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#### CANADIAN FORESTRY.

The Miner is in receipt of the report of the third annual meeting of the Can adian Forestry Association. It embraces the work of the association in every province of the Dominion, and makes a book of 128 pages of most interesting reading matter. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere is the honorary president of the association.

The objects of the Forestry Association are most laudable-to preserve from wanton destruction, as much as possible the standing forests of the realm, either from the ruthless attack of man or the insidious spread of fire, and to encourage the planting of trees in the prairie sections of the Dominion-either of which cannot but redound to the good of man. While Canada has many wide stretches nude of timber of any description, still she is known abroad as the great timber reserve of the continent. And to preserve this rich inheritance is a noble work that many prominent men for all time to come. We have seen how the great forests of Michigan, northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and other American States have disappeared before the onslaughts of the lumbermen during the past 50 years, and we know pretty well what lies in store for us in the not distant future, now that the eyes of the people to the south of us are directed this way, settlers as well as lumbermen. It is not the purpose of the Forestry cutting of merchantable timber for domestic and commercial purposes, but wanton waste and wholesale destruction.

49th parallel to the arctic circle is one a quality possessed by the elect. It of the richest blessings we have. Nothing ranks above it in importance. While believers in dueling as the mode of setwe have plenty for our own use, and tling all disputes were slave-holders, a so by applying the rules of moderation gards right doing. However, public the Nelson meeting of the Canadian and common sense in cutting it down.

More destruction of timber probably the rules of moderation of the Mining Institute, the substance of which get in on the ground floor they must be full conduct would have met with the get in on the ground floor they must be given in specific conduct would have met with the and common sense in cutting it down. More destruction of timber probably comes from forest fires than from any other source, and to stop this, or to reduce if to a minimum, is one of the problems for the government to handle. century would be laughed out of court. There has been an unmistakable feeling

We are told that the trees were God's vanced. and beneath their bending foliage the got time to practice much with the in one way or another forced to bear to supply very nearly all the requireancient Druids met to worship God, and sword, but with the pistol they are a share of the expenses of maintaining ments of the old country in the way of sarily vary with locality, and hence unhave associated the presence of trees with something like the image of God.

When the German students move out of their present environment and get to mingof Olives and talked to them in para
Ing (as doubtless some pumpkins. Perhaps sometimes the government altogether out of proportion to the benefit which they received and to their interest in the state. A heavy burden has been imposed in the of the colony would doubt. The resources in th of Ohves and taked to them in parables and taked taked taked taked to them in parables and taked of Olives and talked to them in parain which we live can possibly enter a unchivalrous pistol. In the meantime is doubtless another side to the case fusion, and with the splendid steamship than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the member in the Dominion than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the member in the produced in produced in produced in produced in produced in mining.

Therefore, Be it resolved that we request the member in the Dominion than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the meantime than the one which Mr. Kirby has so service now connecting Canada with the meantime than the one which Mr. Kirby has so revice now connecting Canada with the meantime than the one which Mr. Kirby has so revice now connecting Canada with the meantime than the one which Mr. Kirby has so intended to secure relief take off his hat in reverence to the other much harm and fully satisfying foundation for the mine owners' complace as the almost universal provider was moved by A. C. Galt of Rossland, monarchs that have been placed there their honor. for the enrichment as well as the enjoyment of man. They should not be destroyed ruthlessly, any more than we should take life wantonly.

California has been famed for nearly fifty years for her mammoth trees and magnificent forests. Strange as it may a distance of about 300 miles. But this

have withstood the elements of nature for hundreds, probably thousands of years. We are even told that the great sugar pine forests in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in that State seem doomed to destruction. Among other coniferous ber, and is greatly sought after. It is estimated that the lumbermen have cut 52 per cent of this timber, the remaining portion being mostly on inaccessible mountain heights, where it is not profitable to go after them. All this has been done in the past 40 years.

People are, turning their attention north, and syndicates are buying up all the timber lands they can. Puget Sound and British Columbia is the mecca for these people, for here lie the great timber reserves of the people.

We started out simly to say a good word for the Canadian Forestry Assoneed be to say that we were willing to give it a helping hand. We have cited one or two instances, probably familiar to all, simply to illustrate a lesson and to point a moral. We should be wise in our day and generation that posterity may bless us. Success to the Forestry Association.

