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SAVE YOUR TIMBER.

We all subscribe in a theoretical way to the necessity of preserving the forests and conserving the timber in them for the use of future generations. We do this very much after the perfunctory fashion in which many of us say our prayers, or endorse the tenets of our religion, whatever that may be.

If we had a million dollars invested in an industry, and we discovered that notwithstanding we were reaping certain large revenues annually from the investment, very wasteful methods were in vogue, and that our capital was becoming seriously impaired as a consequence we would become alarmed immediately.

Our timber, whether it be privately or publicly owned, is a great asset and the basis of a profitable and permanent industry. Let us just see where we are drifting in respect to it.

At the forestry convention at Ottawa it was estimated by one of the speakers that the quantity of marketed timber in Canada was 532 billions of feet. Of course, all estimates of that kind, as we have several times pointed out in these columns, are more or less speculations and guesses.

The ordinary uses to which paper is being put are increasing year by year. Aside altogether from the consumption of by-products of wood, industrial expansion is so great that the demands for ordinary uses are unusual.

Take railways, and they are eating up timber at an enormous rate. The C. P. R. in one year used 140,000,000 feet of timber, 30,000 telegraph poles, and 250,000 fence posts.

The present ordinary uses to which wood is being put are lumber for houses and car material and construction work; for the making of paper, for ties, mining props, cordwood, for finishing purposes, furniture, and indurated ware.

There is very little timber that cannot ultimately be put to some useful and profitable purpose, and our chief aim is to save the timber on your farm or in your timber limits. It will become valuable some day, if it is not today.

In olden times in eastern Canada, and not so very long ago as time goes, the farmers used to make fence rails and barn timber out of black walnut trees.

timbers, and even the stumps in the fields were eagerly sought after and bought up for furniture purposes. Millions upon millions of feet of willow, chestnut, ash, maple, oak, hickory and other trees were cut down and burned up to clear the land of forest.

In British Columbia, owing to the quantities of merchantable timber at hand, it may be some years before other than our present merchantable timber will fall into the market, but to those who can afford to wait and do not require the land, their forest will all be a realizable asset.

THE WHOLESOME POISONING SCARE.

We have received an article reprinted from the Medical Fortnightly, St. Louis, written by Dr. R. G. Eccles. The title is "The Wholesome Poisoning Scare." Dr. Eccles evidently represents the interests of the manufacturer who wishes to minimize the outcry against adulteration.

Some men have used in their lifetime more alcohol than would harm the general fatness deep. Used immoderately there is no questioning the harm done. All the standard agents in liquors, such as tea and coffee, are very much more potent for harm, weight for weight, than alcohol in such wines.

The argument is one that happily does not depend upon the scientific aspect of the case, so much as the ethical or moral. We assume that a man has the right to use any of the ingredients mentioned, including salt, with acid or boracic acid.

Without referring at all to the "chemical" or physical argument, he entirely overlooks in his plea the ethical side of the question, the vital importance to a nation to get back to absolute honesty in business methods.

Without elaborating the argument further we see the outcome of this kind of thing which apparently has inoculated business methods very generally in the United States, and perhaps to a lesser degree in Canada.

It is all right, to sell shoddy providing the customer knows it is shoddy he is buying, or chloroform if he knows it is chloroform, or oleomargarine

if he knows it is not butter. It ought to be regarded as a disgrace and a crime to be caught selling an article of goods which is not what it purports to be, even if the article in itself is not as bad as it otherwise might be.

Coming now to the physiological effects of tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages, sugar and spices, in large or small quantities, that is open to argument from the expert point of view, and from the results of daily experience.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS A SPECIAL CASE.

The Winnipeg Free Press in a recent issue publishes a memorial presented by the various provincial governments of the Dominion to the authorities at Ottawa asking for a readjustment of the federal subsidies to the provinces, and announces in that connection that a conference will shortly be held to further consider the same.

We do not know the source of the Free Press's information, but it is incorrect in so far as the attitude of this province is concerned. We understand that the memorial in question was not signed on behalf of the provincial government, but that a separate letter was sent to Sir Wilfrid, concurring in the memorial in so far as it applied to British Columbia.

It may be taken for granted, however, that the government at present in power in British Columbia will not agree to any settlement that does not take note of the special circumstances and conditions which form the foundation of our claims against the Dominion, and make provision for them.

We beg to call the special attention of the public to the following from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in respect to the provisions that are being made at Washington for the benefit of life on this coast.

It is almost needless to state that a healthy boat is the enjoyment of normal conditions of air, exercise and clothing, does not require the use of artificial stimulants, and that their use under abnormal or any conditions, in fact lead to a great many of the ills which flesh is heir to.

LIFE-SAVING ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The long-felt want, the greatest need of Puget Sound in the matter of aids to navigation is now on its way to being met and fulfilled promptly. The passage of Senator Piles' bill authorizing the construction of a life-saving tug at a cost of \$200,000 is the happy outcome of the most lamentable marine disaster that has ever occurred in the waters of the Strait of Fuca.

