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### THE LUMBER TRADE

The announcement is made by the surveyor general that the lumber cut on crown lands the past season is the largest in the history of the province. Although not definitely stated, the cut is placed at between 265,000,000 and 280,000,000. This is an enormous cut of lumber for the crown lands and would indicate that nearly twice as much timber is being cut as is grown. The annual growth for the whole province is estimated at 315,000,000 sup. feet. The crown lands represent probably half of the forest areas of the province and if the estimates of the annual growth are anywhere near correct, it will be seen that they are trenching very considerably on our capital by cutting more than 250,000,000 of lumber annually. A great deal has been said about the increase in the territorial revenue and Mr. Grimmer would have us believe that the increase shown since he had control of the department was entirely due to a better system of collections than had hitherto prevailed. On the other hand it has been pointed out repeatedly to Mr. Grimmer that the increase in revenue was due almost entirely to an increased cut.

There is no doubt, whatever, that Mr. Grimmer was guilty of a very serious blunder when he reduced the size of the log that could be legally cut on crown lands. His contention that he only made a regulation of what formerly had been the custom, does not hold good for there are some sections of the province where the crown land officials permit the cutting of logs less size than the regulation. If something is not done to curtail the lumber cut from the crown lands the province will be denuded of its timber and one of the most valuable assets of the people will be sacrificed to the ambition of one man to make a record for himself in the collection of stumpage. The province certainly cannot stand such a tremendous depletion of its forests reserve that has taken place in the last three years without a serious impairment of its capital.

The forests of the country should be entirely removed from politics and instead of being administered by a political head should be in the hands of a commission who would administer them in such a way as to insure a continuous supply of lumber and all the benefits that follow the preservation of forests at the head waters of the rivers of the country. This matter has been considered to a trifling extent, but it is a question that must be dealt with practically in the very near future, and the sooner the better.

### A WORD IN DUE SEASON

With the opening of the tourist season in view it behooves the city council and the citizens individually to consider means whereby the city may be made more attractive to visitors. The Tourist Association and the Local Improvement Association, recognizing that Fredericton derives a considerable revenue during the summer months from visitors, have already done much along these lines. Fredericton possesses many advantages over other cities of a similar size on account of its compactness and the large number of public buildings. Modern competition seems to be the father of bill board advertising within the city limits. Many municipalities are taking up this civic evil, and are restricting and prohibiting the use of large boards on the public streets. Successful advertisers know that small and artistic displays and the continual use of the press give the best results in the long run. Besides being a monstrosity to the eye, the street in the vicinity of these boards is littered with paper, which is torn off by passers by or peels under the action of the weather. The scattered paper may disfigure a whole block as one might see on walking along York street. The city council should consider this phase of advertising and might come to satisfactory arrangements with the private owners of these boards as it seems they are let at a nominal figure.

The post office square is not very pleasing to the eye at the present time. The city council has passed a resolution favoring the sale of this

property by the government, as a substantial building on the vacant lot would materially add to the appearance of Queen street. Private citizens should remember that a small outlay in work and money materially changes the appearance of grounds, however small, surrounding the house, besides causing a considerable appreciation on the value of the property. Fredericton wants the tourist traffic and individual citizens should co-operate with the city council and the Local Improvement Association in booming the city by adding to its natural advantages of location and scenery.

### CANADA'S REVENUE

An Ottawa telegram of this morning brings the cheering information that the revenue of Canada the fiscal year which closed at the end of last month will be over a hundred million dollars. There is already in the treasury over \$98,600,000, and with what is to come in during the next two months, it is estimated the total revenue will be \$101,000,000. While the revenue of Canada has been growing by leaps and bounds ever since the Laurier administration obtained control of the affairs of the country, the expenditures also have increased. Immense sums have been spent in the construction of public works all over the country. The transportation system, both water and rail, has been greatly improved and the general expense. In this connection the most improved work undertaken has been the construction of the National Transcontinental or Grand Trunk Pacific across the continent and it is gratifying to know that the surplus of revenue over expenditure this year will be big enough to permit the appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the excess of receipts towards the expenditure on this great national work. It is not so many years ago that the total revenue of the country was under \$25,000,000 and there was a continuous howl that the expenditures should not be permitted to go above \$23,000,000. The previous administration had charged their opponents with extravagance of the very worst description when they spend \$18,000,000 of the people's money. Canada has grown since then and will continue to grow. The country is being filled with a new population and now developing more rapidly than at any time previous in its history.

Telegraph.—New Brunswick Conservatives continue to choose delegates to the proposed Opposition convention in Ottawa, the date for which is still uncertain. Judging by the size of the row in the party today the convention should be well worth attending, and if the "reactionaries" and the "progressives" can be persuaded to check their knives along with their coats and hats it is possible that the more hardy or cautious delegates from New Brunswick may return alive.

### MORE PAY LIKELY FOR MAIL CLERKS

Ottawa, April 8.—The commons today put through the coinage bill, after Mr. Perley had advised the placing of a beaver on the new Canadian silver dollar.

