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THE TIMBER COMMISSION

The Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report upon matters relating to the timber resources of the province has concluded its sessions, and nothing now remains but to prepare the voluminous evidence taken and draw up a report to be submitted to the government, which in due course will be laid before the Legislature. The Commission sat twenty-seven days and examined many witnesses in various parts of the province. It heard all who thought they had anything of value to communicate. We shall not endeavor to forecast what findings the Commissioners will make; but we feel safe in saying that their investigations have shown them that the subject matter of their inquiry is one of profound interest, that its ramifications are exceedingly wide and that many of the problems it presents are difficult of solution and cannot all be determined finally at the present time. Those who have followed the proceedings of the Commission will agree with us in saying that the timber question is a very wide one, and that while there are undoubtedly some points upon which there may be general agreement, there are others that call for prolonged consideration. The evidence taken by the Commission will, we assume, be printed and it will form a valuable mine of information regarding an industry of vast importance not only to British Columbia but the whole of Canada.

The province is to be congratulated upon the personnel of the Commission. Very properly Mr. Fulton, Chief Commissioner of Lands, was at its head. It was eminently desirable that the minister, who must perfect any legislation that may be determined upon, should himself hear what the witnesses had to say. Fortunately Mr. Fulton combines with a discriminating mind a sound legal training and a long experience in office. Last year the Colonist had the pleasure of commending him for the work done by him in connection with irrigation, and it takes equal satisfaction in bearing testimony to his efficient work in connection with this inquiry. Mr. Goodve is a gentleman, who in his short public life has displayed exceptional qualities. He is a careful observer and possesses the faculty of giving concise answers to questions. Mr. Flumerfelt was able to bring to bear upon the discharge of his duties the experience of a successful and far-seeing business man and the record of a trained observer. His deep interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of British Columbia is well known, and we know of no person in private life better fitted to discharge the duties of an investigator into any public question than he.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Vancouver World on reaching its twenty-first birthday, and upon the splendid 112-page edition with which it commemorated the occasion. The history of the World is the history of Vancouver to a very large degree. It is not quite contemporary with the city in respect to the date of its foundation, but it is sufficiently nearly so for all practical purposes. During all the years since it made its first bow to the public, it has been loyal to the community to which it appealed for support. It has ever been animated by a fine optimism. It has dreamed dreams of progress, worked for their realization, and seen them more than surpassed in their fulfillment. The World has not been able very often to see political matters from the same point of view as the Colonist, but it has always been a fair and courteous opponent. We wish it the fullest possible measure of success.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a few words of the founder of our contemporary, the late J. C. McLagan. Mr. McLagan was an earnest and able newspaper man. He possessed the faculty of being able to subordinate his personality in his journalistic work, for although he was a man of strong views, which he knew how to express strongly, he never intruded his own individuality into his newspaper work. He had very many friends in all parts of the province, and his death was a great loss to British Columbia journalism, and to the province at large, for he was one of the most loyal of men to everything which made for the advancement of the part of Canada in which he had cast his lot.

GIDDY YOUTHS

The other day the Mall and Empire said that Lord Strathcona was 84. So he was, but it was five years ago. He is now a giddy youth of 89. He rides on stage coaches and gets tumbled into ditches, jumps up again and says he is all right. He takes a run across an ocean and a continent for a holiday, and refuses, when he starts for home again, to say good-bye, for he is coming back again. Another giddy young fellow is Sir Charles Tupper, who is 88. Sir Charles travels around the country from London to Vancouver as in the old days he used

to run down to Halifax from Truro. He keeps closely in touch with events, and writes about them to the papers, when he thinks he ought to, with a freshness of view and vigor of language that a man under thirty might envy. Sir Mackenzie Bowell will be 86 in a few days. He is also of the youthful category. He can give and take in a political fight with men young enough to be his grandchildren. When we come to Sir R. W. Scott, we are getting down the ladder of years so far that it is with some doubt that we include him in the class now being considered, for he is only 84. That is an age at which much may be forgiven to a man because of his youth and inexperience, and the same is true and even more so of that bright youth Sir Sandford Fleming, who will not be 83 for a month or two.

And now to speak seriously for a moment. Here we have five splendid men well past four score years of age. Their whole lives have been spent in activity. They have spared neither their physical nor mental powers in the cause of honorable work, and today they are wise, in council and have by no means lost their zest or capacity for conflict. What is the secret of it? It is to be found in right living. It is the easiest thing in the world for a young man to exchange his mental powers and his physical strength for the fruits of vicious pleasures; but it is impossible to reverse the process, when it has been found to be a poor exchange. Just make a note of this.

A CANADIAN NAVY.

