LUMBER SITUATION IMPROVING

Comparing the total amount of lumber shipped from St. John in the months of January and February of this year, to the months of January and February of last year there will be seen a decrease of over five million feet. In 1908 the lumber clearances from St. John of January and February amounted to 19,301,951 feet and in the months of January and February of this year, the clearences amounted to 13,710,027 feet. The falling off was not due to the scarcity of lumber however, but the vessels on which the consignments were made could not make room for more, as the goods brought by the trains from the west had first choice and left space for only a limited amount of lumber. The cut of logs this season is bigger than the estimate, as the hauling in the woods has been, and still is, exceptionally good and about all the logs cut will be drawn out to the banks of the streams and other places from whence transportation is made without great difficulty, and be brought down to the last boom.

The same favorable conditions exist in all the lumbering districts throughout the province. Many more logs have been cut and hauled out than at first anticipated.

Getting Into Shape.

The local mills are closed down at present .Some of them are making the usual repairs on the machinery, etc. They will be ready to begin sawing about the 15th of April.

Last year the cut was only a minimum one. The cut this year is much greater. Such an improvement in this great industry should greatly aid to materially brighten things generally.

MORE TRIPS FROM ST. JOHN TO BOSTON

The Eastern Steamship Company, whose fine passenger steamer the Calvin Austin plys weekly between this city and Boston and Maine ports during the winter season, while the Austin and at least two other boats of her class take care of the summer traffic on this route, report that they have had a very successful season and that business during the coming summer promises to be heavier than ever.

Traffic Growing.

On account of the great increase of traffic the company found that one trip a week in winter was insufficient to accommodate it all, so they have scheduled the Calvin Austin to make two trips a week, one coastwise to Boston from St. John, on Wednesda mornings, at 8 o'clock and the other a direct trip to leave St. John Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Capt. W. H. Allen will be in command.

As the season advances in order t omeet the tourist traffic and the usual summer trade, 5 trips will be made per week. The Calvin Austin will be replaced by the new turbine steamship Governor Cobb and the steamship Governor Dingley. The Governor Cobb will run on the direct route and the Governor Dingley will wun on the coastwise route. The Governor Dingley is a single screw ship and compares favorably with the Calvin Austin.

POINTED TALKS OF A MINUTE

R. B. Emerson—There should be a more congenial and friendly spirit between the City Council and the Board of Trade. At present many of the Council appear to undervalue the worth of the Board which is composed of men of wide business experience. I think it would be in the interest of the city if the aldermen would take us a little more into their confidence.

T. H. Hall—"There are no reasons why St. John should not become a city of manufactures. The West for years to come must obtain her manufactured goods from the East. We have here many natural advantages while other places less favorably situated are forging ahead of us. I would suggest that the aldermen become members of the Board of Trade or at least attend as many of their meetings as possible."

Alderman Vanwart—"In my opinion a most effective by-law to regulate the sale of baker's bread would be one providing that there be three weights for loaves, two pounds, one pound and a half, and one pound. The pound-and-a-half loaf could include all the so-called "fancy" breads and would sell for the same price as the two pound loaf of ordinary bread. The pound loaf of course would be half the price of the others."

Ald. J. King Kelley—There is room for a newspaper in the city of Saint John in the cultivation of the spirit of hope. The value of citizenship and the duties involved as a whole have not been held in high esteem. Undue and severe criticism of our public men has been destructive of public service to such an extent that a man who appreciates fair treatment will not venture into public life. The sacrifice of home ties is no compensation for time spent on public business unappreciated. A paper, intensely warm to the interests of the city of Saint John, would be a valuable asset in our civic economy. The Common Council of St. John should receive fair treatment. Whatever can be said against the present Council it must be admitted that to some extent each member has made a success of life in his particular calling. Constant rasping, harping criticism is productive of no good. Those who do not seek to avoid it are not encouraged to public service by being paraded as men, insincere, without capacity, vacilating and of frivilous judgment. So far as I am aware, there has been really no genuine effort put forward by the press to boom Saint John. It is worthy of better treatment. The natural resources and the wealth up against our doors is not being made known to the world, whereas whole columns of the press have been devoted to trifling and momentary matters. Saint John should be made known to the world and the newspapers of Saint John should do their part in proclaiming it—a city of pure water, of good government and good health. It is amazing the number of travellers, men of means, who are looking for just such a city as we possess, free from sectarian strife, free from disease, and the latchstrings of our hospitality always visible. One who encourages developments, cultivates the stay at home habit and spreads the good reputation of this city, will have answered in a substantial way the demand of citizenship.

