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LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S NEWFOUNDLAND ENTERPRISE.

The largest pulp and paper making plant in the world was started last week in Newfoundland by the company of which Lord Northcliffe (otherwise Mr. Harmsworth), is the chief personage. This company has 1,500,000 acres of land, and has expended \$6,000,000 in the purchase of properties, erection of mills, purchase and installation of plant. There are two or three towns connected with the industry, which will employ 4,000 men, but the principal one is at the paper mills, and this is laid out as a model community, provided with sewers, water, electric lights, telephones, hotels, a hospital, a church, schools and all other requisites for an ideal industrial life, from the Harmsworth point of view. The cottages have grounds about them for a garden, and the streets are paved.

The Governor, a large part of the Legislature, the Premier and some of his ministers, bishops of the Anglican and Catholic churches, were among the guests at the opening and all spoke of the enterprise as an assured success. The visitors saw three great paper machines started, inspected the eleven factories built of concrete and steel, the railway to the nearest seaport, the company's steamships and its wharves and warehouses. Of course everything was praised.

Meanwhile, for some reason, the New York Herald has been taking a large interest in the transaction another way. For three successive days the Herald has published long special descriptive and critical articles, the first occupying about a page and a half of that influential journal. The writers of these articles argue that much of the Harmsworth timber areas never had much wood, while the portion accessible by the rivers and lakes has all been cut over, and then burned over; that the sound standing wood is small, and the burned wood not good for pulp, and that after the first year or two the wood supply will be very costly, and very unsatisfactory; that the timber in that zone is of remarkably slow growth, and that in ten years there will be no raw material. Furthermore the harbor will be frozen a third of the year, and the place will be so desolate and unattractive that labor will demand extra pay to remain there. Also the property and plant has cost far too much, one expert testifying that he was offered the land for one-fourth the price paid by the Harmsworth concern. The Herald writers have explained how previous investors unloaded their unprofitable enterprises on the moon-deceived English publisher, how the water powers he has bought are unequal to the work required of them, how the machinery itself is unsuited to its work and far more costly than it ought to be, and how the model towns are almost everything that model towns ought not to be. It is all very cleverly set forth, and quite plausible, but it is evidently not the work of a well-wisher to the enterprise. It is not necessary as yet to believe that Lord Northcliffe has been so exceedingly stupid as these descriptions suggest, even though the writers claim to have explored every mile of the territory and interviewed everybody connected with the establishments.

This much, however, may be recalled. Mr. Harmsworth, as he was then, considered several New Brunswick propositions. His agents obtained offers of certain properties and limits. After having these options examined, and having made similar investigations in Quebec and even in Nova Scotia, he chose Newfoundland. He may have been influenced by the fact that a larger extent of freehold land could be bought in that colony, and thought it better to own land than lease it for forestry operations. No doubt it was in his view a point in favor of Newfoundland that he could have a river with its branches, a chain of lakes, a water power, a road to the sea and a harbor all to himself. The fact that he was a little nearer England may also have had some bearing on the choice. But it can hardly be claimed that Newfoundland is at all to be compared with New Brunswick or Quebec as a spruce country. On the Newfoundland "barrens" perhaps improperly so-called, it is pretty sure that timber is of slow growth. Should the Harmsworth areas be burned over or exhausted, there are not the same outside sources to draw from that would have been found in Eastern Canada. And though the area which has been acquired may seem large, it may be found that a much smaller block in this province would have provided more pulpwood.

The Newfoundland enterprise deserves success. It is a bold and striking venture and we trust that the New York Herald writers are mistaken about it. Others will soon enough take the chance that Lord Northcliffe lost in this province. There will yet be an eager demand for all the timber in all the provinces, and those which have the most left will be the happiest. All that Lord Northcliffe even hopes to do in supplying the paper market of Great Britain will leave plenty of customers for all the other spruce territory. Six million dollars' worth of pulp and paper plant is coming to this province before long.

RELIGIOUS OBSTRACISM OF ACTORS.

Rev. Dr. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, has preached a sermon on Jerome K. Jerome's play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back." Dr. Aked says he has seen this play several times, and regards it as "the greatest dramatic production in centuries," though it has neither plot nor dramatic action. In the play a stranger goes to a mean boarding house and transforms the character of the low people who dwell there. This character had the spirit of Christ. So says Dr. Aked, citing the occasions when Christ dined with the publican, and when he held out his hand to

Zacchaeus, surprising him into a remarkable vow of charity and compensation.

