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THE EXPORT OF PULP WOOD.

The leading article in the current issue of the Canada Lumberman deals with the question of the export of pulpwood, which it condemns, and strongly advocates its manufacture in this country and only the export of paper permitted. There are many of us who have advocated this course for years, but so far the only authorities who can interfere with the current practice, decline to do so.

As the Lumberman points out, it is of course well known that pulpwood cut on the Crown Lands of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick cannot be exported without being first converted into pulp or paper. This enactment is of a provincial character and was wisely placed on the statute books several years ago. There are, however, great areas of privately owned acres from which the wood is being taken and sent across the border. It would seem an opportune time for the Federal authorities to take this matter in hand here. Canadians waken up to the fact that their great natural heritage has suddenly vanished and, like Esau of old, they have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage. Pulpwood is being exported today in its raw state across the border to the extent of millions of cords annually, whereas it should all be converted into the finished product at home, affording employment to a large industrial army and the investment of many millions of dollars of idle capital.

It may be pointed out that at the present time several pulp and paper mills in this province are standing idle for lack of orders. This does not affect the situation at all. Pulpwood is not a perishable commodity that has to be manufactured right away after being cut in case it should spoil. It will rot in good condition for years; and for matter of that, cutting might cease. The trouble has been that the high price paid for pulp wood of late has resulted in every farmer in the country who owns a decent wood lot proceeding to cut down every stick and turn it into money, with an utter disregard to future requirements.

Some sound advice on this matter has recently been given by two men who rank among the most eminent experts in the lumber industry of the present day. These are no more widely recognized authorities than Dr. Howe, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Toronto University, who has always taken a sane, conservative view of conditions. He declares that Canada's pulpwood, under the present heavy cuts made upon it, cannot possibly last longer than 50 years. This may seem a long way to look ahead, but 50 years is a comparatively short time to look back over. Dr. Howe is strongly of the opinion that pulpwood, instead of becoming cheaper will constantly increase in value as the timber from which supplies come recede, and transportation problems become more acute.

Mr. Frank J. D. Barnum of Annapolis Royal, N. S., is another national watchman, calling vigorously for the protection of our pulp, paper and timberlands. In a recent article he states: "Within two years there will be little, if any wood going out of Canada, and I shall leave the reader to imagine what will happen when the annual supply of a million and a half cords is no longer available to the American mills." He asserts that Quebec has already been forced to modify its large limit-holders that they must reduce the cut on the Crown lands one-half, which will necessitate the purchasing by Canadian mills, of all the land wood, which has been going across the line. If they do not adopt this course, the Canadian mills will be prematurely "forced out of business."

Not only must greater conservation be exercised, but Mr. Barnum declares that he is willing to stake his reputation on the points raised. Canadian spruce make the finest pulp in the world. This tribute was paid the well-known Canadian conifer recently by Prof. McCarthy of Syracuse University, N. Y., who has been conducting a working plan survey on the pulpwood limits of a leading pulp and paper organization of the Dominion and Canadian pulpwood should all be turned into the finished product by Canadian mills. The only argument raised against such a restriction has been a plea put forth on behalf of the settler that he would be deprived of access to the market over the border. He would thus, it is said, be at the mercy of Canadian concerns and would not be able to realize the top notch price for his commodity. This contention is no longer valid, owing to the fact that competition among the 100 Canadian pulp and paper mills to successfully persist and keen to keep the wood up to the highest market value.

Canada should waken up to the fact that she is losing her greatest asset, a valuable asset, it is the pulpwood that cannot be reproduced.

I SEE IN THE STANDARD

Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, M. P., widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, is said to be the new Speaker of the Legislature of British Columbia. If that honor goes to her, it will be the first time in Canada that a lady has held such a post. Women are members of city councils and boards of education in several cities of the Dominion—Toronto, for instance, has two lady "aldermen" and four school trustees—but the Parliament has not before been choosing them for portfolios or speakerships.

Mrs. Smith is a brilliant orator and one of the most popular residents of the Pacific coast province, as was illustrated in the recent election when she secured the greatest majority of any candidate in the contest. For years she has been a leader in all women's societies and a frequent contributor to magazines.

Saw Two Kings Crowned.
She enjoys the unique distinction of having with her husband attended the coronation of two British sovereigns who were in London when the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra were crowned, as well as when the late King George and Queen Mary were crowned. Later they were presented to the two Kings.

It was in a by-election in January, 1918, that she carried Vancouver, by a majority of 3,000 votes, as an independent that she made her first appearance in the provincial arena. In the Legislature she was a member of the House of Commons, and she was a member of the House of Commons, and she was a member of the House of Commons.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
The Unemployed Problem.
Unemployed men in Toronto are said to refuse snow shovelling at 60 cents per hour. The men who are too proud to do such work ought to be too proud to accept free meal tickets.—Guelph Mercury.

