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Prince of Wales on the Care of Forests

One Forestry Officer to 1,000 Square Miles Does Not Allow for Reductions in Staff, Says His Royal Highness.

Here is the address of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, president of the Empire Forestry Association at the last annual meeting of that body.

"I regret to notice that retrenchments have been taking place in some of the Forestry Services of the Empire. No doubt when bad times come along Governments have a great difficulty in making ends meet. At such moments forestry, as a long-term investment, is a tempting victim, since the results of retrenchment are not here immediately visible. It is a great pity that it should be so, for there is no state enterprise which, for success, demands to the same extent a definite policy steadily pursued from year to year—indeed, from generation to generation. Forests as a rule take a lifetime or more to reach maturity, and to make them productive they need close and skilled attention like any other crops.

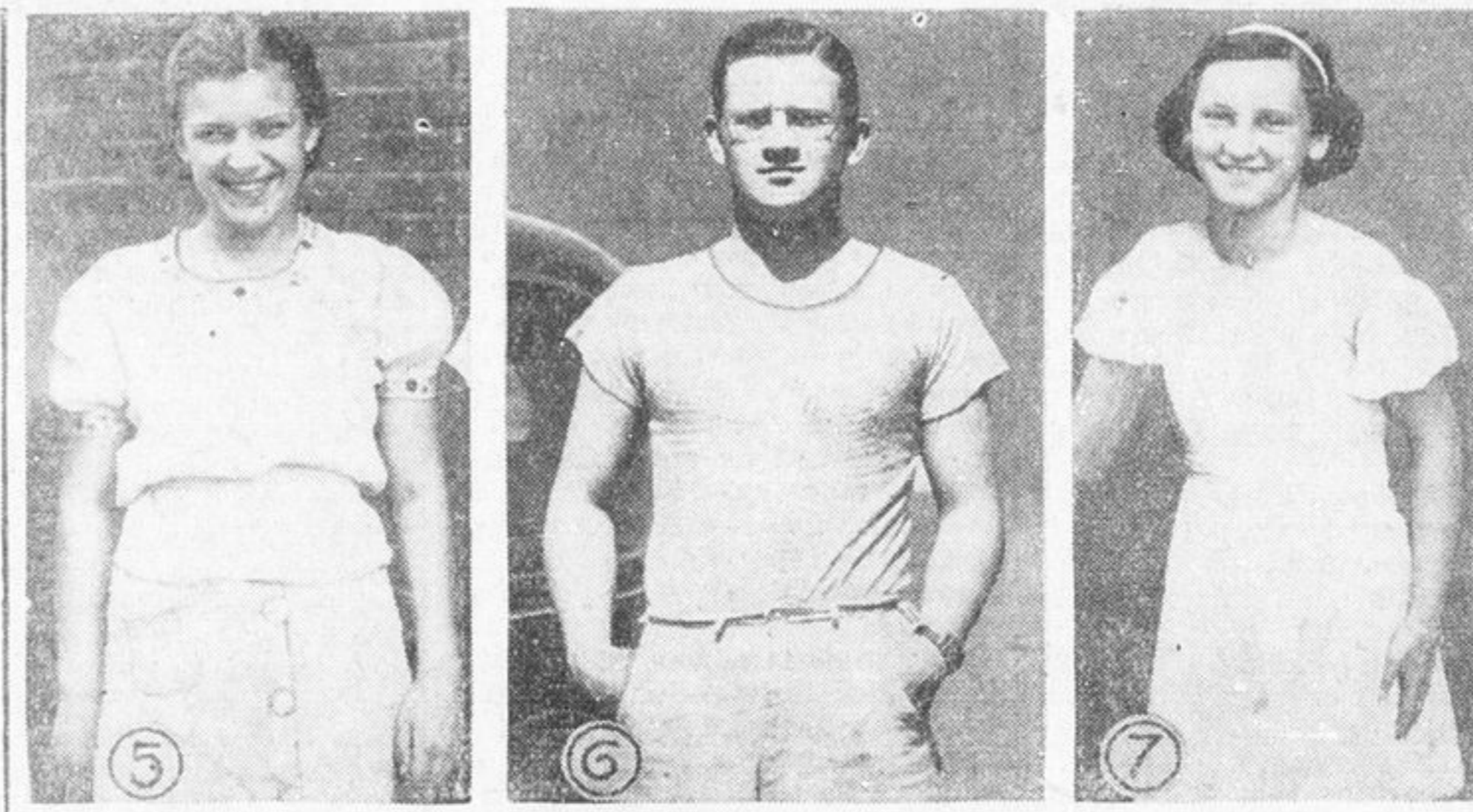
"The motto of the Royal Forestry Society—'Ye should aye be sticking it a tree; it will be growing while ye're sleeping'—is good as far as it goes. But forestry in these days has advanced with scientific research far beyond that conception. It is recognized that forests must be carefully protected from fire, insect and other damage, that the amount of timber cut annually should be limited to the annual growth, and that the marketing of timber and other forest products should be well organized.