Dr. Aked declares that actors are made worse people by the ban that the church puts on them. Christian people treat them as unclean and this tends to make them so, as the Jew in European slums has lived down to the character that has been fastened upon him. According to Dr. Aked the Christian has made the Jew a user. If all red-haired people were treated as social lepers, they would live according to that reputation. In the same way the actors and actresses have been condemned to the life that they are reported to lead. If the leading Baptist preacher in New York can bring this treatment to an end he will do it.

BETTER KEEP MR. DESBARATS.

Ever since the retirement of Deputy Minister Gourdau, under a cloud, Mr. Desbarats has been acting as Deputy Minister of Marine. It has been claimed for him by the Government that whatever might be said of the dishonesty of others he was honest; that while others might have been found careless and incapable, he was competent and vigilant, and that while others might have been appointed from outside on political grounds, Mr. Desbarats was a trained officer who had worked his way up and had proved his worth. Accepting still the statements of the ministers, Mr. Desbarats, by his fine business gifts, his large administrative experience, and his superior abilities, has been able to get into fair shape a department whose condition was a year or two ago the scandal of the nation. It has been generally supposed that he would remain deputy.

It is now reported that he is to be sent back to the Sorel workshops and that Mr. Thomas Cote, editor of La Presse of Montreal, will be made deputy. This report is also contradicted and we hope correctly. Mr. Cote is keen and clever, is a fine party worker, a typical machine man. It was he who was employed as assistant census commissioner in 1901 for the purpose of counting the Quebec absentees and adding them to the population. It was not thought necessary to count those of other provinces who had joined the exodus. By this means it may be that some other provinces such as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have lost part of their representation. Later Mr. Cote was made Secretary of the Waterways Commission. On February 20, 1905, he began to draw pay at the rate of \$10 per day and by June 30 he had served 131 days—earning \$1,310, besides \$157.49 for travel, and \$700 "advances unaccounted for at the end of the fiscal year."

The next year the payments to Mr. Cote were \$65 days at \$10—\$650. The largest number of days any commissioner got in during the year was 119 and all four of them claimed for 312 days in the aggregate. Including the previous year's advance the travelling and living expenses were \$1,375.

The year 1906-07 was only nine months. Mr. Cote was paid \$2,120 for 212 days, while 51 days was the most any commissioner claimed. There were also travelling expenses.

In 1907-08 the bill was for 102 days \$1,020, with expenses besides. During the period that these services were performed Mr. Cote was reputed to be editing La Presse, directing its politics, and on critical occasions preventing the paper from going over to the enemy.

Mr. Cote may not have such experience in the Marine Department as Mr. Desbarats, but he has had experience. Under his able management La Presse has been quick and ready to find an enemy of the French-Canadians in every critic of the Marine Department.

HEARST AGAINST TAMMANY.

New York City is entering upon one of her mayoralty election convulsions. It is a three-cornered struggle, as the hot ones usually are. Judge Gaynor, a man of great respectability, is the Democratic candidate. He might have fairly expected to defeat the Republicans, but obtained an element of strength by alliance with Tammany. As a nominally democratic organization, Tammany might have supported Judge Gaynor without a compact and thus released him from any odium that the association might involve. But Tammany demands to be separately considered, and its support for Gaynor required Gaynor's support of the Tammany share of the ticket with a clear understanding about the subsequent patronage.

Now before the alliance was made Judge Gaynor had a promise of support from Mr. Hearst, who himself sometimes runs elections, and who has a large newspaper influence. When the Tammany alliance was made, Mr. Hearst considered his promise no longer binding. He was willing to support Judge Gaynor on his merits but not Judge Gaynor as a Tammany candidate. Wherefore Mr. Hearst not only opposes Judge Gaynor, but accepts an independent nomination for the mayoralty. Now there are three, and the most aggressive, most wealthy, and most hysterically supported by the press is Mr. Hearst.

WANTED—A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

In view of the failure of the election trials the St. John Standard says that, notwithstanding the large sums of money expended in corruption at the last election, nothing will be done about the bribery evil. This is true enough. Elections are held, electors are bought, and the law is too weak to reach the wrongdoers. The trouble is the fact that the punishment of election crimes is left to private individuals. It is difficult to get the money with which to pursue the bribers, especially when it is felt that the result will be the exposure of a few unfortunates, and the escape of the bigger men who are really guilty. Mr. Borden long ago advocated the employment of public prosecutors, and this seems to be the only remedy in sight.—Toronto Mail.

