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FOREST PROTECTION

Although needless destruction by forest fires has reached discouraging proportions in recent years, there is still much wealth to be saved by preventive measures, says The Toronto Globe. The efforts of the Conservation Commission are urgently needed to prevent further waste, and every necessary safeguard should be adopted without delay. It is a deplorable fact that wherever a wooded country has been opened up by railway construction great areas of forest wealth have been destroyed by fires. This destruction has after careful investigation been traced to the railways, the Government lines being responsible for a full share. Settlers, campers, hunters, and mining prospectors have been responsible for many fires, some of which have done extensive damage, but the chief cause of destruction has been the railways. Hon. Clifford Sifton in his address at Quebec, gave convincing proof of the part played by the railways in causing the destruction of forest wealth. According to his carefully prepared records, they were responsible for 75 fires in Quebec Province out of a total of 171 last year. In Ontario the proportion chargeable to the railways was still larger, no less than 404 out of a total of 132 having been traced to that source. In the West other causes were more in evidence, but out of a total of 1,226 fires the railways were responsible for 186.

These facts make it clear that the immediate need is adequate protection against fires caused by locomotive engines. Other features of the general scheme of conservation are important and should be promoted without delay, but the immediate need is protection from the railway engines. The wealth involved and endangered is too vast and of too much importance to be made subservient to other considerations. If the appliances and methods essential to safety will increase the cost of railway operation, let it be increased. Whatever is necessary to safety must be adopted. Mr. Sifton spoke of penalizing the railways and holding them responsible for the damage caused by fires chargeable to their locomotives. This may be an essential of effective legislation, but better immediate results can be secured by requiring equipment that will arrest sparks and remove the greatest sources of danger. Experience has shown that smokestacks can be equipped with screens that can render the scattering of dangerous sparks virtually impossible. These should be installed at once on the dangerous sections, and such other changes in equipment as are necessary should be adopted. A large increase in the wood-rangin force is also immediately necessary. The wealth endangered is too great and the dangers are too persistent for longer dependence on the methods of an earlier time.

Because Mr. William Jaffrey, of St. Mary's, recently renounced his allegiance to the Tory party, certain political heelers, anxious to square accounts with him, endeavored to have him removed from the office of collector of rates for the parish. An emissary was sent to the County Council meeting and spent nearly the whole of last week button-holing members of the Tory faith and endeavoring to stir up feeling against Mr. Jaffrey. The two councillors for the parish, being unable to agree on the appointment, referred the question to the whole council. A vote was taken by ballot and although the council is overwhelmingly Conservative, a majority of members were ap-

parently only too glad to administer a well-deserved snub to the St. Mary's junta and they re-appointed Mr. Jaffrey. Straws usually show which way the wind is blowing and it is to be hoped that a prospective candidate for the Legislature who was behind the movement to decapitate the collector, will take the lesson to heart.

Sackville Tribune—The St. Stephen Courier, whose owner is a member of the Hazen party in the Assembly though not a member of the government, declares that the Dominion Railway Commission is of service to the people because it has been absolutely divorced from politics. Since the Courier is so ready to tell what makes commissions successful it might give the public a hint as to how the people can gain some benefit from the Public Utilities Commission created by Hazen legislation last winter. The cost of the commission has already begun to appear in the public accounts but actively in the people's interest on the part of the commission has yet to become apparent.

London Advertiser—The power that is going to waste at Niagara or being exported to build up the industries of the United States should be converted to the uses of the people of Ontario. Its benefits should be as widely diffused as possible, not confined to few cities and towns. All the factory wheels could be turned and all the homes lighted by Niagara power in over half of old Ontario the Government would take over the transmission lines and sell power at the cost of generating it at the falls.

St. John Telegraph—The harmony in Mr. Hazen's cabinet has been so intense that on several occasions it has threatened to disrupt that official family circle, and it is said that when the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Surveyor-General, and the Solicitor-General and the Provincial Secretary, and the Premier and the King of the Neck, and Mr. Jones of Kings County and many another, confer together, the noise of the various hammers upon the several human anvils makes a truly delightful chorus.

Letbridge Herald—It takes a lot of money, but a good exhibition is a good investment. It is estimated that at the very least every visitor to a fair leaves ten dollars behind him to enrich the town he visited. A good fair brings a lot of visitors either as spectators or exhibitors, but a poor one brings neither. Proper accommodation is necessary for a good fair, and without it the fair is bound to be poor. A poor fair is a bill of expense for no returns while a good fair is a source of revenue and prosperity.

EXPRESS CO'S WILL REDUCE THEIR RATES

New York, Jan. 20.—Officers of Canadian and American express companies in conference here today, announced tonight a reduction in through rates soon to take effect between all offices of the United States and many of Canada. It is explained that several of the Canadian companies have held back up to the present, because the customs regulations at the Canadian border necessitate so much extra work that a reduction in existing rates would, in many cases, work a hardship. All the important companies were represented, including the Adams, Canadian, American, National, Northern, Southern, Western, Pacific and United States companies, Wells Fargo & Company, and the New York & Boston despatch. The announcement made at the close of the conference follows in part:

"Instead of two companies which may handle an express package, making a separate charge on each line, the charge will be the same as if one company had carried the package from shipping point to destination."

