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BILL TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF STUMPAGE

Act of Great Interest to the Lumbermen Passed by the Legislature During the Present Session---Operators Must Furnish a Statement---Wild Lands to be Taxed.

The bills to facilitate the collection of stumpage and impose a tax on wild lands, which passed the Legislature last week were as follows:

The collection of stumpage, and the allegation of insufficient collections at times, have frequently been matters of party political controversy. A new measure introduced by the Government, providing for the proper collection of stumpage is entitled "An act to facilitate the collection of stumpage," and provides:

1. All licensees of crown lands in the province, shall annually not later than the first day of October in each year, furnish the minister of lands and mines with a sworn statement of all operations upon timber berths held by such licensees, stating the quantity, number and superficial contents and kind of logs, lumber, or other timber, cut or made upon each of such timber berths during the twelve months previous to the first day of May in each year, and also the quantity cut or made upon granted lands, during the same twelve months.

2. All licensees exporting pulp wood, rossed or otherwise, shall furnish a sworn statement to the minister of lands and mines, at the close of the shipping season, showing the number of cords shipped.

3. Should any licensee fail to comply with the provisions of this act or should the statement furnished be found to be wilfully inaccurate, the licensee furnishing the same shall forfeit all right to his license, and the berths and limits shall become vacant.

(The words shipping season in section 2 were struck out of the bill in committee.)

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any act to the contrary, the lieutenant-governor-in-council is hereby authorized by order-in-council, to impose an annual tax upon all wild lands where 500 acres or more are owned by

any number of persons jointly, as joint tenants, tenants in common or in co-partnership, residents of this province, of one cent per acre, and on lands where 500 acres or more are held, by non-residents or by corporations, the sum of two cents per acre.

The said lieutenant-governor-in-council is hereby further authorized to make all rules and regulations for levying and collecting such tax, which tax, when collected, shall be part of the consolidated revenue fund.

2. Where lands are held jointly by residents and non-residents, and one-half the interest or more in said lands is owned by non-residents, such lands for the purposes of this act, shall be held to be owned by non-residents, and shall be liable to an assessment of two cents per acre. If less than one-half interest in said lands is owned by a non-resident or non-residents, they shall be liable to an assessment of one cent per acre.

3. Any tax imposed under the authority of this act, shall be paid not later than the first day of September in each year, after the coming into force of this act, and shall be a first lien upon all wild lands in respect to which such taxes have been imposed.

AROOSTOOK SPUD CROP UNINJURED

(Bangor News.)

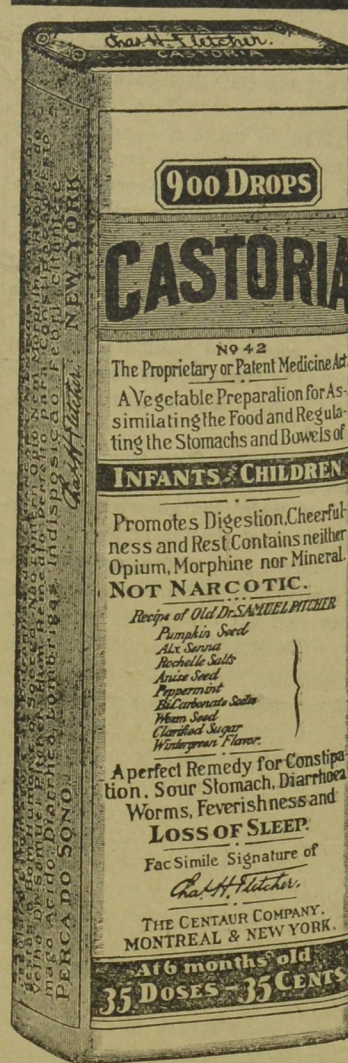
Reports brought from Aroostook county by men who have been there this week and residents who are familiar with the situation are of a reassuring nature in regard to the condition of the potato crop after the heavy and long-continued rains.

A Houlton man stated to the News Friday night that he had received reports from many sections and all were to the effect that the potato crop is all right at this time. A Caribou man made a like statement. Naturally this does not apply to very low land where the water stood to a considerable depth, where much damage is expected. But this is only a small proportion of the total acreage and will make hardly any impression on the aggregate.

A. K. Macober, a California horse-man, bought a colt and changed its name to "Liberty Loan."

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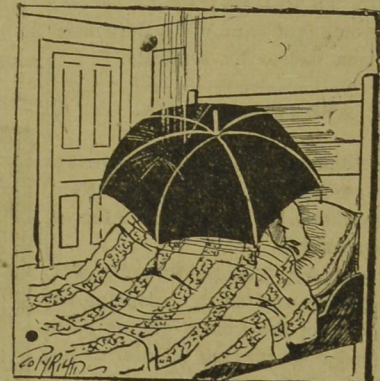
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