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## POLICIES TO PROTECT FORESTS OF ONTARIO

Government to Compel Slash Burning Where Fire Hazard Exists. Praise Given to Air Patrol

Without belittling in any way the article given below, it is not out of place to suggest that the air patrol system in Ontario is not altogether responsible, as seems to be suggested, for the reduction in forest fire losses. Other conditions have entered into the reduction of losses from forest fires. There are years that may aptly be termed "forest fire years." The last year or two have not been of this type. With lots of rain and few long stretches of hot sunny weather, the danger from fires in the forest is naturally reduced. In this connection it may also be noted that many thoughtful people in this North Land have feared that too much dependence has been placed by the Dept. of Lands and Forests on the air service. The airships, of course, are undoubtedly of the greatest service in spying out incipient fires in the bush. Then these discovered fires may be fought in their early stages. But for the latter it is necessary to maintain the fire ranging force at proper size and efficiency. This question was discussed at a meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade last summer and the fear was expressed that time and expense were being centered on the air patrols to the possible neglect of the other branches of the forest protection service.

Results, of course, are what count, and so long as the Department has the pleasing record of the year now closing, in regard to forest fire losses, there will naturally be general satisfaction. It may not be amiss, however, to emphasize the fact that all branches of the forest protection service should be kept up to assure real safety.

The article referred to in the opening paragraph above is from The Mail and Empire of recent date. The Mail and Empire says:—

"Having in view the desirability of preserving Ontario's forest wealth, Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests in the Ferguson Government, is introducing a new system with respect to the sale of Government timber. The system, which will be first applied to the big timber contracts which are to be let in the Nipigon district, calls for the signing of contracts which will specify that all timber, not merely that which is merchantable, must be cut. The Government also reserves the right to compel the burning of slash by operators and this will be enforced in the neighborhood of railway tracks, thus mitigating the possibility of fires.

"In regard to the Nipigon limits, it is also special that construction on the big developments, which include large saw mills and paper mills, must be commenced within 30 days of the signing of the contract and must be completed within four years.

"Tremendous reduction in forest fires in Ontario is another feature of Ferguson Government forest administration which is revealed in the tabulated results of the past seven years, which have been compiled by Hon. Mr. Lyons. This year the area destroyed by forest fires in the Province was 10,400 acres; last year it was 14,000 acres; while for the five preceding years it averaged the appalling figure of 1,000,000 acres each year. This tremendous decrease in area destroyed is due largely to the efficiency of the air patrol system, which has successfully combated fires in their incipient stages."

## JUNIOR HOCKEY BETWEEN COBALT AND LISKEARD

In view of the fact that the winner of the Timmins-Iroquois Falls Junior Hockey will play off the winner of the Cobalt-Liskeard series, the matches in the latter group will be of interest here. The following is the schedule as drawn up for Cobalt and Liskeard:—

**1st half**  
Jan. 5th, Tuesday—Cobalt at Liskeard.  
Jan. 12th, Tuesday—Liskeard at Cobalt.  
Jan. 19th, Tuesday—Cobalt at Liskeard.  
Jan. 26th, Tuesday—Liskeard at Cobalt.

**2nd Half**  
Feb. 2nd Tuesday—Cobalt at Liskeard.  
Feb. 5th, Friday—Liskeard at Cobalt.  
Feb. 9th, Tuesday—Cobalt at Liskeard.  
Feb. 12th, Friday—Liskeard at Cobalt.

The greatest of follies is to sacrifice health for any other advantage. —Schopenhauer.

Dugald was ill, and his friend Donald took a bottle of whiskey to him. Donald gave the invalid one glass and said

"Ye'll get another yin in the mornin'."

About five minutes elapsed, and then Dugald suddenly exclaimed: "Ye'd better let me hae the ither noo, Donald; ye hear o' sae mony sudden deaths noodays."

## CATTLE RAISING IN FAR NORTH TWENTY YEARS AGO

Archdeacon Woodall, of Porquis Junction, Makes Reference to What he saw in December, 1902.

A very interesting extract from a letter written by Ven. Archdeacon Woodall is published in the last issue of The New Liskeard Speaker. In the letter referred to, Archdeacon Woodall says:—

"The incident to which you refer occurred shortly after my arrival in Canada. Everything was then strange and fresh to me and my eyes were probably wider open to things around me than they are today.

"In those days the Hudson Bay Company pastured their cattle on Hazy, one of the numerous islands in the mouth of the Moose River. From the time the cattle were put on the island in the early summer until the "freeze-up" they were unattended. When the ice was strong enough to bear their weight they walked home to their winter quarters at Moose Factory (led by an aged bull or steer which had been over the ice in a previous year).

"It was early in December 1902 that Bishop Newman and the writer were out on the Moose River setting hooks through the ice for the beautiful speckled trout we used to catch there (on that occasion I pulled one out weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz.) that the cattle from Hazy passed us on their trek home. Most of them were young animals and I viewed them as they passed with the critical eye of a farmer, who in my younger days had fed many a two-year-old steer for Christmas market in the Old Country.

"When the Bishop told me in reply to my question where these animals had been since the early summer, and how they had foraged for themselves on the island of Hazy, I was amazed to think that animals could thrive and come home in such fine condition under such circumstances. For some time past the weather had been cold and several inches of snow had fallen, yet all the animals were in good fettle and some were fat and fit for any slaughter house.

"I well remember saying to the Bishop, "If this country with its natural grasses can produce such beef under such conditions what will it do when subdued and brought under cultivation." I thought I foresaw the possibilities of stock raising on the marshes around James Bay."

## THE SMALL BOY GOT MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS

This is from The 100-Ton Booster, issued by the Canada Metal Co.:

"Father made a radio receiving set out of an oyster container, some old wire that had been used for hanging pictures, a box of paper clips and the kitchen doorbell that was out of commission. By a triumph of tuning he got Des Moines.

"Uncle Joe constructed a set from a second-hand self-starter, a tomato can, a cane seat from a broken-down chair and the temperamental shower bath in the guest-room. He got Havana.

"Sister with ingenuity quite remarkable for her sex put together a set from material comprising burnt-out cake pan, a prune box, short lengths of clothesline wire and a package of hairpins for which she had no earthly use since bobbing her hair. Would you believe it?—she got London.

"Little brother, not to be outdone, manufactured all by himself a most remarkable radio from mother's curling iron, father's toothbrush, Uncle Joe's umbrella, sister's full perfume bottle and the cook's favorite meat knife. He got Hell."

What portion of the world have the meek inherited?

Padre. "You'll ruin your stomach, my good man, drinking that stuff."  
Old Soak: "S'all right, s'all right, it won't now with my coat on."

When the coyote howls at midnight, With that eerie howl of his, Then the weather either changes— Or remains just as it is.

## OF COURSE, IT MUST HAVE BEEN TIMMINS, SURELY!

The Advance would thank Mr. Alexander Smith, President of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company, for the season's good wishes to this Town of Timmins. Writing from Chicago, to Mr. T. H. Wilkes, President of the Iroquois Falls Board of Trade, Mr. Smith starts off as if he were going to say something about Iroquois Falls. His concluding words are surely good wishes for Timmins. He says:—"My cordial wishes for a Merry Christmas and great prosperity in the New Year for the most progressive community in Ontario." Sure, that's Timmins. Many thanks! And Timmins isn't much better than Iroquois Falls at that!

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