GIFTS TO MCGILL.

This is a pretty good year for McGill University. The University wanted \$2,000,000 last spring to bring the school abreast of the times. As yet the money is not all in but the following are among the contributors:—Robert Reford, \$50,000, to be used to increase professors' salaries.
R. B. Angus, \$25,000.
Lord Strathcona, \$500,000, of which \$50,000 is to help out with salaries, and \$450,000 for the medical building and its maintenance.
Andrew Carnegie, \$100,000.
Sir William Macdonald, an unknown sum, probably \$50,000 for the purchase of the neighboring land and residence which had been bonded for a hotel, and which his prompt action secured for the University.

It is thought that Mr. McBride, the Premier of British Columbia, will appeal to the people before the year is out. The election is rather expected next month. At this critical moment Mr. J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the Opposition, has resigned and Mr. John Oliver has been called to the leadership. Mr. Oliver is a vigorous and aggressive politician, but perhaps not so popular as Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Brady of the Intercolonial, having, as quoted by The Standard, given his judgment as to the responsibility for the railway accident, is now holding an investigation with closed doors. Yet there are some who think that Mr. Hazen should not have ordered a public inquiry.

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Hand Badly Injured. While Mr. Edward C. Suttan of Lancaster Heights was using an axe yesterday morning he accidentally struck his hand with the keen edge of the instrument making a cut quite deep and about three inches long from the base of the thumb across the back of the hand. The wound was dressed by Dr. M. L. MacFarland of Fairville.

Case Was Dismissed. The case of Albert McInerney for standing his horse and hack on a stand on King Square, not allowed for hack drivers, came up before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon. McInerney was not a licensed hackman and promising to take out a license and giving a satisfactory reason why his carriage was on the stand of the case was dismissed.

Life Underwriters Meet Today. The Maritime Convention of Life Underwriters will open in this city today and will continue Thursday. The sessions will be held in Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, opening at 10 a. m. Sessions will also be held at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Charge of Selling Moose Under Age Heard. The case of J. W. V. Lawlor, as president of the last convention, will call the meeting to order, after which officers will be elected. The rates will not come up for discussion. On Thursday the delegates will be taken for a sail on the river as far as Evandale and a banquet will be tendered them at the Union Club in the evening, at which Mr. Gilbert C. Jordan will preside.

Case Against Peters & Rice Taken Up Yesterday in Police Court—Legal Point Involved—Decision Today. L. S. Peters, of Peters & Rice, appeared in the police court yesterday morning in answer to the charge laid by Game Warden Dean on Monday for having the head of a moose under three years old in his possession, contrary to the law. Mr. Dean while on duty of inspection of the meat markets of the city came across antlers which proved to have been taken from a moose less than three years old.

Mr. Peters pleaded guilty to having such in his possession, explaining that he had purchased a hide and hind quarter from a man named B. D. Mitchell, who belonged in South Queens County, at least Mr. Peters said that was the name on the license tag attached to the head. Mr. Peters said also that a Mr. Short had purchased the other hind quarter.

Not a Cow Moose. In answer to the Court Mr. Peters said he was unable to tell the exact age of the animal, but he declared that it was not a cow moose. He did not examine the head when he purchased the meat, as he was instructed by Mr. Mitchell to do away with the animal.

The magistrate read the section of the game law in regards to the killing of young moose. No distinction of age was made, but the moose must be over three years old, and the age is to be distinguished by the antlers, which must have three prongs before they are taken. The maximum penalty for this offence was \$200 and the minimum \$100.

His Honor said he would the case to stand for the present until action against Mr. Mitchell had been settled, and then if Mr. Mitchell was found guilty of shooting the animal he (Peters) would be excused.

A Legal Argument. Mr. J. King Kelley, who appeared for the prosecution, asked that judgment be rendered, but Mr. Peters had left the court room and a debate between counsel and the Court took place.

His Honor thought the action should first be taken on the information given by Mr. Peters. Mr. Kelley said that such action would have to be taken in Queens county and that this case had no bearing upon the other.

The magistrate said he would deliver judgment this morning and in the meantime would look over the depositions and consult the law upon the matter.

DEATHS.

