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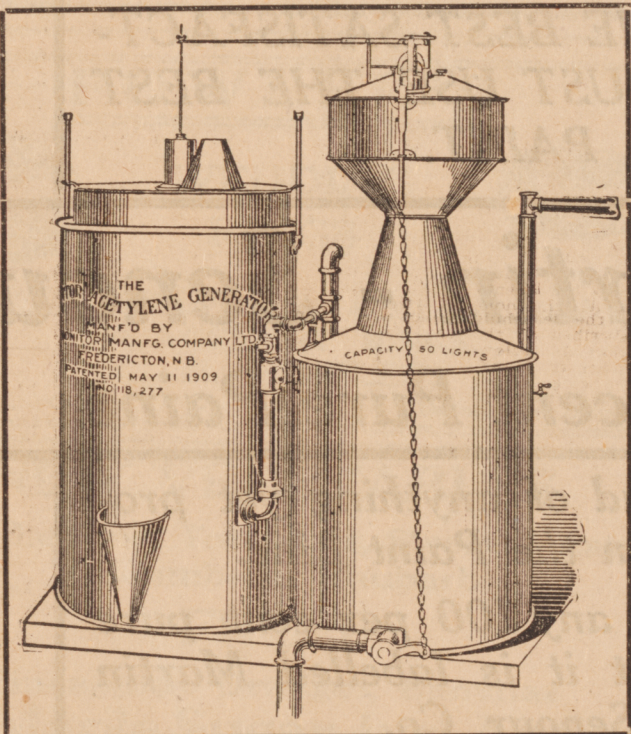
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A NEW NATIONAL ERA; GUARDING NATURAL ASSETS

Conservation the Theme of Address by Public Men—Large Area of Land May be Given for Training Forestry—Hon. Mr. Sifton's Powerful Address.

Toronto, May 20—A series of important communications from public men in a position to speak with authority in respect to the conservation of natural resources were conveyed to the public meeting in Convocation Hall last night, under the auspices of the Ontario Forest, Fish and Game Protective Association.

The Chairman, Hon. Mr. Frank Cochrane, Provincial Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, in declaring that to the Dominion Government was due great credit for appointing a Commission to investigate, upon practical as well as technical grounds, how best to conserve Canada's natural resources, added that it was the intention of Ontario to blaze the trail in Provincial co-operation. "We have been taking stock," observed the Minister, "with a view to action. We are realizing that a strong and helpful policy may be evolved to grapple with our share of the conservation problem in conjunction with the promotion of public health. We propose, in the near future, to do something to dispel the erroneous theory that God only made great tracts of our wild, unopened country to hold the balance of it together."

FOR DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
Later in the evening Mr. Byron E. Walker urged upon the Minister a proposal that the Government should turn over to the University of Toronto a large area of land in order than its forestry department may try the practical experiment of turning it into a dividend-producing perennial forest, the results to lighten the cost of education.

"It will not be hard to persuade the Government to act upon the suggestion," commented Hon. Mr. Cochrane promptly. "The subject is before them, and a practical and successful demonstration has been made of its possibilities by the forestry students of the Ontario Agricultural College."

DOMINION TO ACT...
Hon. Clifford Sifton, Chairman of the Conservation Commission was also the learner of important news. "We have counselled the Canadian Government, said he, "that the most prolific cause of the appalling destruction of forests is by fire and recommended an amendment to the railway act requiring every railway company to maintain an efficient fire-fighting force along every mile of its lines, and placing the companies under a very heavy penalty for fires started by their locomotives. It is a pretty radical measure, but I am pleased to be able to tell you it has met with favor from the Government, and we may expect the legislation at the next session of Parliament."

THE NEW GAME PRESERVE.
Hon. Mr. Sifton had another Ottawa message of importance. The commission had urged upon the Dominion Government the establishment of an immense forest reserve on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. "This," he declared "is to be carried out almost immediately." The reserve would be 400 miles in length, and from 50 to 150 miles wide. "It

will be the greatest forest and game preserve in the world," stated Mr. Sifton, "and will be national property for all time to come." He suggested that Ontario take some such action relative to the district between Sudbury and Port Arthur.