"These requirements naturally demand the continuous attention of a competent staff of experts. I would, therefore, plead with all the Governments of the Empire which have forest assets in their care to hesitate long before reducing their establishments in periods of depression. Good and bad times will always follow one another, and it would seem wiser to count on this sequence and build up policies and services accordingly. Changes in policy every few years are demoralizing and wasteful. Along such a road no real progress is possible.

"Another reason why the forest services fall victims to the axe so readily is that in the legislative bodies of the Empire there are comparatively few members qualified to speak with weight and authority on forest questions. Measures involving far-reaching changes and drastic retrenchments may be hurriedly enacted because of the lack of well-informed effective criticism. I should like to see in every legislature some members who would make it their business to become thoroughly conversant with the general principles of Forestry and with the special Forest Policy of their own country. They would then be in a position when necessary to exercise a wholesome restraining influence on those in authority and help to mould useful measures to further the interests of this great industry.

"It may be thought by some that I stress too much on this matter of staff. But the total area of forest in the Empire is approximately 2,300,000 square miles, and that surely is an asset of immense value. These forests are administered by some 1500 forest officers only, or roughly about one forest officer to 1000 square miles. I think you will agree that reductions in so slender an establishment certainly call for comment."

The Halleyburian last week says:—"Mrs. L. McLaughlin and daughter, Miss Mary, have gone to Kirkland Lake, where they will make their home and where Don has been for some time. Mr. McLaughlin will join them later."



Informal photographs of Dr. L. J. Simpson, Minister of Education M.L.A. for Centre Simcoe, and his family, are shown above; (1) Doris, the second daughter, holding the family pet, "Pete," a lively fox terrier; (2) Mrs. Simpson, formerly Eleanor Dutcher of Thornton; (3) Dr. Simpson himself; (4) Lenore, the eldest daughter; (5) Ruth, the third daughter, a student of B.C.L.; (6) Douglas, the only son, also a student of B.C.L.; (7) Betty, the youngest of the family, who will be in the Senior Fourth class at Victoria School next fall. (Courtesy of Barrie Examiner).

OBJECTION TO BEER AND WINE SALE, VERY GENERAL

The Owen Sound Sun-Times has the following comment on the new beer and wine system:—"From every part of the province there comes strong criticism of the new beverage rooms.

Temperance people have not been saying much of them just waiting to see what would take place. Much of the criticism comes from people who are moderate drinkers and who are astounded at the increasing drunkenness and the disorder which follows the

beverage room wherever it appears. Owen Sounders who have had occasion to visit Toronto, Windsor, London and other cities lately invariably tell of conditions which are worse than those produced by the old discredited bar rooms under the license system."

