

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP A FAILURE.

Manitoba has been making an experiment in ownership and operation of the telephone system of the Province. The Government bought out the Bell system and put it in charge of a commission. When it was done the commission promised that rates should be lower, so that even the poorest should have the advantage of the telephone, as well as the merchant or the man of wealth.

"It was claimed," says the Buffalo Times, "to be also a good commercial plan to assure the return of profit. As a matter of fact the rates have been increasing over the former rates, under private ownership. The service has been less efficient, and the returns have so far fallen below the output of the last year shows a deficit of

\$150,000, though for two or three years there was on paper a surplus. But the loading down of the system with the public neglect to keep the property in good condition, and the management of various kinds, owing to politics as much as anything, has brought the entire scheme of public ownership to grief."

It was the judgment of Mr. Dalrymple, of Glasgow, after visiting Chicago, that American methods of doing things were so saturated with politics that public ownership was not desirable, and every attempt made on this side of the water seems to confirm that opinion. Manitoba's experience is disheartening. It gives a serious set-back to the public ownership movement.—Kingston Whig.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING

With fresh eggs at from 40 to 60 cents per dozen, according to the locality, with butter at from 35 to 45 cents per pound; with potatoes higher than they ever were before and still climbing; and with everything else in the food line going up in proportion, the increased cost of living to which we referred before, is no longer a joke, even for those in comfortable circumstances.

There must be some world-wide cause at work to cause these higher prices, for similar conditions prevail not only on this continent but in Great Britain and the countries of Europe. The causes most generally assigned for this increase are two—first the increased production of gold by which other products are measured and secondly the trend of population from the country to the cities.

It may be assumed that gold in increased quantities will be produced as long as new fields are opened up and there seems as yet to be no limit of the possibilities of finding new bodies of ore. How population can be prevented from leaving the farms and going to the cities in ever increasing numbers does not appear. The prospects, indeed, are that there will be for some time to come, even a greater influx into the cities. This condition, also, is world wide, and there can be no change until the man on the farm is able to live in as fine a house and have as many amusements and as much of the comforts of civilization as his brothers in the city. With soaring prices for farm products that may come, perhaps, sooner than we expect. In the meantime the city man must pay the higher prices.—Kingston Standard.

vice for the passengers. The experience is one that will long be remembered by the passengers and train crew. The snow storm will go down in history as being one of the most severe ever known in these parts. Its equal has not been witnessed by the oldest inhabitant.

The snow plough went ahead of the train to Bobcaygeon and opened the road. By noon the line was clear and trains were running again.

MADOC TRAIN CREW HAD THEIR TROUBLES

The train crew who reside here have had more than their share of trouble this month. Following the difficulties of being stalled for several hours in snow drifts a fortnight ago, on Tuesday afternoon the turn table at the station broke with the engine on it, and the 3.30 train did not leave until about 7 p.m.

The auxiliary from Belleville was summoned and an engine which came up with it returned with the train to Belleville. The auxiliary completed its task about 9 o'clock and the train arrived here from Belleville at 10.55.

An impression exists in some quarters that, during the time the train was stalled near W. Huntingdon on the 9th the trainmen were lax in looking after the welfare of the passengers. This, emphatically, was not the case, as they all did everything possible for the comfort of the passengers. Some reports of the affair were much exaggerated. The crew gave to the passengers their own supply of eatables, which included bread, butter and hot tea. Also on Saturday they offered to take the ladies to a farm house for the night, but the latter preferred to stay on the train. The passengers were not only satisfied with the treatment they received, but commended the crew on the efforts made in their behalf.—North Hastings Review.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH RAILWAYS TRAINS ALL RUNNING BEHIND TIME

This district struggled Monday and today with the front end of the tornado that passed through Arkansas and other States of the Union, leaving a trail of death and desolation in its wake.

The gale hailed from the south, where human lives were lost, cattle destroyed, barns overturned and great pathways swathed through orchards. Originating in Utah and Arizona as a mild disturbance, the storm traveled quickly through Oklahoma. The storm centre then shifted, and before a strong northeast gale the disturbance was borne rapidly towards Canada. Fortunately, however, the snow-fall was not as severe as last week, but enough of the beautiful fell to again handicap the railroads and disarrange the train schedule.

the C.P.R., but the G.T.R. branch lines did not fare so well. The 2.40 p.m. train on Monday on the Haliburton line had two engines and made a brave attempt to go oorth. The snow however, blocked the way, although a plough had been sent ahead to clear the line. Two more engines were attached, but without success. The Fenelon train due here at 6.10 p.m. last night did not arrive until 5 o'clock this morning. The 2.40 went out this morning at 8 o'clock to the north.

The 6.00 a.m. train for Port Hope, the 6.20 a.m. train for Whitby and the 7.10 a.m. for Peterboro got away all right, but the 7.50 had to combine with the 9.15 a.m., which left for Toronto behind time.

The 10.45 a.m. train from Toronto did not arrive here until 2.40 this afternoon.

THE WEARY SMILE THAT COVERS PAIN

Women are Themselves to Blame For Much of Their Suffering

Women are weak, yet under a smile they will try to hide pain and suffering that any man could not bear patiently. If women would only remember that their frequent failures of health arise from feeble or impure blood, their lives would be smoother and they would longer retain their natural charm.