## THE VULGAR PISTOL.

Shades of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza! Are we going back to the Middle Ages, when chivalry and knight errantry filled the thoughts of the people, and all wrongs or imaginary wrongs were righted with bow or spear? The German students have met-to the number, we are told, of 2300-and have decided that the American pistol is a vulgar weapon to fight a duel with. It was only fit for the trapper and such like common folk. For the high-toned German student the sword is the proper thing-save in case of grave family insults, when the pistol is permissible The pistol is probably too deadly in its results for the frisky German students to monkey with. Two skilled swordsmen can parry for a long time; in the meantime their ardor can cool and their honor will be satisfied. The man who has really been insulted and has blood in his eye will not haggle over such posed that we have an unlimited supply a trifling affair as weapons—he will use his fists in the absence of something standard many years longer.

But, really, this dueling business is the relic of a bygone period. Cervantes made the world laugh in creating the two characters of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, and describing their chivalrous exploits with many imaginary foes. The people of the time had gone 'mad' on the question of chivalry. Chivalrone knights (so-called) clad in armor roamed the country in search of adventure—and trouble. A man in search of trouble generally finds it.

In the ante-bellum days in the United States dueling was considered the proper thing, and was often resorted to Time will surely demonstrate that the to settle many trivial disputes. We sence of argument or reason in the housetops, and which will surely only, is being gradually dispelled, and in G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo, made it very taken by the Dingley tariff men. Time will surely demonstrate that the great bodies of standing timber from then heard a great deal about "chlthen heard a great deal abo was a notable fact that most of the plenty to sell to our neighbors and to condition of society in direct opposition ship across the sea, it can only remain to our modern mode of thought as re-In that respect the country has ad- that the mining interests which have of the United Kingdom: "Not many mere ingratitude of the beneficiary; so and here it is:

## "What fools we mortals be!" THE SANDON MEETING.

in Sandon Thursday night made a mistake in excluding representatives of the press. Certainly the discussion of the a substantial foundation of justice in seem the redwood grows nowhere else in the world, and is confined there to the Coast range, extending from Monter to near the Oregon boundary line, silver-lead question is of interest to all the mine owners' claims, and we trust terey to near the Oregon boundary line, obtain results for a betterment of the great redwood belt seems destined to destruction. Little is being done to preserve it. The people of that State had to come to the rescue a few years ago to preserve one of the groves of the what should be done, which promised to the rescue a few years ago to preserve one of the groves of the what should be done, which promised to the nature of low grade, and in the nature of things must be worked, if they are worked at all, on a narrow margin of profit. To many of these, addition of affairs, if such a thing is possible. The intimation is the nature of things must be worked, if they are worked at all, on a narrow margin of profit. To many of these, addition of this resolution, the chair worked continuously for about the same period. Both these mines are free-milling gold propositions. The solution of this resolution, the chair worked continuously for about the gualification that the goods are not man adopted the singular course of calling for any other resolutions, which any other resolutions which any other resolutions which any other resolutions which any other resolutions which any other resolution. The same period. Both these mines are free-milling gold propositions. The solution of this resolution, the chair worked in the nature of things must be worked, if they are worked at all, on a narrow margin of profit. To many of these, addition of this resolution, the chair worked continuously for about the gualification that the goods are not man adopted the singular course of calling free-milling gold propositions. The solution of this resolution, the chair worked in the nature of things must be worked, if they are worked at all, on a narrow margin of profit. To many other resolutions which any other resolutio present condition of affairs, if such a eral deposits are of low grade, and in worked continuously for about the great sequois in Calaveras County to to be fruitful of dissension, hence the ity, which would be in the highest knew practically nothing about quartz protect it from falling into the hands desire to make the meeting as close as of the lumberman. This particular possible. Even in that case it was a grove was not included in the Yosemite narrow policy to exclude reporters. Journal, as our readers well know, has the river beds, little dreaming that the quarters of one cent a pound on all lead Forest reserve. Everybody has read of There are differences of opinion, no always maintained that while every itithese wonderful trees—the greatest in doubt, as to the right procedure, but in zen should bear a fair share of the ost of gold lay on the mountain tops in doubt, as to the right procedure, but in zen should bear a fair share of the ost of gold lay on the mountain tops in doubt, as to the right procedure, but in zen should bear a fair share of the ost of gold lay on the mountain tops in doubt, as to the right procedure, but in zen should bear a fair share of the special axquartz. The old Mexican arrastra has to be decreased one-eighth of one cent a resolution which stultifies every argument they had used. The public is now every quarter of the globe have gone in thousands to see them, still we are told that fires and the sleepmen are playing all agree on public questions, but each any community, especially a new and to see the earth—and tourists from a free government like ours public questions after a free government like ours public questions and under the public is now given place to the modern stamp mill, a pound per annum.