Finance Minister Fielding said that the beaver was to be admired for its industry, but it was scarcely a thing of beauty.

Before the house went into supply Messrs. Bradbury, Staples and Blain urged the government not to accede to the prayer of a petition by the western importers for an extension of time during which certain fruits and vegetables may be imported free from the United States.

Mr. Fielding was satisfied that the question was one upon which opinions differed and stated that there was no intention to make any tariff changes this session.

In committee of supply, on the post office estimates, Mr. Armstrong asked whether the post master general proposed to increase the salaries of the railway mail clerks.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux replied that the railway mail clerks in the large centres had petitioned for salary increases. It was his intention to bring the outside services in the larger cities under the civil service act by an order in council, but before doing so he expected during the next session to introduce legislation arranging the salaries of the officials of the department under a new classification.

### BIJOU TODAY.

The Imp film was a splendid comedy picture, entitled "The New Minister," in which Mr. Jones as the Minister and Mrs. Jones, the sister of his sweetheart, make a continual laugh. Other pictures are all good. Mr. Carson will sing his farewell song.

## PUGILIST JEFFRIES

### A GREAT WALKER

Compelled His Trainers to Quit in a Ten Mile Jaunt.

Ben Lomond, Calif., April 9.—A course of special training for Jim Jeffries trainers may be necessary if they hope to keep pace with the big fighter. The need of this already has been shown and yesterday an instance of Jeffries lead in his condition of his followers was had when with Sam Berger and Farmer Burns, he took a ten mile jaunt. After doing five miles Berger cried "enough." Burns managed to hold out through and he was manifestly impressed with Jeffries showing.

"He ran clear two miles at one stretch" said Burns "and he also sprinted shorter distances. He is the most wonderful man on the road that I ever tramped with. The strange thing about him is that he covers the ground faster going up hill than he does when walking on the level.

"His first open air siesta was made by Jeffries on the porch of his cottage during the afternoon. This was introductory to sleeping out of doors at night. Jeffries wanted to begin this practice on his arrival here but was warned to wait until he became thoroughly acclimated. The first untoward mark in Jeffries physical trim yet indicated is the shoulder stiffness caused by too much and too violent handball. To overcome this a remarkable unguent, fierce enough it was remarked "to clean brass statuary with" will be applied to the fighter's stiff limbs. Jeffries requires it is said a more piercing "rubdown" preparation than most men. Last word coming out of camp is that Joe Geynski is to be rushed to California as soon as he gets here to act as one of the sparring partners.

### AMATEURS REPEAT SUCCESS IN PINAFORE

The second performance of Pinafore given at the opera house last night was even better than that of the night previous and the attendance was up to the mark set on Thursday night and the audience was delighted by a splendid performance. Miss Dolan as Josephine, again scored a hit, while Mr. Belyea, in the role of Ralph Rackstraw, showed that he possesses a fine voice and considerable dramatic ability.

Mr. John Dolan was all that could be desired both as Captain Corcoran and as an able seaman.

Mr. Redpath was an admirable Sir Joseph and Mr. Frank Cooper brought in his little touches of comedy at the right time and in the part of Dick Deadeye used his magnificent bass voice to the best advantage.

Miss Louise Edgecombe made a charming Little Buttercup, while the parts of Hebe and the boatswain were taken by Miss Kelly and Mr. W. A. Dougherty.

Of the work of the chorus and orchestra too much cannot be said.

Mr. Ralph March, the well known commercial traveller, was among the interested spectators at the opera house last evening. Mr. March has himself sung the part of Ralph Rackstraw, and also organized and directed an amateur company that gave Pinafore about fifteen years ago. He was particularly pleased with the chorus singing, and pronounced the men's chorus the best he has ever heard in the opera.

The ladies and gentlemen who formed the choir last night and on Thursday, were:

Mrs. Colwell, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Harrison.

Misses Winter, Wilson, Wandless, Manzer, Masters, Everett, Haining, Belyea, Richards, Parker, Gillan and Wathan.

Messrs. Baird, Gillis, Smith, Herbert, Young, Rideout, Kidner, Robertson, McFarlane, McKinnon, O'Neil, Paul Kurhing, Gustav Kurhing, Jones Pepper, Ewing, and Shives.

### A CHANGE NEEDED.

While the aldermen are contemplating improvements they should look around and see if ways and means can be devised for securing a new outfit of furniture for the city council chamber. When Dr. Crockett was mayor of the city he had the council chamber renovated, but the furniture although it was then much the worse for wear, was thought to be good good enough. As a matter of fact it has long outlived its usefulness and the time has arrived when it should be replaced by something more modern. While the aldermen are content to serve the city free of charge, they should at least have comfortable chairs to sit in.

### NO CHANGE IN CONDITION.

No change in the condition of Mr. James Farrell is reported this afternoon. He remains unconscious and no hope is held out.

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