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Lumbermen Asking Cut in Crown Dues

Quebec Makes Cut in Levies to Assist Revival of Forest Industries. Ontario Crown Stumpage Charges Said to be High.

The Imperial Conference at Ottawa recently has been credited with offering a chance to revive the lumber industry in Canada, but in Ontario, according to the opinion of many lumbermen something more is needed. That something more is said to be cuts in the charges made by the Ontario Government. Quebec province a few days ago passed an order-in-council reducing the ground rents from \$8.00 to \$5.00 per acre, and stumpage dues on pulpwood from \$2.75 per M. to \$2.00, equivalent to \$1.00 per cord. Attached to the reductions are certain stipulations providing that only companies operating for the full season will benefit and also that lumbermen must employ residents of Quebec, preference to be given married men and those caring for families. A "reasonable wage" clause is also provided. In case Ontario should follow the lead of Quebec it might be well to add these stipulations also to the new regulations. In the past the Advance has not been anxious to have returns lessened from the forest industries. These industries represent the use of one of the valuable assets of the province, and the more the province secures in revenue from such assets the better it appears. At the present moment, however, there is something even more important than returns from natural resources and that is the earliest possible return to normal conditions, with work for all at fair wages. If the lumber industry can be gotten going again and thus add to the general upward trend of business in Canada, the result will be well worth some reduction in revenue. In saving in relief expenditure alone there will be a noteworthy amount that will compensate for any loss in dues on timber. The big thing for the moment seems to be to get business running again. As soon as normal conditions are again established, there should be a general reckoning—not only in regard to lumber, but in reference to all natural resources, so that the past policy of exploitation may be followed by a more reasonable plan by which the people of the province will receive a fairer share of the proceeds from their assets and resources.

To return to the requests being made by the lumber industry of Ontario for such concessions as will allow the revival of forest industries, it may be said that Ontario lumbermen are moving now to approach the provincial government with the idea of securing concessions that will enable them to re-enter the export market on an equitable basis with the operations of the maritime provinces and the Pacific coast. It is reported that a meeting of the White Pine Bureau, an offshoot of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, including more than 25 Ontario and Quebec operators, will be held at Toronto in the near future, at which resolutions will be drafted seeking a reduction in the amount of crown dues levied against lumber cut in the province of Ontario.

Under the present system of awarding timber limits in Ontario, the government has certain arbitrary charges, in addition to the competitive price, that makes the total dues paid by lumbermen of the province double those of any other lumbering province in the Dominion, it is charged. For example, at the present time, crown dues amount to \$2.50 per thousand board feet. In addition, there is a set price by the government, which ranges from \$10 to \$12 or \$13, beyond which there is whatever bonus the purchaser is prepared to pay. Lumbermen allege that this has placed the lumber business in Ontario on a highly competitive—amounting almost to a cut-throat—basis.

That before any benefits can be obtained for Ontario lumbermen as a result of the advantages secured at the Imperial Economic Conference, a substantial reduction of the prevailing government dues will be necessary, was the declaration made last week at Sudbury by George B. Nicholson, M.P. for East Algoma and chairman of the Economic Committee of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, who presented the brief for the lumber industry at Ottawa.

"It is my opinion," said Mr. Nicholson, "before a revival of lumbering can be expected in Ontario in which the industry can be expected to compete with other provinces and other countries, there will have to be a very substantial revision of the present scale of dues. It is most unreasonable that lumbermen in Ontario should be asked to pay dues on double the scale of those paid by lumbermen of other provinces. I believe that that is one of the things that is preventing a revival of the industry, to a limited extent, at least, at the present time."

Mr. Nicholson expressed the belief that if the stumpage dues were scaled down to compare with those of other provinces there would be a decided return of men to the woods this winter, although the full benefit of the permanent British preference and the arrangements for control of Russian

To Study Concentration of Barite from Night Hawk

A representative list of non-metallic minerals appears in the programme of investigations that are being conducted this year in the Ore Dressing and Metallurgical Laboratories of the Department of Mines, Ottawa. The list as released for publication by that department includes the following:— Removal of dolomite from the gypsum of Amaranth, Manitoba. Concentration of garnet rock from River Valley, Ontario. The treatment of diatomite from Martin's Sliding, Ontario. The treatment of sandstone from East Templeton, Quebec. The testing of silica from Lac Remi, Quebec.