Then J. J. Campbell, of the Hall Mines garding the mine owners of the Slocan any community, especially a new and to see them, still we are told that fires and the sleepmen are playing all agree on public questions, but each any community, especially a new and to see them are state, the special aximum the state,

man is entitled to the expression of his growing one, and the legislature of B.it- to pass through the mill, hence we hear mine owners of the Slocan were not preopinion, and it should give no offence ish Columbia does not seem to have borne if one choses to differ from his neigh- this principle in mind.

The question will probably be left over to the later meeting to be held in Nelson next week, when all the mine oper- Jas. Dunsmuir as premier of British Coators in the Kootenays will get together and discuss the silver-lead question from a non-partisan view. The eedings of the Nelson meeting will For many years cabinet making has been certainly be made public.

## THE MICHEL STRIKE SETTLED.

settled and the coal miners have returned to work. This is good news. halled with delight by all classes. Which will be instrumental in giving us It would seem impossible to exhaust justice, they presented a strong phalanx Three, if not four, new furnaces will a strong and stable government-one be blown in in a few days by the that will not be carried away by the Boundary smelters, now that there is warblings of the professional politician. from Rossland like the spokes of a mine owners of the Slocan. They reaan assurance that there will be an If they perform their duty fearlessly ample supply of coke. This means the and with an eye always to the welfare employment of several hundred more of the province, they will secure and de- and will continue for all time. men in different capacitles throughout serve the support of the people. the Kootenays. We thus have brought tem may be compared to a ponderous or spread, the smelters and other industries would have stopped for want of coke, and the distress and hardship would have been widespread.

## THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

the most powerful labor organizatin on bankruptcy. It has fallen from its high estate. Two factions claim to be THE organization, and two secretaries wish have at different times expressed the to hold the purse strings.

The Federation of Labor, which has just closed its annual convention at the mining industry would go ahead by New Orleans, may be said to be stand- leaps and bounds, for investors would ing on the brink. The socialists came then know that there would be no lenear capturing the meeting the other day, and some funny propositions were their plans. It is to be hoped that the brought forth. They voted at the close new premier and his colleagues will see to organize the school teachers into un- the force of the above argument; and ions. Mr. Gompers will do well if he that once the evil mining legislation is holds the Federation up to its present remedied they will propose nothing which

tional Typographical Union. It is true of the others, but it has a high plane be on the high wave of popularity and of intelligence among its members and be assured of a long lease of office. they are thoroughly loyal to the organization. Their bureau of publication and literature is a model of simplicity and cal Union.

# MR KIRRY'S PAPER

Engineering and Mining Journal: The paper by Edmund B. Kirby, read before vanced.

The people on this continent haven't and maintain its prosperity, have been weeks ago we ventured to predict that before very long Canada would be able.

The difficulties experienced by mine ling (as doubtless some of them will) way of taxation, while the eight-hour of Canada are practically illimitable— Dominion customs tariff. This has been that particularly bless our province and the sword, a very harmless and useless strongly presented, there seems to be mother country, everything seems in good Dominion and not feel the impulse to implement, without fear of doing each little doubt that there is a substantial working order for Canada to take its from this general burden. The resolution plaints. It is true that the general for the United Kingdom. tendency of human nature is to believe that its particular interest is overtaxed, has been written respecting Canadian of the mining industry and the fact that and that some one else ought to take produce has been furnished within the British Columbia has contributed to the The mine operators at their meeting the larger share of the burdens of government. Making allowance for this of Sir Alfred L. Jones." feeling, however, we think that there is lumbia, but a large proportion of its min- ville, is another mine that has been sideration of this resolution, the chairdegree beneficial to the country, and mining. In California he was engaged between practical abandonment. The in fluming and reaching bedrock in

The expected resignation of Hon. umbia, has at last taken place, and Colonel Prior has been summoned by the lieutenant-governor to form a cabinet. a special feature of British Columbia politics, and it is quite possible Colonel Prior has been enabled to gain much valu-As told by our special yesterday able experience from the success or failure of his predecessors in office. It is to be hoped that he will benefit from and where the ore is quarried out as nomists of the Nelson board of trade this experience, and construct a cabinet

