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THE PULPWOOD QUESTION

We referred in these columns yesterday to the "do nothing" attitude of the Hazen government with regard to the restriction on the export of pulp wood, as to which the Premier expressed himself so strongly at Sackville some few months ago. Now it appears that the Surveyor General has definitely stated that there is "absolutely nothing" in the report emanating from Washington, that the New Brunswick Government would in all probability follow the example of Quebec, and prohibit the export of pulp wood from its Crown Lands. Mr. Grimmer further says that the committee appointed to look into the matter has not collected very much information, "but, judging from the little we have collected, there is nothing, absolutely nothing, in the report."

This means to say that American speculators and manufacturers are to be permitted to continue exporting the natural resources of the province to the detriment of the people to whom they rightfully belong; and that the hundreds of thousands of dollars which are paid away yearly as wages to the operatives in the pulp and paper mills are still to be paid to Americans and not to New Brunswickers.

The Telegraph asks, "What is Mr. Hazen's pulp wood policy?" It is the same as his policy in respect to everything else, a policy of "do nothing until you are absolutely obliged." Shortly before the next election is called on, the people may expect something to be promised; Mr. Hazen will have a wonderful programme of what he proposes to do to lay before the people, and how it is to be accomplished.

But by that time the people, judging by past experience, will know what reliance is to be placed on this promised programme, and they cannot be blamed if they also say, "there is nothing, absolutely nothing, in it."

AN INCH OF RAIN

An inch, in places two inches, of rain fell in Saskatchewan and Alberta from Friday to Monday. An inch of rain more or less, as The Montreal Herald remarks, doesn't look much to us here in the East, but up there this one meant the difference between a crop and no crop in those wheat fields which are the object of all our hopes. On that inch of rain depended, for the time being, the answer to the question whether the West is to be full of movement this autumn; whether the East is to echo the hum of wheels next year; whether immigration will continue at full flow or suffer a check; whether credit will be given or withheld; whether building will go on or stop; whether capital will gain new confidence and come here in its fruitful millions or will grow timorous, cautious, reluctant. You might go hunting for the man who is not favorably affected by that fall of an inch of rain away out there in the West, and you couldn't find him. On the wharves, on the streets, in the shops, in the factories, in the office buildings, in the heart of the city and anywhere out to the suburban periphery, every man you meet is the better in his prospects for that inch of rain which kept the wheat alive and started it on a new and vigorous growth when it was about to die of thirst.

THE SPOPE MURDER TRIAL

Dr. Hyde has been found guilty in Kansas City of the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope after a trial which in its celerity violated New York precedent for cases of the kind. The Thaw trial after an equal lapse of time had but entered on its first stages.

Yet except for their swiftness the proceedings appear to have been conducted in accordance with metropolitan trial methods. A formidable array to toxicological experts gave evidence both for the prosecution and the defense, and the court-room was for a time transformed into a clinic for the demonstration of the action of strychnine on human and animal

viscera. The time-consuming expedient of hypothetical questions seems, however, to have been dispensed with.

Apart from its legal aspects the case was interesting on its psychological side to a degree which will rank it with the most celebrated poison cases of history. The defendant was a relative and family physician of an aged millionaire whose death he was accused of compassing by overdoses of strychnine administered in prescriptions in order that he might inherit his victim's fortune; and there were further allegations of attempts to destroy members of the family through the introduction of disease germs into food.

The details of this sordid crime would probably provide Conan Doyle with useful material, for the fiction is here for the elaboration in fictional form of a very sensational detective story.

As it is, the records of a prosaic law court hold the only story of a crime which might have inspired the best selling "shilling shocker" of recent years.

THE PREMIER'S HISTORIC TOUR

(Toronto Globe)

If all goes well, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour of the West will become memorable in the history of Canada. As the Premier has not visited that part of the Dominion for several years he has not seen much of the West of today, and now he wisely proposes to see it both extensively and thoroughly. His journey west of Lake Superior will extend from Port Arthur to Prince Rupert, and will occupy two months of time. It is easy for him to become interested in anything that is worthy of an intelligent observer's attention, and he will no doubt find the West inspiring him with an enthusiasm that will last for the rest of his lifetime. That is the common experience of all who see it between July and September inclusive.

The Premier will be awarded for many adverse criticisms aimed at him by his political opponents when he visits the Pacific terminus of the National Transcontinental Railway, the original conception of which is attributed to him by persistent Parliamentary tradition. At all events, he piloted the enacting measure through the House of Commons, and he has taken the deepest interest in it ever since. It is expected that in something over a year from now the main line will be completed from Prince Rupert to Moncton, and one of the most important branches—from Lake Superior Junction to Fort William—is already open for traffic, the main line being itself similarly open from the Junction to the Rocky Mountains.

