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HOW TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE NEW BRUNSWICK'S FOREST WEALTH.

Interesting Paper on an Important Subject by Professor Ganong—The Government's Duty in Respect to the Preservation of the Woodlands.

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It is a fact of much importance for New Brunswick that interest in forestry matters is rapidly increasing in the province. Among the several evidences of this is the action of the house of assembly in passing a bill at its last session authorizing the lieutenant-governor-in-council to set aside a portion of the crown lands as a forestry reserve. The reserve has not yet been proclaimed, but doubtless will be very soon. In the meantime it will be well to review briefly the present forestry situation, and to note what steps should next be taken.

The facts which face us are these. The greater part of New Brunswick is not only better fitted for forest than for any other kind of crop, but is exceptionally adapted, through climate, soil, river systems and other advantages, for timber raising. The forests of the province are far below their possible productivity, large areas of potential forest land being quite unproductive, and the remainder steadily deteriorating. Lumbering is of course the chief forest interest, but with this are bound up others of little less importance, namely, game and fish preservation and utilization, new settlements, public recreation grounds or wild parks, and especially the preservation of watershed forests for the prevention of floods, for securing constancy of water powers and water supplies, and for facilitating river navigation. The forest lands, fortunately, belong largely to the crown, and can be managed as the province sees fit; but there is no proper forest system, only makeshift and opportunism. Other countries, some whose forestry interests are relatively far less important than those of New Brunswick, and many her natural competitors, are vigorously attacking their forestry problems, but she has not yet moved. Here, in this forestry situation lies a gigantic and complicated problem, but a problem of pure business; and the chief question before the people of New Brunswick today is this, whether her forests are to be managed in a business like manner or in a halting temporizing and short-sighted fashion. If the former, then the forests will yield a large and permanent income to the province; if the latter, the income from them will continue to lessen, until the day comes, in the not distant future, when the deficit will have to be made up from direct taxation.

The First Step.

We turn next to ask what is the first step which should be taken, and as to this there cannot be the least doubt—it is for the government to secure the use of exact and expert information and advice upon forestry matters, especially in relation to forestry conditions and needs in New Brunswick. Now forestry is a very special business, requiring a very special training, and there could not possibly be any greater mistake than to suppose that anyone in whose way the subject happened to fall could work it up and give the government all needful guidance and advice. There is only one way in which the needed expert information can be secured, and that lies through engaging a thoroughly trained and competent forester, and giving him abundant opportunity to study the entire forestry situation in the province. Such a man should be obtained from one of the forestry establishments in this country, and not brought from Europe, where the conditions are entirely different. He must be well paid, but it will be the falsest economy to put up with inferior service in so vastly important a matter.

The second step in a forestry programme seems equally clear. It is the formulation of a broad policy for the management of the crown forests, having regard to the correlation of the various uses they serve, not only for lumbering, but for fish and game, settlements, use as recreation grounds, as sources of water power and supply, and so forth. This could best be done by a special committee or commission in collaboration with the provincial forester, and it should be composed of the ablest citizens of the province, with ample time and sufficient means to secure all needful information. The report of such a committee would give the legislature and the people of the province a sound basis for a thorough understanding and discussion of the entire subject, and would thus render possible the adoption of a definite and comprehensive forestry policy.

Saying and Doing.

It is, however, one thing to formulate a good policy and another for a democratic government, with its inevitable political fluctuations, to carry it out. In order to secure that continuity and stability of policy so necessary to the management of forestry development, covering as it does long periods of time, it will no doubt be best to place the entire administration of the policy in the hands of a board of trustees, or a commission, made independent of politics as the senate of the university is, and, like the senate, composed of eminent and public-spirited citizens. In such a commission the different forest interests should be represented and so adjusted that no one interest could control the policy of the commission. It might well be composed of two members of the legislature, two lumbermen and two scientific men, with the province forester. Some such plan will be necessary to avert the danger of the use of the great forestry interests as political capital, or even of their sacrifice at some critical period to save a political party.

