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The young farmer who takes thought for to-morrow can assure a windfall in the future by noting the certain claim for certain classes of wood. On most farms there are areas suitable for wood culture alone, and a little thoughtful care and effort would provide a future nest egg.

A Cleveland youth, who had eloped with a minor, chafed his own shoes 21 and his girl's 19, and swore they were "over 21 and 19." Some papers look on the scheme as very clever. It was that youth ought to go ahead. Many a one has started that way and ended in penitentiary or in a noose.

Premier Hardy has left for Atlantic City, N.J., for a two weeks' rest. He has richly earned it. His amazing capacity for work was never better shown than in the late session. Every measure that came up found Mr. Hardy prepared to discuss it in detail. His wonderful grasp of the business of the house, his parliamentary skill, his readiness and power of debate, and his untiring industry, inspired both parties with admiration.

The reservation of 50,000 acres of land in the rear of Addington and Frontenac counties for the protection of young timber and the promotion of reforestation is a move in the right direction. Ontario has plenty of land which is either unfit or not required for settlement, and with no taxes to pay upon the land the government can make big profits by raising a crop of trees, which will provide provincial revenue during the latter years of the next century.

The Ontario legislature is gradually building up a retaliatory policy of its own. The saw-log export prohibition was a beginning, and it has been followed by the addition of two important provisions to the Bill to grant aid to the new railways in the north. One requires that the rolling stock to be manufactured in Canada, and the other prohibits the employment in the construction of work of persons the subjects of a country which has an alien labor law in force against Canada.

London has also its police investigation on hand. The contractor who supplied the helmets for Scotland Yard is charged with attempting to bribe the inspector in order to induce him to accept inferior goods. The official whom he attempted to bribe is the informant. When arraigned in court the accused said: "I must protest for having committed this great crime." We are again forced to admit that the Old Country contractor and the Old Country official have more sense of decency than some of our own.

The Yukon investigation report makes good reading. It shows just how small a basis in fact had Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's slanderous sneer against the officials and the administration. Not the least interesting feature of it is the light it lets in on the methods of the Tory politicians. When they are so put to that they hire a spy at \$250 a month to try to work up a plot against some officer of the government and play into the hands of Yankee adventurers we do not need to marvel at the unmanliness displayed by the younger Tupper.

Russia is one of the most important rivals of America in regard to the world's wheat supply. So far as Great Britain is concerned it would seem desirable that no dependence should be put in the Russian supply, since a war with that country would cut off the supply. Commerce never looks ahead in such cases, but takes its supplies from the nearest or cheapest source as long as possible. This year Russia is threatened with a famine, due to the failure of the crops. In such a case it is very evident that America will be looked to more than usual, for supplies of grain, and as a consequence prices should be firm. The affairs which will undoubtedly result beneficially to Canada.

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