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LUMBER INDUSTRY TO BOOM

A Vancouver, B.C., correspondent of the Tory St. John Standard tells of some big lumber deals which are being put through in the Pacific province in anticipation of the admission of lumber duty free to the United States. He says:

"President Wilson's tariff measure has already begun largely to affect the British Columbia lumber industry. Although not yet ratified, the bill has caused the transfer, completed during this week of nearly 50,000 acres of timber lands in this province. Messrs White and King, lumber merchants of Chicago, have concluded purchases whereby the firm's holdings on Vancouver Island on the Clialche River and opposite Alert Bay, total 90,000. This 140 square miles has growths of fir, pine and cedar containing five billion feet of lumber. The fate of the lumber duties into the United States will decide whether one or four mills, capable of turning out half a million feet a day of lumber and shingles, will be erected. Five million dollars have since been refused for the block. A two million dollar deal, announced last week puts the Deering Company of Chicago in possession of 10,000 acres along the Lower Lilloet River (north of the Fraser in the interior) containing 700 million feet of lumber. Less than a year ago this tract was sold for \$700,000.

"Present duties on rough lumber and shingles into the United States, which President Wilson would make free, total fifty cents a thousand feet, and shingles are still sent in large quantity from this province to Boston. In the knowledge that the bill is passed, will open a tremendous market for western fir, owners of timber limits are greatly increasing their land prices. In any event the Canadian prairie market is capable of making many fortunes.

"When the reciprocity agreement was before the country in 1911, Tory politicians big and little declared that it was nothing more than a scheme on the part of the Yankees to rob Canada of her natural resources. 'Keep both hands on the Union Jack' was the slogan of the Tory flag flappers and no doubt many a timid voter was frightened into voting against a policy which meant much for the agriculturalist as well as the lumberman. Now we have our loyal brethren of the Tory press joyously proclaiming that free access for Canadian lumber to the United States market will be a great boon to Canada. If it is good for Canada today it was good for Canada two years ago when Tory politicians and their press were advocating a policy of no truck with the Yankees and denouncing as disloyal those who were advocating closer trade relations with the United States.

MR. BORDEN'S ALLY

Yesterday we printed some remarks made by Deputy Speaker Blondin, the Nationalist, who was part of the bargain made by Henri Bourassa, the leader of the disloyal French section who promised the tory government their support if Mr. Borden would not build or man a Canadian navy. That promise, as every Canadian knows has been carried out and the naval policy agreed upon in 1910 by Liberals and Conservatives has been abandoned and an attempt made to pay tribute in the shape of a \$35,000,000 gift to England.

Mr. Borden has paid dearly for his compact with Mr. Bourassa. He had to accept Monk, Pelletier and Nantel as part of his cabinet and put Blondin in the deputy speaker's chair. The leader of these men and other Nationalists was Henri Bourassa, Editor of Le Devoir and this is what he said when referring to the naval policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden as agreed upon in March 1909 and later in 1910.

Mr. Bourassa said: "Then again when big ships shall have replaced small ships, and when we will have gone in that disastrous policy of which Laurier and Borden are the prophets, when the policy will have fully developed one day conscription will be enforced, and this little lad here that you send to school to study the law of God as well as that of man, so that he may take your place to continue to fecundate the old farm where you were born, where you have learned in the furrows made by your fore-

fathers to be Catholics, to be Canadians, to respect law and to nobly accomplish your duty, then this little child if you should continue to listen to Mr. Laurier, this little child taken away and put under arms, embarked on the fleet of which you will have approved, this little child I say, who will shed his blood on a foreign field, disembowelled by a Chinese or a Japanese canon ball, will have a right to curse you, if you were to sacrifice to the partisanship which binds to one man your duty as a citizen and a free man."

Yet the same Mr. Bourassa who made this speech was a partner of Mr. Borden in the successful plot to oust Laurier and the Liberals from power.

Think it over, you loyal Orangemen.

The new police commission has got settled down to work. Whether or not the personell of the commission meets with the approval of all citizens it will be generally admitted that the members have taken upon themselves a big responsibility. The temperance people did not ask for the appointment of Mr. McKay, but considering all the circumstances they should be thankful for small mercies these days. It might not have been difficult for the government to have found a less capable man. The commissioners have an important duty to perform and it is to be earnestly hoped that they will acquit themselves in such a manner that there will never be any desire on the part of the citizens to return to the old system. If they can take the Scott Act and the administration of the police out of civic politics they will have performed a public service that will entitle them to the gratitude of their fellow citizens for all time to come.