"We have now two such reserves," commented Hon. Mr. Cochrane, "and I am pleased to assure Mr. Sifton that before another year goes round the Provincial Government will probably adopt a policy under which each reserve as it is set apart will become likewise a fish and game preserve."

A NEW NATIONAL ERA.
"We are standing on the threshold of a new national era," was Mr. Sifton's prompt declaration. "We are getting rid of the old shibboleths. New Methods must prevail. The great questions which divide political parties are either dead or solved. We are aiming at a comprehensive and systematic plan of laws and regulations to be so framed and carried out that the permanent assets of the people will be administered in such a way as to prevent monopolistic control, and inure to the public benefit for all time to come."

THE PUBLIC HEALTH
Hon. Mr. Sifton said it was proposed on Monday next to ratify the appointment of a medical expert from Ontario to take up the investigation of great problems affecting the health of the people of Canada which could not be effectively dealt with locally. It was proposed to submit the results of the investigation to the Governments of the Provinces and of the Dominion with a view to securing legislation. The battle against tuberculosis was also to be waged.

WATER-POWER EPIDEMIC.
Dealing with the Long Sault dam proposition, Mr. Sifton pointed out that the commission had been confronted with "an epidemic of water-power legislation." To defeat the project he said it had been necessary "to club political friend and foe with absolute impartiality—not a pleasant thing to do."

"Public opinion was with us," said Mr. Sifton. "It is perhaps too much to say the project is dead but it got a severe paralytic stroke. And we want the vigilant attention of press and public if it ever reappears."

SYMPATHY DEAD.
Mr. A. Kelly Evans in his address complained of the indifference "Sympathy and sentiment are dead in our campaign," said he. "We are now fighting on the almighty dollar principle. Every paper in this city gave our meeting an editorial. Do the people read the editorials, and if they do do they believe them? No! The dollar is the only thing that counts!"

Mr. George Tate Blackstock K.C., alluding to the matter said, public opinion was decadent in Toronto. "Otherwise," he said "we could get a decent drink of water without resorting to artificial means and we would not witness the opportunities for scenic beauty in the eastern portion of the city crushed under the juggernaut of vandalism."

Bishop DuMoulin of Hamilton emphasized the need of conservation enterprise throughout Canada.

SOME VERY PERTINENT ATHLETIC QUESTIONS

The Montreal Herald again gets after Cameron, Corkery and the M.P.A.A.A. et does it thusly.

Once more Fred Cameron ran Jim Corkery into the ground last night. This time the merry-go-round took place at St. John, N.B. Having already beaten Corkery at Boston, Amherst and Halifax, Cameron's ability to do so again would have been thought to have been sufficiently demonstrated. But no. Once more at St. John the stunt had to be pulled off again. And why, think you? Messrs. Cameron, Corkery and their respective "managers" can best answer. Meanwhile, there are a couple of points that strike you. First, how comes it that Corkery, a member of the Irish-Canadian A. C. of Toronto and Cameron a member of the Ramblers, of Amherst, both amateur clubs can leave their respective employments for a sufficiently protracted period to tour through the Maritime Provinces with their "managers"? Secondly: Are the races run in by these amateurs bona fide races of genuine athletic meetings, or are they races framed up to show off the Boston Marathon winner to the gaze of an admiring public.

And then again, where does the Maritime Provinces A.A.A. figure in this? Have these match races the sanction of the governing body? And

still once again, where does the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada get off at? Corkery carries a card of the A.A.U. of C. as a member of the Irish-Canadian A.C. of Toronto. Does the A.A.U. of C. intend to permit a repetition of the Longboat junketings?

MAY ROD AND GUN EXCELLENT NUMBER

While fishing occupies prominent positions in the May number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont., there is no lack of variety, articles appealing to sportsmen of all tastes appearing in this issue. Anglers who are arranging their spring outings, will find ample provision for their entertainment and will revel in the stories of good fishing trips told by their fortunate brethren. Mr. Bonny-castle Dale's studies of Wild Ducks in Canada will interest a vast number of people and sportsmen will find their knowledge of a fine game bird much increased by a perusal of this article. Catching Kids of Mountain Goats and White Water Men of the St. Maurice are stories none should miss. Big game hunting and protective work receive much attention, while camping and mountaineering have their delights pleasantly pictured. For variety and interest the number is excellent throughout and sportsmen should see to it that a copy accompanies them on every trip.