There is one other feature essential to any forestry system, namely, forestry education, which is necessary both for the formation of an intelligent public opinion and also for the education of young men for the forestry service. As to the first, the education of the public is necessary in order that a government may act, and at present the subject is not at all understood. Most people who hear the word forestry associate it with some visionary schemes for keeping the country beautiful for those who enjoy life out of doors, etc., whereas as a matter of fact the great primary object of forestry is to make the forests as profitable as possible in actual cash returns. In this aim forestry and the lumberman agree; where they differ is in this, that the lumberman is concerned only with the profit of the present and near future, while the forestry system aims to bring the forests into their most productive condition and to keep them there, so that they will continue to yield the maximum of profit indefinitely. The education of the public can be effected through the newspapers, public lectures, government publications, etc., and especially through instruction on the elements of the subject in the schools, all of which methods would be utilized by an energetic province forester. The education of young men for the forestry service can be effected only through the foundation of a forestry school which, from its nature, should form a department of a university. There is need for but one such school for the three maritime provinces.

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Of all the maritime province universities the one by far the best adapted for such a school is the University of New Brunswick; for not only is it already strong in science and equipped with an admirable new science building, but it is the nearest of all the universities to the greatest lumbering centres of the provinces. The school would naturally be organized by the province forester, and the other provinces should be asked to contribute to its maintenance, precisely as New Brunswick has agreed, and most wisely, to contribute to an agricultural college to be established in Nova Scotia. It is most important that all the support the three provinces can afford for a forestry school should be concentrated upon one; and a first step towards the organization of this school should be to secure an agreement with the other provinces and universities by which a duplication of forestry schools, and hence another of those miserable educational mistakes from which these provinces have suffered so much, will be avoided. A forestry school will both provide a training for all grades of the forestry service of the provinces, and also will open up a new and attractive profession to our young men.

But whatever the exact mode of procedure in the development of the forestry policy of the province, there is no question that some carefully considered action should be taken just as soon as possible. The situation is one needing ability, firmness and disinterested devotion to the interests of New Brunswick. Will her legislators prove equal to their duty and their opportunities?

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IS THE AMERICAN RACE DYING OUT, ASKS MR. DOOLEY.

"Is th' race dyin' out?" asked Mr. Dooley.

"Is it what?" replied Mr. Hennessy.

"Is it dyin' out?" said Mr. Dooley. "Th' ministers an' me frind Dock Eliot iv Harvard say it is. Dock Eliot wud know diff'rent if he was a rale dock an' wint flyin' up Halsted sthreet in a buggy, flogin' a white horse to be there on time. But he ain't, an' he's sure it's dyin' out. Childher ar-re disappearin' fr'm America. He took a squint at th' list iv Harvard gradjates th' other day an' discovered they had everything to make home happy but kids. Wanst th' wurruld was full iv little Harvards. Th' counthry swarmed with thim. Ye cud tell a Harvard man at wanst be a look at his feet. He had th' unmistakable cradle fut. It was no sthrange thing to see an ol' Harvard man comin' back to his almy mather pushin' a baby carredge full iv twins an' ladin' a fam'ly that looked like an advertisemint in th' newspapers to show th' percintage iv purity iv bakin' powdhers. Prisidint Eliot was often disturbed in a discoorse, pintin' out the dangers iv th' counthry, be the outcries iv th' progeny iv fair Harvard. Th' campus was full iv baby carredges on commencemint day, an' specyal accomydations had to be took f'r nurses. In thim happy days somewan was always teethin' in a Harvard fam'ly. It looked as if invincholy th' wurrld wud be peopled with Harvard men an' th' Chinese wud have to pass an Exclusion Act. But something has happened to Harvard. She is projoocin' no little rahrahs to glad th' wurruld. Th' av'rage fam'ly iv th' Harvard gradjate an' th' jackass is practically th' same. Th' Harvard man iv the prisint day is th' last iv his race. No artless prattle is heerd in his home. Not f'r him th' joys iv thrundlin' th' little push-cart in th' park or th' blind reach f'r th' soothin' syrup in th' darkened room. Whin Harvard needs a fresh batch iv scholars an' quarther backs she has to call f'r a new deal. An' me frind, Prisidint Eliot is sore about it, an' he has communicated th' sad fact to th' clargy. Nawthin' th' clargy likes so much as a sad fact. Leve wan iv me frinds iv th' clargy know that we're goin' to th' divvle in a new way an' he's happy. We used to take th' journey be covetin' our neighbor's ox or his ass, or be disobeyin' our parents, but now we have no parents to disobey, or they have no chilher to disobey thim. Th' American people is becomin' as unfruitful as an ash heap. We're no betther thin th' Fr-rinch. They say th' pleasin' squawk iv an infant hasn't been heerd in France since th' Franco-Prooshun war. Th. governmint offers prizes f'r fam'lies, but no wan claims thim. A Frinch gintleman who wint to Germany wanst has made a good deal iv money lecturin' on 'Wild Babies I have Met,, but ivrywan says he's a faker. Ye can't convince annywan in France that there ar-re anny babies. We're goin' th' same way. Less thin three millyon babies was bor-rn in this counthry las' year. Think iv it, Hinnissy—less thin three millyon, hardly enough to consume wanteenth iv th' output iv pins! It's a horrible thought. I don't blame ivry wan, f'rm Tiddy Rosenfelt down, f'r worry-in' about it.