Kirkland Lake Cafe Sells N.S.F. Cheques

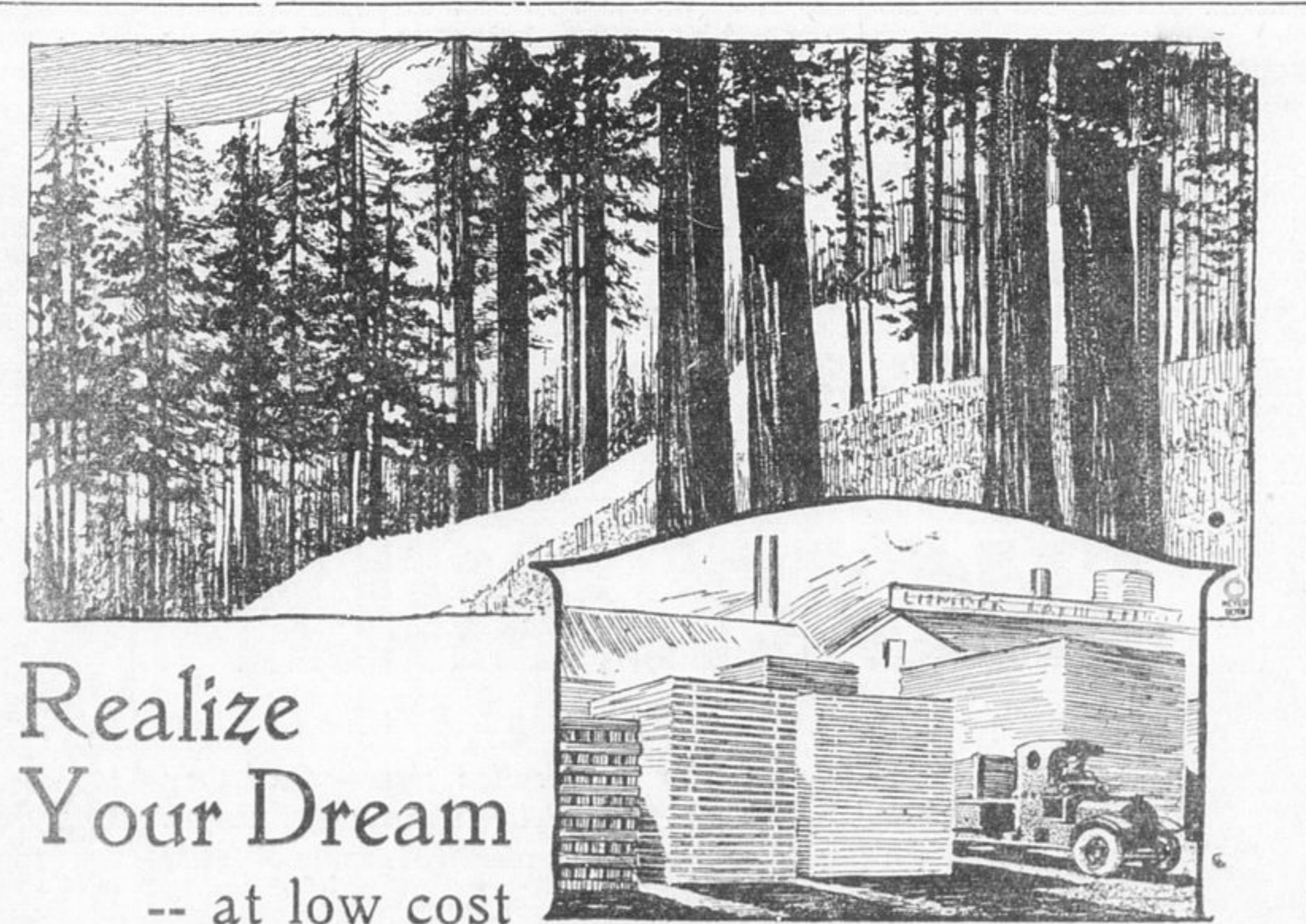
Has Whole Window Devoted to Display of the "Rubber" Type of Cheques. Many Bought in by the Makers.

Nearly every business suffers more or less from the "rubber" kind of cheques—the kind that bounce back from the bank, with the mark "N.S.F." on the back. The letters N.S.F. are by no means cryptic to the ordinary business. Only too sadly and too well do business men know that "N.S.F." means "Not Sufficient Funds," the polite bank's polite way for saying the cheque is no good. Restaurants suffer from this sort of fraud as much, if not more in proportion, than the ordinary business. Cafes, having a small margin of profit, find the "rubber" cheque a serious matter. One cafe in Kirkland Lake has stood about as much of the bad cheque business as it can take, and last week this cafe hit back. It devoted a whole window to a display of the rubber cheques it had received in recent times. The cheques were marked "for sale," this being a gentle way of informing the passers of bad cheques that they could avoid further publicity by redeeming the "rubber" cheques. Word from Kirkland Lake is to the effect that a lot of men who had handed out bum cheques hastened to buy back their paper so that the world at large would not know what kind of a game they had been playing. Of course, all the redeemed cheques are taken out of the window and handed over to the owner. In this way the cafe has been able to collect quite a number of accounts that seemed hopeless. It is an odd trait of human nature that the man who is not too ashamed to pass off a worthless cheque on a cafe seems very sensitive about having the fact advertised in a cafe window. It is said that other cafes in Kirkland Lake and perhaps other businesses there intend to display their N.S.F. cheques in the same way as the trick was done last week. Cafes in Timmins, not to mention other businesses, have their supply of N.S.F. cheques and if they all are put on display in windows here there will be a lot of window-shopping, to see who's who. Also, there will be some whose cheques will not be acceptable to the average business man after he sees some of the cheques in the windows.

Reasons for Observing Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 8

(From The Simcoe Reformer)
By Federal decree, Monday, October 8th, has been set aside as Thanksgiving Day. During the past five years Canada, in common with other countries, has experienced many vicissitudes and thousands of her population have known the reality of unemployment and distress. Weather vagaries have played their part, especially in Western Canada, but Canadians in other provinces have risen nobly to the occasion, not hesitating to inquire "Am I my brother's keeper?" Truly the depression has had an important and valuable influence in stimulating and solidifying the national spirit of Canada, which alone gives cause for Thanksgiving at this time. The soil is no less fertile and the crops no less prolific in Canada because of the economic dislocation. The Dominion remains a land of plenty and none will starve regardless of their impoverished condition. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" is a motto to which most Canadians gladly subscribe. Consequently we have ample cause for Thanksgiving on October 8th next.

North Shore Almanack, Great Neck, N.Y.—In spite of what the papers say we still think that Public Enemy No. 1 is the guy who signals for a right-hand turn and turns to the left.



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