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FOREST WEALTH.

(Toronto Globe.)

The government of Nova Scotia has made a timely move in taking an inventory of all the standing timber in the province. The happy assurance that Canada's timber supply is inexhaustible is no longer justified. While there are no grounds for alarm at the prospect of exhaustion within the measurable future, the world's timber supply is now at such a stage that every timbered country should make careful calculations as to its possible future output. Ontario and Quebec have extensive timber resources, and in the Maritime Provinces there are still large tracts of timber that have escaped destruction by fire or the axe. British Columbia has timber wealth that seems to encourage, if not to justify, the heedless destruction and alienation that have been going on for years. But the era of thoughtless faith in our timber supply is past, and it is the duty of the timber-owning provinces to ascertain the extent and quality of their holdings.

This is essential to arriving at an accurate estimate of the amount that can safely be cut from year to year without depletion. When the condition and contents of timber areas are known it is now possible to estimate how much can be cut each year, and how much planting is necessary to establish a perpetual supply. Delay in putting the timber supply on such a basis is a sacrifice of the future to the present, and the loss entailed must greatly exceed the gain. The Nova Scotia government has secured the services of Prof. Fernow of the forestry department of the University of Toronto, and it is estimated that the work of surveying, appraising, and making the inventories can be completed in two seasons. Some of this standing timber is still the property of the province, some has passed to lumber companies, and there is a considerable quantity in private

hands, made up of small areas preserved in the farming districts. The surveys and investigations now under way are necessary preliminaries in the framing of a comprehensive forestry policy.

It is time for Ontario and the other provinces to follow this example on an adequate scale. The temptation to draw upon the forest for revenue as if they were an inexhaustible source of wealth is naturally strong. It is easier to alienate one tract after another to shrewd investors whenever revenue is required than to inaugurate a policy that will insure revenue for the future as well as for the present. Against the policy of happy disregard for the future there are the many warnings of the adjacent States now paying the penalty for similar mistakes. There are also many general warnings from men who are studying the world's timber problems, and who appreciate the possibility of exhaustion or serious shortage within the measurable future.

We have abundant timber wealth in Canada. We have also large areas of productive land in which the problem of building material is serious, and the cost of lumber is already a heavy burden. This situation as well as the general condition of the world's timber supply calls for the adoption of a comprehensive policy by the provinces having timber areas under their control. The Liberal government in Ontario made a timely move by prohibiting the export of pine timber and also of pulpwood. It is now time to complete that policy by establishing a system under which the cut of every season will be restored by the accurately estimated growth.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Col. Marsh will be able to certify that the liquor seized at the I. C. R. station in December last, has been at least six months in wood.

The organs of the provincial government are making dutiful efforts to dig Mr. Hazen out of the Valley railway muddle, but none have yet explained why he went back on his promise to do something last session, or why Mr. Flemming changed his mind after he took that little trip in Sir William Van Horn's private car. Nor has the public yet been informed what Mr. Flemming's constituents said when he got home or what he said when some of them demanded his resignation.—Sun.

I. C. R. LIQUOR CASE.

Supreme Court Unanimously Quashes Conviction Made by Col. Marsh—Booze Must be Returned.

That the government railways are not liable to a penalty for carrying liquor into Scott Act counties was the substance of a judgment handed down by the Supreme Court Friday afternoon, quashing the conviction made by Police Magistrate Marsh against R. Z. Walker, I. C. R. station agent for receiving and warehousing liquor.

The case against Walker arose out of a seizure of thirteen barrels of bottled liquor, made by Chief of Police Winter at the railway freight shed in December last. The liquor was placed upon a sled, hauled to the police station and stored in a cell, where it still reposes. Walker was subsequently convicted at the police court and fined \$50 and costs. From this the defendant appealed to the supreme court, and the case was argued last term. Peter J. Hughes, counsel for the railway, based the appeal on several grounds, the principal one being that the I. C. R. was the property of the crown, and therefore the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act did not apply to it.

The judgment of the court, which was delivered by the Chief Justice and was unanimous, upheld the contention of Mr. Hughes, declaring that the decision of Police Magistrate Marsh was not justified. It further set forth that the Intercolonial had been constructed under the authority of the British North America Act, and being the property of the crown and operated in the public interest, could not be interfered with by any act of parliament, unless such act was made specially applicable to it. As the Canada Temperance Act had not been made specially applicable to the property of the crown, the traffic of the Intercolonial could not be interfered with, as had been done in this case. The court held that there has been no violation of the C. T. Act, on the part of the defendant. A rule absolute to quash the conviction was granted.

