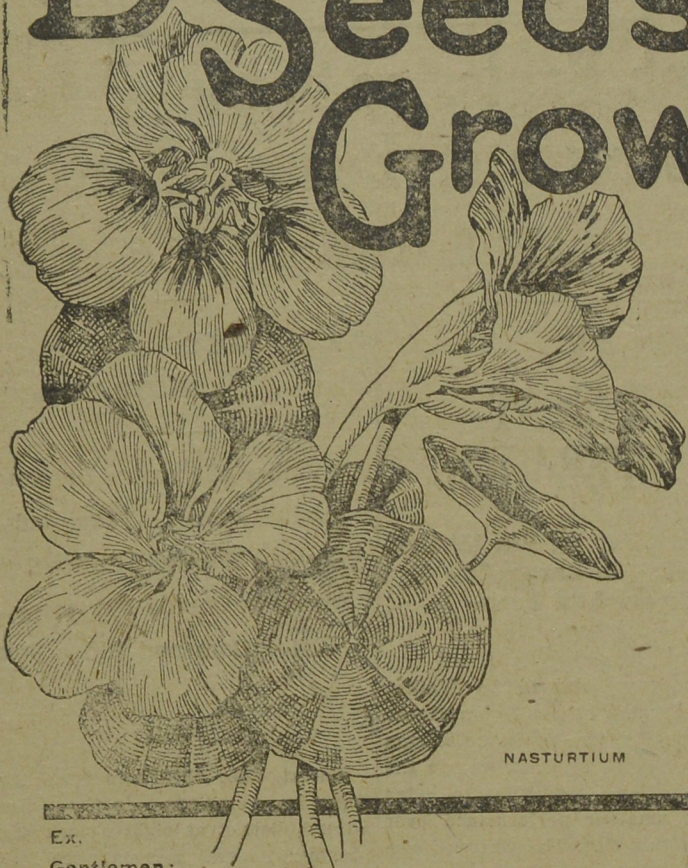


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NATURAL DEDUCTION.

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"And if he expects to have the last word he's an even bigger fool."

"Quite so, quite so. What did you and the 'Missus' quarrel about this morning?"—Brooklyn Citizen.

Sarah Bernhardt recently heard a jazz band for the first time and applauded. Poor Sarah! It probably is the beginning of the end.

Inter. Appeal on Workmen's Compensation

One of the cases just heard on review here by the Supreme Court of Appeal—though not upon the specially interesting part of the docket that told of the taking of human life, or of fines and jail sentences for selling liquor—was that argued by Counsel upon the Workmen's Compensation Act. A strictly economic question, this made however a very interesting case, inasmuch as it concerned a recent Act of the Legislature crystallizing into law for the first time in 1918 the sentiment and demand of the proletariat in this province for the safeguard of the industrial classes and their families from irrevocable loss of a means of livelihood in case of serious accidents or accidental death to the bread winner in his daily employment.

Two Days Argument

The importance of the case may be noted from the fact that counsel engaged consumed more than two days arguing the appeal. They were J. A. Sinclair, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board with Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. who took action against the Bathurst Co. owners of the immense pulp industry on the North Shore for unpaid assessment together with George Gilbert, K. C. the Company's Solicitor associated with M. G. Teed K. C. The extra duration of the legal combat was perhaps due partly to the fact that this was the first time when the principles and administration of the New Brunswick Act were challenged and called into legal question, making the answer and decision of the appeal court when they will have considered of their finding both a ruling authority and a precedent upon the subject in this province. In five or six of the other provinces of the Dominion a protective measure of this kind has been in force for several years, and counsel for the Board here cited some provisions of same in answer to objections taken by the company to the system of taxation under the Act upon New Brunswick industries generally and upon their own enterprise. Since the appeal a few days ago the tragic death of one of the Company's employees who per-

ished and was mangled in the digester of their mill leaving dependents suddenly deprived of their main support is one of the many impressive commentaries upon the advantage of compensation legislation. As a general proposition the company's counsel at the hearing did not gainsay this proposition from a general standpoint, but they quoted circumstances to show how sometimes the principle was exploited so as to intimidate capital from investment in industry and to be detrimental alike to capital and to labor.

Comparative Statement

Some like comment will probably be made upon the figures that have since been used in the controversy now on wherein those who advocate using the Intercolonial Railway according to pre-confederation promises and more for the benefit of the Maritime provinces quote census figures. They show that while during the period between 1871 and 1919 the output of upper province industries increased 14 per cent. That of New Brunswick's increased only three and one half. But such controversial questions do not comprise the matter for decision by the court.

