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MR. BARNJUM EXPRESSES
HIS VIEWS FORCIBLY ON
THE PULPWOOD EMBARGO

To the Editor of The Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Sir,—The only way to deal with a nettle is to grasp it tightly and tear it up by the roots. Gingerly handling will result only in injury to the person experimenting. So long as Ottawa continues to play with the pulpwood question so long will there be stinging comment from across the line and irritating criticism from some Canadians too short-sighted to understand their own best interests. Sir Lomer Gouin, as Premier of Quebec, set a precedent when he withdrew the Crown lands of this province from foreign exploitation. He didn't talk; he acted. No evil consequences followed, although they were threatened then, as now. Quebec and the whole Dominion are hundreds of millions times better off as the result of that action. Ottawa seems to lack the courage to do in a large way what Premier Gouin did, so far as he was able, for his province and the country. The result is that the opponents of the policy are bringing "bluff" and "threat" to bear on Ottawa, as they openly admit, and it looks as though "bluff" and "threat" were having some effect. With a view of encouraging the government to do its bounden duty I have sent Premier King the following telegram:

"July 20th, 1923.

"The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

"Dear Mr. King,—The selfishly interested opponents to the embargo on pulpwood entirely lose sight of the vital fact that Canada is already over-denuded of forest growth and that we are even today cutting young saplings that belong to the next generation, thereby robbing our children and children's children of their rightful heritage, and that consequently it is not a question for negotiation or trade or tariff discussion, and if the United States were prepared to offer Canada everything that they have in that country for what wood we have left. It would be criminal on the part of our government to entertain any proposal that would entail the shipment of any more wood out of Canada. I have made the offer time and time again to demonstrate Canada's critical forest condition at my own expense without, so far, any acceptance, as everyone knows that in this contention I am absolutely right.

When the appalling fire losses which the enemies of Canada are now trying to minimize as much as possible will all have been tabulated this fall, they will prove so perfectly colossal that it will create a panic for fear in mind that fires once started in the north country penetrate so deeply into the soil that continue to burn through the entire season until snow comes again. Rain at any time only causes a slowing-up of the fire until the first dry windy day returns.

Our so-called inaccessible wood supply is not only inaccessible to operate, but is just as inaccessible to fire protection, so that long before it will become available it will have entirely disappeared in smoke, emphasizing the fact the necessity of conserving our small remaining accessible supply.

There are only two ways the Americans can obtain our few remaining trees. One is for our own industries to put up the shutters and voluntarily give up their raw material, and the other is for the Americans to cross the line and take it by force.

All this talk of retaliation by the United States is pure bluff and is instigated by some of our own selfishly interested people who have purposely thrown out this suggestion so that Americans might be prompted to raise this cry.

With regard to the coal bogey, the American coal operators are only too anxious to sell us coal, but this is too precarious a supply for Canada to depend upon, as strikes in their mines and on their railroads are an ever-present menace, so our government is derelict in its duty in not immediately making provision for this contingency, by developing our own mines, and with the English and Mexican supply clamoring for admission to our coal market, we need have no apprehension so far as coal is concerned, especially with the knowledge that Canada owns nearly one-fifth of the world's supply. In any event, it is far better to be short of coal than entirely out of wood.

The same thing applies with regard to sulphur, and with Sicily to draw from, we need have no apprehension from that source.

In any event, the newspapers of the United States are dependent upon Canada for two-thirds of their paper supply through pulpwood, pulp or paper, and from pure selfishness will never allow anything that will cause the slightest curtailment of this supply, which curtailment would not only produce prohibitive prices for paper, but would put many of them out of business.

These newspapers, at heart, do not care whether their paper comes from one side of the line or the other so long as they are assured of a supply though a few of them are being made the tools of some of the American newspaper manufacturers.

That a large body of American people are in hearty sympathy with Canada in this matter is evidenced by the number of letters I am receiving from all over the United States.

No political party in the world ever had a greater opportunity than the Liberal party has today to make history and put themselves and their country on the world's map. It is safe to say that no party will have failed so completely not only in their obviously plain duty to their country but to their own interests as well, if action in this important matter is not taken at once.

The urgent necessity for immediate action is also emphasized by the fact that American interests are today making the largest cut of pulpwood in Canada for export in the history of the industry.

The Canadian people have at last reached the happy conclusion that political parties and politicians must, if necessary, be changed every five years till our representatives are taught that they are elected, not to serve their own selfish interest, but the interest of the whole people.

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM."

Every day the government delays taking decisive action on this question the government is courting disaster for the country.

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM.
Montreal, July 24th, 1923.

DR. WILEY
IS DOWN ON
THE FLIVVER

Washington, July 26—Dr. Harvey Wiley, pure food expert and former chief of the bureau of chemistry, believes that Henry Ford has proved himself a menace to this country through the manufacture of automobiles.

"The automobile," said Dr. Wiley, "has created a race of pot-bellied bankers, bootlegger bands and burglars. By the introduction of the automobile into our method of living an easy means of escape has been provided lawbreakers all over the country.