The announcement is made that the preliminary steps towards the organization of the Canadian navy will be undertaken at once, and that officers of the Royal navy have already arrived in Canada to assist in formulating the plan. If ever there was a question upon which a Canadian government received a popular mandate, it is upon this one. It is true that constitutionally speaking, there may be only one way by which the voice of the people can make itself felt, and that is at an election; but there are other ways equally potent. Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the time of the Boer War recognized this, for he justified his brief delay in providing for a Canadian contingent, and his subsequent action, by saying that he wished public opinion to have an opportunity of expressing itself. We do not know that he used these words exactly, but he expressed this idea, and the Colonist took occasion at the time to commend such a line of action. But the expression of popular opinion was not any stronger at that time as it has been in regard to naval defense. It was as strong, and the Prime Minister is free to go forward on very broad lines. His only fear needs be lest he may not meet the wish of the country in the comprehensive scope of the plans to which he will ask the approval of Parliament. The people of Canada are united on this great question. There has been no stampeding of public opinion; but only a self-respecting recognition of an Imperial duty.

ABOUT LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS

The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario attended a banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers Association and a speech was delivered thereat by the President of the Association, in which objection was taken to the interference of "American labor agitators" in industrial affairs in Canada. Later he was present at a gathering in Guelph, when he expressed himself as not wholly in sympathy with the doctrine of public ownership. For these things he has been assailed and his removal has been demanded. By what process of reasoning he is held to be responsible for what the President of the Manufacturers Association chose to say we are unable to discover, and why he should not express his views on public ownership, if he wants to, is beyond our comprehension.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor does not deprive its incumbent of the right of free speech, nor does it close the mouths of other people in his presence. It is, of course, well understood that a lieutenant-governor will not participate in the discussion of political questions, or deal with matters that form a part of the policy of his ministry, unless on the latter class of subjects he speaks with the full knowledge and approval of his advisers, which he is rarely asked to do. But on what may be called academic questions a lieutenant-governor is just as free to express his views as any of us. He will naturally endeavor in so doing not to give offence; he will seek to avoid the appearance of being a

champion for any set of ideas. That is to say, he will exercise tact and good taste. We are told that the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario spoke "with care and moderation" on public ownership. Now public ownership is not an issue anywhere. It is a principle upon which public opinion is in a formative state. It is one upon which there is a wide divergence of views. It is one upon which we all wish to have as much light as possible, and surely it would be a most absurd thing if a man, who has spent a long life in the consideration of economic questions, may not give his views upon them to the world. To lay down any such rule might be to deprive the community of much that might be of value. A lieutenant-governor is something more than an official stamp and a social figure head. We fancy that, if we could get at the truth, we would find that they all advise their ministers freely, while of course accepting the advice tendered them, even though they may not be fully satisfied of its wisdom. A provincial premier, since deceased, said of the lieutenant-governor of his province that he found his counsel of the greatest value. He said that he would frequently sit down with him to discuss matters of public policy, and that he frequently yielded his views to those of the governor. That is as it ought to be. If any one wishes a fine illustration of this line of action he will find it in the story of the "Trent Affair." The dispatch prepared to be sent to the United States government was submitted to Queen Victoria. Her Majesty returned it with her approval, but with a note expressing her wish that the ministry had been able to see their way clear to expressing the same views in a way indicated by her. The suggestions were adopted. Apart from matters of immediate public concern, there is a wide range of subjects upon which it is wholly proper that lieutenant-governors should express their views, if they feel like doing so.

WONDERFUL PROGRESS

The Winnipeg Telegram says: Within a third of a century there has virtually have been built in the Dominion four transcontinental railways. This in itself would denote a degree of progress phenomenal in a country's history if it were not that it has been only within the last few years the opportunities and resources of the Western Canada were grasped by the outside world and confidence inspired by the returns of the harvest fields and mines. The outside world is beginning to realize in its fullness the possibilities of Western Canada. The tide is the outpouring of money in Western Canadian enterprises, steadily in that branch of commerce requiring the greatest confidence and the greatest expenditure.

An eastern business man said yesterday that Canada is advancing with wonderful strides and that everywhere from the Atlantic to the Pacific signs of progress are observable. The country seems to have "found itself." Sometimes Canadians have been disposed to be impatient. They have thought that things were not going ahead as rapidly as they ought to. They have looked with envy upon the marvelous expansion of the United States. For years there was a feeling in many minds and far remote from despair. Thousands of young Canadians were looking in the United States opportunities which were not available at home. Few days passed without complaints being made in the public press about "the exodus," and everyone was at his wit's end to discover ways and means of stopping it. If one could call the roll of the men, who during the last half century have contributed to the progress of the United States and ask them where they were born, the number who would claim Canada as their birthplace would be surprising. Happily we have passed the "exodus" stage. The world is beginning to understand that Canada is what Brastus Wiman called it, "the Greater Half of the continent," and what is even better for Canadians are beginning to learn it themselves.

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Just as you step out of the elevator on the third floor you'll see a decidedly attractive new arrival—a diningroom suite in golden oak, finished in the dull or wax finish. Table, buffet and chairs—all of the newest design. This suite is pleasing, shown here among the other furniture but placed in the home with other furnishings to harmonize, it would be delightful. This finish is growing in popularity. Come in and see this suite.

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CHAIRS—New design in dining chairs, golden oak, wax finish, upholstered in leather \$6.50
ARM CHAIRS, to match, at \$8.00

Here Are Other Stylish Items For Your Diningroom

STROLLING through our dining room furniture section these pieces listed here stand out prominently from among the medium priced styles offered. It is impossible to properly describe them here. You'll be pleased with them and surprised at the price tickets you'll find attached—agree with us that they are excellent values. Shown on third floor.

