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FIRST TO TEACH PHILOSOPHY

Honor is Accorded Thales, Who Established a School Which Exerted Wide Influence.

The first school of philosophy was established in Miletus (Asia Minor) by Thales, one of the wise men, and was quite a remarkable institution, exerting an influence for more than a century.

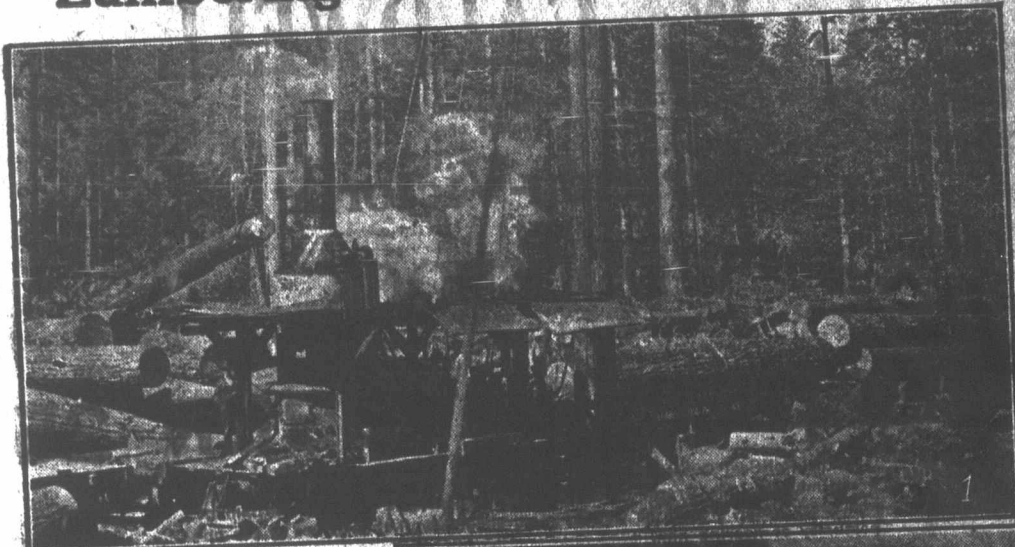
Thales seems to have given himself more entirely to this school than to any of his other undertakings. There is a legend that he never married, and when his mother pressed him to do so he said: "It is not yet time." After his youth was passed she again urged him to marry and he said: "It is no longer time."

Many of the subjects taught in his school, such as astronomy, geometry and geography, show the influence of Egypt and Phoenicia; but the philosophy was probably an original product, for while some of the sciences were somewhat advanced, the philosophy was apparently a first attempt at an explanation of the origin of the world. It originated a movement which culminated more than a century later in the idealism of Plato.

We may perhaps understand something of the attitude of the common people toward Thales' school of philosophy from the story of the old woman who laughed when the master fell backward into a ditch after gazing too long at the stars. The old woman not only laughed, but she is said to have called after him: "If you cannot see what is under your feet, how can you understand what is in heaven?"

The geography and astronomy taught in this school were very primitive. The earth was flat, the sun circled around it horizontally, being concealed at night by high hills. One writer of the time describes the world in the following poetical way: "God makes a mantle, large and fair and embroidered on it earth and ocean and ocean's dwellings."

Lumbering in British Columbia



The greatest industry in British Columbia is lumber. Many thousands of men are employed in handling it, from the adventurous prospector who sets out for parts unknown and unexplored to look for fresh and profitable timber-lands, down to the expert polisher who finishes off the beautifully veined panel of Douglas Fir at the factory.

It is estimated that there are 400 billion feet of merchantable timber in the Province, more than half the forest wealth of Canada, and experts say that over five times the amount at present cut every year could be used without encroaching too much on the timber resources of the Province.

The value of forest products for 1919 was \$70,285,094, but this was largely owing to the high prices prevailing for all lumber, wood-pulp, etc., due to a world shortage and a great demand.

The Douglas Fir is the most famous of all British Columbia's trees, growing to a height of 250 ft. and 16 and 9 ft. in diameter. It is used for house construction, boat-building, mine props, poles, railway ties, bridge and trestle timbers and many other things.

Then there is the Red Cedar, famed all over the world for the shingles it produces, doors, frames and finely dressed panelling for lining living-rooms; the Sitka Spruce for aeroplanes, and Western Hemlock for box-manufacturing and pulpwood.

Vancouver is a city of saw-mills; there is a fringe of them lining the creeks and inlets of the coast around the city and one seldom looks out to sea without watching some little tug towing a huge boom of logs behind it that have come perhaps from some camp hundreds of miles away up the coast.

Who shall say the lumberjack's life is not one of the best there is? Care free and next to nature, he spends his day in the great outdoors with the wind of the sap that oozes out of the fresh-cut cedar, the smell of the wood-smoke of his camp fires, of wet moss and hurrying balsam bark.

Instead of the deafening din of restless humanity he hears the roar of a distant waterfall, the call of wild geese or the warning cry of his fellows—"Timber!"—re-echoing thro' the silent forest before thunderous thud tells him that another giant fir has fallen beneath their hands.

His good day's work done, he has nothing else to think about but his evening meal all ready waiting for him at the cook-house—and a pipe.

(1) A Donkey Engine used to draw in and load logs on the cars.

(2) Cutting down a Douglas Fir tree in B. C.

There are in British Columbia 600 saw-mills and paper mills, 212 saw-mills and 70 shingle mills, so it will be seen that the lumber world is a vast one.

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