"What's th' cause, says ye? I don't know. I've been readin' th' newspapers an' ivrybody's been tellin' why. Late marredges, arly marradges, no marredges, th' cost iv livin', th' luxuries iv th' day, th' tariff, th' thruste, th spots on th' sun, th' difficulty iv obtainin' implyemint, th' growth iv culture, th' pitcher hat, an' so on. Ivrybody's got a raison, but none iv thim seems to meet th' bill. I've been lookin' at th' argymints pro an' con, an' I come to th' conclusion that th' race is dyin' out on'ly in spots. It's dyin' out among Harvard graduates, but it's holdin' its own among th' alumnuses iv Saint Pathrick's Commercyal Academy in Desplaines sthreet. Th' av'rage size iv th' fam'ly in Mitchigan avnoo is .000001, but the av'rage size iv th' fam'ly in Ar-rchey Road is somewhat larger. Afther I r-read what Dock Eliot had to say, I ast me frind Dock Grogan what he thought about it. He's a rale dock. He has a horse an' buggy. He's out so much at night that th' polis ar-re always stoppin' him thinkin' he is a burglar. Th' dock has prepared some statistics f'r me, an' here they ar-re: Number iv twins bor-rn in Ar-rchey Road fr'm Halstead sthreet to Western avnoo fr'm Janooary wan to Janooary wan, 365 pairs; number iv thrips iv triplets in th' same fiscal year, nine; number iv individjool voters, eighty-three thousan' nine hundhred an' forty-two; av-rage size iv fam'ly, fourteen; av'rage weight iv parents, wan hundherd an' eighty-five; av'rage size iv rooms, nine be eight; av'rage hight iv celin', nine feet; av'rage wages, wan dollar sivinty-five; av'rage duration iv docthors' bills, two hundhred years.

"I took th' statistics to Father Kelly. He's an onprejudiced man, an' if th' race was dyin' out he wud have had a soundin' board in his pulpit long ago, so that whin he mintioned th' wurrud 'Hell,' ivrywan in th' congregation wud have thought he meant him or her. 'I think,' says Father Kelly, 'that Dock Grogan is a little wrong in his figures. He's boastin'. In this parrish I allow twelve births to wan marredge. It varies, of course, bein' sometimes as low as nine an' sometimes as high as 15. But 12 is about th' av'rage,' he says. 'If ye see Dock Eliot,' he says, 'ye can tell him th' race ain't dyin' out very bad in this here part iv th' wurruld. On th' conthry. It ain't lible to ayether,' he says, 'onless wages is raised,' he says. 'Th' poor ar-re becomin' richer in childher, an' th' rich poorer,' he says. "Tis always th' way,' he says. 'Th' bigger th' house th' smaller th' fam'ly. Mitchigan avnoo is always thinnin' out fr'm itsilf an' growin' fr'm th' efforts iv Ar-rchey Road. 'Tis a way nature has iv gettin' aven with th' rich an' pow'rful. Wan part iv town has nawthin' but money, an' another nawthin' but childher. A man with tin dollars a week will have tin childher, a man with wan hundherd dollars will have five, an' a man with a millyon will buy an autymobil. Ye can tell Schwartzmeister with his thirteen little Hanses an' Helenas that he don't have to throw no bombs to make room f'r his childher. Th' people over in Mitchigan avnoo will do that thimselves. Nature,' he says, 'is a wild diamycrat,' he says.

