who saw the New Jerusalem  
 In thy green, pleasant land.

Who saw the Parliament of Man,  
 The blood-stained banners furled,  
 And looked from thee to emanate  
 The new law of the world.

O England, where the great waves beat  
 Upon thy time-worn shore,  
 Up blaze the trail, and lead thy sons,  
 As in the days of yore.

Until, at last, by man is won  
 The prize to manhood due,  
 And all thy poets dream of love—  
 And more, shall be made true.

## A BIT OF FUN

When a man is in trouble all his friends promise to help him—when they get rich.

One touch of nature  
 Makes the whole world kin;  
 And one touch of old Adam  
 Makes the whole world sin;  
 One touch of humor  
 Makes the whole world grin.

"Doctor, I'm feeling awful," said the young man. "I can't eat; I can't sleep."  
 "I can cure you," replied the doctor promptly. "Ask her to marry you."

The Misses Grey—"Oh, so glad to see you, Mary! But we've such dreadful colds, we can't kiss you, dear; we can only shake hands!"  
 Fair Visitor—"Oh, dear, how sad! I hope you haven't got a cold, Mr. Grey!"

Good Example.  
 Janie—"I say, Madge, what's a paradox?"  
 Madge (her eldest sister)—"Oh, a paradox is anything inconsistent; for example, when a girl says, 'Now, George, it's really time you were away,' and at the same time holds him so fast that he can't get away—that's a paradox."

## HOT WATER FOR SICK HEADACHES

Tells why everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it before breakfast.

Headaches are caused by auto-intoxication—which means self-poisoning. Liver and bowel poisons called toxins, sucked into the blood excite the heart which pumps the blood so fast that it congests in the smaller arteries and veins of the head, producing violent, throbbing pain and distress, called headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish and miserable, your mouth sour and almost nauseate you. Then you resort to aspirin, salicylate, or the bromides, which temporarily relieve but do not rid the blood of these irritating toxins.

A glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, drunk before breakfast will not only wash these poisons from your system but cure you of headache, but will cleanse, purify and freshen the alimentary canal.

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## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News: Weather: The less it is like summer the more it is like winter.  
 Sisley, Mr. Charles (Puds) Simkins new shoes skreek so loud when he walks that everybody knows whose coming without looking. Mr. Simkins says he likes skreeking shoes, but it is that that that just wat he says.

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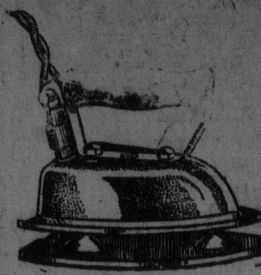
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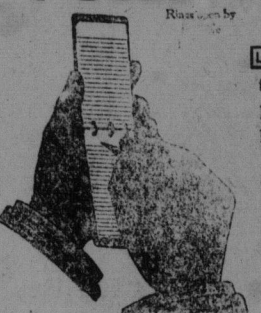
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