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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

CROWN LANDS RECEIPTS.

Newspapers supporting the Provincial Government are doing a lot of boasting these days over the increase in stumpage receipts, and putting it forward as a reason why the present incompetent and corrupt administration, one member of which does not even hold a seat in the Legislature, should be entrusted with a renewal of power. They point out that the stumpage receipts for the year ending July 31st were \$352,624.75, while for the year 1906, when the old government was in power, the total revenue derived from this source was \$170,072.25. It is contended by these journals that the lumber cut in 1906 was as great as last year, but that the money was not collected by the old government from the lumbermen, or if collected did not find its way into the revenue. On this point the St. John Standard says:

"Yet the actual cut of lumber on the crown lands of the province in 1906 was as large as in 1916, so the difference in revenue must be accounted for by the fact that the old government—which is the present opposition—manipulated the returns to the advantage of their friends and the disadvantage of the public. The public treasury today is getting every dollar which belongs to it from the crown lands, as from all other revenue producing assets of the province."

Now, if the lumber cut was as great in 1906 as it was in 1916, it is presumed that an equal amount was also cut in the year 1909, when the present administration was in control of affairs. This being so, then why, may we ask, were the receipts from stumpage \$105,881.98 less in 1909 than in 1916?

A tabulated statement of revenue published in the Auditor General's report for last year places the stumpage for 1909 at \$246,742.77, or \$105,881.98 less than last year. If the figures are correct, what became of the \$105,881.98. Did the Government make the lumbermen a present of the money, as is alleged the old administration was in the habit of doing? Then we have the figures for the year 1913. In that year stumpage collections amounted to \$305,818.62, or \$47,000 less than the receipts for the present year, and \$117,091.64 less than the total for the year 1915. Assuming, as the Government does assume, that there was no appreciable difference in the lumber cut, how does it account for the marked fluctuation in receipts for stumpage? If the fact that stumpage collections were less under the old government than under the present administration is proof of wrong doing, the same thing might be said of the Conservative administration which held office in this province for many years prior to the advent of the late Hon. A. G. Blair to power in 1883. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. It is a fact that when Mr. Blair's government came into power the entire territorial revenue, including stumpage receipts, varied from \$120,000 to \$130,000 a year. The government which preceded that of Mr. Blair gave away sixteen hundred thousand acres of the best lumber lands of the province to a railway corporation, but it is not claimed by the Clarke-Baxter government that it allowed the lumbermen to defraud the treasury wholesale. It is a matter of record that when Mr. Blair's successors went out of office in 1908, the territorial revenue was almost three times as great as it was when Mr. Blair assumed the reins of power in 1883.

If the late government, which made a threefold increase in territorial revenue, was guilty of negligence in its administration of the crown lands, even making allowance for changed conditions, there is not much in the

record of former governments with respect to crown lands to enthrone over.

The position taken by press supporters of the present government, that the cut of lumber was as great in 1906 as in recent years, is altogether untenable. The truth of the matter is that the crown lands of the province today are being slaughtered right and left. Big corporations controlled by aliens are allowed to do about as they please. Under-sized logs are being cut in violation of the law, and no serious attempt is being made to bring about a better state of affairs. The statement was recently made in a sworn affidavit that a former member of the present government accepted \$1,000 from a lumber concern for the privilege of cutting and shipping under-sized logs from the province, a statement which up to the present time remains uncontradicted.

Then we have the evidence taken by a Royal Commission, wherein it was shown that nearly one hundred thousand dollars was extorted from timber limit holders of the province by an official of the Crown Land Office, who acted with the knowledge and approval of the then Premier. There are facts enough, if facts are wanted, to show that the present government's administration of the crown lands has been corrupt and scandalous. It certainly does not lie in the mouths of the men who were the colleagues of Premier Flemming, when the timber land steal, one of the most barefaced schemes of public robbery ever devised by the mind of man, was pulled off, to cast reflections upon their predecessors in office. When the time comes for the people to pronounce judgment at the polls, these men must stand or fall on their own record. They went into power pledged to administer public affairs honestly and economically, and they have not done so. The whole outfit will go by the board just as soon as the people are given the opportunity. The ruinous policy which they are pursuing with respect to the crown lands will win them no votes.

ON THE SIDE.

Why is a country market?

Music is whatever the ear accepts as such.

We'll never speak of them as "green" grocers again.

What right has a minority to "rights" anyway?

Trusting to luck is a mighty poor profession at which to make a living.

It takes a groceryman to look after a groceryman's interests.

That fellow you noticed with the "Burbank" smile has just picked a ripe tomato in his garden.

Some of the decisions and deliberations of our city fathers have a rich nutty flavor.

Now all you've got to do is telephone your grocer to go up to the market and buy you a pound of butter.

Our city council has discovered that a country market should be for the benefit of city grocers.

While two women are going through the throes of kissing each other, man looks on in an attitude of helplessness.

"Excuses Don't Go." No, the women are getting so you've got to account for the night's doings in every little detail.