How the Action Arose

The case which really springs from the demand made by the Board upon the Company was entered as The King versus Workmen's Compensation Board, ex parte Bathurst Lumber Co. and Bathurst Co., Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. to show cause against an order nisi to quash assessment.

The Bathurst Lumber Co. was indebted to the Workmen's Compensation Board in the sum of \$20,000 or thereabouts on an adjusted assessment for the year 1920. The Board also made a provisional assessment in 1921 and notified the company of the proportionate amount due according to its industries upon this provisional assessment. The Bathurst Lumber Co. ceased to be an employer on May 1921. A new company called the Bathurst Co. was incorporated in that month and subsequently took over the assets of the Bathurst Lumber Co. The Board sued the new company for the \$20,000 and notified them of their proportion of such provisional assessment. Before the Appeal Court the Bathurst Co. contended that this notification to them was of an assessment against them for the amount previously claimed to be due and owing by the expired Company. They also contended that all the assessments were bad and that the Board was doing business under a wrong principle; and they claimed that the Board should assess the individual, that they should do their business on "the current cost" plan and that they should close their books at the end of each calendar year.

This plan the Board called the hand to mouth plan. They also claimed that two of the sections of the compensation act were ultra vires, and that there was a large balance of money due to them.

The Other Side

On the other hand the chairman of the Board, Mr. Sinclair, stated that he was carrying on the business under the "Capitalized reserve" plan, which was the plan carried on by other boards and the only safe, feasible and equitable plan, both as regards the employer and the workman. Under this plan the rate is fixed on the industries and the employer only gets notice of the proportion of the assessment to be paid by him according to his payroll; and upon the proper adjustment of the accounts on this basis he claimed there was nothing due to the Bathurst Co., but that it owed the Board about \$3000 in addition to the amount sued for. The Board also contended that the Bathurst Co. being a new employer of labor was entitled to be notified and to pay from the time of its incorporation and they say that the Act in all its parts is not ultra vires but intra vires of the legislature.

Somebody asks what is the difference between playing cards for money or for a prize. Hi Slocum says the difference is between \$5.00 and \$10.00 if you are out of luck.

It is remarkable what a lot of money, in the aggregate, the suckers can dig up when they get the foolish notion that they can double it over night.

TITLES NOT LIKELY TO BE RESTORED

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

The Pall Mall Gazette announces that the Canadian Government will rescind the resolution abolishing the conferring of titles upon Canadians in order that a title may be given to P. C. Larkin, the new Canadian High Commissioner to London. A title, it explains, "goes far to enhance the social influence in this country of the High Commissioner." his is probably an observation at a venture. The Dominion Government is not likely to act in defiance of the resolution about titles passed by the late Parliament; and it is not probable that it will take the responsibility of asking the present Parliament to repeal it. It will be more concerned in preserving its own political health than in giving Mr. Larkin's social prestige the artificial boost which The Pall Mall Gazette thinks would be imparted if he were given a handle to his name. If this forecast of probabilities should be confirmed, Mr. Larkin will not be one of the several thousand knights of the Common or garden variety who are to be found in England; and he will have to content

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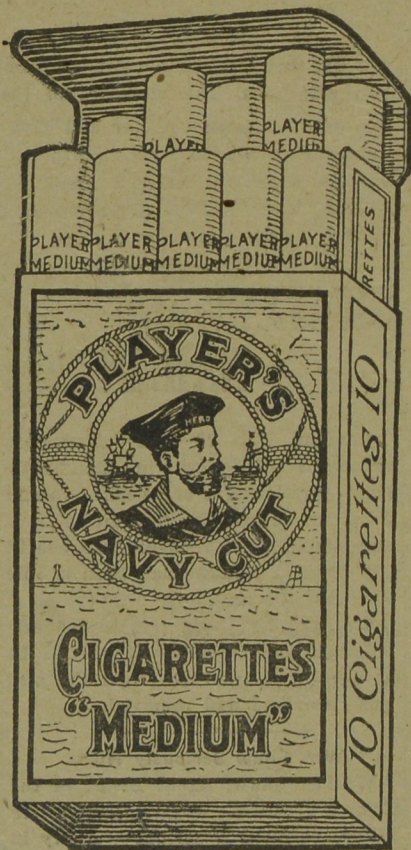
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