The separation of dolomite from the tail of Madoc, Ontario. The testing of graphite from Glendale, Nova Scotia. The concentration of cyanite from Death Rapids, B.C. The grinding of acid phosphate of lime from Buckingham, Quebec. The concentration of barite from Strathlorne, Nova Scotia. The concentration of barite from Night Hawk Lake, Porcupine mining district, Ontario. The treatment of sandstone from Holton, Quebec.

competition will probably not come into effect for some time.

In discussing the situation generally an article published last week in The Sudbury Star says that reports from the Maritime provinces of substantial loads of spruce for European export have encouraged the view among Northern Ontario lumbermen that a revival may be nearer than anticipated. An increase of either Maritime or Pacific coast business means that just so much lumber is taken off the market which the Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec white pine lumbermen hopes to fill. Some weeks ago, and just prior to the Ottawa conference, representations were made to the Ontario government seeking a reduction in government dues, but last minute dissatisfaction on the part of one of the larger operators spoiled the plans of the committee. With the outlook somewhat improved as a result of United Kingdom assurances that Canadian lumber will be awarded a preference over Russian and Scandinavian products, the intention is for Ontario operators to renew their demand for concessions from the government.

Due to the natural operation of the law of supply and demand and the gradual mopping up of surplus stocks, there is a feeling among lumbermen that more men will be in the woods this year than in the 1931-32 season. White and red pine stocks are not so large, and it is claimed that if sustained improvement occurred in the demand for export that the effect would be noted almost immediately in an increase of bush work throughout the whole district.

Indian Bishop Coming



DR. JASHWANT R. CHITAMBAR Of Lucknow, the first Indian to become a general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is to visit the United Church of Canada in September.

FINED FOR HUNTING OUT OF SEASON AT KAPUSKASING

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, last week says:—"In last week's Kapuskasing police court, Romeo Paquette and Ted Lefebvre were each fined \$20 and cost, or 60 days in jail, for hunting out of season. It will be recalled that one of this pair shot the other in mistake for an animal, as reported several weeks ago. The accident led to the charge being laid against both. In this week's court two more illicit hunters, Arthur Bouchard and Pierre Gauthier, were up for selling moose meat, and drew fines of \$10 and costs each."

LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE A CALAMITY

An editorial in The St. Mary's Journal-Argus last week says:—"One of the regrettable features of the depression is the lack of opportunity that faces bright and energetic youths who are full of life and energy. They are all keyed up with the enthusiasm of youth to pitch in to their share of the world's work. But there is no place for them. Some are marking time, waiting for an opening, by staying on at school. Others are simply idling. Many who cannot afford to be unemployed at home, have taken to the road. Thousands of bright lads who should have a useful future, are through dint of unfortunate circumstances, hitting the highways these days. It is surely poor training for our youth. One moral the effect it may have on the broad fibre of worthy lads who are the victims of present conditions."

Profane Language Over the Telephone is Costly

It may not be generally known but it against the law to use profane language over the telephone. One man, a resident of German township found this out this week when he appeared before Magistrate Atkinson at South Porcupine and had to answer to a charge under R.S.O. Chap. 227, section 115, which forbids the use of improper language over the phone. A second charge of disorderly conduct was withdrawn. The two charges were laid by Provincial Constable A. Craik following some trouble in which the accused young man figured. The magistrate pointed out that the law required a proper use of the phone and forbade the use of bad language over the telephone. To impress this lesson a fine of \$25.00 and costs was imposed on the young man in question.

LATE GIDEON LAMOTHE HAD DAUGHTER LIVING IN TIMMINS

The Sudbury Star of Saturday last says:—"The death occurred last evening at the home of his son on Peter street, of Gideon Lamothe, in his 83rd year. Deceased came to Sudbury from Cochrane two years ago, and had resided here with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aristide Lamothe, 274 Peter street. Previous to coming to Sudbury, he had been a farmer near Cochrane, where he resided for over 20 years. His wife predeceased him there about 20 years ago. Mr. Lamothe is survived by two sons, Aristide, of Sudbury; and Camille, of Cochrane; in addition to three daughters, Mrs. John Charron, of Thurso, Quebec; Mrs. Alphonse Charbonneau, of Timmins; and Mrs. Isaac Lacasse, of Sudbury. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon with services at the St. Jean de Brebeuf Church. Interment will be in the Roman Catholic cemetery."

