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PRAISE FOR THE ROSS GOVERNMENT.

In the course of an editorial headed "Politics in Ontario," the Toronto News, which does not err on the side of friendliness to the Ross Government upon most occasions, feels impelled by the facts to publish the following commendatory paragraph:

The proposals oof the Government to guarantee $5,000,000 of the bonds of the James Bay Railway, and to aid other pioneer roads in the unsettled areas of New Ontario, can hardly be successfully attacked. If it be true that as a result of the construction of the James Bay road the Canadian Pacific will obtain running rights over the new railway, and a direct connection with Toronto and with western and central Ontario, and that the Canadian Northern, which is to construct the Sudbury extension, will maintain a haulage arrangement with the Canadian Pacific over the Lake Superior section of the railway, great national advantages must result. Through such an arrangement the Canadian Northern would become a through system, and the Canadian Pacific connections with Ontario would be greatly improved. The whole conception is so practical and statesmanlike, and so thoroughly national in its scope and objects, that the Province can well afford the guarantee with the Government asks the Legislature to sanction. So the projected extension of the Temiskaming road to Lake Abitibi to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific may be commended, and whether the Government operates the Temiskaming line or leases it to the Grand Trunk is probably not of material consequences. It is, at least, very necessary that the mercantile and manufacturing communities of Ontario should have direct connection with the West by means of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and this probably can be best be had by the concession of running rights over the Temiskaming road or by direct Grand Trunk operation of the Provincial railway. If all these projects should work out satisfactorily, this Province, which is virtually sidetracked under existing railway connections with the West, would have direct touch with three great through systems, the Canadian Northern, the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Pacific, and in view of the rapid and continuous growth of western settlement, the resultant advantages to the mercantile and manufacturing communities of Ontario can hardly be over estimated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Toronto Telegram: The Czar of Russia kisses a sentinel once a year. It would be a pleasure for Lord Minto to do likewise if Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., was the sentinel.

There was a hundred and sixty-eight impersonations at the last municipal elections in Toronto, besides many other irregularities. And yet people speak of Toronto the Good.

Within nine months the Ottawa Free Press has received notice of nineteen suits for damages for libel; but it is still doing business at the old stand. When will it dawn upon the public officials that their doings are not above fair criticism?

It is satisfactory to know that the Dominion Government's decision to submit the draft bill on Sunday observance prepared by the Lord's Day Alliance, to the Supreme Court, meets with the approval of the Alliance Secretaries, and presumably with the Alliance's approval. The Government is responsible to all the people.

St. Thomas Journal: H. C. Hammond, a well-known Toronto broker, condemns the resolution of the Toronto City Council urging that the duty returning officers recently committed to the Central Prison should receive executive clemency. If corruption is to be stamped out, leniency must not be shown, no matter what the social standing or respectability of the offenders.

It is announced that Hon. Justice Robertson, who health recently has not been all that his friends could wish, has decided to retire from the bench and has forwarded his resignation to Ottawa. He is in his 78th year, and has served seventeen years on the High Court bench. He was admitted as an attorney in 1849, and was called to the bar in 1852. In his busy career covering over fifty years of professional work he has seen great and important changes in this young country, which has under his eye grown from a number of scattered Provinces into a great and prosperous Dominion, the magnificence of whose outlook it would be hard to exaggerate.

There is a marked decline in the beet sugar production in the United States. The farmers do not care to grow beets, it is said, for the money in the business. And they have "adequate protection," too!

Even playing at war is dangerous work. The loss of 32 lives by an explosion on board the U. S. battleship Missouri, while the crew were at target practice, illustrates that. Only efficient work prevented a repetition of the Maine disaster.

Carnegie's latest gift is $5,000,000 for dependents of those in the United States and Canada who lose their lives in efforts to save others, or for the heroes themselves who may be injured in such attempts. It is a noble purpose.

According to the Toronto Telegram, the Sturgeon Falls case is to prove the downfall of Mr. J. J. Foy, M. P. P. The Orangemen of Toronto, it seems, make and unmake legislators down there, and the word has gone forth to the faithful that Mr. Foy must be sacrificed.

A company composed of American capitalists, is being organized in Vancouver, B. C., to develop the vast coal deposits along the Peace River, Mr. Christie, of the Peace River district, who is promoting the company, describes the coal there as being rich in carbon; in fact, the samples are some of the finest ever seen in British Columbia. The new Grand Trunk Pacific will pass through this country.

Hamilton Times: It would be easy to furnish "inducements" to progress if our Council would say to all and sundry: "Gentlemen, we have plenty of vacant lands. Come and build houses and factories on them, assured that not a dollar of increase of assessment will be made because of your expenditure of labor and capital upon them. We shall raise the necessary taxes from the increase in the land values produced by the community as a whole."

Last week's Leslie's Weekly has a portrait and brief sketch of Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General. Here is an extract:

"If we don't 'watch out' and reform and improve our backward and antiquated postal system, our neighbor on the north, the 'Lady of the Snows,' will get as far ahead of us in this respect as Switzerland, Germany and other European countries now are. The present Postmaster-General of Canada, Sir William Mulock, is a wide-awake and progressive official, and to him, it is said the British Empire owes its penny postage system.

Some of the tory papers are endeavoring to make political capital and a point against the preference tariff in connection with the closing down or selling of the mills of the Canada Woollen Company owing to continued losses and lack of orders. A special despatch from Montreal to the Toronto Star pricks the bubble. It says:

"The manager of the Campbell Clothing Company, who were large buyers from the Canada Woollen Mills Company, when seen to-day, stated that the British preference had nothing to do with the closing down of the different mills of the company. It would not have made any difference if the company had the benefit of protection of 100 per cent. as they would have been obliged to close down anyway. They were not manufacturing what the trade wanted, and could not compete against the companies in Sheffield, Eng."

