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FOREST RESERVATION.—SOME STARTLING FACTS.

Some startling facts, according to the Brooklyn Standard, showing how our National resources are squandered were presented for public consideration by Senator Depew during the consideration of the bill for establishing what is known as the Appalachian Forest Reserve in the Senate. The bill was reported early in February from the Committee on Forest Reservations and the Protection of Game, of which Mr. Depew is a member, and the project has found wide favor. Mr. Depew declared that "the squandering of forest wealth in this country has continued too long unchecked," and points out the fact, not creditable to our foresight as a people, that the governments of the Old World realized hundreds of years ago that upon their forests depended their national prosperity, and protected their wooded tracts accordingly.

The bill under consideration proposes to authorize the Department of Agriculture to purchase 4,000,000 acres of land in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, at a cost of \$10,000,000, for making a government reservation like those in the West. The tract lies within seven States, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. It is about 150 miles long and of varying breadth. It is from 400 to 900 feet above the sea, and comprises part of the richest agricultural country in the United States. It is a "museum" of forest growth, with 137 varieties of trees, all hard wood, and is the most interesting forest in the world, embracing woods that can be grown in temperate, semi-tropical and tropical countries. The rich deep soil there has been forming for a thousand years or more and to use the Senator's simile, is like an enormous sponge, for absorbing, retaining and distributing the rain fall. To denude the soil of forests would change all this in five years' time and make the tract a barren waste, because the soil would be gradually washed away by the heavy rainfalls. The slopes of the mountains vary from 20 to 40 degrees. The waters from them run on one side to the Atlantic and on the other to the Gulf of Mexico. The streams are the tributaries of seventeen important rivers, including the James, the Catawba, the Yadkin, the Tennessee, and the Chattahoochee.

As to destruction by freshets, caused wholly by the deforesting of mountains, Mr. Depew cites a case last spring where the freshet on the Catawba, swept away a million and a half dollars' worth of farm buildings and stock, the entire loss by freshets in streams being \$18,000,000.

This work of preserving the forests must be done by the general Government, for since the tract covers many States, no single State can do it. New York has spent much in protecting the Hudson by purchasing large tracts in the Adirondacks, and proposes to add to the reserve. As to the Appalachian reserve, the Agricultural Department estimates that within five years the forest will be self-sustaining and after that a source of increased revenue for all time to come. The owners prefer to sell to the Government for that reason, but lumber companies are getting hold of the land at \$1.50 and \$2 an acre and stripping off the timber. It is time this sort of work was stopped.

PRESIDENT'S PLEA TO CONGRESS

It but adds another laurel to his character by plainly demonstrating that justice and sound reasoning reigns supreme as the guiding star. Regardless of influence of intercession he in his plea for Cuban reciprocity has acted the part of a man believing that to do so, can alone measure up to our National obligations to Cuba. Principal, not politics, duty not delegate has been his motto, regardless of whom it may offend.

It is a simple, direct, yet forcible

message, clear cut and strictly to the point. After recalling his words of December last, in which he pointed out to Congress that the United States is "bound by every consideration of honor and expediency to pass commercial measures in the interest of Cuba's material well being," and reinforcing his own declaration by some quotations from President McKinley's messages to Congress in 1898 and 1899, Mr. Roosevelt communicates the fact that he has just received an earnest appeal from President Palma for "legislative relief before it is too late and his country financially ruined," and then proceeds to state the reasons for reciprocity with Cuba with a vigor and cogency that, to an unprejudiced or disinterested listener, would be speedily convincing. He first of all declares away irrelevant issues. While reciprocity may be more or less good in other instances, in the case of Cuba "it is a proposition which stands entirely alone." It has nothing whatever to do with general tariff revision—the hubbub of the high protectionists—nor with any other country. Then he takes up the objection, probably false, but certainly hypocritical in the mouth of the Beet Sugar Trust, that the benefit of the proposed reduction would not go to the agricultural producer, but would insure to American sugar refiners, and, like the sensible, honest man he is, he effectually disposes of this by asking, Why not make provision against such possibilities? "In my judgment," says Mr. Roosevelt, "provisions can and should be made which will guarantee us against this possibility, without having recourse to a measure of doubtful policy, such as a bounty in the form of rebate." This completely answers the only valid or plausible argument against reciprocity.

It is not necessary to go into further details. The President makes a final appeal for justice to Cuba, for the fulfillment of implied promises and national obligations, for the obvious proposition that, having deprived the Cubans of their old market and shut them out from commercial treaties with the rest of the world, it is our duty to open up to them a new market in the United States. He also shows that reciprocity will benefit American commerce as well as Cuba's, and cites the instance of Hawaii to prove it, as well as to dispel the groundless fear that any of our own industries will be hurt. "In my judgment," says the President, "no American industry will be benefited by the proposed action. It is to our advantage as a Nation that the growing Cuban market should be controlled by American producers." Thus it is an appeal for the United States as well as for Cuba that the President makes. The question now is, will Congress heed it? The answer is by no means certain, and is interpreted differently according to the points of view. The President's action tends to make Cuban reciprocity a party measure, but it will require a majority vote in caucus to make that fact clear and officially binding. There are signs of a break in the beet sugar ranks, though some of the greedy, selfish gang are apparently as defiant as ever. If the insurgents continue in rebellion and divide the party, with the probable consequent result of losing the House of Representatives, the responsibility will be entirely theirs. Theodore Roosevelt has bravely performed his part. It is now "up to" Congress and the people. The former may perhaps fail in its duty, but the latter can be trusted to speak with no uncertain voice on next election day.

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