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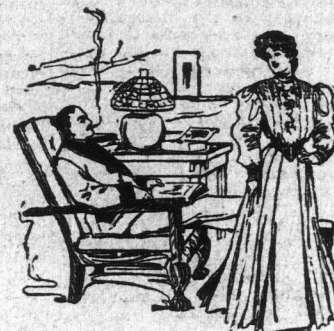
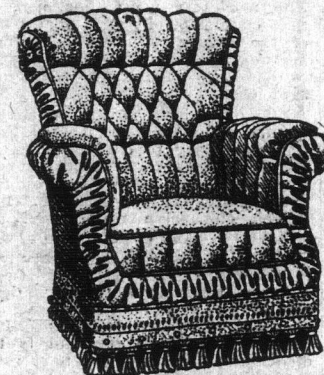
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FAVOR LOWERING OF FREIGHT RATES

West India Commission
Montreal Yesterday Discussed Questions of Preference By Witnesses

MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—From Montreal to September, 1908, Holland exported to the West Indies 1,561,190 pounds of oats. During the same period Canada only exported 288,206 pounds. That this trade was diverted from Canada as a result of advantage in freight rates from Holland over those from Canada, by way of Halifax and St. John, was the statement made by R. Calder, of Crooks and Co., flour and grain exporters, before the West India trade commission held yesterday morning. While the rates are almost the same now, Mr. Calder claimed that it was of no avail, because the trade had gone to the West Indies, and because there was continual fluctuation in the market in Barbados, Demerara, Trinidad, there must be quicker service and more reasonable rates, trade is to be successfully carried on.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh commented on the fact that this was the first time the trade commission had been asked to compare Canadian rates with the rates of European countries. Mr. Calder thought an increase in the trade could be brought about, first, preference in the West Indies in favor of Canadian goods; secondly, by a steamship service from Montreal, a thirdly by an improved cable service.

Robert Munro, of the Canada Pacific Co., said importations from the West Indies to Canada now coming mostly by way of New York, would be sufficient in themselves to warrant a fortnightly service between Canada and the West Indies.

D. W. Campbell, representing the Elder Dempster Steamship company, said he thought it would be a great increase in trade.

The local sugar refiners are opposed to the West India sugar preference, claiming that its effect is to take to their hands and prevent them going to the world's markets for sugar, while the West India refiners, who are the beneficiaries of the preference, candidly admitted that what would be a good thing for the country as a whole might not be a good thing for the refiners.

They were also agreed that a cable line existed among the West India planters, and recognized the incident of this in the fact that where one of them could get quotations from the West India planters, they were now compelled to deal with one. Robert Calder added an interesting touch to the picture by declaring that the Intercolonial railway should have its head office in Montreal, its location in London made dealing with the refiners difficult.

Mr. Fleming suggested that other cities might find such change desirable, to which Mr. Calder replied that Montreal had a right to the benefit of the preference. The Pick and Black line to the West Indies could do more towards meeting the competition of New York, it is running to the West Indies. It is required better boats.

FIVE DROWNED

HALIFAX, Oct. 6.—Robert Martin, Percy Martin, aged 16, Hattie Martin, aged 16, all members of one family, and Gertrude Stevens, 3, were all drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Sunday night in Minas Bay. Two others occupied the boat. The Stevens, were found clinging to the turned boat, which had drifted ashore at Boat Island. The boat capsized a sudden squall.

VENEZUELA UNREST

WILLEMSTAD, Oct. 6.—According to the latest reports received from Venezuela, the political condition of considerable unrest. A number of prominent men have been arrested and imprisoned. The President of San Carlos, the Venezuelan political offenders, near Maracaibo. A story is current in Venezuela that the effect that Great Britain has had a revolutionary movement here by Castro, because of the refusal of the Venezuelan government to abolish the differential duty collected on goods sent into the republic from West India ports, and has for certain credence with the local classes.

Theodore Hauer, the Mormon who was expelled from Venezuela last year on the charge of being a secret agent of Castro, is still here.

COTTON CONFERENCE

FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct. 6.—The international conference of cotton spinners, in which both United States and Great Britain are strongly represented, opened yesterday. The discussion will relate wholly to the crisis in the cotton textile trades brought about through over-production and the necessity of limiting the production of cotton. The conference session will be the national agreement as to the shortening of workingmen's hours. The definite proposals will be taken up tomorrow's session only. The general outlines of the situation were under consideration today.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing their pleasure over news that the American cotton spinners were limiting the production of cotton and the production, and that further limitations in America were in prospect, by which the crisis will be terminated. Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, Portugal and Holland are well represented.

For Stealing Fish.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 6.—One year the penitentiary was the sentence meted out to Fred Kline by Judge McInnes in the county court yesterday, stealing 470 fish from the Gulf of Georgia cannery at Steveston. Kline caught the fish and sold them to a cannery and then stole them again. He tried to resell them to other cannery, but the Gulf of Georgia men knew of the trick and Kline was arrested. Kline, the police say, is quite a criminal record.