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MR. GRIMMER'S DENIAL

Alarmed at the outcry raised in the public press at his statement that there was "nothing, absolutely nothing" in the report emanating from Washington that the New Brunswick government proposed to place restriction in the free export of pulp wood from the province similar to those adopted by the Quebec government, Surveyor general Grimmer has tens to inform the St. John Standard that he made no such statement as was attributed to him. The public will be glad to know this and to learn that notwithstanding the "do-nothing" attitude of the government on the question, there is still some ground for hope that they realise the necessities of the situation. No one denies that the private owner of timber lands can dispose of the product of them as he may think best and that he has no concern with any interests other than his own. But the products of the Crown lands belong to the public and they are entitled to have those products conserved for the public benefit; and for that reason they await with some anxiety some pronouncement by the government of its policy in this regard.

Already the question is seriously agitating the people of the United States, especially those interested in the paper industry. They are urging President Taft to advocate free pulp. If they cannot get him to urge a change in the tariff act they would be grateful if the maximum tariff on wood pulp is removed or if some trade treaty with Canada would reduce it. Their main object is to get the raw material for their manufacture from this country on the easiest terms possible, and that is every reason why the owners of lumber lands in Canada should not play into their hands, to the detriment of Canadian industries.

AGRICULTURE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

It is satisfactory to learn on the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture that the farmers of New Brunswick are gradually learning to appreciate the advantages of their native province, and are coming to the conclusion that just as good results will follow honest and steady effort here as would be the case if the effort were put forth in the West or some other part of the continent. Any one who gives the matter any consideration must admit the truth of this. We in this province have a climate second to none in the world; a soil which is for the most part naturally fertile and easily kept so; while as for markets, those open to our farmers are unsurpassed by those any community under the sun. The home market alone will tax the energies of hundreds more farmers than are at present attempting to supply it; no matter what the particular commodity may be, the people of New Brunswick would be in a serious plight if they had to depend for their subsistence upon the produce of their own province. Whether it be beef, or pork or butter, or fruit, or grain, or what not, there are excellent opportunities for farmers to dispose of their products of the farm right at their own doors, without worrying over markets in other countries.

The adoption by our farmers of more modern methods of cultivation will materially assist in increasing the productiveness of their farms, and at the same time the lightening of their own labors, a matter in which those concerned are most deeply interested.

AN HISTORIC BUILDING

Westminster Hall, England's old hall of the King's justice in which King Edward's remains lie in state is one of the world's notable historical shrines. Built four centuries before Columbus sailed for America, burned, restored, remodelled, it has seen more history in the making than perhaps any other building west of Rome.

Here some of the early parliaments met, and where the bier of the seven-

th Edward rests the second Edward was expelled from his throne nearly 600 years ago. Here Richard II. was deposed, Charles I. condemned and Cromwell hailed as Lord Protector; whose head, if the legend is authentic, was afterward exposed from one of the hall's pinnacles.

Westminster Hall was the scene of the trial of Warren Hastings. In it sentence of death was pronounced on William Wallace, Sir Thomas More, Somerset, Essex, Strafford and Guy Fawkes. Its last use for coronation ceremonies was on the accession of George IV., and the imaginative may perhaps see a significance in the royal obsequies there which precede the coronation of another King George after nearly a century.

PROFESSOR OSBORNE'S CANDIDATURE

In the coming provincial general election in Manitoba, Premier Roblin will be opposed in his Dufferin riding by Professor Osborne of Winnipeg, who has accepted the Liberal nomination. Professor Osborne, who is the author of "The Faith of a Layman," which is come from the press this month, is described by the Winnipeg Free Press as a young man of unusual attainments and of exceptional qualifications for public service. "With a courage that will evoke the admiration of the community," says the Free Press, "this ardent champion of the progressive Liberal policies has entered the lists against the Premier himself. Professor Osborne's candidature will have a powerful tonic effect upon the whole fighting force of Liberalism. His fearlessness, his devotion to what he conceives to be his duty, his readiness to essay one of the great tasks of the campaign will be an inspiration and an example to the Liberals everywhere. The spirit with which Professor Osborne enters upon the fight in Dufferin is the spirit which, displayed all along the line, will inevitably win this province for reform and progress at the coming elections." Professor Osborne is confronting a formidable opponent, but as Premier Roblin's majority of over 400 in 1903 was cut to 177 four years later, the Professor may be said to have a good fighting chance.

PAYING FOR THE PACKAGES

Accused of selling short-weight parcels of butter, the president of a large American dairy concern declares that there is no deception; that the company is merely getting something back for the cartons holding the goods.

