

Special Announcement.

(MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.)

We inaugurate to-day a sale of all goods in this department. Our experience has taught us that when we want to Clear Goods, it must be done by cutting the prices real deep.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMERS

Will find it to their advantage to do their purchasing here. Our stock is certainly well assorted and fresh. Buy good, sensible gifts for your friends, and so make this season a very happy one.

We have all the little findings necessary for the making up of gifts and will be pleased to give you our best attention.

R. N. WYSE, Newcastle, N. B.

PRESENT PURCHASING PERIOD.

HANDKERCHIEFS, 3 for 10c. See what we have for 5c each. GREAT VARIETY.

MEN'S SILK INITIALED H'D K'FS, GOOD QUALITY, 50c.

Now is the time to be thinking of what presents you are going to give. We would like to help you in your selection. We believe that the best present for old and young is something of real practical value.

For a Lady.

- One of our very fancy lengths of FLECKED DRESS GOODS, \$6.88. Waist length of All Wool DELAINES, \$1.50. Fancy waist of Wool DELAINES, trimmed with ornaments, lined, \$2.00.

For a Gentleman.

- SUIT CLOTHES, superb quality, 10 to 12 dollars. Cheaper suits if you want them. OVERCOATS, \$7, \$9, or \$10.50. Great value, only need to be seen to be appreciated.

For the Boy.

- SUIT CLOTHES, warm, comfortable winter suits, quite cheap, too. RAGLANETT OVERCOAT, \$4.75 or \$5.00. REEFERS—only a few left but they are right in quality and price.

For a Girl.

- SETT FURS. We have grey opposum, that looks well. Are quite cheap and we will guarantee the wear. ASTRACAN MITTS, 75c. GLOVES, MITTS, BOOTS, etc.

Clarke & Co.

\$12.00

WILL BUY a Ladies' handsome Gold Filled Waltham Watch, guaranteed for 25 years. Positively a good time keeper. This price is for CASH ONLY and holds good until CHRISTMAS EVE.

We have other Watches for the Holidays: Watches for Girls \$2.50 to \$10.00. For Boys \$1.50 to \$5.00. For Ladies \$6.00 to \$30.00. For Gents \$5.00 to \$30.00. In Silver, Gold-Filled and Gold Cases.

Our assortment of CHAINS to go with these watches is larger than ever before. The Styles are the latest, the Prices the Lowest that can be obtained for Quality.

All Goods Guaranteed.

H. Williston & Co., JEWELERS.

Seasonable Goods.

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Alluring Prices.

- 8 INCH CUT-GLASS BOWL, \$5.00. CUT GLASS OIL BOTTLE, \$4.50. CUT GLASS COLOGNES, \$1.20 to \$2.00. LIMOGES SUGARS and CREAMS, 3 decorations, \$1.70, \$2.65, \$3.75. LADIES' PURSES, with or without silver corners, 75 cents. NAPRIN RINGS, 50c. to \$3.00.

THE ANSWER.

The Provincial Government Answers

N. B. LUMBERMEN.

A Full Text of Surveyor General Dunn's Answer.

The local government has decided to increase the stampage on lumber cut in New Brunswick, from \$1 to \$1.25 a thousand, and to double the charge for renewal of leases, making it \$8 a square mile, instead of \$4, as at present.

When increase of the stampage was first talked of some little time ago, \$1.50 was spoken of as likely to be the new rate, but on second view the government considered that a better plan would be to do what has now been decided on.

There are other important matters relative to the lumber industry dealt with by the surveyor-general in replying to the memorial of the lumbermen's association. The full text of his reply is given here.

To Messrs. Henry Hilyard, Kilgour, Shives, W. B. Snowball, John E. Moore, G. J. King, E. Hutchison and R. A. Lawlor, Committee of the Lumbermen and Lumber Holders' Association.

Gentlemen.—I am directed to inform you that I submitted to the executive council your memorial of the 23rd September, last, and to say that the matters therein referred to have received very careful consideration.

As you have made recommendations in reference to the administration of the crown lands which are very important, it will perhaps be well to refer to them in detail, and to acquaint you with the views of the government in respect thereto under the different heads.

1. The question of allowing tops to be removed without payment of stampage is one involving serious difficulties, and, after consultation with the officers of the department, who are fully competent to judge upon these matters, the executive council has reluctantly been forced to the conclusion that it cannot accede to your views.

2. While the executive council is impressed with the view put forward in the second paragraph of your memorial, with reference to the increased cost attending the procuring of lumber and getting it to market, yet it should be borne in mind that the province has in recent years expended large amounts of money in the building of railways, which have very considerably lessened the cost of taking the supplies to the head waters of the rivers where lumbering operations are carried on, and this fact as well as the reduced cost of supplies, should be taken into consideration in determining what would be a fair rate of stampage.

3. The question of having different rates of stampage in different sections of the province is a very important one, and the executive council has felt that a great deal could be said in favor of discriminating in this regard, having reference to the accessibility of markets, the facilities for procuring lumber, difference in freights and other circumstances, but it has been decided to acquiesce in the views put forward by you on behalf of the lumbermen, and continue the uniform rate throughout the province.

