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THE SITUATION AS IT WAS.

The Montreal Star, in pointing to some of the conditions under which the old provincial government operated in this province, and which conditions Mr. Hazen will consider it to be his duty in the public interests to change at once, says: "Fredericton is the capital, but in no administration since Mr. Blair left the province has one of the heads of departments resided in that city. In the rethring administration the Premier and Surveyor General lived at Moncton, the Commissioner of Agriculture near Chipman, the Attorney General in St. John, the Commissioner of Works in Campbellton, and the Solicitor General at Woodstock. Just before the elections Mr. Allen, of Moncton, became Provincial Secretary, and announced his intention of residing in Fredericton. It was the custom of these ministers to meet about once a month at Fredericton. This was the only time that the ministers could be found together, and the only time when they were in sight of the offices of their departments. Each has had his own private business and went on with it, attending incidentally to departmental work."

THE PULP WOOD INDUSTRY.

Signs are not wanting that the people of this country are at last coming to realize the true value of the forests as a national asset, and the importance of protecting and conserving the wealth contained in them. The necessity for this is rapidly becoming more apparent in consequence of the enormous increase in the pulp wood industry, an industry which has increased from an output of manufactured pulp of 154 tons a day twenty years ago to 2,361 tons a day at the present time. In the manufacture of this pulp some millions of cords of wood are used, and as long as this manufacture takes place in Canada no one will be disposed to complain, because it means fostering home industries which employ thousands of men and women. But in addition to the enormous quantity of wood manufactured in the country, some hundreds of thousands of cords are annually exported for manufacture in the United States, and from which, apart from the small value of the raw material, this country gets no benefit whatever. With the view of checking this abuse a resolution was moved in the House of Commons yesterday declaring that it was advisable that such an export duty should be placed on pulp wood as would insure its being manufactured here, and at least six million dollars would be saved to this country annually in consequence. At first sight this would appear to be a pretty sound argument, and as long as the duty is levied only upon pulp wood cut from the crown lands there cannot be much said against it; but it is equally true that the imposition of such a duty without restriction, might operate harshly in the case of private ownership. There are many owners of land producing wood of little value other than for making pulp, whose resources would be sadly crippled by the imposition of a duty. That a man should be at liberty to choose his own market is a well established principle and one which only exceptional circumstances will justify any tampering with; but it is also a well known fact that compared with the cost of the raw material the value of the finished products of pulp wood is greater than that of almost any other manufactured article and any measures calculated to foster the production of the finished article in this country should receive the sympathetic attention of all. It is not enough to say that the capacity of the forests of this country is sufficient to furnish pulp wood for all time, and that there is therefore no necessity for restricting the export of it; such a condition of things may be quite

true; the point is, why should Canada furnish the raw material out of which there is very little profit to be made for manufacture in other countries, when by keeping that raw material at home she may obtain the full value of the manufactured article and incidentally find employment for hundreds of thousands of her own people and the consequent increase in her own natural wealth? Whilst it is highly desirable that this country should make the most of her natural resources, it must be admitted that to export raw material in any unrestricted degree is scarcely calculated to assist in building up the great manufacturing industries by means of which Canada hopes to take her place among the other industrial nations of the world.

WHOLESALE POLITICAL REVOLUTION IN THIS PROVINCE.

The Toronto News, Independent, says of the elections in this province: "The political revolution in New Brunswick is entirely wholesome. For years an inner group of political clans by a system of purchase and exchange have kept control of the affairs of the province. Office has been their chief object and personal interest their supreme consideration. Mr. Pugsley is a natural product of the system. By the experience of New Brunswick and British Columbia government by coalition stands condemned. Whatever may be the faults of party government it has produced lesser evils in Canada than the non-party system in the communities in which it has operated. In the result in New Brunswick Mr. Pugsley will find no comfort and the lesson for the Ottawa government is significant. Mr. Hazen, who succeeds to the provincial premiership, is a man of excellent character, who achieved a good position in the House of Commons some years ago, and who should be able to give a satisfactory administration of the affairs of the province."

Mr. P. A. Wallberg, one of those privileged gentlemen who have to do with the Railway Department at Ottawa in supplying goods without tender, was before the public accounts committee of parliament yesterday. The facts brought out in the examination appear on another page of this paper. It is the old story of selling things to the Laurier government at 50 and 100 per cent. more than their actual value—the same old story of the federal grafters bleeding the people through the public treasury.