CONTROVERSY CLOSED; END OF THE CARMAN-JACKSON TROUBLES; BOARD WAS DECIDEDLY EAGER FOR HARMONIOUS END

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

And with the singing of this stirring old hymn, the breach in Methodism threatened by the Carman-Jackson episode was shown to be bridged and the warring elements brought into the one camp.

Yesterday was indeed laden with surprises for the Methodist Church in Canada. The first came when the faculty of Victoria University had decided unanimously to issue a declaration of independence of thought and freedom of speech and to stand or fall with Rev. George Jackson.

The second came when the meeting of the board of regents called by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Carman, last night adopted the faculty's declaration and ordered it published in the official church organ as the new declaration of principles practically a new theological creed, signed by the chairman "A. Carman" himself.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was one absolutely unanimous. Rev. George Jackson's statement of views both then and as previously published were concurred in by every member of the faculty without the slightest dissent.

The meeting of regents was held at the college last night It opened at 8 o'clock and continued for nearly three hours. Dr. Carman presided. N. W. Powell, K. C., acted as secretary. There was a good representation of the Toronto members of the board present. The personnel of the board is composed of Rev. Dr. Carman, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. W. P. Dyer, Rev. J. S. Ross, Rev. James Allen, Rev. Joseph Wilson, Rev. A. H. Young and Rev. Dr. Graham. Hon. Justice Maclaren, Hon. Justice Britton, Hon. George A. Cox, Dr. Jas. Mills, C. D. Massey, A. E. Kemp, N. W. Rowell, Dr. F. I. Small.

Eager For Harmony.

The board promptly took up the matter of the Carman-Jackson controversy, but the angel of peace hovered over the gathering to such an extent that each side appeared to outrival the other in its desire to extend the olive branch.

The chancellor presented the report of the meeting of the faculty which endorsed their new colleague, Rev. George Jackson.

When it had been read Rev. Dr. Carman so stirred the hearts of the regents by his declaration, that his statements in regard to Brother Jackson" were not intended to be personal that a member of the board started singing a verse of the hymn, "Blessed be the Tie That Binds," and the verse was sung through by the other members who heartily joined in.

Dr. Carman's declaration of fraternity feeling towards Rev. George Jackson cleared the path for the withdrawal by the superintendent of his strictures on that minister and it only remained for the findings of the board to be placed in the form of the following resolutions, which were signed by Dr. Carman, and Chancellor Burwash, and handed to The World by N. W. Rowan, K. C.

Where Victoria Stands.

RESOLVED that the report of the president of the university in reference to the recent theological controversies be received and adopted by this board as a statement of the position of Victoria University in the matter; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is considered desirable that whatever has been written of a personal character calculated to wound the feelings of brethren or interfere with their work be withdrawn, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the report of the president and the resolution of the Faculty of Theology be published in The Christian Guardian and in the secular press accompanied by a copy of this resolution, the resolution to be certified by the chairman and secretary of the board.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution unanimously passed at a meeting of the board of regents of Victoria University, this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1909.

A. Carman, Chairman,
N. Burwash, Secretary.

Statement Of The Faculty.