Mr. Charles Richards. The death is reported at Van Buren, N. B. Monday, of Mr. Charles Richards, son of the late Mr. John Richards, of Fredericton, and brother of Mrs. Fenwick Fraser, of this city. Mr. Richards had hosts of friends in different parts of the province who will hear with great regret of his death. Hemorrhage of the brain was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Richards' brother, who is in the customs department at Ottawa, came down and was at his brother's deathbed, but had to



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return to the capital. Mrs. Fraser left yesterday afternoon for Fredericton to attend her brother's interment which is to take place today. The late Mr. Richards left a daughter by a former wife, who is married and resides in the west, and also a wife and five young children, the eldest of whom is 4 years of age, and the youngest 14 months.

SCHISM AMONG THE SCIENTISTS INACTIVE

Only 40 Attend Mrs. Gilbert's Ballroom Service in New York—Dissenters Conducted Themselves Like Regulars.

New York Oct. 12.—Mrs. Della M. Gilbert's attempt to start a new Christian Science church was no more successful Sunday than at the adjourned meeting of two weeks ago. Only forty persons, twenty-five women and fifteen men appeared in the ballroom of the Hotel Gotham. Many of the forty were personal friends of the projector. It was a well dressed company.

The regular Christian Science service for the day was followed. Neither outsider nor insider could have told offhand whether the meeting was orthodox or otherwise. Mrs. Gilbert's assistant was Conrad Milliken. The singing was spirited. When the service ended Mrs. Gilbert retired and nobody went forward to congratulate her. She said that the services would be continued. Later in the day she said:

Disaffection. "Beneath the surface there is so much disaffection with the arbitrary rulings of Christian Science officials that I imagined many would welcome a protest that has for its purpose the purifying of true religion. It seems all are as tractable as those who have lately been humiliated by the Boston machine. However that may be, Christian Science in its purity is worthy of proper presentation.

"If it be necessary to begin a congregation with forty people then we will begin with that number. I shall not quit. Many worthy movements have started with fewer. The organization is stronger than the regular. People stick to that which is regular rather than to go after that which stands, as the people stick to do not, for the purpose they have at heart.

"We are prepared to hold on and eventually we shall purge Christian Science of the false teaching that has barnaced it, and especially of the popes who, in Mrs. Eddy's name, carry out the false teaching. "No, I have not looked for accessions from Mrs. Stetson's friends. Her troubles are not mine. We are many months apart, and we shall see it to the end."

It was said last night that Mrs. Gilbert has the financial backing necessary to start a good her premises, or the means of securing it. At the First Church of Christ, Scientist at West Ninety-sixth street and Centre Park West, the morning service moved in its accustomed way. Mrs. Stetson was in the congregation but took no part in the service. She was greeted by several persons when she arrived at the church and again when she left after the service, but there was no demonstration.

FUNERALS.

Mr. Neil Brown. The funeral of Mr. Neil Brown was held yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, the remains were taken to St. Peter's church where Requiem High Mass was held by Rev. A. J. Duke. The body was sent to Peteraville, Queens County, by the steamer Victoria, where interment was made in the afternoon.

Mrs. George P. Sanctor. The funeral of Mrs. George P. Sanctor, widow of Mr. George P. Sanctor, was held from the residence of Mr. Charles Palmer, 90 Orange street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. R. Flanders conducted the burial services. Interment was made in Fernhill.

Mrs. Sarah Jones. The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jones was held from her late residence, 15 Middle street yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. The body was taken to the cathedral where Rev. M. O'Brien read the last service. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

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On The St. Lawrence

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Harland & Wolff, the shipbuilders, are in the primary purpose of his firming to Canada is to construct a dock on the St. Lawrence and is active in conjunction with the proposed dock repair yard. There are now a half dozen ers trading to the St. Lawrence could not be accommodated. Both the Government and the shipping interests are anxious to remedy this defect via accommodation. A despatch Quebec stating that the Canadian and Harland & Wolff have extensive purchases of land in water front there and the a million dollar drydock on Quebec is applying to Parliament incorporation giving a very cation of the Canadian assistance Harland & Wolff and the proposed dock repair yard.

A Secondary Consideration

It is stated here that build is the secondary consideration Harland & Wolff plan, though pect to go in for the construction both commercial and navy ord treatment, it is understood was considered as the site of the Harland & Wolff, but they would select Levis because Montreal is not used in the repairing aged battleships as the Br miralty will not allow its sale to pass Quebec, because Montreal might be cut off from the sea for a very long time