

WALL BETWEEN PROVINCES NOT THOUGHT GOOD

Hon. Mr. Mercer Deprecates Suggestion in Quebec House

CROWN LAND TIMBER TO MILLS IN N. B.

Hear A. L. Petty in Interest-Member, Objects and Wants Correspondence Motion

QUEBEC, March 12.—No Chinese wall must be erected between the provinces of Canada, declared Hon. Honora Mercer, Minister of Lands and Forests, in the Legislative Assembly, when the question of wood cut in Quebec and New Brunswick was discussed. The matter came before the House on motion by Jules Langlais, Conservative, of Temiscouata, who wanted a motion for correspondence between the Government and the Government of New Brunswick with respect to the manufacturing of wood cut in Quebec.

Mr. Langlais' contention was by no means new, as the minister reminded him, since it was brought into the House by Fabien Bugeaud, then M. L. A. for Bonaventure, and now backing in the sunshine which surrounds the judicial bench, for Mr. Bugeaud is a magistrate.

Manufactured in N. B. Mr. Langlais said that most of the wood cut in Bonaventure county, and much of the wood cut in Temiscouata county, went across the Bale de Chaloupi to be manufactured in New Brunswick, and he wondered whether something could not be done in the matter. "Was it not possible," said Mr. Langlais, "that the leases granted to companies could be re-drafted, with a provision that in the event of the wood being sent to other provinces the leases should terminate?" In this way, said Mr. Langlais, the wood cut in the province would be manufactured here.

Hon. Mr. Mercer said the question raised was not a new one, since it had been raised a number of times, but the matter of solution still remained. He liked the idea that the wood cut in the province should be manufactured here, but the idea advocated by Mr. Langlais did not carry weight. It was much too difficult a remedy, and the end of such a project was hard to see, especially under existing conditions. Many companies hold leases during a long period of years, and such leases could hardly be taken away on the ground that the wood cut was not all manufactured in this province.

Says Barrier Bad. It was not well, said Mr. Mercer, that there should be raised a barrier between the provinces, since this would constitute discrimination in trade between the provinces. It happened at times that certain manufacturers had raw materials in one province and manufactured them in another province, and, in addition to the case cited, there was also the Ottawa River case. There were companies which held forest limits in this province and manufactured their wood in Ontario. To prevent the export of the wood from Quebec into Ontario would mean in such cases that many citizens of the province would be deprived of employment and would flock back into this province.

Fears Consequences. To adopt the idea of an embargo between provinces, as suggested by Mr. Langlais, would lead to disastrous consequences, said Hon. Mr. Mercer. It would be much better, he said, if manufacturers were to establish plants in the Gaspé peninsula to manufacture the wood cut there, rather than to have

legislation to prevent the wood going into New Brunswick.

Transportation. The matter as regards the Gaspé peninsula, said the minister, was one largely of transportation, and he hoped the transportation facilities of that section of the province would soon be bettered, so that it would pay to manufacture the wood cut in the peninsula at home, instead of sending the wood to New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Mercer added a few words to the effect that industry in this province depended a good deal on the forests of the province, and also that much of the industrial life of the province was tied up in such industries. Hence, he said, it was well to be careful in the matter of legislation, so that harm would not result.

"We are working for a solution, and hope in the near future it will be possible to arrive at this solution," said Mr. Mercer. "We would like to have all the wood cut in the province manufactured in the province and hope this will be possible in the near future." It was necessary, he said, that in matters between the provinces a happy medium should be established, and of late years, and, in fact, for many years, the representatives of the various provinces had been in the habit of consulting each other.

Mr. Langlais said that the prohibition of the export to the United States of wood cut on crown lands had not resulted in trouble, and perhaps a similar measure would not do harm.

DIGBY MAN, CORONER 42 YEARS, RESIGNS

DIGBY, March 12.—Last week Major John Daley tendered his resignation as coroner to the Provincial Government, which has been accepted. Forty-two years ago Major Daley received the appointment of coroner for Digby county, succeeding the late Dr. Stephens. During that time he has conducted 74 inquests.

Major Daley is also game warden for the county, and is one of the oldest game wardens in Nova Scotia. This appointment was given him in February, 1870, and for 46 years he has conducted this office. Mr. Daley is 85 years of age and still takes an important part in helping to bring violators of the law to justice.

Minard's Liniment for Sore Throat.

CURRAN QUITTS POST.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Henry H. Curran, immigration commissioner at Ellis Island, announced today that he had forwarded his resignation to President Coolidge to become effective March 31, in order to become counsel of the City Club.

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