At a meeting of the Faculty of Theology of Victoria University, held in the president's office at 3.30 p. m., March 23rd, 1909, at which all members of the faculty were present, viz., President Burwash, Dean Wallace, and Professors Reynar, John Burwash, McLaughlin, Bowles, Blewett, Misener and Jackson, and voting it was moved by Professor Reynar, seconded by Professor John Burwash, and resolved unanimously that the following statement be approved by the faculty, signed by the president and the dean, and forwarded to the board of regents:

Signed—F. H. Wallace, Dean.

To the Board of Regents, Victoria College.

Gentlemen, in responding to the request of a large number of our board for a meeting at which may be considered the attitude and action which should be taken in view of the recent controversies in order that our college may continue to command the respect and confidence of the church and be true to its duty as the honest investigator of all truth, and the fearless teacher of the same, we have thought it our duty, arising from the responsibility with which we are entrusted to submit for your consideration the following statement of the case.

It is required of the Theological Faculty of Victoria College that nothing shall be taught to our students which will in any way prove destructive to faith in the inspiration and authority of the divine revelation given us by God in the Holy Scriptures, or in their integrity and trustworthiness as taught in the fifth article of religion on the basis of which our church and college are founded. This article reads as follows: "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament of whose authority was never any doubt in the church.

The Great Necessity.

Insomuch as the seal of this authority is the testimony of the Holy Spirit witnessing in the church as the body of believers to the power and truth of the Divine Word, be believed that no one, however he may excel in scholarship or whatever may be his intellectual endowments, is qualified to interpret the Word unless in his own heart there dwells the spirit of God testifying to the things of Christ. As all Scripture from first to last is written that men may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing may have life through His name, we hold that no one can teach the Holy Scripture who does not in his heart and life acknowledge Jesus Christ as Son of God and Lord and Saviour of man.

We further believe and teach that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, that all their order and perfection are the work of His wisdom, goodness and power; that He created man in His own image after His likeness, a responsible moral being; that man fell into sin; that sin is not a stage in a process of development, but a moral act, by which a man forsakes the right and does the wrong; that by sin man's nature has been changed for the worse, so that according to our seventh article he is very far gone from original righteousness and of his own nature inclined to evil and that continually; that redemption from sin is only through the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the Old Testament dispensation was both preparation and prophecy and in whom the Old Testament has its complete fulfilment.

These doctrines have been the fundamentals of our teaching for the past 38 years and these are the truths which we find taught in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The Truth Of The Scriptures.

We believe that in the past sufficient allowance has not been made for the fact that in our own church as in nearly all the evangelical churches of our day, there is no little difference of opinion as to what is implied in the inspiration of Holy Scripture. The fact of the agency of the Spirit in the original producetion of Scripture, and of Divine character and authority of Scripture arising out of that agency is not, we think, denied. Nor is the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit in and with the Word in all ages applying it to the hearts and consciences of men, doubted by any who have been partakers of the life of God, created within us by the Spirit and the Word. Of this, "he that believeth hath the witness in himself."

The truth of Scripture shines by its own light. This is the testimony of the Spirit that formed a fundamental part of the faith of the reformers in the first age, when spiritual religion flourished in great power in the churches of the reformation. But the question remains how has this Divine Spirit-given truth expressed itself in the language and thought of man?

Has it created for itself a new and perfect form of thought and expression so that everything incorporated in Scripture, its science and history, as well as its religion and morality, is stamped with the perfection of the Divine Omniscience

Or did the inspring Spirit come to man at sundry times, and in divers manners, as they were, with their limitations and imperfections of thought, knowledge and language, and sanctifying these imperfect human instruments for His use, so inform them with the spirit of moral and religious truth, that they were able to declare that truth as it was revealed from God to their fellow-men and to place it on record as a treasure for all ages?

Satisfies All Demands.

Each of these views, with various intermediate modifications, can claim the support of men whose piety, honesty and loyalty to truth and to the word of God cannot be doubted. Each of these views will satisfy the requirements of the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church, as expressed in our fifth article, while passages in Mr. Wesley's sermons and notes may be quoted in support of either view.