One of the charges which was constantly made against the old government was that it was unloading upon the municipalities burdens which properly belonged to the province. The revenue under the old government was less by half a million dollars a year than that enjoyed by the present administration yet the people of Fredericton must put their hands in their pockets and pay \$300 a year more for the support of the model school and \$800 a year more for the support of the provincial hospital than they paid under the old government.

That map of New Brunswick which the Provincial Secretary handed over to the school board, was scarcely worth the extra three hundred dollars a year, which the government is exacting from the taxpayers of the city for the support of the model school.

In the spring the workman's fancies lightly turns to thoughts of strikes.

ST. JOHN MAN

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(St. John Standard)

The arrest of Richard D. Isaacs in New York will cause considerable interest in this city where he is particularly well known. As the despatch did not reach The Standard office until an early hour this morning it was not possible to get in touch with Chief Clark to ascertain the nature of the warrant, but some other citizens who were acquainted with Isaacs were of the opinion that it may have to do with the affairs of the D'Israeli Asbestos Company, of which Isaacs was at one time manager.

It will be remembered that there was an investigation and considerable interest in the affairs of the company whose stock had been largely sold through this city and in the Maritime Provinces. At that investigation, which was undertaken at the request of some of the stockholders there were statements made which alleged there had been loose methods in connection with the company's management.

Isaacs went away from St. John more than a year ago and St. John men had seen him in New York last autumn. While here he dressed well, apparently was well supplied with money, and had a large acquaintance. He was regarded as an excellent salesman and was for a time engaged in the sale of western real estate, confining his operations principally to the region about Saskatchewan.

The D'Israeli Asbestos Company owned a property in Quebec not far from Sherbrooke. There was an amazingly rich vein of asbestos on it and for a time the issue of stock was very popular. Then reports were circulated regarding the company and the investigation followed.

Mr. W. A. Newall of Toronto, is in the city.

Mr. E. A. Hullin of Three Rivers, is at the Queen.

PIONEER OF LUMBERING INDUSTRY PASSED AWAY

Alexander McDonald Brother-in-law of Late Timothy Lynch Dead at Bloomfield Ridge

It was a good man who went to his rest at Bloomfield Ridge on the 8th ult., when, at one o'clock a.m., Alexander MacDonald drew his last breath in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Joanna Lynch, sister of the late Timothy Lynch, with whom he was in partnership in the lumbering business for some time. His second and surviving wife was Miss Eliza Smith of Parker's Ridge, daughter of the late Alexander Smith of precious memory. He leaves four sons: Tennyson, student for the ministry at Mt. Allison University; Earle, married and living at Parker's Ridge; John, a student at the Fredericton Business College, and Kenney, at home; also four daughters: Mrs. Frank Dinsmore, at Napadogan; Miss Muriel, stenographer in Bank of N.S. at Florenceville, and the Misses Agnes and Merle at home. In religion he was a Methodist and filled the offices of trustee and steward. He united with the church during the second pastoral term of Rev. J. K. King. He resided in Bloomfield for the greater part of his life and followed the occupations of lumbering and farming. He was postmaster for thirty-six years and also fish warden for some time. In politics he was of late years a Liberal. His funeral was very largely attended, the seating capacity of the church being taxed to its limit. The services were conducted by the pastor Rev. W. R. Pepper, assisted by ex-pastor, Rev. J. K. King. Both bore testimony to the exemplary life and great patience shown by the deceased in his two years of affliction. Choice selections were rendered by the choir with Miss Estell E. Fairley presiding at the organ, who also sang a solo. His four sons bore his body to the grave.

SETTLEMENT

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vanced from \$2.50 to \$3.00 and plumbers and steamfitters from \$3.00 to \$3.25. The Union has asked for certain other conditions and it is probable that a joint meeting will be held at some later date at which the matter will be discussed.

Members of the union state that the report that they had demanded double pay for the time spent walking to a job more than a mile from the city is not correct. What they have asked is that they be paid either by the person having the job done or by the employer single pay for time spent going to a job more than a mile from the city.

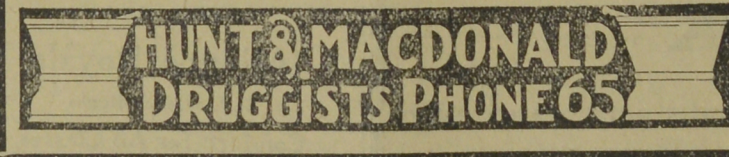
ARRANGING DISTRICTS.

Superintendent G. E. Wither of St. John, is here today arranging the districts for the free delivery of mail in this city. The work of arrangement began this morning and will take some time. Postmaster Bliss stated this morning that he did not know when the delivery system would go into effect.

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