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RICHIBUCTO, N. B., MAY 22, 1902.

FOREST FIRES.

Every year the damage done by forest fires in this province is enormous. The most valuable portions of our forests have been fire-swept and millions of feet of timber destroyed. The County of Kent has been most unfortunate in this respect and if measures are not soon taken to prevent the carelessness attending the setting of fires there will soon be little lumber left standing. The late Deputy Surveyor Stevenson once remarked that in this County fire destroys much more lumber every year than is cut by lumber operators, and that if this destruction could be prevented, our lumbermen could not, by cutting twice the amount they now do, keep up with the natural growth of the forests. It is to be regretted that our forests should be depleted through gross carelessness, for in nine cases out of ten fires are due to no other cause. We have a law containing some very stringent provisions against the setting of fires in certain seasons and providing for a notice to be given to the owners or occupants of adjacent lots before a fire is started. This law is practically a dead letter and we doubt if there are a dozen persons in the county aware of its existence. During the driest time last summer fires were set out without regard to wind, weather or conditions and the damage done was enormous. Last week fires were again started and much damage was prevented only by the timely rain of Friday last. It would be well for the provincial government to take measures to protect the country by making it a part of the duty of officials to inquire into the origin of all fires and to begin prosecutions for all violations of the law relating to the setting of fires. Money expended for this purpose would be money well expended. If a few offenders were brought to justice, it would be a lesson to others and would do much to put an end to the criminal carelessness which now so often attends the setting of fires.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The provincial election campaign in Ontario closes to-day. Nominations took place on Thursday last, and in the ninety-three constituencies only one member was returned by acclamation. This would indicate that more than usual interest has been taken in the contest. At the last general election the Liberals were successful, but only with a majority of four and since then the Conser-

vatives carried the province in the Dominion election. The Liberals have been in power in Ontario for the last thirty years and it is generally admitted that during all that time the province has been well governed. Notwithstanding that in Dominion politics the Conservatives generally carried the province, the Liberals, led by Oliver Mowatt, were time after time successful in provincial contests. Many Conservatives who saw the affairs of the province well and ably administered and its finances in a prosperous condition, rose above partyism and voted for Mowatt and good government. Mr. Ross, the present leader of the government, has proved himself to be as able and efficient an administrator as Mr Mowatt. With only a narrow majority in the legislature, his energy and ability have carried him over many difficulties. The present contest is one of the hottest that has ever taken place in the province and both parties express the greatest confidence in the result. It is not likely however that the people of Ontario will withdraw their confidence from a government which has given the province a clean, honest and prudent administration and put at the head of affairs new and untried men.

THE SCOTT ACT IN YORK.

The County of York is one of the counties in this province in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force, but it would appear that for some time past the act has not been observed and that no attempt has been made to enforce its provisions. Recently a temperance committee was formed in the City of Fredericton and it was decided to begin prosecutions against the principal offenders in the city. Complaints were accordingly laid against several liquor sellers, counsel was retained and for a time it looked as if those engaged in the liquor business would see the inside of the county gaol. Latest reports, however, say that all prosecutions have been discontinued. It appears that some of the more active and energetic members of the committee, not satisfied with the usual methods employed to procure evidence and convict offenders, engaged the services of a private detective or informer to aid in the work. Money was given him and he went from bar to bar in the city, spending freely, standing treat often, getting gloriously drunk and having a good time generally. When the first prosecution was called on, this informer was on hand and proved the case for the prosecution beyond question. He swore that he was a member of the Baptist church in good standing, that he knew the taste of whiskey and had procured it on the premises of the accused, and to satisfy the court of this fact, produced a flask bought by him on the occasion. The defence in turn supplied further evidence to show that the informer had violated the law in every respect, that he had with the money supplied him got drunk, made others drunk, and made the night hideous in some places with his profanity. The members of the committee having found out the character of the man employed by them, subsequently decided to have nothing to do with him, and it is said that all prosecutions begun on the strength of his statements will be discontinued. It is questionable whether much good ever comes of employing informers for the purpose of searching for offenders of this class. After a crime has been committed it is

right and proper to employ detectives to hunt down the perpetrator and bring him to justice, but it is an altogether different thing to procure the commission of an offence in order to punish the offender. Public sentiment always condemns such a course and it is safer in all cases to procure the conviction of offenders by the methods usually employed in such cases.

THE FISHERIES CONFERENCE.