When the blood fails then begin those dragging backaches and headaches; unrefreshing sleep that causes dark lines under the eyes; dizziness; fits of depression; palpitation or rapid fluttering of the heart; hot flashes and indigestion. Then the cheeks grow pale, the eyes dull and the complexion bleached.

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Mr. J. St. Louis returned from Deseronto last evening, where he had been called owing to the illness of his daughter.

STALLED NEAR JANETVILLE ALL NIGHT LINDSAYITES' INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

To spend the night in a snow bank on board a train near Janetville was the experience of a number of Lindsay people last night. The local C.P.R. train connecting with main line trains at Burketon Junction, due to arrive in Lindsay at 7.46 p. m. daily, steamed into town this morning about 10 o'clock.

There were thirteen passengers on board, among them being Mr. F. C. Taylor, Mill street, and Mr. Thos. Powers of the Home Bank staff. A small boy, accompanied by his parents, on his way to Lindsay hospital to undergo an operation, was also on the train. Much sympathy was felt by the passengers and train crew, who did everything possible for the comfort of the boy.



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WAKELY'S

JUDGMENT IN HEBERT CASE

The following comments and summaries taken from Judge Charbonneau's decision in the Herbert marriage case give in a nutshell his opinion of the question at issue:—

"The ne temere decree of the Roman Catholic Church does not, and cannot, have precedence over the civil law of the Province of Quebec.

"This law does not require that the minister performing the ceremony should be of the same faith as the contracting parties in order to make the marriage legal. A Protestant minister is qualified to marry two Catholics.

"Marriage owes its institution to nature, its perfection to law, and its holiness to religion.

"What essentially constitutes marriage is the consent of man and woman to unite together for common life; that is not only the basis of the contract, but it is the contract itself. The sacrament gives it solemnity, the civil function gives it publicity, authenticity and civil effect.

"The good faith of the partners, the public possession of the office (held by the clergymen who marry them) and the sanction of the Crown (given in the license to marry) prevent such contract from being taxed with invalidity."

THE AIR FLEETS IN WAR

(St. John Telegraph)
During 1912 the French War department proposes to spend \$4,400,000 on new airships and the perfection of its aviation corps. If anyone is disposed to think, off hand, that this vast expenditure is madness, or that it is at best of an experimental nature, his view may be corrected by reading what General Bonneau, of the French army has to say about the bearing of aviation upon the science of war, and particularly of its effect upon reconnaissance. Of the aeroplane he says: "It is an infallible thing. Let us suppose that we are playing cards—and it is too true that the work is a very bloody game; let us suppose that we are playing cards and that we can at every minute read our opponents cards. There are no scouts in cavalry, no spies that give better information than the aeroplane about the position and the disposition of the enemy and their available forces, the position of their batteries, etc. With the aeroplane everything is seen by the eye; nothing is left to guess."

In the military manoeuvres of 1911 the French army employed forty aeroplanes. On the day before operations were begun three planes were sent out to ascertain what progress had been made upon certain new fortifications at Toul. The flying corps carried cameras, designed to make photographs from a height of 4,000 feet. The planes circled about at that height above the

fortress, beyond the range of effective fire, and returned with photographs and notes supplying all the necessary information in detail. A little later an officer sent to secure information about the disposition of an enemy's troops, flew ninety-three miles in two hours and made a complete observation of the number and position of the forces in question, and the topography of the country over which it would be necessary to operate against them. In another instance the fire of six batteries was regulated from an airship. In yet another a commander sent a message by aeroplane to another part of his line, twenty miles away in seven minutes, and in twenty-five minutes a similar message was carried thirty-one miles against a strong wind.

It is established that the use of aeroplanes has greatly increased the effectiveness of the French artillery, which is perhaps the strongest of the French arms. A French officer calls the aeroplane "the eye of the battery 2000 feet in the air." In destroying bridges and blowing up bases of supply the use of the aeroplane cannot be measured. France at the present time leads the world as regards aviation in military matters, and during the last few years the danger of invasion as applied to military matters, and during the last few years the danger of invasion by Germany, is thought to have been greatly lessened by the determination with which the French have addressed themselves to the conquest of the air. They have now trained 1,000 officers for the work of directing aeroplanes and dirigibles.

Progress in aviation has increased immensely the uncertainty with which any war between first-class powers must be regarded in the future. Also it has added new terrors, and novel and amazing lines of adventure to the most terrible of the sciences. What has been done already far outruns the imagination of the average individual. Men who talk carelessly of war, and men who desire to provoke it, ought to be given a few months of training in the aviation corps.

Mr. John Austin, of Kinmount was in town over night. He was unable to get home owing to the snow blockade.

WHY THIS SILENCE?

What has become of our representative, the Minister of Militia? He has not said anything for several days, and his name does not appear in the press news from the Capital. Times certainly have changed, and so has the Colonel. It is not natural for him to remain silent so long. Is he under the hypnotic influence of Henri Bourassa and his Nationalist allies, or is he out pot hunting for the heads of more Government officials. Time alone will tell. One would naturally think that the bellicose Colonel would be in the thick of the "Donnybrook" now being waged at the Capital between the different factions of the Conservative party.

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