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Canada's Forest Wealth

The total forest area in Canada, including forested agricultural lands, is estimated by the Forest Service, Department of the Interior, to be 1,254,082 square miles, 36 per cent. of the total land area of the Dominion. Allowing for the maintenance of an adequate proportion of woodlands in agricultural districts, it is considered that 1,130,000 square miles can be utilized to the best advantage under forest. Under present conditions of transportation and markets, there is estimated to be 800,783 square miles of accessible and productive forest land. On 396,739 square miles the timber is now of merchantable size, and on 404,044 square miles there is young growth which, if protected from fire, will produce merchantable stands. The forests on the remaining 453,299 square miles, though classified as non-productive from the standpoint of commercial timber owing to geographical location or unfavorable growth conditions, are of great value through their influence on climatic conditions, water control, and game conservation, as well as a source of wood for local use.

The Senate's Position

At first glance it would appear that Right Hon. Arthur Meighen proposed to lead his cohorts of the Senate to destroy the Government bill changing the Canadian National trusteeship to a directorate. But, having made it known that he has no fear of "threatenings and fulminations," and that he preferred "to see the Senate abolished because it did its duty to seeing it despised because it failed to do so," he may conclude that the Commons also has a duty. He knows, of course, that a directorate is in accordance with "the best traditions of Parliament," the precedent having been set by the party to which he owes allegiance. Therefore the "incubus of appalling blackness and terror" which he anticipates if the system of administration is altered every time there is a change of Government may be passed up as chiefly rhetorical. The sound is worse than the substance.

If failure to appoint a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees is a crime, it goes back to 1919 or further. The majority report of the Royal Inquiry Commission favored a Board, either of trustees or directors, which would not be subject to changes by Parliament, but the Conservative Government of the day disagreed. The report called for not more than five members. The Act of 1919 authorized the Governor-in-Council to appoint not fewer than five and not more than fifteen, to hold office from one annual meeting to another or until their successors were appointed. When the Canadian Northern was taken over by the Government a trusteeship was justified if ever, but a President and seven directors were named. When the C.N.R. was constituted it was given a President and ten directors.

Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways, told the House of Commons, in discussing the system of management, that, "whatever decision the Government may come to, we must accept the responsibility." The Liberal Government subsequently took the same view. Both parties assumed this attitude until precedent was discarded in 1933 and responsibility was shifted to a Board of Trustees. Did the plan work? The present Government does not believe so. Nor did Mr. Bennett, for he announced during the campaign that a further investigation would be made into the railway problem.

The Leader of the Senate majority has no ground, therefore, for assuming that appalling blackness and terror would strike the country on each change of Government. And it is not the duty of the Red Chamber to block the House of Commons when it undertakes to give the people better service on so vital a matter. The people cannot be satisfied with a trusteeship which remained quiescent during a most determined campaign of denunciation and of propaganda to "save the country" by means of amalgamation.

The responsibility now is with the Government, not the Senate. If the latter interferes, the partisan attitude will be too obvious to escape public attention—and public scorn.

A Policy on Debts

Among the planks that should appear in the programmes of all public bodies in Canada in the next five years should be a determination to stop piling up public debts in our present improvident manner. The elements in such determination might reasonably be these:

First, to peg public debts at present levels.

Second, to cut out of spending programmes, for a definite period of years, all developments which do not give assurance of being completely self-supporting.

Third, to budget, not only for balanced revenues, but for a debt retiring surplus, sufficient, let us say, to retire present debts over, approximately, the next generation.

In the attainment of these three objectives, the Loan Council plan of refinancing and control, so summarily dismissed by Alberta, could be a galvanic and effective ally.

Fourth, to increase the productive income of Canada, out of which debt charges must be paid, through immigration, and through policies designed to speed up the development of our natural resources by providing markets for the finished products made from them.

