

Vote to Abolish European Immigration Agency.

In the estimates for 1900 appeared an item of \$4,825 for maintaining an Immigration Agency at Liverpool, and other expenses. The sum, though small, was effective in directing a considerable number of agricultural laborers and domestic servants to Ontario. The Government felt, as an increase of population was important, that such an agency should be continued. Mr. Whitney and his friends apparently were opposed to immigration, notwithstanding we have millions of acres of land unsettled, and the moderate efforts of the Government to find settlers could not be entertained, and accordingly it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Allen, "that the resolution (respecting immigration) be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply with instructions to reduce the item by \$4,825, being the first five items for the Liverpool Emigration Office." No surveys for settlement and no settlers for New Ontario appear to be Mr. Whitney's line of action.

Opposed the Appointment of a Clerk of Forestry.

Mr. Whitney's interest in the protection of the timber resources of the Province is shown by the fact that on April 30th, 1894, Mr. Monk moved, seconded by Mr. Preston, "that the resolution respecting grants (in aid of agriculture) be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to reduce the item by \$2,000, being the salary and disbursements of the Clerk of Forestry, which office was now vacant, and in the opinion of this House should be discontinued." (See page 181, Journals, 1894).

Mr. Whitney joined with the Opposition in voting for this resolution, and yet no branch of Government was more needed, or has proved more valuable, than the Forestry Branch of the Department of Crown Lands. Mr. Whitney has never grasped the importance of the great subject of forest preservation and reforestry.

On March 29th, 1899, for the third time, Mr. Whitney voted to abolish the office of Clerk of Forestry.

Forestry and Forest Reserve

There is no feature of administration which reflects more credit on the Government than its plans for conserving the timber supply through forestry and forest reserves. Indeed,

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