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TENT MANUFACTURERS HELP IN PRESERVING FORESTS

The forests of this North Country and of Canada in general are of such special value and importance that it would be quite proper for every Canadian to seek out ways and means of helping preserve the forest wealth and warn others against things that menace this wealth. It is remarkable how people differently placed may help in the good work of forest conservation. There is, of course, the one particular way in which all may assist,—and that is by being careful in regard to fires started in the bush. The trouble is that so many people simply forget. All sorts of reminders have been devised and used to keep the people who use the woods from carelessly endangering the forest wealth of the country. The manufacturers of tents are assisting in original way in this good work. Ten manufacturers of tents were announced last month as agreeing to stencil on their tents the motto:—"Please extinguish your camp fire." This month another twelve tent makers have signified their willingness to follow the same plan. With all the tents bearing words to this effect, a large proportion of the people should be helped not to forget.

"I've got one."
The line could be seen swaying in the water as though the fish were fighting hard.
"It's a big one," says Charlie, "a darn big one."
—Exchange.

RETURNED SOLDIER MADE VICTIM OF PARTIZANSHIP

Case Brought Before House of Commons. People Should Insist on Reparation, and No More Cases.

The need for such organizations as the Canadian Legion to protect the interests of returned soldiers is made evident by a case brought to the attention of parliament last week. The Mail & Empire very rightly considered the case of sufficient importance to give space in the editorial columns for the following review and comments:

"A wretched case of political partisanship in Quebec has been exposed in the House of Commons by Mr. Cahon. A French-Canadian named J. W. Dumoulin, of Notre Dame des Bois in the County of Compton, volunteered at the outbreak of the war, served with distinction in the 22nd Regiment, was wounded and was partly incapacitated. He was appointed customs excise enforcement officer at Notre Dame des Bois about April 23, 1919, and apparently filled his duties satisfactorily until November 25, 1926, when he received a letter from the acting Deputy Minister stating that on November 19 an order-in-council had been passed dispensing with his services "for political partisanship in the last election."

"Mr. Dumoulin at once wrote to the Minister denying the accusation and asking 'not only as a Canadian citizen but as a disabled veteran of the Great War' that he should be given a chance to appeal and to face his accusers. To this letter he never received any reply. A month later he wrote to the president of his branch of the Great War Veterans' Association asking that the matter be brought to the attention of the Government. He also wrote to the Civil Service Commission, which replied that removals are entirely in the hands of the heads of departments. At the suggestion of Mr. Herwig, adjustment officer of the Legion at Ottawa, Dumoulin and others forwarded affidavits to the Customs Department as to what had constituted the 'political partisanship.' The trouble arose over a Conservative committee sign which had been hung from the committee rooms across the street to another building in which the Customs Department and other tenants had offices. But Dumoulin was not responsible and in fact was not there at all but at two other posts on relieving duty, as records of the department showed. The proprietor of the building swore that Dumoulin had nothing to do with the streamer and was not in the locality at the time. Others made affidavits to the same effect, but nothing was done to help the returned soldier. Five months later he applied for a refund of his superannuation funds, but nothing was done.

"In the correspondence read by Mr. Cahon was a suggestion from Mr. Herwig that in order to clear Dumoulin it would be necessary to have the member retract." The reference is to Mr. J. Etienne Letellier, the Liberal member for Compton. Dumoulin saw him on April 21, 1927, and he declared that he simply transferred complaints he had received to the Minister of Customs. There the matter rested. In justice to Mr. Euler it may be mentioned that he was appointed Minister only a short time before the dismissal and may not have been familiar with the situation. He says that he did reply to Dumoulin's complaint, although it may not have been received. If he took no notice of the affidavits it was because of pressure of work and the impression that probably nothing could be done. He stated emphatically that the charge was made by Mr. Letellier that he had personal knowledge of Dumoulin's political activities. However, Mr. Euler said the matter had given him much concern, that he was not in sympathy with the practice of dismissals, that he had directed an investigation and that he requested the return of Dumoulin's superannuation funds. He added that if Dumoulin was proved innocent he would endeavour to restore him.

"The incident is another illustration of the deplorable excesses of partisanship. Dumoulin was dismissed without investigation on the word of partisans. If Mr. Euler's inquiry establishes his innocence we hope that he will be not only restored to his position but compensated as far as possible for what he has suffered."

LARGE BLACK BEAR SHOT NEAR ENGLEHART LAST WEEK

The following is from the last issue of The Englehart Times:—"A large black bear measuring seven feet high and weighing about 350 lbs. was shot just outside of the town on Monday evening last. When first noticed the bear was crossing a field on Kerr's farm, about a mile from town. Mr. Harry Grant immediately got his rifle and followed. The bear then turned over toward John Pollock's home. Mr. Baxter and Mr. Ralph Pollock joined in the hunt, and were successful in bringing down the bear first by a shot through the back and afterwards one through the head. It was a fine specimen."