"I guess he's right. I'm goin' to ask Dock Eliot, Tiddy Rosenfelt, an' all th' rest iv thim to come up Ar-rchey R-road some summer's afthernoon an' show thim th' way th' r-race is dyin' out. Th' front stoops is full iv childher; they block th' throlley cars; they'se shyin' bricks at th' polis, pullin' up coal-hole covers, playin' ring-aroun'-th'-rosy, shootin' dice, makin' paper dolls, goin' to Sundah school, hurryin' with th' sprinkin' pot to th' place at th' corner, an' indulgin' in other spoorts iv childhood. Pah-pah is settin' on th' steps, ma is lanin' out iv th' window gassin' with th' neighbors, an' a squad iv polis ar-re up at th' church keepin' th' christenin' parties fr'm mobbin' Father Kelly, while he inthrajooces wan thousan' little Michaels, Pathricks, Jawns, Robert Immits, Kates, Bridgets, an' Mary Anns or Janes or Ellens, to Christyan s'ciety. No, sir, th' race, far fr'm dyin' out in Ar-rchey R-road, is runnin' aisy an' comin' sthrong."

"Ye ought to be ashamed to talk about such subjicks, ye, an' ol' batch," said Mr. Hennessy. "It's a seeryous question."

"How manny childher have ye?" asked Mr. Dooley.

"Lave me see," said Mr. Hennessy. "Wan, two, four, five, eight, siven, eight, tin—no, that's not right. Lave me see. Ah, yes, I f'rgot Terence. We have fourteen."

"If th' race iv Hinnissys dies out," said Mr. Dooley, "'twill be fr'm overcrowdin'."

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Mrs. E. Vennell, Welchpool.

The death occurred last week of Mrs. E. Vennell, the oldest resident of the island, in the 99th year of her age. Mrs. Vennell came to this country many years ago from England. Mr. James Vennell, her only surviving son, resides at Welchpool.

Robert G. Vanwart.

The death occurred Thursday at his home on Union street of Robert Golding Vanwart, one of the best known teamsters in the city. Mr. Vanwart was 70 years of age. He had been ill for some months. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and eight children. Mr. Vanwart was a native of Queens county.

James Delahunt, Formerly of Irishtown.

Mrs. Andrew McDonald, of Moncton, received word of the death of her brother, James Delahunt, which occurred in Boston. Deceased, who was a son of John Delahunt, of Irishtown, left for Boston some years ago, where he has since been engaged in business.

Mrs. Mary Callahan.

The death occurred last Thursday of Mrs. Mary Callahan, relict of Jeremiah Callahan, in her 76th year, after a short illness. Deceased is survived by two sons, John, the well known truckman, and Jeremiah.

Mrs. Sadie A. Abbott, Formerly of St. John.

Word has been received of the death at Cambridge (Mass.) on Monday last, of Mrs. Sadie A. Abbott (nee McShane), wife of John W. Abbott, a former resident of this city. Deceased is a sister of Wm. McShane, of T. McAvity & Son's Water street establishment.

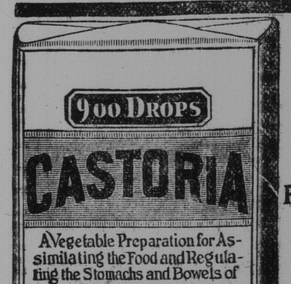
Miss Ellen L. Owens.

The death occurred Thursday, after a lingering illness, of Ellen L., the eldest daughter of John B. and Mary A. Owens, at her late home, St. Patrick street.

Rev. John F. Ford Dead

Weymouth, Mass., March 19—Rev. John F. Ford, for many years superintendent of the Working Boys' Home, in this city, and of the large home at Newton Heights, died here today of pneumonia.

Parke Godwin, author and editor, celebrated on the 25th of February his 88th birthday.



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