And now we have a scandal in the medical branch of the Immigration Department at Halifax, in which immigrants have been held up for money by appointment of the Liberal government. These hold ups were made in lieu of rake-offs. The immigrants were held up on the charge that they were diseased, when there was in reality nothing wrong with them. The Grit healer certainly makes a dangerous public officer.

The National Transcontinental commissioners opened tenders yesterday covering six sections between Moncton and Lake Nipigon. It appears to be the intention of the government to proceed with the work on a pretty lively pace, which is taken to mean that the general elections have been fixed for the fall.

THIS IS MY 73RD BIRTHDAY.

Simon Newcomb.
Dr. Simon Newcomb, the astronomer, and perhaps the best known of all living mathematicians, was born March 12, 1835, at Wallace, Nova Scotia. He was first educated in the school of his father, Prof. John Newcomb, and came to the United States in 1858. For two years he taught in schools in Maryland and then became a computer on the Nautical Almanac at Cambridge, Mass. In 1861 he became a professor in the United States Navy and remained in the service until retired for age in 1897. Dr. Newcomb was secretary of the Transit of Venus commission from 1871 to 1874; observed the transit of Venus at the Cape of Good Hope in 1874, and at Johns Hopkins University, and editor of the A. rected several eclipse expeditions. For ten years he was professor of mathematics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University, an editor of the American Journal of Mathematics. He is one of the few foreign members of the Institute of France, and the first native American since Franklin to receive that honor. Dr. Newcomb has published many astronomical memoirs and tables of the motions of the stars and planets now used by astronomers in their computations.

PRESBYTERIANS SEEK PASTOR.

Philadelphia Church Extends Call to Dr. Watson of Cincinnati.

The Rev. Robert Watson, D. D., to whom it has been decided to extend a call to become pastor of the Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church, Broad and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, will be immediately notified, though it is not regarded as certain that he will care to resign his present charge.

Three important Cincinnati churches recently united with Dr. Watson as their pastor.

How some women do enjoy taking a whack at some other woman's reputation.

HOT SHOT FOR B. C. JUDICIARY

Vancouver, B. C., March 11.—Rev. Dr. Fraser, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, created a sensation at the Presbytery meeting by charges against the judiciary. He said:

"What we want in British Columbia is a self-respecting judiciary. Even patrolmen will tell you that there is no use securing convictions because it will be upset by the higher bench on a technicality. Past women were recently released on bail, pending an appeal. They did not leave the city but returned to their former life, and conditions were now nearly as bad as ever. It is a downright shame that British Columbia should be open to such criticism. I was informed that during the hearing of an important case here, the judge fell asleep on the bench and the case had to be adjourned till the next day. No use, mindless matters; in order to effect reforms, we should strike at the very centre."



Miss Elizabeth Cook.
She represented Cornell in the debate with Columbia University. A process was made against Miss Cook but it was overruled.

NORTH LAKE.

North Lake, March 9.—Mr. Arthur Fraser, who has been working in the woods for Chas. Veysey, was forced to return to his home at Canterbury on account of sickness.

We have passed through another election, and as a result have obtained a new government, by which we hope to see changes for the better in local affairs.

Thos. Wetmore went to Forest City today to have his three-year-old colt shod.

Messrs. Arthur Wetmore and Geo. Vanassel have completed their lumbering operations.

The government road machine of this parish, which has so carefully been housed and nourished by the former worthy officials, has been let loose and is now roaming at large.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vanassel is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Veysey were calling on Mrs. A. Boone on Sunday, the 8th.

Mr. Richard Dow and brother, Mr. Roger Dow, are calling on Mrs. A. Boone on Sunday, March 1st.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Abram Collier, who has been in Danforth the past few months, is very ill at the home of her brother, Mr. Ernest Foster.

COLONIZING THE WEST.

Peace River Company Has Not Carried Out Agreement.

Ottawa, March 11.—A return brought down in the Commons with respect to agreement made by the company in the west shows that only two such agreements have been made, viz., with the Peace River Colonization Land & Development Company, made July 27, 1901, and with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company. The first named company was granted the privilege of buying one-third of the total area comprised in sixteen townships in the Peace River district at one dollar per acre, 1904, and 1,200 yearsettlers were located within twenty years of the time the survey was made by the Government. Only nine homestead entries were made up to October 14, 1907, and 156 company does not appear to have complied with the terms of the agreement.

The Saskatchewan Valley Land Company were granted 250,000 acres at one dollar per acre on condition that twenty quarter sections were settled by the homesteaders—in each township and twelve settlers were placed on other sections in each township by the company. The return shows the company has fulfilled the terms of the agreement.

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