LAND HOLDINGS OF C. P. R. ARE STEADILY INCREASING IN VALUE

A New York despatch says with reference to C. P. R. lands:—It is well known that higher prices are being received by the company for its lands than formerly, as during the last two or three years the policy pursued has been to improve the previously barren tracts of land through irrigation, so that when the settler procures them from the company thrifty crops of grain and other produce can be raised from the outset. It is said by those familiar with the situation that this new undertaking has stimulated a greater flow of immigration to the territory along the Canadian Pacific's lines.

From time to time rumors gain circulation that the Canadian Pacific is contemplating a higher rate of dividend from the proceeds of land sales. What the next payment will be is hard to say at this time, but friends of the company say that they do not look for any change, especially as the management is utilizing all surplus funds from such operations in developing portions of the remainder of its unproductive land, it having been found that the net return from sale of such lands is considerably more profitable from many viewpoints than from the disposal of undeveloped territory.

PRINCE RUPERT

British Columbia Government to Sell no More of its Property—G. T. P. Expected to Follow.

Montreal, May 20.—According to a statement made by Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, the vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, after an inspection trip of the construction work of the railway in British Columbia, the first hundred mile section between Prince Rupert and Copper River will be laid with rails by the end of July, when a train service will be established. Navigation on the Lower Skeena river is now open as far as Kitlas Canyon, above Copper River. This will enable contractors to pour in supplies for the construction gangs, engaged on the second 100-mile section. This latter section, Mr. Chamberlain said, would be rushed.

The British Columbia Government has decided not to sell any more of its property in the townsite of Prince Rupert, and it is understood that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will follow the lead of the Government and withhold its property at the Pacific terminus from the market. The railway company, it is understood, will not be too exacting in regard to the prompt meeting of second payments, when due. The company has some \$500,000 falling due this year on second payments for lots sold last summer.

Y. W. C. A.'S FOURTH CONFERENCE

Berlin, May 20.—The world's Young Women's Christian Association which is holding its fourth conference here had for its general subject of discussion today "The place of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Social and Industrial Awakening." Miss A. M. Reynolds presided during the discussion. A summary of the subject compiled from reports made by representatives in various countries, was presented by Miss Florence Simms of the U. S. After reference to reports examined, the speaker concluded: "The Association is entering into a social service where it interests itself in the questions of the workshop life environment, the home life, or the lack of it, of the multitude of commercial and industrial workers."

It is again touching social service widely when it brings together the women of leisure and the women of labor where they naturally learn to know and appreciate each other and the utility of a life in Christ. "What relation has the association to the industrial workers. The question can perhaps not have a better answer than this one of an eminent educator. "First by placing the means of religious instruction, nearer to them; second, by studying their physical and economic requirements and the social measures, legislative and others, for helping them and lastly by multiplying opportunities of social life without patronage and pauperizing tendencies."

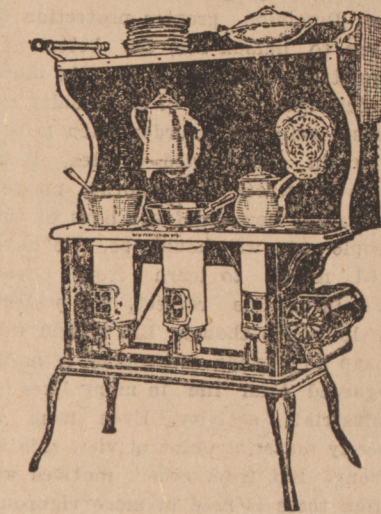
WEEKLY CHANGES BANK OF ENGLAND

London May 19.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:
Total reserve decreased..... £122,000
Circulation decreased..... £253,000
Bullion decreased..... £475,523
Other securities increased..... £951,000
Other deposits decreased..... £23,736,000
Public deposits increased..... £24,577,000
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Government securities unchanged.
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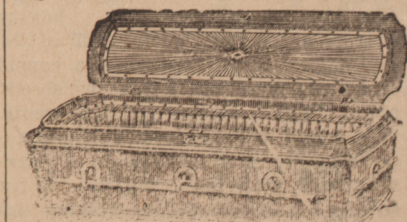
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