Representatives from all the provinces of the Dominion, excepting Manitoba and British Columbia, met at Ottawa last week to confer with the members of the Dominion government over the fisheries question. The gathering was called by the Minister of Fisheries to agree if possible upon an interpretation of the judgment of the Privy Council with respect to the control of the fisheries as between the federal and provincial authorities. Until quite recently it was accepted as a settled question that the Dominion authorities had full control of our fisheries. The matter was, however, carried before the Privy Council and by the judgment of that court it was held that while the Dominion has the right to regulate the fisheries, the proprietary rights belong to the provinces. The conference was called to arrive at some common understanding regarding the matter. An adjournment took place until after the coronation proceedings. The Dominion will probably be allowed to continue to control the fisheries and the province be perhaps compensated for surrendering the proprietary rights. The value to the Dominion of these rights would not be great, as the cost of regulation and protection at present far exceeds any revenue derived.

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HARCOURT.

Last Tuesday morning, Mrs. I. B. Humphrey was taken suddenly and dangerously ill. Drs. Keith and Chandler were summoned and found that a blood vessel in the brain had burst, causing partial paralysis of the left side. We are glad, however, to say that hopes are entertained of her recovery. Her daughter, Laura, who was in Manchester, N. H., was summoned and arrived Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Thos. Ingram, who has been visiting her daughters at Joggins, returned last week, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett. Rice's photo car has been the centre of attraction for the last few weeks. The artist is doing a flourishing business. He intends going to Rexton next week.

Among those who took advantage of the Victoria Day excursions to visit friends out of town were Mrs. Barrett, Misses Dunn, Chrystal, Ingram and Mc-

Michael, all of whom visited friends in Moncton.

Mr. J. E. R. McMichael has returned from his trip to the West.

H. Wathen, Jr., has returned from Valdosta, Ga., where he has been spending the winter months for the benefit of his health.

Misses Sadie Buckley and Nettie McKay spent the holiday at their homes here.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Clark, of St. John, are visiting at Councillor Clark's. Mrs. Stewart returned home this morning and Mrs. Clark will spend the summer with her son, here.

Mrs. Margaret Wellwood, accompanied by her daughter, Maggie, went to Memramcook on Friday to consult Dr. Gaudet with regard to the former's eyes on which cataracts have been growing, rendering her almost totally blind. The doctor thinks the cataracts can be successfully removed.

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KENT JUNCTION.

Fierce forest fires have been raging around and near the Junction for the last week, destroying some valuable property. But the timely assistance rendered by T. McPherson's working train-men was all that saved the station and other buildings.

Mrs. N. Ferley, of Chatham, spent a few hours here on Thursday.

Mr. Geo. Clarke, who was working in the woods in Maine during the past winter, remained here over night on his way home. We were all pleased to see you, George.

Messrs. Strong, Brown, Keith, Anderson, Barton and Stewart, of Moncton, visited the Kouchibouguac on the 24th and reported good catches.

Mrs. John McPherson returned home on Saturday morning.

Mr. John Beattie, who was in charge of Section for a while, returned home on Saturday. His company was enjoyed and he certainly will be much missed.

Mrs. J. F. Morton, who has been very sick, is, we are pleased to say, improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Boudreau and family, of Rogersville, and Wat. Price, of Frogmore, visited the Junction on Sunday.

While visiting the Bridge on Sunday, some evil-minded person or persons deliberately pushed a pile of sleepers off the dump, which will cause the sectionmen a lot of trouble getting them back to their places.

ST. ANNE.

In last week's issue I noticed several items which I did not contribute and some were without foundation in fact.

Rev. Father A. Robichaud of St. Anne and Rev. Father Martineau of Richibucto Village have gone to Fredericton to attend the celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi at that place on Thursday.

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Mr. Jos. Warren has sold his saw mill to Messrs. Ferguson & Mundle of Main River. They will move the mill to that place about the last of June.

Some of the farmers here have quit that peaceful occupation and gone quahaug fishing, no doubt with the expectation of making small fortunes.

BIRTHS.

DIXON.—On the 20th instant, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GRAHAM-CLARK.—At St. Andrew's Manse, Rexton, May 27th, by Rev. D. Fraser, B. A., John Graham to Sarah Clark, both of Kouchibouguac, N. B.

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To receive and consider the annual statements of accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors thereon, to elect Directors and other Officers, and for the consideration of such other business as may lawfully come before said meeting.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on the Twenty third day of May, A. D., 1902, to the Eleventh day of June, A. D., 1902, both days inclusive.

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