"The automobile has encouraged the activities of bank burglars it has aided in the escapes of the bootleggers and other violators of the prohibition law; it has produced more fat and pudgy men and women who have ruined their health through lack of exercise than any other agency.

"Instead of being a public benefactor, in my judgment, Henry Ford has proved himself to be a menace to the country."

AFTER THE SHOW.

Johnny—I saw your undertsudy a little while ago. How is she getting along?

Star—I don't know and I don't care. Johnny—That's unkind. She's always ready to take your part.

Most people cling firmly to a belief in heredity insofar as the good traits of their children are concerned.

VISITING CARDS

The Mail has secured a large stock of ladies and gents visiting cards by way of a slant and is prepared to turn them over to the public at a low figure. On Monday and Tuesday of each week until further notice the price with your name neatly printed thereon either in script or old English type will be from fifty to seventy-five cents per package according to quality. On all other days the minimum price will be one dollar per package. Send in your orders at once and state the kind of type wanted. In the case of mail orders add five cents to cover postage.

Here and There

A jersey cow owned by a Montreal man has broken all Canadian records by producing 1,200 pounds of butter in a year.

The average annual per capita cost from fires in United States is \$2.26, while Canada loses \$2.73 per capita by fire; Spain, \$1.86; France, 97 cents; England, 64 cents; Germany, 28 cents, and the Netherlands, only 11 cents.

Bungalow Camps in the wilds of Ontario have been opened by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at French River, Nipigon, and near Kenora, Lake of the Woods.

Traffic through the Lachine Canal during the month of June showed an increase of two million bushels of grain and one hundred thousand tons of coal with increases in pulpwood, produce and passengers over the same month of the previous year.

The wheat crop of Alberta and Manitoba has progressed so well on account of the abundant moisture of the early season that farmers, business men and railroad companies are preparing for a harvest in excess of the record one of 1915.

Prince Rupert, B.C., claims the world's best record for a one trip fish catch. A fishing schooner arrived at this port recently after being at sea 14½ days, with 38,000 pounds of halibut, which sold for a sum that netted each man of the crew of five \$727.80.

In the Province of Ontario, it is estimated, the lumber cut in 1922 amounted to 309,000,000 board feet, and in addition 289,113 cords of pulpwood. The Province of Nova Scotia cut 125,000,000 feet, New Brunswick 210,000,000 feet, and British Columbia 273,146,000 board feet.

The Dominion Express has just effected a shipment from Hamburg to Kobe, Japan, in 32 days. The average time consumed between the same two points via the Suez Canal is 49 days, and the saving thus made by the Canadian route will be of great importance in helping make this country the road between Europe and the Orient.

The total value of the pelts of fur-bearing animals taken in the Dominion during the season of 1921-22 was \$17,438,800, an increase over the previous year of \$7,287,273, or 72 per cent., and the number of pelts of all kinds was 4,366,790, an increase over the previous season of 48 per cent. These figures comprise pelts of animals taken by trappers and pelts of ranch-bred animals.

Tests of ceramic clay resources in British Columbia are being planned this summer by the British Columbia Government. The tests will be made under the auspices of the Department of Education and the Department of Industries. There are many varieties of clays in British Columbia and some are reported to be particularly suited to the manufacture of high class pottery ware.

A reduction of express rates on westward moving business between Europe and Canada was announced by the Foreign Department of the Dominion Express Company recently. This reduction on westbound shipments follows a similar cut on shipments from Europe to Canada made a little while ago, and amounts to a reduction of approximately twenty per cent. on the trans-ocean trip. The rates came into effect on July 9 between all points in Canada and Europe.

The Banff-Windermere highway, the last link in the 6,000-mile chain of good roads which extend from the heart of the Canadian Rockies to California and return is now open to motor traffic, having been officially opened on June 30th by the cutting of a ribbon at Kootenay crossing in the presence of a number of Federal and Provincial Government officials, and a host of automobile tourists. The completion of this road has rendered accessible the most beautiful scenic country on the continent.

MOTION PICTURE
ACTOR RETIRES

Los Angeles, July 26—Gaston Glass motion picture actor and former protegee of Sarah Bernhardt has announced his retirement from the screen until he has been cleared of police court charges growing out of a raid upon a residence in the Hollywood district several weeks ago.

He offered his producer B. P. Schulberg relinquishment of his contract but Schulberg declined to accept and instead gave him leave of absence and the assurance his place would be waiting when he was ready to return.

Deny Charges.

Glass, Louis J. Glasner motion picture director and Mrs. Helen McCloskey and Miss Alma Rhoades screen actresses, were arrested at Mrs. McCloskey's residence. Glass was tried in police court but the jury disagreed and the court set a September date for trying all four together. They all denied the charges. "I feel that I cannot again appear before the camera until I can face the world without a blemish on my name" Glass stated in a letter to Schulberg.

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