KAPUSKASING'S FLOWER SHOW SUCCESSFUL, DESPITE WEATHER

The third annual horticultural show last week at Kapuskasing proved a big success, despite heavy rains. Although the show was handicapped in many ways, including the uncertainty as regards a Government grant, the officers and executive carried the event through to success. In commenting on the event The Northern Tribune says:—"Once more a noticeable feature of the show was the number of high quality of exhibits from Smoky Falls. Messrs W. R. Duscharme and R. V. Whelan turned in a profusion of flowers and vegetables which were awarded a string of prize tickets. Gardening is a thorough-going hobby with these gentlemen and they could give pointers to other folks who take pride in what they grow." Mrs. E. Stephenson was another winner of many prizes for beautiful flowers and plants, others appearing often on the list of prizes being Mrs. F. Stoughton, N. Trumble, O. Vallee and Mrs. F. Kersley.

Timmins to Have a Cricket Team in 1933

Plans Made Now to Add Cricket to the Sports in Timmins. Working Committee Formed to Handle Affairs. All Interested Asked to Join.

At a meeting held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Friday evening of last week, Aug. 26th, at which a large number of cricket enthusiasts were present it was decided to form a cricket team for the year, 1933.

A working committee composed of Messrs P. Whitford, W. Dunstan, J. P. E. W. Kevan and P. Kitcher, with T. H. Richards, as secretary, was chosen.

As this season is now nearing its finish, it was decided to just buy what material was necessary to have a practice game or two this season and buy the rest of the material at the commencement of next season.

To finance the project a membership of four dollars per member was decided on, such fee to be paid prior to March 31st, 1933. This will give time to purchase the necessary equipment in time for the opening of the season.

There is every appearance of these being enough playing members to place three good teams in the field and some interesting games should result, it being the intention to arrange games if possible with outside teams.

Practice games will be held on the cyanide this year as long as the weather is favourable, but a suitable field will probably be obtained for next year. Any interested in cricket are asked to get in touch with any of the committee or join in any of the practices on the cyanide, where he will be made welcome.

At various times in the past there have been cricket enthusiasts here who have considered the idea of forming a cricket club in Timmins but when actual organization would be attempted it would be found that circumstances were not as favourable as expected. Now, however, actual organization has taken place and it is found that there are comparatively large numbers of cricket players here. No doubt more will come forward now that the organization of a club has been taken up. Next year it is expected that this game so popular in the Old Country will take its place among the sports of this land.

Seventeen Cases at the Police Court This Week

There were seventeen cases at the Timmins police, there being variety in the charges as well as number.

A charge against Frank Valois of high-grading was remanded for a week at the request of the accused. Last week the town police searched his premises on Cedar street and found a quantity of gold ore, partly refined gold, and a small plant for treating gold. He is charged with unlawfully having these in his possession.

There were two charges of vagrancy, both against women of the town. One of these was convicted and sentenced to thirty days. This woman had been living for some years with a Russian in town, but lately they disagreed and the man refused to keep her any longer. In recent weeks the woman has been sleeping in cars and other places and wandering around the streets at night. Eventually the police had to take her in charge, as she would not keep off the streets. The other woman charged with vagrancy is accused of acting disorderly, using bad language in public and creating a nuisance. After complaints had been made Chief Jones preferred the vagrancy charge and she will come before the court next week, being out on bail in the meantime.

A charge of reckless driving brought a fine of \$25.00 and costs. Another motorist pleaded guilty to the charge of not returning to the scene of an accident. Had he not pleaded guilty it is not likely that he would have been penalized, as he gave his name at the time of the accident and only left the scene to take a man who was in the car with him to a doctor for treatment for injury received in the collision. The fine was \$25.00 and costs.

There were four drunks, one of them from Schumacher, each fined \$10.00 and costs, all of them paying up. Three speeders each paid \$10.00 and costs. Another reckless driving case was remanded till called on.

A man from Mountjoy street accused of having liquor illegally was remanded to next week.

There were two cases under the Master and Servants Act, one being dismissed, and in the other case the employer being required to pay \$15.00 for wages due.

