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CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION

Although the Provincial Legislature has been in session only ten days, already the Government has introduced more useful and constructive legislation than has characterized any previous session perhaps since Confederation. While the members of His Majesty's loyal opposition spend their time in the preparation and asking of questions, with a view of ascertaining the quantity of gasoline used during the year, or whether this or that man is a British subject, or whether or not a letter was written by a Minister to Mr. Harry Blair, the members of the government continue to pursue the even tenor of their way, studying the interests of the people, formulating policies for the conservation of natural resources, trying to devise means by which the conditions of life in this province can be improved, and endeavoring to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before.

Contrasting the efforts of the present administration with the scandalous record of the old government, thoughtful business men, agriculturists and people generally must readily see that no mistake was made by the electors a year ago when they voted for a change of rulers.

The present week has witnessed the introduction in the Legislature of a new Highway Act, which promises to revolutionize the methods of road-making in this province; a Workmen's Compensation Act which is in advance of legislation to be found on the statute books of any province in Canada, and lastly, bills for the prevention of forest fires and for the establishment of a provincial Forestry Advisory Commission. The two last named bills were brought down in the House yesterday by Hon. Dr. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, who in an illuminating address called attention to the urgent need of such legislation if the public domain is to retain its position as the greatest revenue producing asset of the province. In introducing the bills the Minister dealt with the popular fallacy that the timber resources of this province are unlimited and also referring to the wasteful methods pursued by lumbermen in the past, and to the lack of attention which has hitherto been given to the all important matter of conservation. His observations on the subject showed that he has been giving the affairs of his department very close attention, with a view of finding a remedy for the conditions of which he complained; and a perusal of the bills which he is seeking to have crystallized into law will show that his labors have not been in vain. As the Minister pointed out so clearly in his speech, the condition of affairs in connection with the forest

lands to which he called attention, must awaken the public to the serious peril which is threatened by the loss of this great source of revenue. In other words, by ruthless cutting of lumber we have been killing the goose that lays the golden egg, and the time to call a halt has arrived.

As the Minister explained the proposed Forestry Commission will be an advisory board, composed of the responsible head of the department, the deputy minister, a representative of the limit holders, the provincial forester and a representative of the owners of granted lands. The Commission will advise in all matters relating to the administration of the Act, and perform such duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by order-in-council, and supervise all permanent appointments to the forest service. The Commission will have charge of the enforcement of all statutes and regulations relating to forestry, hunting and fishing, and the protection of the forests, game and fish. Provision is made for a protection fund of \$100,000, of which \$30,000 is to be taken from the revenue collected under the Wild Land tax, and there will be a levy equal to one half cent per acre on the holders of timber licenses. The balance of the sum required will be made up from the Consolidated Revenue fund.

The province of Quebec now has the best forestry laws in Canada, but

the passage of the acts brought down in the House yesterday will bring New Brunswick well into line with her big neighbor to the north.

The Provincial Government and the Hon. Dr. Smith are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid measures for forest protection now before the Legislature, measures which when put into force cannot fail to be of untold advantage to the people of this province.

EX-SENATOR STEPHENSON.

Sunbury is not a large county, but it has the distinction of being the birthplace of ex-Senator Isaac Stephenson, who died yesterday at his home at Marinette, Wis. Mr. Stephenson removed to the Middle West when a boy and built up one of the largest lumbering industries in the United States. He was a multi-millionaire and while a member of the United States Senate, was considered the wealthiest member of that body. Press despatches say that "he ranked as one of the greatest producing lumbermen of the nation." Notwithstanding his great wealth and high position, Mr. Stephenson remained a plain, unassuming citizen. He made frequent visits to New Brunswick and took great delight in meeting and conversing with old friends of his boyhood days. On one occasion when visiting Fredericton, he looked up a teamster who had been associated with him years ago, and induced him to drive him about the city and suburbs.

WHITTEMORE TRIO LAST NIGHT

The performance at the City Opera House last night under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut. Governor and in aid of the Y.W.C.A. Hut Fund, attracted a full house in spite of the inclement weather. The performance itself was a treat and it is hoped that Fredericton audiences will have many other opportunities of attending entertainments of equal standard.