It has been our observation that the man who is being driven to drink usually develops the speed of a Derby winner.

New York is going to bottle a million mosquitoes for demonstration purposes in the public schools. About a five minutes' job if they will bring their bottle around to our front porch of a summer evening.

PERSONAL.

Dr. H. B. Hay, of Chipman, has gone on a trip to Revelstoke, B. C.

Misses Louise and Helen Scott left yesterday for the Barony to visit relatives.

Miss Morgan has returned from a vacation trip to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. F. W. deMille and children returned today from a pleasant vacation spent at Youghall, Gloucester county.

Woodstock Press: Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. L. A., wife and children, of Fredericton, motored to Kilmarnock Saturday evening and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Slipp at the "Birches," Kilmarnock.

Woodstock Press: Miss Faye King and Miss Ada Williams, of the staff of A. Murray & Co., Fredericton, are spending their vacation at Miss King's home, Tapley Mills.

Police Magistrate Folkins and wife, of Sussex, arrived in the city by river steamer last night. They are delegates to the Oddfellows' convention, which will meet here next week. While in town they are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ford Smith, 246 Aberdeen street.

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MR. JOHN MCCARTHY DIED LAST NIGHT

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Sir P. A. Landry.

After being in delicate health for several years, Mr. John McCarthy, a well known and esteemed citizen, and brother-in-law of the late Sir P. A. Landry, passed away last night at his home on Carleton street. He was a son of the late Mr. Timothy McCarthy, was a native of this city, and resided here all his life.

A gentleman of leisure, and possessed of superior intelligence, he devoted much of his time to reading, and few men were possessed of a greater fund of knowledge. A genial, whole-souled man, he had a large circle of friends and acquaintances who will be very sorry to hear of his death.

The deceased was for some years a director of the Fredericton Gas Light Company, retiring from the board a few months ago, when the business changed hands.

Mr. McCarthy is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Knapp, daughter of the late Mr. Charles E. Knapp, barrister, of Dorchester.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at three o'clock, with services at the house by Rev. Dr. Roberts. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

SERIOUS FIRE AT BLIND RIVER, ONT.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Fire of unknown origin broke out at midnight Monday in the rear of the Peppin store in the town of Blind River, and burned until Tuesday evening, resulting in the whole business section of the town being wiped out, with the exception of three stores at the extreme end of the main street.

The fire brigade was engaged in fighting bush fires, which were raging in the neighborhood of the White Falls lumber mills at the time the fire was discovered, and the fire in the town had made great progress before they could get to the scene.

The loss is estimated at upwards of \$150,000. Among the buildings destroyed are the post office, the Methodist church, the Royal Bank building, the Trelaw & Menard block, Inkster's barber shop, Braithwaite's harness shop, the office of Dr. Giguere, and that of Dr. J. N. Robert, M. P. P.

This is the second time within a few months that the town has been badly devastated by fire.

FIVE RECRUITS ENLISTED HERE SINCE YESTERDAY

Four recruits were taken on the strength of the 236th Highlanders here today. They are W. Dudley McCosh, 22, Douglastown; Fred L. Wain, 18, Marysville; Augustus Pender, 18, St. John; James A. Skeggs, 20, Coventry, England.

So far forty-three men have been enlisted here for this battalion, in addition to a number who have been transferred from other battalions.

Private McCosh was in the Bank of Nova Scotia here some years ago.

One recruit was also enlisted for the 8th Field Ambulance. He is James R. Pullen, 44, Milltown.

Sergt. John H. McCollom will leave for St. John tomorrow morning to join No. 9 Siege Battery. He has secured two recruits here, J. Thurston Clark, son of ex-Ald. W. G. Clark, and Douglas McElvaney, clerk at the Bank of B. N. A., and son of Mr. Edward McElvaney. Gunner Clark already has joined the battery.

Charles Cromwell, of St. John, and Piper Letterick, of Moncton, are to join the 236th pipe band shortly. Paul Kuhring, a U. N. B. graduate, is to join the battalion as a sergeant.

ALD. F. H. EVERETT

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from now on will be able to have their own wheat manufactured into flour.

There will be several grades of flour produced. The leading brand will be known as "Celestial" and will be made entirely from No. 1 Manitoba wheat.

The machinery was supplied and erected by the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., Ltd., of St. John.

Ald. Everett has imported a carload of Manitoba hard wheat and is now grinding it into flour. He has distributed a number of sample packages this week and those who have given it a trial say that it is the equal of the best imported flour.

Just To Hand

Ladies' Patent Leather Belts

Ladies' Neckwear

Ladies' Hand Bags

Ladies' Long White Silk Gloves

Ladies' Short White Silk Gloves

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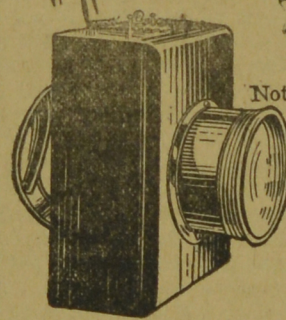
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