The judgment of the court means that the liquor now at the police station will have to be returned to the Intercolonial freight shed. As the city has already been mulcted to the tune of over \$200 in costs it is scarcely likely that the case will be appealed.

A. J. Gregory, K. C., argued the case for the city. The liquor is said to have been shipped to Fredericton by L. A. Wilson & Company, Montreal. The other cases decided by the Receiver General of New Brunswick

vs Bettimer. Judgment for defendant with costs.

The King vs. Nicholson, ex-parte Mitchell. Rule discharged.

Ex-parte city of Moncton. Rule discharged with costs.

Portras appellant and the King on the information of Wilson respondent. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Gorman vs. Copp, rule for new trial or to reduce the verdict refused.

Whittaker vs. Goggin, Motion for new trial refused with costs.

The King vs. McQuire. Verdict set aside and new trial granted.

The court adjourned until July 2, when judgment will be delivered in several cases.

Mrs. James Hargraves and little daughter, Marion, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Perkins, York street, for the past three months, left last evening for her home, Tabor Alta.

NO HURRY-UP WAGON.

Big City of Winnipeg Is Without a Black Maria.

It is a remarkable fact that Winnipeg, now a city of over a hundred thousand people, has not a single police patrol wagon. When a drunken or disorderly person is arrested on the streets of the western metropolis, the policeman simply grabs the man and hustles him along to the "coop," leaving his own beat unguarded in the meantime. One has only to recall some of the stirring arrests made in by-gone days in one's little old home village to realize the excitement of such a scene. The Winnipeg newspapers, however, say that the people there are disgraced with the degrading spectacle of helplessly intoxicated people being hauled along the sidewalks of the city, and an agitation is on foot for the inauguration of an urban police system. This is an excellent illustration of the fact that the west is growing so rapidly in a physical sense that conventional clothing can't be made fast enough to fit it from day to day. But the west needn't worry about that. As long as its sturdy growth continues—and nothing can stop it—it will have all the essentials of civilization, even if it has to do without a few of the frills for a while.

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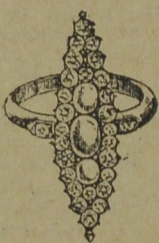
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Widows as Freemen.

Interesting facts regarding the privilege of being a freeman of the Borough of Launceston have been brought to light by C. L. Hart Smith. The widows of freemen, he declares, are themselves by right freemen, and any descendant of a freeman who marries the daughter or widow of another, or who served seven years as an apprentice to a freeman, becomes himself entitled to the freedom of the borough.

Last of a Historic Battalion.

The last parade of the City of London Militia (the Sixth Royal Fusiliers) took place recently at Bovington Camp, Dorset, England. The history of the battalion dates back to the days of the old train bands and there is a continuous record from 1559, when Queen Elizabeth mustered a city militia.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Crawford—I thought you were perfectly delighted with the Christmas present your wife gave you. Crabshaw—At that time I didn't know she'd had it charged.

How It Was Done.

She—The idea! And we weren't even standing under the mistletoe! He—No. I did that sub rosa! Brooklyn Eagle.

In Christmas Land.

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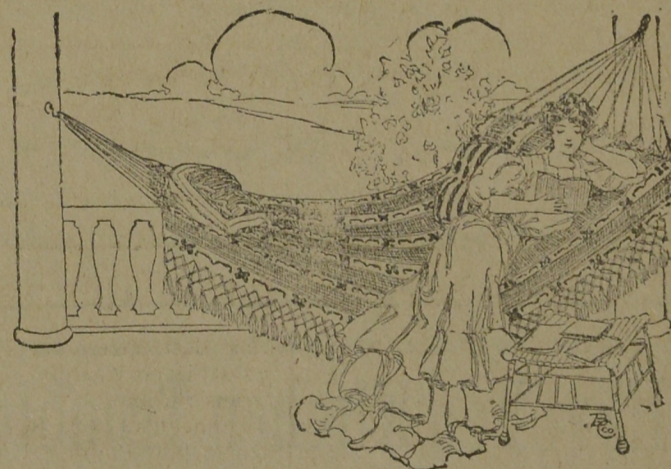
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