Premier Aberhart

Premier Aberhart is quoted as regretting the action of the London Stock Exchange in removing three Alberta sterling issues from trading. He said, "I am sorry London is taking such action as this when we are trying to maintain the standard of our bonds. In view of the British Government having reduced interest on many securities, you would think the British people would take a more sympathetic attitude toward Alberta's efforts." The implication that the British Government ever compulsorily reduced interest on its securities is a canard that dies slowly. The British Government in its 1932 conversion called in its war loans in accordance with strict terms of the contract with the holders and gave these holders the option of either accepting cash or taking new bonds. Mr. Aberhart is changing the terms of the contract with the bondholders, which is a vastly different thing and he is giving no one the option of taking cash.—Financial Post.

SNAPSHOTS

The first real genuine holdup in New Brunswick has taken place in the "Hub of the Maritimes," who says that Moncton is not up-to-date?

The silver plate is a beauty. It will be nice for the new bride when she serves afternoon tea in the near future.

G. H. Prince and Stanley Wood poured at the picnic on Saturday.

W. M. Burns, Frank Good and W. J. West looked good in the receiving line at Sunny Slope.

Doctor Nugent and Doctor Wightman were on hand to look after the physical and spiritual needs of those who over-ate at the bounteous past provided by the energetic committee on eats.

It is to be hoped that our Fredericton bands will not be overlooked when the Fredericton Exhibition arrangements are completed for this year.

"We think we hear wedding bells in the near future," as the old fashioned correspondents used to say.

Communist Leader

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Communist to enter the Senate, said the party would continue the fight to establish a soviet in France despite its membership in the Leftist Popular Front, which supports Premier Blum. Raising clenched fists and singing "The Internationale," Communists massed in the Paris sports stadium in "victory demonstrations" following legislation providing higher pay and shorter hours to end the strike.

The capital region generally observed the "great day of workers' solidarity." More than 30,000 followers of the Leftist Popular Front, now in control of the government, marched at Nancy, Le Havre, Cherbourg, Rouen and elsewhere in the provinces in orderly demonstrations.

Red flags raised on the 215-foot towers of the Nancy Cathedral gave police a real mystery. Authorities were unable to lower the banners immediately or to discover how they were put there.

Evacuation parades from the principal factories occupied by the workers began last night and ended the major strike 18 days after the crisis started.

Four hundred factories were emptied but 50 were still held by "folded arms" strikers in the Paris region.

About half of the more than 1,000,000 workers originally affected agreed to return to work tomorrow. Strikes persisted in Paris department stores and insurance companies, workers maintaining their weary occupation. Negotiations will resume tomorrow.

Geological Survey

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Prof. S. C. Perry of the staff of the University of New Brunswick, is to engage in geological work at St. George on red and black granite, and also will work on a series of rocks with which are associated prospects for minerals. Groundwork at St. George was completed by the topographic branch of the Geological Survey and photographs were taken by the topographical survey of Canada, department of the interior.

Dr. Rose is to work out the geology of sedimentary and intrusive igneous rocks in the region which there has been considerable prospecting for metallic minerals. The district takes in the Serpentine Lake area from Mount Carleton in the north to Trousters Lake in the south. Both Prof. Perry and Dr. Rose headed parties in the province last year.

Dr. Evans will work on the possibility of the extent of petroleum, gypsum and salt. Work in the Petitcodiac and Salmon River shet is quite well advanced. Dr. Bell is to investigate several key problems which have a special bearing on the ages of the rocks associated with the deposits of petroleum, gypsum and salt.

PARIS, June 14—France's General Federation of Labor announced tonight its enrolment had reached 2,500,000 members—double the number enrolled before the recent strike.

Unionization of many previously unorganized industries and trades, particularly store-workers, was held responsible for the growth.

Our Mail Bag

ARE WE GOVERNED?

Fredericton, N. B.,
June 12, 1936Editor Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

I read with amusement and disgust your editorial this evening in today's issue of The Daily Mail, and not on some points do I agree, but on all.

