

IMPORTANCE OF FORESTS.

Trees Can be Made to Grow in Canadian Bog Land.

Canadian Forestry Association Hold Important Meeting.

Speeches by Earl Grey, Hon. Mr. Fisher and Several Others.

Toronto despatch: The great bog areas of Canada will there be found the means to replace the forests which the development of the country has removed from many hundreds of square miles. The question was raised by two speakers at the convention of the Canadian Forestry Association, which was opened at the University Club by Earl Grey, Surveyor-General of New Brunswick, mentioned in the following report. The speaker's findings means of draining the bog lands of that province and utilizing them for reforestation purposes. Still more interesting was the statement of Mr. H. M. Macdonald, who has spent a number of years investigating conditions in the northland. Mr. Macdonald stated that between Hudson Bay and the Mackenzie River there were many areas of bog land, which, if properly drained, would grow up with timber of the same kind as that which grows in existence for many years, the timber was larger close to the trunk, on land really drained by its construction than a short distance away.

A number of interesting papers dealing with timber conditions in various parts of the Dominion were read, but both of Prof. Fernow, Dean of the Toronto Faculty of Forestry, and Mr. R. H. Campbell, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, a plea was made for more active measures along the line of reforestation. Both gentlemen urged that the creation of reserves of existing timber was not sufficient, in view of the ever growing demand for timber.

There was an excellent attendance at the opening session over which President W. R. Snowball presided. Among those present were: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Sidney Fisher; Mr. Watson, President of the Board of Trade; President Falconer, Mr. Byron E. Walker, Hon. W. C. H. Tupper, Surveyor-General of New Brunswick, and Mr. Earl Grey, in declaring the convention open, said that it was hardly necessary for him to dwell at any length upon the supreme importance of the subject which was before them, their attention. It was now generally admitted by all who studied the subject that forestry had an intimate bearing on the industrial and agricultural prosperity of the nation, as well as the happiness of the people. It was accepted that uncontrolled destruction meant not only a gigantic amount of fertile soil washed away, but was followed by an appalling drought, and, as a consequence, failure of crops, resulting in famine.

In the last 313 years the principle of uncontrolled individual enterprise had prevailed with selfish disregard for the public interest. It is now realized, said Mr. Earl Grey, that unless the people of the whole continent of North America adopt the principle of subverting individual interests to those of the community, a great drift into a state of material as well as moral bankruptcy. They had a terrible example of the result of this foresting in China, where the fertile Mongolian desert was steadily encroaching upon northern China, Germany, where a quarter of the land was in forest, and where the scientific methods adopted enabled them to produce a larger quantity of timber in proportion to the size of their country, was instructive largely to make up the deficiency of the home supply to meet the demand.

There were in the Dominion 360,000,000 acres of forest land, they were a great heritage which they were to bequeath to their children, and they had to decide whether it should be handed over to uncontrolled individual misuse without regard to posterity, or the well-being of the community. It was in a largely increased public revenue that would ensue from the steady advance of capital values.

The Hon. J. M. Gibson also welcomed the delegates and made an interesting resume of the steps taken while he was a member of the Ontario Government to inaugurate a forestry policy. The establishment of Algonquin Park and the setting apart of the Temagami Park were the first steps in the line, which would be continued as the future went on when posterity would bless the ancestors who had adopted that policy.

HON. SIDNEY FISHER. After a short address by President Watson of the Board of Trade, Hon. Sidney Fisher said he trusted that the conscience of the people had been awakened, and that they would no longer be wasteful and profligate. He thought, too, that 350,000,000 acres were somewhat deceptive.

Canadians have been tempted to boast of the greatest water transportation system in the world. But already the great lakes, which are the backbone of the country, are being depleted, and the transportation interests were in constant dread lest the St. Lawrence Channel should be endangered. It would be endangered unless the lakes were protected and the forests around them were kept growing.

W. C. H. Tupper, Surveyor-General of New Brunswick, read an interesting paper on the methods adopted by his Government in dealing with forestry, and particularly in regard to the prevention of forest fires.