The Whittemore Trio, composed of Miss Eleanor Whittemore, violinist, Miss Martha Whittemore, cellist, and Miss Carley, pianist, delighted the audience with their selections, and there were numerous expressions of delight from lovers of good music. Miss Lucille Adams, elocutrist, cancelled her engagement but her place in the entertainment was most ably filled by Miss Sage who proved to be one of the best readers ever heard in Fredericton. Her repertoire was varied and proved highly pleasing to her hearers. Her Southern negro selections were among those which took particularly well with the audience. Miss Sage spent two years in the Southern States perfecting her work along this particular line. Local teachers of elocution are loud in their praise of her work. Mr. Wells Weston, the pianist whose place was taken by Miss Carley, has been called to the colors in the United States and on that account was compelled to cancel his engagement.

The company had a hard time reaching Fredericton on account of the discontinued train service on the C.P.R. They did not arrive from Newcastle until six o'clock last evening, being on the way all day with very little to eat.

The next entertainment of this series will take place April 3rd.

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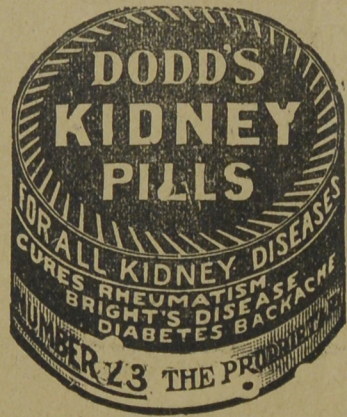
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If the hen had a bit of sense she would be laying Easter eggs by this time.

It is hard to discover any prosperity for the Russian barber in all this mix-up.

If a man doesn't know when he is well off the tax assessor will enlighten him.

Spring doesn't start officially until March 21. Paste this up. That's the only way you'll know it.

Some day the bear is going to look around for the fellow who cut a few steaks off from him when he was tied.

The man who wants but little here below and lets it be known, has a fair chance of getting even that.

It amounts to this, according to the professional pessimist—if you are careful you are miserable because you don't dare; and if you are careless you are unhappy as a result of your indiscretions.

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Just try it! Get three ounces of fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, and see for yourself.

Greater Protection

(Continued from page 5.) branch was a step in the right direction, and the late Government deserved much credit for adding so important a division to the Department.

The work done by this branch, under the able direction of G. H. Prince, begun in 1916 by P. Z. Caverhill, who, during the last year resigned to take up duties of similar character in British Columbia, would be of the greatest benefit to the Province in arriving at the extent, condition and value of the growth upon the Crown Lands as well as in determining where agricultural lands are located.

In the past little attention had been paid to condition of the soil. Under the Labor Act settlers had been allowed to take up lands which were unfit and unsuited for farming purposes. The unfortunate result was that hundreds of abandoned farms existed all through the province. These should have remained in the Crown for tree growing, for which purpose they were suited.

An Advisory Commission. By the Forest Act a Forestry Advisory Commission would be created to act as a advisory board. The function of the commission would be to advise in regard to all matters relating to the administration of the Act, and to supervise all permanent appointments to the service. The forest service would administer all matters, including:

(1) The enforcement of all statutes, rules and regulations relative to forestry, hunting and fishing and the protection of the forests, game and fish.

(2) The enforcement of the Forest Fires Act.

(3) The construction and maintenance of such permanent improvements as forest telephone lines, look-out stations, ranger cabins and trails, as are deemed necessary for the proper carrying out of the Act.

(4) Reforestation. The speaker said he trusted that it would be years before New Brunswick

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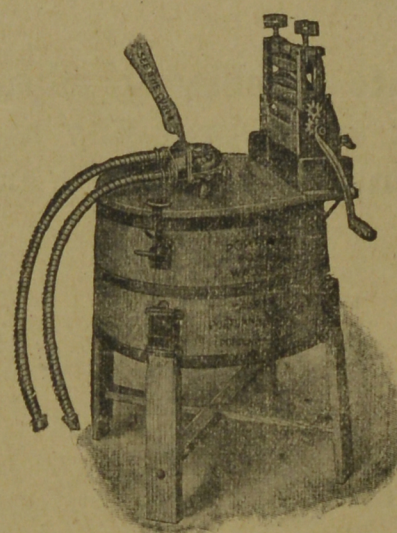
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would have to resort to the very expensive operation of reforestation to any great extent. Mr. Prince had informed him that in his opinion, with a supervision over logging operations, whereby all undersized trees would be left standing, the forests would be reseeded by their kind. However, reforestation might be necessary on some of the most severely burned-over land.

Quebec was the most advanced province of Canada in forest protection and conservation; that province had practised reforestation and in some sections afforestation, having planted

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