4. In respect to recommendation No. 4 contained in your memorial, the executive council feels that it would not be in the interest of the province that a regulation of general effect should be made regarding the reduction of stampage to operators cutting on burnt districts, but has decided that in cases of this kind application must be made to the surveyor-general, and by him referred to the committee of council for decision, and each case will be dealt with upon its merits, but the general opinion is that only in very exceptional cases should any reduction be made.

5. In regard to your recommendation No. 5, the executive council recognizes that there are throughout the province certain areas under license upon which the timber is not likely at any time, when cut, to

be more than a few years old. It is therefore not surprising that the executive council should have been impressed with the view that the lands should be reserved for the purpose of supplying the province with timber for the future.

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9. Referring to paragraph 10 of the memorial, would the executive council recognize to the fullest extent the great desirability of preserving from encroachment all the lands which are now under license, and in view of this fact, the government does not think it desirable that the question of granting a further extension should form an element in considering the rate of stampage and mileage rate to be paid.

10. As to the statement in paragraph 11 of your memorial, the government intends to introduce an amendment to the act relating to the survey and exportation of lumber, and the difficulties suggested in this paragraph.

11. With regard to the suggestion contained in paragraph 12 of the memorial, the government is unable to see its way clear to make any general regulation allowing for the cut of logs of a smaller size than that already provided for.

12. In conclusion, the executive council desires me to say that the preservation and protection of the crown timber lands of the province have been the subject of the very greatest consideration by the government, recognizing, as it does, the great importance to the province of preserving and encouraging this great industry.

In this connection, it may be proper to observe that the executive council recognizes the equitable claims of those who have invested large amounts of money in the erection of mills, the building of boats, wharves, etc., in connection with the carrying on of lumbering and milling operations, and would naturally be weighed with the people of the province against permanently locking up its timber lands without first affording an opportunity to all persons to secure an interest therein, if they saw fit to do so.

In considering this question, it must be approached from the standpoint of the public interest, and also with a view to protecting the large number of persons throughout the province who are engaged in this industry. The government recognizes the great importance of speedily arriving at a proper conclusion, and your committee may rely upon the subject receiving the fullest consideration. I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant, A. T. DUNN, Surveyor-General, Fredericton (N. B.), Dec. 4, 1903.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Last

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Fish's Road Contract Discussed—Police Report received.

The regular meeting of the New castle Town Council was held in the clerk's office on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst. The Worshipful Mayor, Messrs. Aldermen, Ald. Armstrong, and Ald. Laylor being present.

A communication from J. D. Creaghan in regard to press charges for wiring his residence was read and discussed and on motion it was resolved that the town clerk be instructed to see Mr. Creaghan, and also Mr. Creaghan and endeavor to come to a settlement with that gentleman.

A communication from Mr. Waddle, re some alleged repairs to baders was read and handed to water and light committee.

Applications of Allan James, H. B. Cassidy and Geo. T. Bennett were read and after discussion Ald. Laylor moved that Andrew Gibb be retained at \$35 per month—Carried.

A communication from the Smart-Turner Co., re damages claimed by town was read and the clerk ordered to give information as to fact.

A petition for a light in the rear of Massie Hall was read and laid on the table.

The committee in charge of new road reported that Mr. Fish had made rapid progress up to the fall of snow and that the road was well advanced toward completion.

Mr. Fish, who was present, said that he expected an engineer to go over the work and make an estimate of the work done, but none had been available so he had made an estimate which he submitted. This showed work to about \$1400 done.

After further discussion by Hennessey, Crooks and Armstrong, Ald. Laylor moved that Mr. Fish be paid \$1250 on account of contract. Carried.

The Police Magistrate's Report for the year was handed to the Police Committee.

A number of accounts passed. Ald. Hennessey moved that as the services of Mr. J. Cassidy were not needed all the time, that he be notified that his services were not required at present, but when required, he will be notified. Carried.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing good work in many of the towns in the Maritime Provinces among the young men. The motto adopted by the International Committee Headquarters, New York is the words, "spirit, mind and body."

While we believe in carrying out the motto in its threefold sense, yet many associations today in good working condition and like the Newcastle association have only limited floor space reserved to only the spirit and mind.

We know of several associations run on this principle in towns with less than 4000 population with 150 to 200 members and a lively interest, taken in its work by its members, where they meet in the evening to see each other, to read the best of literature that is always found in a Y. M. C. A. reading room, to enjoy a pleasant hour in playing games that are also found there and many of them around the organ will be enjoying a good social time singing college songs or the favorite hymns and Gospel songs always on hand and some may be found in the educational classes always conducted in a well equipped association.

The Newcastle association is willing to do all they can to carry out these principles of the association motto first by its Religious meetings and Bible classes that will soon be organized. Also the mind will have an opportunity of improvement by evening classes if the young men desire it.

Mr. Belyea will conduct a class in book-keeping if four or more men request it on the beginning of the New Year and other classes can be added if there is any demand for it.

All the men in town are requested to attend the Sunday afternoon meetings held at four o'clock, conducted by the secretary, some and bring a friend.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet next Saturday at 3 p. m. in Y. M. C. A. to thoroughly organize and form committees to carry out the social side of the work.

A boy's department will also be formed this week and we hope for a membership of 50 boys or more. The boys are invited to meet the secretary at 4 o'clock Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the purpose of organizing. All boys from 12 to 16 years invited.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.