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS ORGANIZED

To Promote Conservation of Game Fish and Scientific Research of Problems

Mr. J. D. Brady, of the local Rod and Gun Club and also giving very material assistance in the organization of the Mattagami River Aquatic Association, has handed The Advance official documents relative to the recent organization of the Ontario Federation of Anglers, an organization in which all fishermen should be interested and in which all concerned with the conservation of the natural resources of the country should also find pleasure.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers will be composed of:—any local anglers' club, fish or game association or other organization interested and individuals elected as honorary members.

The objects of the organization shall be:—To promote unity among anglers and conservation associations and to encourage the organization of such associations throughout the province of Ontario. To promote and support scientific research and general investigation of problems and conditions relating to game fish, with a view to conserving and improving the fish resources of the province of Ontario. To promote and support proper measures for the restocking of lakes and streams and for the regulation of the taking of game fish.

Among those attending meetings already of the Federation were representatives from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay.

A Federation such as this one should be able to do much for fish conservation, being representative of the whole province and so having naturally great weight with the authorities. Already much has been accomplished by the Federation in the way of stirring up public action and interest. Announcement was recently made that

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Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines, presiding over the Dept. of Game and Fisheries of Ontario, has formed a committee to investigate conditions in the fisheries of Ontario, particularly the reported depletion of supplies of game fish. The committee is to consist of Hon. Finlay MacDiarmid, Prof. B. A. Benseny of the Dept. of Zoology in the University of Toronto, and Mr. Chas. N. Candee of the Ontario Federation of Anglers. This is one of the suggestions of the Federation that such committee be appointed to make a survey of fishing waters in Ontario, to report upon the present supply of fish therein, to study methods of hatching and distributing young fish, and to consider the efficiency of existing laws governing fishing.

At a recent meeting of the Federation of Anglers, it was reported that lunge, bass and trout were rapidly growing scarcer in the lakes and streams of this province. They recognized that depletion of that supply might be due to many causes—to disregard by some fishermen of fishing regulations, to some defects in the laws regarding fishing, to methods of restocking or to pollution of waters.

KAPUSKASING MAN MAKES SECOND ATTEMPT ON LIFE

Patrick Fitzgerald Tries to Cut His Throat While in Jail for Another Attempt at Suicide.

While in jail at Kapuskasing awaiting transportation to jail for an attempt to commit suicide, Patrick Fitzgerald made a second attempt to take his own life. It is doubtful if he will recover. In the second attempt he cut his own throat.

Fitzgerald, who was engaged on construction work at Kapuskasing, is about 25 years of age. Some days ago he made an attempt at suicide by swallowing two ounces of iodine. He was discovered to be very ill and prompt medical aid saved his life on this occasion. He was first treated for self-administered poisoning and then he was removed to the police station. As soon as he was sufficiently recovered to stand trial he was up before Magistrate Tucker who sentenced him to six months' imprisonment. While he was awaiting transportation to jail he made the second trial to end his life. He cut his throat so badly that grave fears were entertained for his condition and he was removed to Dr. Wright's hospital. There he rests at the time the last reports came in from Kapuskasing, but doubts are held as to his recovery.

PUBLIC SHOULD ASSIST IN GUARDING FORESTS.

An editorial article in the last issue of The Canadian Forest and Outdoors is worth reproducing. It is as follows:—

According to the 1927 report of the Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario, one out of every three forest fires which occurred last year were reported by the outside public—by people who were in no way associated with the fire ranging staff.

Chief fire rangers are unanimous in attributing to education this radical change in the attitude of the public from indifference and "laissez faire" to active co-operation. So much for the potency of education in fire-proofing our forests.

The report states further that human agency was responsible for more than nine fires out of ten or ninety-three per cent of the fires of known origin. The need, therefore, for further public co-operation is evident. The department, by the inauguration of travel permits in certain sectors last year, such as the Ferguson Highway, made a bid for public support—and got it. In districts where the permit was used, the travelling public played up well and responded to the appeal for co-operation.

Ontario has a fire ranging staff comprising some 1,000 fire rangers. These men attempt to take care of 150,000 square miles of forest country, or an average of 150 square miles each, and much of this is trackless forest. The need of the support of all the people who travel the forest in keeping the fire demon in check is at once apparent.

The province is spending a million and a quarter dollars annually in an endeavour to build up a permanent effective forest fire protection service, and at the same time to fight the thousand-odd fires which have occurred annually for the past five years, with the minimum loss. This money belongs to the people of Ontario. Every dollar spent can be made doubly—nay, trebly—effective with active public support behind it. The public did well in 1927. The record of 1928 is in the making.

SINKING TO START AT THE MALROBIC MINE PROPERTY

W. B. Airth, B. Sc., in charge of mining operations on the Malrobic Mine in Malartic Township, Quebec, advises that the contract for sinking the central shaft to 500 feet has been let and that the necessary machinery and equipment recently purchased are now on the property and work will commence at once.

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