Colonel Prior has now an excellent opto our attention how one industry is portunity to demonstrate to the people ependent on another, and how essen- of British Columbia what an energetic tial it is that harmony should prevail and capable government can do to reall along the line. Our industrial sysmedy several evils which are at the present time affecting the most important and intricated piece of machinery; the industry of the province. He is com- the almost exhaustless mountains of this It is an elementary proposition in disarrangement of one piece may stop mencing his administration with a clean kind of ore that shows everywhere. If political economy that in countries where the workings of the whole structure, sheet, and certainly with a fund of we hear of free-milling gold quartz production of any given article exceeds If the strike at Michel had continued, information regarding the mining indus- propositions in California working con- consumption, the imposition of a custry, gathered during his recent trip through the Kootenays. He should be possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the requirements of the mining industry of the province than any of his The Knights of Labor, a few years ago an opportunity to relieve the depression so far as created by legislation, and to this continent, seems to be going into give that assistance to the industry which its great importance demands. Many mine managers in this section'

opinion that if the legislature at Victoria would meet and adjourn for twenty years gislative enactments to interfere with will upset the equilibrium of the indus-The only labor organization that has try. Once the remedial legislation is stood the test of time is the Interna, passed we may look for an era of prosperity for the province such as it has there are not so many incongruous ele- never experienced before. If this is ments connected with it as with most brought about the new government will

## CANADA'S RESOURCES

Canada is receiving more advertising thoroughness, and the most humble in British Columbia papers at the premember wherever he may be is made ac- sent time than ever before in its hisquainted with every detail of the organi- tory. The old opinion of the Britisher of the many "isms" proclaimed from and snow with exports of furs and fish ing to the people of Great Britain that owners had so little confidence in the minion and directed both to other shores. the meeting.

# LONG-LIVED MINES.

stock gambling circles.

for 52 years and still show no signs of various duties. giving out, what can we expect of the few feet but hundreds of feet in width, C. P. R. officials and other political ecowheel for hundreds of miles means that mining will be a paying investment

the mining world is in its infancy. It be in direct conflict with their suggestion will probably be possible in a few years that an increased duty be placed on to work ore profitably that will not lead products. Among the most vigorous pay to touch now, owing to cheaper methods of treatment, and no prospec- Campbell, the Rev. Mr. Graham. G. O. tor or mining man but who knows of Buchanan and John Houston, M. L. A. tinuously for over 50 years, and are toms duty on the importation of that still immense yielders of gold, we can article does not and cannot increase the certainly look forward to hundreds, selling price of that article in the home yea thousands, of mines in this section market, unless it is absolutely controlled to be yielders of the precious metals by a trust-a control which no Canapredecessors in office. He will now have beyond even the time of our children's dians greatly desire. In countries where

It is well for our people to look at where, therefore, the duty does have the these facts. The ore in Red Mountain effect of raising the price, the entire has scarcely been touched. The same increase has to be paid by the consumer. can be said of every section in the A bounty, on the other hand, being paid province. As famous as California has out of the revenues of the whole been as a gold-producer, British Columbia will surpass her in the race, people. for the reason that almost every known metal is here and in inexhaustible

## THE MEETING AT NELSON.

The Miner's brief telegraphic account of what transpired at the meeting in Nelson on Monday fails to convey more than a bare outline of a singularly interesting gathering.

The ostensible object of the meeting, called under the auspices of the Nelson board of trade, was to discuss, and if possible, determine upon some clear-cut tained artificially by an all-powerful suggestions which the Kootenays rep- trust. Among the few gentlemen of resentative, W. A. Galliher, M. P., might make to the Dominion governmen for the relief of the mining industry in general, and of the silver-lead mines in particular.

Among the few gentlemen from Ross land who attended the meeting were Messrs. Smith Curtis, E. B. Kirby, A. zation. They have steered clear so far that this country was a land of ice C. Galt, Alfred Dyer and Henry Roy. The opening address of the chairman,

to study the methods of the Typographi- bilities of supplying the needs of the silver-lead mines of the Slocan, but, mother country. It is gradually appear- strange to say, the silver-lead mine they have too long withheld their invest- counsels of their Nelson brethren that, ments and their emigrants from the Do- with one accord, they failed to attend