"In discussing the announcement one of the conferences said:

"It has always been customary when express shipments were handled by two companies between which joint rates were not in effect to make the charge equal the sum of the local charges of each company. Under the new plan, the charges between all offices will be the same as if one company had carried the package from shipping point to point of the destination. This will effect a radical reduction in express charges on all shipments to or from what is known as exclusive offices, that is to say, points where but one express company is represented."



THE DIRECTORATE OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLICAN PARTY.
Left to right: DR. ANTONIO LUIZ GOMES, DR. BERNARDINO MACHADO, DR. CELESTINO ALMEIDA, DR. ANTONIO JOSE ALMEIDA, AND DR. ALFONSO COSTA.

The Directorate of the Portuguese Republican Party, organized immediately upon the dethronement of King Manuel, now has the affairs of the government well in hand. Several complex questions have arisen lately, but all have been dealt with in a thorough manner, assuring a complete reign for the Republic. Later it is rumored that Senor Almeida, Minister of the Interior, has resigned his portfolio, being unable to cope with the strike now prevailing in Lisbon.

MONUMENT FOR HON. P. MITCHELL

(Newcastle Leader)

Preliminary measures to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, a father of confederation, were taken on Wednesday evening at a meeting in the Miramichi Hotel, Coun. Lewis who is acting prominently in the matter, occupied the chair and there was a large attendance. Mr. Lewis in a few appropriate remarks directed the attention of the meeting to the purpose of the gathering. He paid an eloquent tribute to the worth of Hon. Peter Mitchell. Stirring addresses were made by Hon. Donald Morrison, Couns. Anderson, Vanderbeck, Johnson, Hayes, Swim, Clark, Walsh, Pond, O'Donnell, Lewis, Mercer, Underhill and Warden Parker, Ex-Coun. Johnson, Mr. Donnell, Ex-Mayor Miller, Mr. Murray and representatives of the press.

Suggestions were made that the monument be erected in the Public Square in Newcastle. The sentiment of the meeting was most enthusiastic over the proposed monument and it was decided that the councillors and others should convene with the Newcastle Town Council. Moreover an executive will be appointed to meet the provincial and federal governments.

If the monument will ever eventually be erected on this occasion, Mr. Mitchell is now buried in an unmarked grave and it is considered that there should be some mark to show the last resting place of one of the greatest of Canadian statesmen.

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BOARDERS ESCAPED IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 23.—The occupants of William Wyllies' boarding house were awakened by the smell of smoke early yesterday morning. All escaped in light night attire, several leaping from the windows. No one was injured.

Mr. George E. Spencer, of Halifax, is in the city.

NEW BRUNSWICKER HUNTING HIS MOTHER

Boston, Jan. 21.—A search is being made here for Mrs. Lillian Bridges wife of Walter West, who is supposed to be in Havetill. Her son Joseph Alphonso Bridges is here from New Brunswick looking for his mother whom he has not seen for fourteen years. She last saw him at the Wanderers Home in this city when he was eight years of age. He was sent from the Wanderers Home to Plaster Rock, N. B. and has recently been working on a farm near Hartland. Last August he received an invitation from his mother to come and visit her and left home in December and went to Lawrence, where he was unable to locate his mother. The Associated Charities of Boston are assisting him in the search.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Society has indeed been gay the last week and the coming week promises as much, if not more, in the social line. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Stewart Morrison will entertain at a large tea to introduce her daughter, Miss Helen, to society. Miss May Ryan has invitations for a bridge on Tuesday evening at the residence of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Wheeler. Mrs. H. H. McNally will also entertain at bridge on Friday evening. On Thursday evening, from 7.30 until 11, Miss Helen Burchill will be at home to her young friends. The Bachelor Maids' Ball at the Queen Hotel on Friday evening was a great success in every way. About a hundred and twenty-five young people attended and all agreed that the ladies could entertain very pleasantly. Among so many pretty faces and dresses it is always hard to decide on the belle, but the unanimous opinion of all seemed to be that Miss Katherine Lynch carried off the honors.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Sadie Waycott entertained most pleasantly at the tea hour in honor of her guest, Miss Kate Miles, of Margerville. Miss Miles assisted Miss Waycott in receiving. The guests were served by Miss Margaret Wiley, Miss Bessie McNally, Miss Edna Golding and Miss K. Hodge.

Miss Helen Dibblee, of Woodstock, is the guest of Miss Valarie Steeves, Lansdowne street.

Miss Ted Campbell left last week for an extended visit to Halifax and Kentville.

The Auld Lang Syne Club met last week with Mrs. W. W. Hubbard. The prize winners were Mrs. J. C. Allen and Mr. George McGowan.

Mr. Charles McDonald, of St. John was here to attend the Bachelor Maids' Ball.

Miss Edna Logan, of St. John, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Stewart Neill.

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