

NEW CROWN TIMBER AGENTS.

Mr. Thomas George Wigg, who was recently appointed Crown Timber Agent for the new district of Thessalon, Ontario, was born in Norfolk County, near Norwich, England, on the eighteenth of October, 1863, and came to Canada with his parents when he was three years old, they taking up their residence at Lakefield, near Peterborough. He acquired his education at the public schools of his



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neighborhood and in Peterborough, and at the age of about fourteen years, spent a term in celebrated Collegiate of Dr. Tassie in Galt.

After Mr. Wigg's school days, he entered the employ of James G. Ross & Company, the once well known Quebec shippers of timber, clerking and culling for them in the Township of Harvey, County of Peterborough, and elsewhere. He remained in their employ for over five years, from 1879 to 1884, having spent one of these years in their Oswego lumber yard and "on the road" selling lumber and timber for that firm.

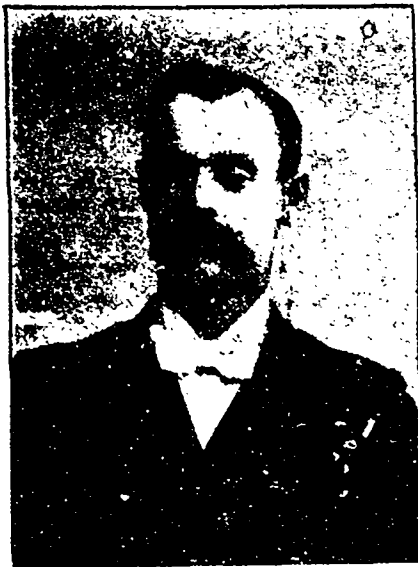
In the year 1885 Mr. Wigg entered the employ of R.A. Strickland & Company, operating in timber on the waters of the Mississago, in the Townships of Gladstone and Montgomery, in the district of Algoma, overseeing the making and scaling of their timber for export, and continued in their employ about three years. After they ceased operations the Department of Crown Lands for Ontario offered him the position of wood ranger for the Government along the north shore of the north channel of Lake Huron from Sault Ste Marie to the French river, which he accepted. He remained in the service of the Ontario Government until after the death of P. C. Campbell, crown timber agent for the district, when the Government divided the territory and were pleased to offer Mr. Wigg the appointment, which he accepted, of crown timber agent for the sub-division extending from the neighborhood of Bruce Mines on the west to Massey on the east. His headquarters are at the town of Thessalon.

Mr. Wigg is well connected, being related to Mrs. Moodie, Miss Strickland, Mrs. Catharine Parr Traill and others, whose names are household words in forestry, wild flowers, literature, and pioneer life in Canada.

Mr. E. B. Lloyd, the new appointee for the Temiskaming district, was born in the Township of King, York County, and was appointed under the Hardy administration by Hon. J. M. Gibson, then Commissioner of Crown Lands, as a forest ranger. In that capacity he traversed the Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, and East Algoma districts, as well as a portion of the Temiskaming region, and has penetrated the great north as far as the Abitibi waters, having thus obtained a wide knowledge of the resources of the chief lumbering districts of the province. He also spent seven years in the spruce forests on Lake Winnipeg. Mr. Lloyd states that he has found an abundance of young pine growing, which shows the benefit of protecting the forests and of inaugurating practical methods of reforestation. He admires the foresight of the Ontario Government in setting apart forest reserves, which he regards as a national asset of great value. Mr. Lloyd's headquarters are at New Liskeard.

DESTRUCTION OF TIMBER BY INSECTS.

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued an interesting bulletin on a



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disease of the western yellow pine known locally as the "bull pine." This timber constitutes the principal growth of the Black Hills Forest Reserve in South Dakota, and it is rather startling to learn that about half the trees in the reservation, containing some six hundred million feet of valuable lumber, are either dead or dying. The disease, known to lumbermen as "bluing," is caused by a beetle, which burrows under the bark of the bull pine, and gnaws longitudinal channels, and soon completely girdles the tree. Everyone knows that the upward flow of sap in trees in the spring takes place in the soft layer just under the bark; and, when the flow is interrupted by the cutting of the layer, the tree dies. This is the result of the channeling of the bull pine by grubs, the leaves turning yellow and then dropping off, while the wood exposed to infection from the scores of fungi soon assumes a blue color, from the development in it of a blue parasite. The blue color affects only the sapwood and it is found that the strength of the timber is not injured by it; but the way is prepared for other fungous growths, and,

in a year or two, a red parasite, something like the familiar dry rot fungus, attacks the wood, feeding upon the cellulose, and completely destroying it. The author of the bulletin, Dr. Hermann von Schenk, advises that all trees of which the wood is blued, but not yet decayed, should be cut down at once, and the timber utilized before the "red rot" renders it unserviceable, and that the rotten and useless trunks, which menace the entire forest with destruction by fire, should be removed.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

At the annual meeting of the American Forestry Association, held in Washington recently, Mr. Gifford Pinchot, chief forester for the United States, Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion superintendent of forestry, and Dr. T. H. Beam, Director of the forestry exhibit at the World's Fair, St. Louis, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for an international forestry convention to be held at St. Louis during the Fair. No date was set for the convention, but it will probably be held early in the fall of 1904.

THE NOVA SCOTIA LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Nova Scotia Lumbermen's Association convened at Truro, N.S., on December 29th, 1903, for the transaction of general routine business and the election of officers for 1904. In addition to adopting by-laws, Mr. J. H. Livingstone's resolution in respect to better fire protection for timber lands was considered. Mr. T. G. McGrath, of the Western Nova Scotia Association, was present, and stated that that body



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were drafting a bill in connection with the same matter, which would be presented at the next session of the Provincial Legislature. It was, therefore, decided to co-operate with the Western Association and present a joint memorial.

The following officers were elected: President, Alfred Dickie, Steviacke; vice-president, J. H. Livingstone, treasurer, W. H. Kent, secretary, D. G. McDonald.

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