Inasmuch as perfect honesty in the investigation of truth, are essential parts of our religion, and especially imperative in our schools of theology, standing as they do side by side with the great institutions of learning in the country, so long as our theological profesors maintain their personal vital relation to Christ and the Holy Scripture, and adhere to the doctrinal standards of our church, Victoria College recognizes that they must be left free to do their own work in order that in an atmosphere of perfect Christian candor and true intellectual liberty, they may conserve the faith of our church in the minds of those who, in days to come, shall minister in our pulpits. Our experience is that only as the young men of a great university have full confidence that their instructors give them honest convictions, reached by perfectly candid and scientific methods, will they retain their faith in Christianity itself.

Guard Public Utterances.

Recognized that the more conservative view of the Bible, in the minds of those who adhere to it, does obviously conserve the essential truth of Divine revelation, and knowing how this view of Scripture has become entwined with the most sacred convictions of many of our people, and has in the past produced a robust and aggressive type of Christian character, we recommend that our public utterances on this question in the pulpit, on the platform, or in the press, should so present the modern view of Bible interpretation as only to manifest more fully the spiritual power and the Divine truth of the Holy Scriptures

We present this statement not in the spirit of dogmatic assertion, but remembering that now we know in part, and believing that by the spirit of candor and honest freedom God's truth will be more and more perfectly manifested and glorified.

(Signed) S. Burwash, President.
F. H. Wallace, Deacon.

CONGESTION AT SAND POINT SHOWS RAPID TRAFFIC GROWTH

A remarkable procession was to be seen at Sand Point on Tuesday afternoon when the passengers were being landed from the C. P. R. steamer Montreal, and the Donaldson liner Cassandra. It had a humorous side, but that was eclipsed by the spectacle it afforded in illustration of that marked lack of accommodation at Sand Point.

Berths Crowded.

So crowded were the berths at the Point that these ships, with passenger lists of 360 and 330 respectively were crowded out to the end berth and that facing Reed's Point. This meant that passengers had to be walked and guarded through all the sheds to the immigration building. For part of the way the newcomers took it as a joke, but when they had travelled a long way without reaching their destination, the novelty paled, and remonstrances in Belgian, Russian, Yiddish Galician and English filled the air.

The immigrants had to walk a distance of about equal to that between the foot of King St., and the corner of Charlotte and Union. Their inconvenience was not the serious part of the affair. The immigration department was very much delayed in its work, as were the trains taking the passengers away.

Traffic Growing.

It was at 11 a. m. and at 2 p. m. that the steamers docked. Both passenger lists were small, yet the immigration officials had to go without supper, and did not get through the work until the middle of the evening.

The docking of a passenger steamer at the end of the pier has never been known to take place before. Hitherto only freight boats have been placed at this berth. It would appear that the congestion is becoming more marked than ever.

ONE WHO KNOWS

To the Editor of The Standard:

Sir—:Premier Hazen in his masterly reply to the unfortunate speech of the Leader of the Opposition, when referring to the Highway Act, says: "One had only to look around and see the great amount of work done last year to be convinced that the money was judiciously expended." The writer can heartily substantiate what the Premier says. I have for many years driven out the Golden Grove road to the Forks, and for several miles up the French Village road, and can truthfully say that no time in all those years, could any comparison be made to the splendid condition of those roads as they were last fall. Driving was indeed a pleasure to what it had been in the past. They would please the most fastidious automobilist.

If this is a sample of the work done through the province last summer surely we have reason to congratulate ourselves on a change of government.

Yours respectfully,

WM. YOUNG.

Has Been Extended.

Permission has been received from Ottawa to extend the session of the qualifying school for officers, non-commissioned officers and men which is being conducted here, for an additional week. Three instructors from Quebec are now here, Capt. Mills, Sergent Cox and Major Sullivan. A fine opportunity is being offered to qualify for rank, and for brushing up in all ranks, and the military men are taking advantage of it in gratifying numbers.

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