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## April 19 to 25 Proclaimed As "Save the Forest Week"

Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior, Issues Earnest Message Relative to the Necessity for Moulding Public Opinion to See the Great Need for Forest Conservation.

Next week, April 19th to April 25th, has been officially proclaimed as "Save the Forest Week." It is a week of special importance to the North Land. There has been some talk of "conserving" the forest by a pulpwood embargo. Nothing is to be accomplished by that plan. Pulpwood that is cut has either to rot or be used. Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior, takes a broader view of forest conservation than any simple talk about an embargo. In a message recently issued he touches on the vital facts in the case. In fact, it would be difficult to find a more suitable summary of the case for "Save the Forest Week," than this message by the Minister of the Interior. The Message as issued by Hon. Mr. Stewart is as follows:—

"The more we study the role which the forest plays in our Canadian life—in industry, in recreation, and in its attractions to tourists—the more we stand amazed and appalled by the apathy of the majority of the people of this country toward our forest fire problem. We have not yet developed a national consciousness of the effects of forest destruction on employment, on railway traffic, on tourist business, and on the prosperity of hundreds of municipalities whose very existence is menaced when the forests burn."

"The war has left this country burdened with debt, federal, provincial, and municipal. Taxation weighs heavily on the people, and fixed charges eat up funds which, in a young country, should go into improvements, public works, and similar constructive uses. In this unenviable state we not only ignore the necessity of conserving one of our greatest natural resources, but complacently watch the mounting losses from forest fires wipe out potential sources of taxation, which could, with proper care and forethought, prove a mighty asset in freeing us from the shackles which now bind us."

"We have in this country a distinct concentration of population in urban centres. Many thousands of our people have no intimate contact with the forest, and forest destruction conveys no personal message to them as being a matter vitally affecting their welfare and the welfare of their children. Yet the ultimate loss is borne not solely by the lumber-

man who loses his timber, or by the settler who loses his home. It is shared by the railways, which have less freight to haul, and by the community, which loses tourist traffic—for what attractions has a fire-swept area denuded of timber and devoid of wild life? It is shared by the city manufacturer, who has less market for his produce in the fire ravaged district, and by his employees, who must work shorter hours in consequence. And finally, it shared by you and me, who must pay higher taxes to make up the revenue which the country loses when the forests are destroyed."

"There is another aspect of the situation which has not been brought home to our citizens. How many realize that in Canada, to an extent probably not equalled in any other country in the world, the forests belong to the people. The fact is that over 85 per cent. of our forest area is in public ownership, held in trust for the permanent use and benefit of the people of this country. How are we Canadians protecting this property? Records show that ninety per cent. of forest fires are the result of our ignorance and neglect. We are criminally careless, and are fast reaping the results of that carelessness in higher prices for lumber and other forest products in a country which should have the cheapest wood materials in the world. We are wasting our reserves at a time when the whole world is becoming aroused about an economic condition which, were we protecting our timber supplies, would rebound to our wealth and prosperity."

"Curtalement of our present forest-fire losses is hopeless until such time as public opinion shall become aroused, shall demand punishment for carelessness with fire in the forest, and shall require effective precautions in logging and land clearing operations. In other words, Fire Prevention is the only real cure for Forest Destruction."

"In order to bring these facts to the attention of the public, the Dominion Government, with the concurrence of the provinces, has proclaimed the week April 19 to 25 as "Save the Forest Week." It is the duty of every true citizen to give earnest thought to these matters, and to play his part in moulding public opinion to the necessity of conserving the great forest heritage of Canada."

### DAVIDSON CASE MAY BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

There seems to be a good probability that the Porcupine Davidson case may be settled out of court. On Thursday last The Toronto Mail & Empire had the following in reference to the matter:—

"When the case of Porcupine-Davidson Mines versus the Davidson Consolidated Mines came up in the local court this week, the trial was adjourned for two weeks, pending a settlement out of court. Negotiations have been carried on since and a settlement has practically been reached."

"Both parties want the matter settled out of court, because the legal procedure would reduce treasury funds. The crucial question is the division of cash in the treasury, which amounts to approximately \$200,000. Legal proceedings and plant depreciation, etc., over a period of one or two years could easily reduce or offset the disputed funds by \$75,000."

"The Porcupine Davidson will probably allow the mine property as it stands, fully equipped, to revert to the Davidson Consolidated, in lieu of cancellation by the Davidson Consolidated of the loan of some \$475,000 made to the Porcupine-Davidson. The Porcupine-Davidson require funds to develop another property they have in view, while the Davidson requires some working capital. An agreement has virtually been reached whereby Davidson Consolidated will receive nearly one-quarter of the cash in the treasury. This would enable the company to resume operations at once."

"The Financial News Bureau of Canada says that under such an agreement, Davidson Consolidated shareholders would be in an interesting position. Their Davidson Consolidated Rights would give them exclusive possession of the property, and their holdings of Porcupine-Davidson stock an interest, not only in the treasury funds of the Porcupine-Davidson, but in any property that the company may acquire and develop."

### THEY NEVER FORGET THE NORTH IN TAXATION

The North Bay Nugget last week says:—

"Northern Ontario contributes more per capita in provincial taxes than any other part of the province but when it comes to redistribution—oh, well, that's a different matter."

### SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES

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### USUALLY IT'S ANOTHER SPECIES OF "CHICKEN."

The Pembroke Standard last week said:—

"The sight of chickens wandering around in a drunken condition and pecking for a kernel of grain several inches from where it lay, much in the same manner as an intoxicated man endeavors to find the keyhole on the wrong side of a door was one item of entertainment enjoyed by some citizens of Madawaska last week. This amusing scene followed the distribution on the ground of a large quantity of mash which had been discovered, together with a still, in active operation, at the home of Alex. Dupuis of that village, by Provincial Constable Cox. Dupuis appeared before Magistrate Chown yesterday on a charge arising from the discovery of the still and was fined \$200 and costs."

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