Dominion in relation to the food supply pulses are not to be held back by the ing and would eliminate their defects;

animity on modes of relief is not readily

meeting was intended to secure relief A. Galliber, Esq., to press upon the seconded by Captain Duncan of Nelson, "Practical proof of the truth of what setting forth the depressed condition with him so that any representations Dominion government a far greater proportion of revenue than any other province, and concluded that an urgent appeal be made to the Dominion govern-The Empire mine, Grass Valley, Cali-

introduced a resolution, seconded by Mr. for such inconsistent relief, and thought Kirby, that the Dominion government that on this account they would have to be urged to pay a bounty of three- vote against Mr. Galt's reso

of long-lived mines, still yielding riches sent, he would move a resolution on their for their owners. Of course the mines behalf, as recently adopted by a majorabove mentioned have been run on a ity in Sandon, that "Having in view the business basis. We hear little of them interests of the producers, manufactursave the monthly returns, never in ers and consumers of lead, we would recommend a duty equal to that imposed If free-milling gold quartz proposi- by the United States under the Dingley tions have been worked in California tariff of 1897," and enumerating the

Now, as we have said, good reasons immense gold, copper, silver, lead and exist for the belief that the Dominion zinc deposits of the Kootenays? Take government is almost bound to listen some of the mines around Phoenix, for to an appeal based on the lines of Mr. instance, where the lode matter is not a Galt's resolution. But the smelter men, building stone and marble is quarried. had other fish to fry, and, to do them these mines. The immense deposits of of men whose minds were made up as base metal low grade ore radiating to the only salvation for the absent soned that if Mr. Galt's resolution were adopted, asking the government to place The mining industry in this part of certain articles on the free list, it would supporters of increased duties were Mr.

consumption exceeds production, and country, is infinitesimal as a tax on the

Bearing these principles in mind, which are recognized the world over, except in Nelson, readers of The Miner will be prepared to appreciate the humor in Mr. Campbell's resolution, to assist not only the producers and manufacturers of lead, but also the consumers, by imposing a series of high duties which would all necessarily fall upon the unfortunate consumer. In the United States, as everybody knows, the consumption of lead has always exceeded the production, and the existing prices are main-Nelson who failed to see the wisdom of Mr. Campbell's resolution and who favored the abolition of duties on mining materials and a bounty on lead production were Messrs Crossdaile A. H. Kelly and Captain Duncan. Smith Curtis. M. L. A., made a forcible speech supporting the resolutions last referred sence of argument or reason in the stand

or of altering their views when circumstances occur, as they did on Monday

After nearly everybody had expressed his views, the irrepressible John Houston addressed the meeting, and an-

"Whereas. It is desirable in the inter-

members for British Columbia to unite

It has been intimated that the Nelson board of trade is open to conviction. So is John Houston. He had printed in large capitals in The Tribune of last Saturday the words "Putting Mining smelting.

Instead of proceeding with the consideration of this resolution, the chair.

Supplies be admitted duty free, subject

they swallow their own arguments in obedience to the dictator of Nelson?

tain of the prov id has been spok ot in any dogma e we criticised a ognizing that in a zen to express hi to take offense clean criticism and opinion is always There are small mi litorial profession hat epithets and slan lace of reason and robably the same c ien, we are glad t read. They are usu ule it only adds or a self-respecting ice them. Public au led by calling nam buse. We have giv

ession of opinion ax, an opinion that by the people of this nce, and abuse and will not down the que Sandon Mining Revie which is not only a Cootenay Mail, but 1 of the interior press ith profit: "Because the Rossl recent issue that th ford to pay the two mped on with both ay Mail and charged ning industry of t eneak the truth is an s at fault; but situat ines at its very door what it talks about, cuser there is not a

itor would take a locan he would get he truth, and find ought if not for re on be convinced that tter, and the mi me they could not s rised to see the tax re FALCONIO ON

High dignitaries of re usually of a cos and are therefore free they find them than Mgr. Falconio, who h tolic delegate in Can three years, is about office at Washington. was the recipient of him by a number o During the course paid the following tri ion and its people:

"I must confess

here I had no very continent. I knew it with large rivers, al beautiful scenery, but visited the important minion, I have really wast proportions an However, I must say would not have imp strongly had there ponding equivalent civic virtues of the p at your colleges an magnificent churches, tution by which you suffice to let a fore an instant the super and religious charact say that in the physi country, and in the c ple there is somethin mind and makes us f ture is reserved to a God in so many and

Birtish Columbia o be the milk cow provinces. The pro government, and tha nly be brought a efforts of its people

Harry Wright,