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confidence. It is his prerogative to go on quietly according to his private business, and to remain silent if he chooses to do so. It is also the prerogative of the Colonist to admit his right to silence unquestioned.

There is a movement all over the continent, as our readers are aware, to compel the manufacturers of proprietary and patent medicines to make public the formulas and private processes by which their preparations are made.

PHYSICIANS AND PATENT MEDICINES.

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Schemes of the American Medical Association—a Conspiracy to Establish Physicians' Trust. The "disclosures" as to the nature and object of the American Medical Association in regard to the sale of patent and proprietary medicines are of rather an interesting character.

There is a great deal more to which we cannot spare space here. The point we wish to make in this connection is that while no doubt there is a good deal of honest objection among the members of the medical profession against quack nostrums, the druggists have placed their finger upon motives in fighting patent medicines, which do no honor to that profession.

The pamphlet goes on to point out that the apparently spontaneous movement against patent medicines has really been worked up by the Medical Society, and is part of a wholesale conspiracy to establish a vast physicians' trust.

It is alleged that the association went boldly to the manufacturers of, and dealers in, drugs, and notified them that they must furnish to the Council on Chemistry and Pharmacy, the names and exact quantities of the ingredients which enter the composition of their several remedies, together with their methods and secret processes of manufacture.

We have not space to go into the details of the crusade entered upon, which was quite formidable enough to become national in its character and to bring the association into the background as a political force, after the fashion of all other trusts, the object being to bring the sale of all medicines directly within the control of the medical profession.

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Another journal calls attention to the fact that "in one year \$92,000,000 has been spent in patent medicines in the U. S., enough to give every practitioner in the country a yearly income of \$2,000."

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Let the agitation be placed upon its proper basis, and no attempt be made to create sympathy for a cause that is purely commercial. We have enough mock heroes in other fields without our being called upon to shed tears for hungry pockets in order that they may be filled, or for full pockets in order that they may become "fuller."

We know that in this fight the pharmacy interests are seeking for self-protection, and make no pretensions under the guise of benefiting humanity, other than the section that is engaged in the drug business, and hence we have no quarrel with their motives, but they are entitled to some measure of credit for exposing methods which profess one thing to the public and seek another thing for those who employ them.

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It would be rather an appropriate thing to fill the post of lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, the province in which he began it, and upon whose life and history he has left such an impressive frame the terms. He was one of the great many of us were born, when as a conception a confederated Canada was still "in nubibus."

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Cruelty to Animals. court yesterday morning. Charge laid by the N. Y. alleged to have stalled a day at the market, and without food or water was remanded until the

More Miners Want Robinson, managing director of the British Columbia Copper Syndicate, that fifty additional needed at Britannia, T. city of this class of special

A Presentation.—J. former superintendent of Pass & Yukon route signed to enter into of now en route to Seattle way. Just before his the northern city an of watch, valued at more presented to Mr. Roge employees of the head- zens of Skagway, awaiting him in Seattle.

A Serious Charge.— man by the name of B. the police station and in floor in charge that will cabin on Stone street, called and demanded the some whiskey and on way. Just before his the northern city an of watch, valued at more presented to Mr. Roge employees of the head- zens of Skagway, awaiting him in Seattle.

Accident at Sooke.— ing William Rett, town from Sooke, where he was the victim of a being seriously injured. He was engaged at the wharf and the cable used heavy timbers broke, so the boat was out of control. The sufferer was attended by Hall, who pronounced it serious, and says it is possible he may lose an eye.

A Missing Man.—A man has been received by the T. P. Thompson of M. B. enquiring as to the his brother, Albert E. T. left home on July 1st, 1905, and has not been heard of since. He is a mechanic and electrician by trade and that he will be working these professions in his whereabouts will be given by his brother.

The Mines Report.— that the annual report of mines for the year ended, 1905 will be published in the month of May. The report has usually been copy for the report is in the King's printer and will be in the printing office of the present of mines has had the pamphlet on Windy A been exhausted. This report will be embodied, in the annual report

Financial Notes.—The nance Syndicate, Ltd., has 10 per cent. debentures of \$25 each in the and Pulp Co., and the receipts of the White F. railway for the week ended 21st amounted to \$5,650. The bond were out of stock exchange in City per cent. debentures Shuswap and Okanagan 1905 will be published in the month of May. The report has usually been copy for the report is in the King's printer and will be in the printing office of the present of mines has had the pamphlet on Windy A been exhausted. This report will be embodied, in the annual report

Shooting Accident.—A accident occurred at 11 Monday morning, as a George, the 12-year-old and Mrs. William We life. The boy was out rats when he dropped the contents were discharged and he was injured. He found in neighbor's house. They parents and Dr. Green mented. He gave him Wagner, of Pittsburg, was one the boy was r Paul's Hospital, Vancouver passed away Wednesday

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