An old-timer of the district, who has done considerable prospecting in the area some years ago was charged with being mentally affected and was committed to a hospital for treatment.

Chatham News.—The United States is worrying for fear the Economic Conference will mean the loss of considerable Canadian trade to that country. However, the height of their tariff walls doesn't indicate that they are very anxious for that trade.

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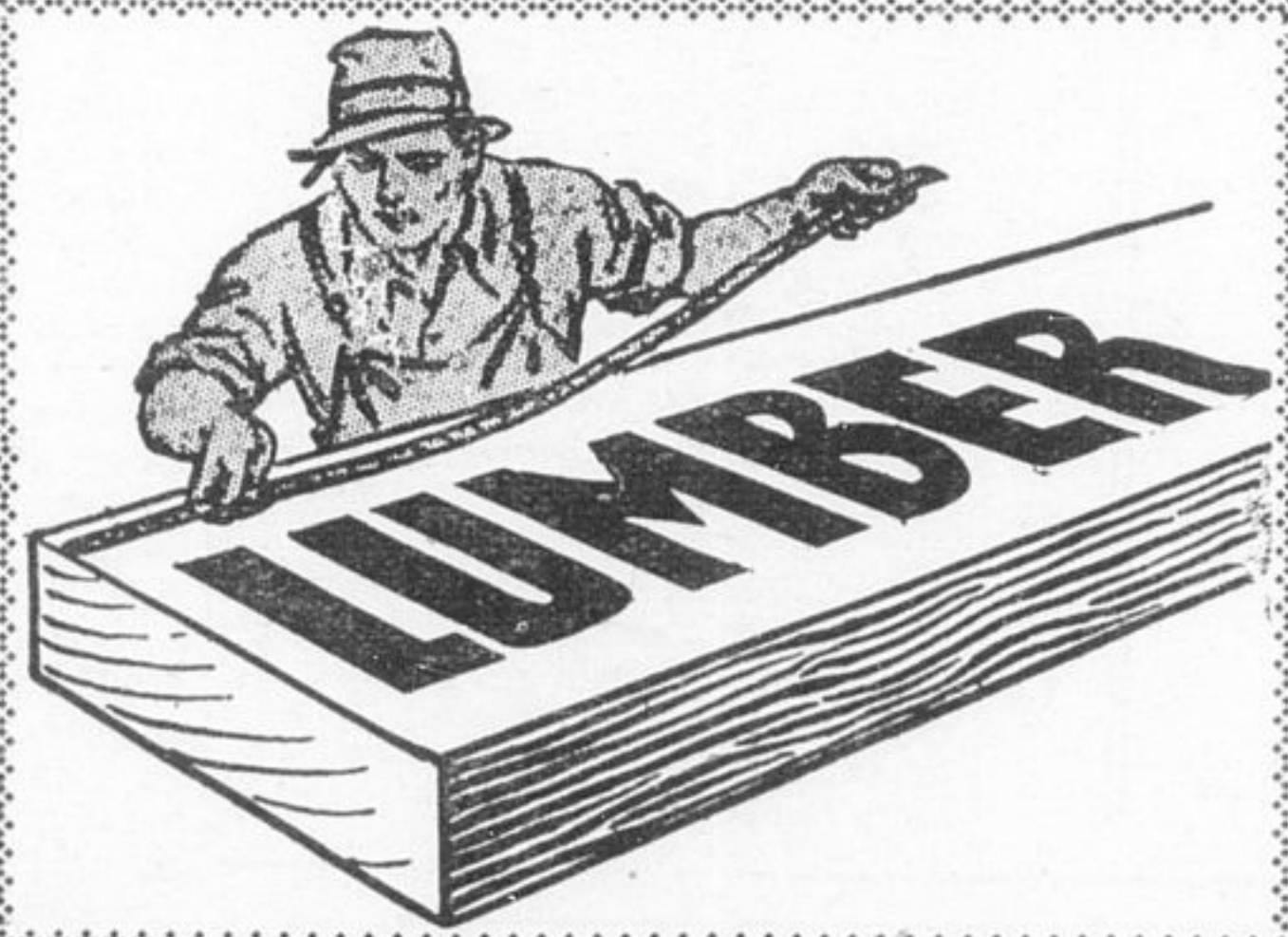
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