What is the matter with our beloved country, Canada? We pay for elections, we elect the man whom we think and honestly believe the right man. We, and I say "we" because our money pays for it all—this member represents us at Ottawa at a salary of \$4,000 per year. He suggests a good thing for his part of the Dominion, or the province which he represents. He brings it up in the Upper House, it passes, goes on to this group of men called the Senate, and is turned down. We pay a man to help us out and we pay a man to stop him. In other words, Mr. Editor, you start a business in the city, and you will hire a man to stop the people at the door from going in.

Again, this group or band, as you wish to call them, some of them who couldn't make a go of business themselves, others whom the people threw down on election day as being, may I say, washouts, and yet these same gentlemen tell or try to tell members of the House of Commons how to run the county, when they, some of OUR Senators, could not run an election.

I would think, Sir, that Canada would be better off in every way if these gentlemen were told to stay home, and if necessary let them draw their fat salaries.

We haven't money for the purpose nor have we any for some other good purposes, but we have hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay out every year to a group of men, such as one would find in a Home, with a nurse to see that they don't fall or be hurt otherwise.

When one moves around the country and sees the poverty and especially, Sir, starving children, to say nothing of parents, and then to let one's mind wander to the Senate, it would make one wonder why we have not had more marches on Ottawa.

You will hear that I am disloyal, to write such a letter. Well, maybe I am, although 3½ years in the War would surely clear up any doubt of my being disloyal.

I trust I will not have this all to myself. I would like to hear from someone else on the matter.

Thanking you, I am, Sir,

Yours truly,
VOTER.

OUR CITY GARBAGE

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

The writer had occasion to drive into a yard of a down town residence. My companion entered the house on a business errand. While waiting the following incident took place.

Into the yard came a truck half filled with garbage. The family garbage can was opened not two paces from the car in which I was seated, it was carried twenty-five or thirty feet uncovered, dumped into the truck, the empty can carried back to its former place, the cover was hurriedly thrown at the container, the result being that half the top was open to let escape the foul odor from a dirty receptacle.

It was necessary to close the windows of the car, but what about the children who might be playing about. This truck without any covering would speed along the street, some of the contents was liquid and one hundred per cent foul. Does any official under salary ever inspect the work done by these garbage men?

The writer saw in the city of Ottawa the garbage man, but he worked at night, not spreading the offensive and foul odor in the heat of the day when traffic was congested. In Ottawa every conveyance was a part of the city equipment and supervised by a trusted official. These trucks were closed in on every side, the opening to receive the city waste was in the sides of the sloping roof.

We look to our Board of Health for a more hygienic course of action than is prevalent in our city at the present time.

The writer is aware that in some cities the containers are removed and clean ones put in their place. This would remove much of the offence

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and demanded "Give me that money." McCaie refused and grappled with the man. The latter fired the weapon just as McCaie turned it away with his hand, the pullet passing within a few inches of his body. The two men wrestled about the yard for several minutes.

Arthur Metcalf, a nearby resident, rushed to the scene when he heard the shot. Just then a car, driven by Levi Bastrache, King street, rolled into the filling station yard.

Bastrache alighted from the car, and for a moment thought McCaie and the man were wrestling. But right after the arrival of Bastrache and Metcalf, the would-be robber broke loose, jumped in the McLean car and made his escape.

Investigation by the police was commenced and the rifle was found a short distance from where the two men had struggled. Its butt was covered with blood. It is believed that the hold-up man hit McCaie across the nose with the butt-end, when the latter foiled his attempt to shoot.

Shortly before the car was taken, someone called the office of Dr. McLean and a man's voice demanded who was talking. Asking next if Dr. McLean was in and when informed he was not, he remarked "that's fine" and hung up.

A good description of the man was furnished the police by McCaie and Bastrache, as well as by two women who passed by the McLean residence as the man stepped into the car and drove away. Police, however, had been unable to run the fugitive down at a late hour tonight.

Silver and Lead

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