This is a working principle which does not stop with butter. If people want candy in dainty boxes with ribbons, paper-lace trimmings and sugar-tongs, they pay their money not by any means for a straight pound of sweets. It is usually the way, too, with fancy packages of tea, prunes, and other special articles. Also with the wines and whiskeys of which it takes five or six reputed quart bottles to make a gallon.

These sort of things add to the cost of living. The question is whether they are forced upon purchasers or whether they are inventions which an aesthetic public thinks it must have.

If the twenty-seven persons burned to death in an Alabama penitentiary a day or two ago, had lost their lives in a hotel or theatre fire, remarks on the criminal lack of fire precautions would be heard on all sides. As the victims happened to be negro convicts in an inflammable stockade, little sympathy will be wasted on them. But was the obligation to provide security for life any the less urgent because they were convicts?

Astronomers appear to have been a little previous in their calculations, as to the time the comet might be expected to wrap this earthly sphere in its filmy folds. Those therefore who put the vagaries of the fire alarm down to the action of the comet invested the aerial visitor with more importance than is its due.

For sheer barbarity the methods of the Chicago police are surely unequalled in civilization. In an endeavor to extort a confession from a prisoner, they subjected him to a period of fifty-two hours continuous questioning during which time he was not permitted to sleep. Subsequently the unfortunate wretch hanged himself in his cell. The methods of the Star Chamber pale into insignificance beside such treatment as this.

G. T. P. OFFICIALS ON INSPECTING TOUR

Express Satisfaction at Progress being Made in the Province--Say Road will soon be Completed.

(Telegraph.)

A. B. Macklin and W. E. King of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway department, Ottawa, who are on a tour of inspection, arrived in the city today and registered at the Royal. To a Telegraph reporter last evening Mr. Macklin said that they were looking after the contract end of the work. Although they have not made an official inspection of the construction work in New Brunswick, they have received reports of it, he said, and are satisfied that excellent progress has been made.

Speaking of the construction work in general on the road, Mr. Macklin said that rapid progress is being made almost before the people are aware of it, the road will be open from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The section between Winnipeg and Port Arthur is at present being operated with excellent results. Mr. Macklin is of the opinion that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will prove a very potent factor in the development of the dominion.

"This road," he said, "which from the point of quality, grading and equipment compares favorably with the best in the world, is built through a country apparently desolate, but rich in agricultural, and mining resources. All that some of the western provinces need is settlers and the only way in which this requirement can be filled is by railways.

Today Mr. Macklin and Mr. King will meet C.O. Foss, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific in New Brunswick, and will return to Ottawa this evening.

PLUCKY RESCUE OF TWO BOYS FROM DROWNING

McAdam, N. B., May 18.—Quite a little excitement was caused today at the McAdam pond, when E. R. Irvine made a plucky rescue of two boys who had been upset in a canoe. Mr. Irvine, who happened to be on the platform, was able to pick them up after a hard paddle.

A number had witnessed the accident but were unable to be of any assistance, and but for his timely act there might have been a more serious ending.

BIG AMERICAN WORKS COMING TO CANADA

Toronto, May 18.—The Oliver Chilled Plow Works of South Bend, Ind., will establish a Canadian Branch in Hamilton. The Company has purchased a site of ninety acres and will spend a million and half on buildings and machinery. It is said to be the biggest industry established in Canada since the International Harvester Works were built at Hamilton.

TRAGIC SUICIDE OF PROMINENT CHICAGOAN

Chicago, May 17.—John A. Ryerson a prominent Chicago business man, jumped from the thirteenth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building last night, and was instantly killed, his body being smashed into an unrecognizable pulp. The only motive advanced by the relatives of the suicide is that of supposed financial difficulties. Dr. E. W. Ryerson said that his brother had invested a great deal of his wealth in the automobile business, and that he believed financial losses were responsible for the act. The dead man was president of an electrical company. His wife, who was Miss Violet Stone, daughter of the Rev. Jas. S. Stone, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, is prostrated, and fears for her life are expressed.

Mr. Ryerson came to Chicago about twenty-five years ago, soon after the death of his father, Mr. George W. Ryerson, a member of the New York Stock Exchange. After engaging in various business enterprises he formed the company of which he was president about a year ago. Three months ago he began the manufacture of automobiles. Business associates say that his affairs seemed to be in a flourishing condition. Mr. Ryerson was the third man to seek death by leaping down the court shaft of the Chamber of Commerce building.

Mr. Ryerson had attained fame in American tennis circles. He was the western champion in 1890-91-92. In recent years he had played little tennis, but had taken up golf. Last summer he was a frequent player on the links of the Ontwentsia Club, of which he was a member. He was a graduate of Columbia University.

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