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Editorial

MR. BARNJUM'S LETTER

We publish today an important letter from Mr. Frank J.D. Barnjum. Mr. Barnjum has for years devoted his great talents, his aggressive fighting spirit and his wealth to convincing the powers that be in Canada that they must put an embargo on the export of pulpwood if our rapidly diminishing supply of this essential raw material is not to be carried off holus bolus, to the United States. He tells us in his letter, exactly how much we Canadians are robbed off when a cord of pulpwood is exported to American mills instead of being kept in Canada to feed Canadian mills, to earn wages for Canadian workmen and to create customers for Canadian merchants, manufacturers and farmers.

As an argument, his letter is irresistibly convincing. It is well worth the study of any man at all concerned in the future of this country. But is it even more interesting for another announcement it contains. Mr. Barnjum tells us solemnly, that he will presently offer all his holdings in Canada for sale, because he is convinced that under our present policy, there is no future for Canadian development. It will be nothing short of a national calamity if Mr. Barnjum carries out his threat—and he is a man of his word. Coupled with the recent tragic loss of Sir William Price, it would deprive us of the two most outstanding figures in the fight for forest conservation.

What is needed is an immediate embargo on the export of pulpwood—which will automatically stop the threatened export of

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Mr. Frank J. D. Barnjum Will Leave Canada

To the Editor:

After spending the best part of the last three years, since my retirement from active participation in business, together with a very considerable fortune in trying to arouse Canadians to a sense of their duty in connection with our fast-vanishing forest resources, I have about arrived at the conclusion that the cause of forest preservation in Canada might as well be abandoned. I realize that the public is keenly interested but I find that an insurmountable stumbling block appears when it comes to the politicians and exploiters who can see nothing beyond their own petty interests and to whom the public welfare is a joke.

When I see the cold-blooded indifference displayed by the government at Ottawa, it makes me ashamed of my Canadian citizenship. I have decided, therefore to offer every acre of land, my pulp mills, farms, houses and whatever other property I own in Nova Scotia to the first buyer who comes along and to join in the exodus to another country. I am so disgusted with recent revelations that I do this notwithstanding my conviction that timberlands will double in value within two years. When

the interests become fully aware as to just how small the remaining supply really is there will be a panic in timberland prices, but nothing will compensate one for living in a country in which he has entirely lost all faith of its future.

I am convinced that the government, after paltering with this issue for many months has no serious intention of dealing with it in the only way possible to bring relief, and that no restrictions will be imposed upon the shipment of unmanufactured wood from freehold land so long as there is a tree left in Canada.

Personally, I have no desire to live in a treeless country: a condition which Canada is fast approaching and when I look around and see what other countries are doing for the preservation of their forests while Canada is doing nothing, there seems to be no good reason why I should.

But before departing from the land of my birth I want to leave a few serious thoughts with my fellow countrymen.

The present combination of politicians, exploiters and American gold are running and ruining Canada today. This combination is too powerful for the people, in their present apathetic state to cope with. If the people really knew what was going on behind the scenes, it would lead to a revolt. The members of the government, although paid by the people, are not their servants but their autocratic masters. Even the Bible speaks of "the servant when he reigneth." The interests of the people are subservient to theirs; they must retain power regardless of its consequences to the country. When a by-election is on the word is passed around that it must be won no matter at what cost. Immediately Ottawa is depleted of its great galaxy of orators who proceed to the scene of action. Between their eloquence, their cajoling, their intimidation and their campaign funds the poor voter has little chance to exercise his intelligence. The spectacle is so humiliating to red-blooded Canadians that it is small wonder that the exodus from Canada in the past year is the greatest in the history of the country.

Crucial election is being predicted with regard to the forest resources of Canada and I shall challenge the Government to reveal

the true situation.

Do the public know that an aerial survey of the territory north of the St. Lawrence and east of the Saguenay has revealed the astounding fact that that whole territory is seventy-five per cent. burnt?

Do the public know that in the Province of Quebec alone, between six and nine million acres were burned over during the single season of 1923, instead of the three million acres as announced by the Government of that province (which, God knows—sufficiently appalling) and that despite this perfectly colossal shrinkage in our standing supply, exports of raw wood go on unchecked?

Do the people know that the very existence of the great pulp and paper industry is threatened, not only through the premature exhaustion of its raw material supply—but through ruinous competition brought about by the furnishing of cheap raw material to its competitors in the United States.

Do the people know that while Canadian mills have been reduced to operating at 80 per cent or less of their capacity, American mills owing their existence entirely to imported Canadian wood, are running 100 per cent and upwards?

Do the people know that there is not a pulp company in Canada that is making any profits—many being already in the hands of a receiver—or that the paper companies, if they were charging of adequate amounts for depreciation and depletion of their timber limits through insects, fungi, fire and cutting would be running at a loss?

Do the people know that pulp wood exported to the United States cost the Americans only \$9.77 per cord while the wood used by Canadian mills cost the Canadian manufacturers \$13.33 per cord? (These figures are both taken from the report of the department of Trade and Commerce.)

Do the people know that a cord of wood leaves in Canada a matter of \$10.00 while a cord of wood, unmanufactured into paper enriches the country to the extent of \$50.00 to \$60.00?

Do the people know that our wood-using industries are second only to Agriculture as revenue producers and that the failure of the pulp and paper industry alone would bring this country close to bankruptcy?

Do the people know that the only measure that can possibly stabilize this industry today is an embargo on the exportation of its raw materials?

Nature is proclaiming on every hand that this continent has already been over denuded of forest cover. This is seen in the alternate floods droughts, vast forest fires, tornadoes, late and early frosts and consequent failure and loss and damage to crops. In other words—Nature's equilibrium is being upset by the ruthless hand of the exploiter.

An expert witness to this condition is Gene Stratton Porter, one of the greatest Nature students on this continent who says: "With the cutting of our timber has come a change in our winters; weeks of drought in summer and destructive cyclonic windstorms; winters alternating from a condition so open as to freeze prematurely forced fruit and grain and winters so springingly cold that the fruit trees are killed outright."

The even temperature and the rains every three or four days which we knew in childhood are things of the past. Summer in these days means to scorch for weeks at a stretch with unrelenting heat; and in the same state in

which I was born it has become necessary for overhead sprinkling systems in order to grow their garden vegetables; while windmills and irrigation are becoming common

"In my childhood my father planted grain with the same certainty of having a full crop that he had of having alternate day and night. Today the farmer on my land has no more idea whether he will get a paying yield from the wheat, corn and potatoes that he puts into the ground than he has as to whether the next cyclone will blow his house into the lake or pass a few yards on the other side of it.

We, as a nation have already the most wanton and reckless waste the world has ever known, changed our climatic conditions and wasted a good part of our splendid inheritance. The question now facing us is whether we shall do all that lies in our power to have the comfortable living conditions for ourselves and the spots of natural beauty that remain for our children. Small as the supply now is, it is vastly in excess of the remaining stand in Canada, consequently this warning applies with double force to this Dominion.

I have no ambition to figure as a lone crusader. I have done what I could to call attention to conditions and to bring about an improvement. If the government is so indifferent to the country's necessities and so derelict in its own duties, there is no earthly reason why I should continue to exhaust my strength and give of my means to try to force upon them something they apparently do not want. This is why, after much careful consideration and much searching of spirit I have

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FRANK J.D. BARNJUM
Montreal, Oct. 17th 1924.

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