Four hundred thousand people, or six per cent of the population of Canada, were dependent on forest industries, said Mr. Arthur Bergson, who represented the Quebec Fish and Game Protective Association. It was his conviction, he considered, that the need to increase forest reserves would become greater every year, and he suggested that a Royal Commission should be appointed to go into the whole matter. Particularly, he deprecated the permitting of a clearing of land by settlers by fire as a method which was responsible for the destruction of 25 per cent of their forest lands, which were devastated. He also argued that no longer should timber be sold up at auction, but reserved as a source of national wealth. These natural resources should be under the control of a commission formed of competent men, free from political influences.

Speaking on behalf of the Fire Underwriters' Association, Mr. J. B. Haid-

law said that a campaign of conservation was being carried on by fire insurance companies. How important was the need of active measures they would appreciate from the fact that the value of the property destroyed every year in Canada and the United States was ten times greater than in any European country. The fire which destroyed Ferns was due to flash light in limits near the top. If what might be termed kindling wood were not left in the limits, then a large percentage of forest fires would be eliminated.

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King and Queen Bid Farewell to City of Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—His Majesty King Edward this morning took an automobile ride through the Gneppwald with Prince Henry of Prussia, after which he had luncheon with the Emperor. The King and Queen Alexandra will leave for London at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The streets of Berlin are still gaily decorated with flags and the crowds continue to show much interest in the British ruler. Whenever he rides out, the streets are lined with people anxious to see him.

The impression made by the King on the merchants and manufacturers of the country, who are in reality the makers of modern Germany, is highly favorable. While the newspapers continue to insist that there is little expectation of a long reign, the general feeling is that the King will reign for many years.

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according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Frankfurt Zeitung. The plan was to dethrone the Sultan to-day while he was riding to the Salomik celebration, and proclaim as Sultan Prince Yashof Izedin, the eldest son of the late Sultan. The publication of the correspondence with Prince Yussuf is expected in a few days, and this will likely clear up the incident.

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LIFTED THE BAN.

Kingston Scholars Back to School —Cyn. Wanted.

Kingston, Ont., despatch: The Board of Education last night decided to lift the vaccination ban, which kept upwards of two thousand pupils from attending the schools of the city during the past three months.

The Isolation Hospital is now closed, the last patient being discharged yesterday. The Board of Education also decided to ask the city council for a grant of four thousand dollars to erect a gymnasium in connection with the college institute. The education department has intimated that a gymnasium must be provided or the Government grant will be curtailed.

CENTENARIAN DEAD.

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Belleville, Ont., despatch: There passed away in the Home of Refuge here this morning a man who was perhaps the oldest resident of the Dominion in the person of Julian Terrian. He was born in the city of Quebec 111 years ago, but for the greater part of his life lived in Marston village in the township of Marston. He had a long and interesting life, and for many years in Thurlow Township. He had only been here a few months. Up till his death he retained all his faculties. He never used glasses and was a great smoker. He was a bachelor.

ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION.

Cobourg House of Refuge Board Invites the Fullest Enquiry.

Cobourg despatch: The Board of Management of the House of Refuge for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, Colonel Hughes, chairman, Warden Powers and Rev. W. W. Wolfrom, met here today, and decided to ask the Provincial Secretary to send Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons, here at an early date as possible, after which they arranged the charges of alleged ill-treatment of John Maynard, while an inmate of the institution.

THE CAMERA AS A SPY.

Used to Detect Drinking Railway Men at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, Feb. 15.—Spies armed with snapshot cameras are being employed here to enforce the ban of railroad companies upon drinking by employees while on duty. The first instance of this sort was at Atlantic City, where a young man wearing an Arctic aviator's goggles was "snapped" a line of trainmen at the bar.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

On May 17, 1892, the First Agreement Among Brokers was Signed.

In the early part of March, 1892, the first notice was printed of the opening of a Stock Exchange office at 22 Wall street by A. L. Bleecker & Sons, J. Pintard, McEwen & Barclay, Corliss & Foy, and others. The opening of several firms held auctions of stock several days a week, and in rotation to insure equal opportunities for each other.

TO ASYLUM.

George Stewart to be Added to Hamilton Murder Colony.

Orangeville despatch: George Stewart, the maniacal murderer confined in the jail here, decided yesterday to take nourishment, and a good dinner and supper. He was pretty restless during the night, and raged around in his cell like a caged lion.

KILLED SERVANT.

Master First Dressed Victim in Suit of His Own Clothes.