But, after all, the main motive of the Premier's tour is to meet the people of the West. They are there of many different races, but all are Canadians now, and those who have the pleasure of hearing him speak on public questions will be all the better Canadians for the experience. His oratory is markedly different from anything in that line they have been accustomed to, and from anything they are likely to hear in the future. Breadth of view, political toleration and optimistic outlook are attractive qualities in any personality, but they become indefinitely more so when they are found to be the inspiration of an oratory that is at once classic and popular. Sir Wilfrid will get much on his tour in the way of reward, but will give as much as he gets, so that the satisfaction will be mutual, and the advantage will be to the whole Dominion in the Premier's better understanding of the requirements and the resources of the West.

FIRE DESTROYS MILL AND PLANT AT BANGOR

Bangor, Me., May 17.—Fire destroyed on Tuesday afternoon, the planing mill of John Cassidy & Son, near the Hampden line, in Bangor, and also burned a coal shed, partially filled, owned by Rodd & Co. The loss is estimated at \$26,000, with partial insurance. A back fire in the engine caused the blaze, the engineer escaping with difficulty. The fire was confined to the mill and coal shed. The lumber sheds and office were saved but the mill property was levelled.

COMET DID NOT APPEAR

A large number of persons who arose at an early hour this morning to see Halley's comet, were disappointed as the comet was invisible.

THE WEST GETS A MUCH NEEDED SOAKING

The Downfall is Worth Millions to the Grain Crop, and the Moisture Will Give it the Proper Start.

Winnipeg, May 17.—A soaking rain has been falling through all parts of Manitoba this afternoon and tonight, and at present it looks as if it might last. C. P. R. reports indicate that there is heavy rain at all points on the main line as far west as Broadview, and snow is falling from there into Alberta. Northern Saskatchewan is getting a soaking worth millions, the rain being very badly needed. Reports from the southern section of Saskatchewan, incomplete, indicate that rain has not started, but the high winds are almost certain to end in moisture.

Manitoba was not suffering, but the rain, nevertheless, was very welcome, and the reports received in the city tonight reflect rejoicing.

Regina, Sask., May 17.—Following intermittent showers yesterday and heavy rain last night, snow fell today, covering the ground to a depth of three to four inches. Coming when moisture was beginning to be urgent-needed to give the crop a good start the downfall, which is said to be fairly general, gives great satisfaction. It assures sufficient moisture to carry the crop along in good shape until the June rains.

ISLINGTON LODGE, S. O. E., EXPRESSES DEEP SORROW

Islington Lodge, No. 151, Sons of England, at its latest meeting, passed the following resolution on the death of King Edward, and the resulting accession of King George to the throne:

"We, the Officers and Members of Islington Lodge, No. 151, Sons of England, desire to express our deep sense of sorrow at the loss which the whole British Empire has sustained in the death of our late Sovereign Lord, King Edward the Seventh, a monarch who, by his wise rule and kingly qualities and his desire to advance the interests of his subjects and the Empire at large, brought into effect all those great qualities of mind and heart which caused the name of his illustrious mother, Victoria the Good, to be revered and honoured throughout the world, and we, the Members of the Sons of England Society, while declaring our unswerving allegiance to our present Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Fifth, will ever pray that as the Ruler over a vast Empire, his reign may be characterized by those beneficent influences that marked the reign of his loved and honored Sire, Edward of blessed and glorious memory.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,
Fred Barnes, President.
A. D. Thomas, Secretary.

BANQUETED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR WEST

Messrs. Lorne Wandlass, William Ridgwell and Ernest Fenety, are to leave by this evening's train for Regina, where they have secured situations. Last evening they were entertained to a supper at Washington's cafe by a number of their friends. About thirty-five sat down to an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which there was a short program of toasts, songs and speeches. There were vocal solos by Mr. Wm. Dougherty, Mr. Ridgwell and Master Leo Dolan, and selections by a quartette composed of Messrs. Clayton, Rainsford, Wandlass and Staples. There was also a piano solo by Mr. George Crangle. Mr. Wandlass was presented with a gold watch-fob and an address by Mr. Joseph Walsh who was in the chair.

H. F. WAUGH, EXPLORER, A SUICIDE

The Montreal Star of yesterday's has the following dispatch:
Chicago, May 16.—Harry F. Waugh, of Seattle, Washington, prospector, member of the Arctic Club, and leader of the Waugh sledge expedition to the delta of the Mackenzie River, hanged himself at a rooming house here Saturday. Pawn tickets were found in his clothing.

FINE COLT

Mr. Hugh O'Neill is now the possessor of a fine colt out of Annie Sprague by King Arion. The youngster made his appearance last night.

S. P. C. A. ACTIVE

The attention of City Marshal Roberts, agent of the S. P. C. A., has been called to a very decrepit horse which was driven about the city yesterday. It is said the horse belongs to a person living in Marysville.

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