A Determined Cuss.
"Though three-fourths of the population die of hunger and cold," says Trotsky, "the remainder will survive to carry to victory the things ought to be the true greatness for you! Trotsky's going to save Russia if it takes the last Russian.—Lansing State Journal.

Henry VIII's Style.
An agitator for the elimination of the word "obey" from the marriage service offers what she thinks ought to be a convincing argument. It was put there, she tells us, by Henry VIII, which was quite in keeping with his ideas about women.

Europeans and Others.
Canada should not follow Hon. W. L. Mackenzie Bowden's cheap suggestions to the effect that European diplomacy put 60,000 Canadians in soldiers' graves. It is so far as diplomacy contributed to the outbreak of the war in 1914, France was innocent of the responsibility for such diplomacy. The Great War had its primary origin in the hearts of the European nations, who were taught to believe the war was the easiest, most profitable, glorious game on earth. The war had its beginning in European diplomacy, but in Germany's decision that the Huns had only to stretch out the hand of their primary origin in the hearts of the world was the cause of the taking. The Great War had its secondary origin in the heads of Britain's peace-mongering rulers. The Gladstones, the Asquiths, the Greys and other holders whom Hon. W. L. Mackenzie Bowden worshipped, who did their best to leave Britain unarmaged against the German peril. The anti-diplomatic European diplomacy could do to arm Germany for war.—Toronto Telegram.

A BIT OF VERSE
"EVENING LONGINGS."
The Princess sat high in her maiden tower,
And the boy blew the horn below by the tower:
"Be silent, thou boy, why blowest thou so?"
Thou hastest my thoughts that afar would go
With the setting sun.

The Princess sat high in her maiden tower,
And the boy no longer blew by the tower:
"Why art thou so silent? Again thou must blow!"
Thou hastest my thoughts that afar would go
With the setting sun.

The Princess sat high in her maiden tower,
And the boy blew again below by the tower:
"And then she wept: 'In the eventide: 'What I do then want, my God!'" she sighed.
Then the sun went down.
—Glorious Morning.

The Telegraph after announcing that Mrs. Ralph Smith, who was elected to the post of Speaker in Vancouver, had been appointed Speaker of the B. C. Legislature, describes her as "one of the most aggressive members of the House." Does the Telegraph infer that she is to have the Speakership on this account? It would be one way to get rid of her alleged aggressiveness.

Benny's Note Book

BY BEN PATE

THIS PARK AVE. NEWS
Weather. Wind whistling and trying to sound colder than it really is.

Start New Airship Line! A new airship line for freight only was started last Saturday between Pude, Stinkness, and Hay. The line consists of a ball of cord and a basket and Pude and Hay, but it was sure up there.

Interesting Facts About Interesting People. Lew Davis got perfect in school for homework and conduct every day for 5 weeks just before Christmas, and all he got for Christmas presents was, well, things to wear, and now just for that he says he's going to the other extreme.

POEM BY SKINNY MARTIN.
No house.
O don't get sore when the rain comes down,
The flowers have to have it in summer.
But wait it want to rain in the winter too?
Could anything be damper?

Sports. Saturday morning Benny Potts, Artie Alexander and Ed Wernick went around to Pude Stinkness house to get Pude to come out and practice football, and Pude was asleep like he generally is Saturday and Sunday, and they shook him and yelled different things in his ear for about 5 minutes until he lay awake up. Fire. Hay lit 10 o'clock, and different things, nothing waking him up till Artie Alexander yelled, Hay Pude look at the big leamin' morning pile.

THE LAUGH LINE

Cynical.
She (superstitious) — "I should never propose to a girl on Friday."

He (cynical) — "Not always. I once knew a fellow who did it, and the girl refused him."

Remember Him to the End of Time.
"Do you remember Green?"
"Sure I do. He borrowed two dollars from me about eight years ago."

Perpetual Motion.
First Professor (in high-powered motor car) — "We've got it at last."
Second Professor — "Got what?"
First Professor — "Perpetual motion. I can't stop."

Not Enough to Go 'Round.
"Jack, how is it that you never bring any good marks home from school?"
"Oh, papa, there are such a lot of us that when my turn comes there are none left."

The Limit.
"Carson is the most absent-minded chap I ever saw."

"What's he been doing now?"
"This morning he thought he had left his watch at home, and then proceeded to take it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home to get it."

Life is never monotonous to the woman who can afford to keep help.

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