

TALKED TO A REPORTER.

A. E. Hanson Gives a Montreal Paper Some Pointers.

(Montreal Star)

Mr A. Edgar Hanson, deputy land surveyor of Fredericton, was at the Win sor Monday evening, and stated in the course of an interview that 150,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut this season on the St. John River. This is an average figure, one year the furs having mounted up to 190,000,000 feet cut in one year on the St. John River and its tributaries. As much as 50,000,000 feet may have to stay in the upper St. John river until next season, unless there is a rise in the waters of the river. New Brunswick timber lands have increased in value until they are now worth \$150 per square mile. Mr. Hanson is against the pulp industry, and says that the owner of timber will have to keenly watch that the government regulations are strictly adhered to, as the future of the lumber industry in the province depends on how the forests at the present time are looked after. The stumpage receipts at present amount to about \$150,000 per year. Mr. Hanson is on his way to Ottawa and may, before his return, visit the Pacific Coast.

Not Fordable.

During one of his expeditions in the Philippines General Lawton came across the trail of a party of Filipinos, which he followed for several days with a small body of troops. One day he and his staff reached the top of a small eminence and saw a river stretching below them but a short distance ahead. Turning to one of his aids, the general said, "Lieutenant, ride ahead and see if that river is fordable."

The lieutenant put spurs to his horse and soon entered the river. A few feet from the shore the bottom shelved off suddenly, and the horse was soon floundering in deep water. The lieutenant disengaged himself and swam to the shore, which the horse also reached in a short time. After a brief chase, to the amusement of the general and the staff, the horse was recaptured, and mounting him, the lieutenant rode back. His khaki uniform was soaked and bedraggled, and the water spurted from the tops of his military boots at every jump of his horse. Riding up to the general, he gravely saluted and said, "I have the honor to report, sir, that the river is not fordable."

Lawton looked at him a moment trying to maintain the dignity of his position, but the situation was too ludicrous for him. He burst into a hearty laugh, in which the staff joined at the expense of the young lieutenant, who, however, tells the story on himself.

A Fish With Teeth on His Tongue.

The biggest of fresh water fishes, the "arapaima" of the Amazon, in South America, which grows to six feet in length, has teeth on its tongue, so that the latter resembles the file and is used as such. Some kinds of trout also have the same peculiarity. Fishes that swallow their prey entire have their teeth so supported on flexible bases as to bend backward, but not forward, in order that their victims shall not escape after they have been once seized. In ages gone by there were ferocious sharks, such as would make a mouthful of you without blinking, 70 feet in length.

Plenty of their teeth have been found which are five inches long, whereas the biggest of the teeth belonging to sharks that exist at the present day are 1½ inches long. Speaking of extinct creatures reminds me to say that all of the early birds—those of early geological times, that is—had teeth, with which they captured the early worms of the same period. Being descendant from reptiles, it is natural that they should possess a dental equipment, but when they ceased to be carnivorous they had no teeth any longer.

Remarkable Caves.

M. P. Chaudoir in the Mouvement Geographique describes a visit to the remarkable stalagmite caves within two hours walk from Tanga, in eastern Africa. Passing through several chambers rising to a height of from 100 to 250 feet, he reached a vast saloon covering an area of 5,000 square yards. Millions of bats covered the roofs and interfered with the exploration of the narrow passages. One of these, killed with a stick measured 4 feet 10 inches across the wings.

Resenting a Reflection.

The Soprano's Maid—My mistress had five bouquets thrown at her during the first act.

The Contralto's Maid (disdainfully)—Indeed! How nice! I'll bet she paid for them herself."

The Soprano's Maid—Of course she did. She doesn't have to have things charged like some people I know do.

Question and Answer.

A woman carrying a suit case and several umbrellas bustled up to a weary looking servant of the company in the Pennsylvania railroad ferryhouse at Jersey City the other day.

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"It don't make any difference to me, ma'am," he replied.

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Never Washed Herself.

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"No, mum."

"Good gracious! That's perfectly dreadful. Do you wash your face in the middle of the day?"

"No, mum."

"Dear me! When do you wash yourself?"

"I never washes."

"Horrible! It is shocking how depraved the lower classes are! I must organize a society to see that children are properly washed. Tell me, little one, do you really never wash yourself?"

"No, mum. Mamma washes me every morning."

Not Anxious.

"You have quite a number of the poets," said Goodby, who was inspecting Woodby's library. "Ah, there's Browning. Do you understand him?"

"No; I don't," said Woodby.

"Ah," said Goodby, continuing his examination, "have you Præd?"

"Certainly not. What's the use of praying? I ain't anxious to understand him."

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