General Manager Hays, of the Grand Trunk says that the actual work of construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific will begin just as soon as the bill before Parliament becomes law. The surveying work has been pretty thoroughly done; the work of organization for construction purposes will be undertaken almost immediately. This work of organization will include the appointment of a permanent board and general manager of the new project. This body will, of course, be quite distinct from the Grand Trunk proper, which will, at the same time, have an interest both practical and sentimental, in the scheme. But the idea is to have a board which will be on the spot, which will have plenary powers, which will be able to get into touch with the Government, with public opinion, and carry out a vigorous policy without the delay which occurs when the supreme power is 3,000 miles away.

In reply to the statement that the Lord's Day Alliance had prepared its Sunday Observance bill without taking into its confidence the Roman Catholic authorities of Quebec, Rev. J. G. Shearer, Secretary of the Alliance, says;

"La Presse is speaking in ignorance of the fact that the Lord's Day Alliance did consult with the bishops not only of Quebec, but of the whole Dominion, and that these approved of the legislation sought at Otawa. La Presse will probably admit that they are the proper authorities to voice the sentiment of the Roman Catholics. It will also admit that Sir W. Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick are entitled to represent the political views of Quebec. These gentlemen were also consulted."

Mr. Shearer adds that the Alliance is quite willing that certain customs of the French-Canadians should not be interfered with. Any measure passed, to be successful, must have the support of all classes of the people. And Parliament must see to that.

The Tory yarn about Hon. Mr. Sutherland being about to retire is authoritatively denied. It is but one of the many fabrications of the dilligent Ottawa liar.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, author of "Self Help," "Thrift," and several other helpful books that have been read by millions, is dead. He was a man whose influence was good, and his works will live after him.

This does not look much like the dog days, still, you can pin this in your hat for reference when they do come. It will tell you how to tell when a dog has hydrophobia. It is from the weekly bulletin of the Philadelphia Health Department:

Beware of a dog when it becomes dull and hides away; appears restless; always on the move and prowling; whose countenance is sombre and sullen; walks with head down like a bear. Beware of one that barks at nothing, when all around is still. Beware of a dog that scrapes incessantly and tears up things. Look out for the dog that has become too fond of you, and is continually trying to lick your hands and face. Beware, above all, of the dog which has difficulty in swallowing, which appears to have a bone in its throat, and one that has wandered from home and returns covered with dirt, exhausted and miserable.

There appears to be a good deal of opposition in Britain to the compulsory adoption of the metric system. The late Herbert Spencer was one of the partisans of the duodecimal system and he showed that there were two sides to the question. We who have the decimal system of coinage do no share his dread of the metric system, but for a time the change would cause the older people some awkwardness. That conquered, we think it would be a great gain. It is now known that the metric system is not, as it was assumed to be, based on the length of a fourth part of a terrestrial meridian, of which the metre is the ten-millionth part. Scientists would prefer that exactness were secured, but to undertake to recast the metric system before adopting it is rather too large a task to inspire hope of success.

The United States government is very pointedly reminded by the New York Evening Post that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. The Post says in part, editorially:

"A cry of virtuous indignation has gone up in this country over a very shabby trick which the Canadian government is about to play us. In 1902 an order in Council forbade foreign vessels to ply directly between the ports of the Dominion. The order, however, was waived for one year, but now it is about to be made effective. Its application is likely to mean a heavy loss to American vessels on the Great Lakes and the Pacific coast. What more natural than that our ship owners should petition the State Department—as one at least, has already done—to request—the Canadian Government to suspend the order? The course which our neighbors have elected to pursue is to be condemned on every ground, but undoubtedly their sin is one of ignorance. The force of a good example is the strongest force in the world. We exclude foreign vessels from our coasting trade, and it was an easy thing for the Canadians to believe that what was good enough for the most moral people on earth, was good enough for them.

Globe: Writing from Hamilton, "A Tenant" complains of the recent rapid advances in rents, the almost unlimited power of landlords, and the defenceless condition of tenants. He suggests the formation of a tenants' union to offer organized resistance to advances, and also to facilitate the purchase of homes. It is in a measure unfortunate that, with all our modern productive inventions, a man must work so many years to procure a place to live. Rent will always be determined by supply and demand, and when a house famine comes the tenant must bear the pressure. The purchase and individual ownership of homes should be encouraged. It could be materially aided by radical changes in the law as to registration, mortgages, dower, and all the entanglements surrounding the ownership of real estate. If the sale of a house or lot is made as simple as the sale of stock on an exchange, house-owning will become more general.

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ICE A BARRIER TO HUDSON BAY.

R. F. Stupart Says Investigation Shows Stern Limits to Navigation.

Director R. F. Stupart, of the Dominion Meterological Service, who spent sixteen months on Hudson Bay Straits, delivered a lecture at the Empire Club, Toronto, the other day. In view of the rapid development of our great Northwest, and the belief of many that in the course of a few years part of its immense harvests will seek the markets of the world by way of Hudson Bay and Straits, the remarks of Mr. Stupart, based on actual observation, will no doubt interest many of our readers. He said:

Hudson's Bay is a vast inland sea connected with the Atlantic by a strait 450 miles long. It contained the white whale, the porpoise, walrus, the seal, salmon, cod and other fish, but the whale fishery, in the northwestern part of the bay, was of most importance, amounting to $100,000 yearly. The Ungava rivers abounded in salmon equal in flavor to the New Brunswick fish.

If Hudson Bay was navigable it would afford the finest outlet for the Northwest Territories. Edmonton was 850 miles from Churchill, and that post was 3330 miles distant from Liverpool. Nature had interposed a natural barrier for three parts of the year.

Before Champlain crossed Ontario shipping was common on the bay. On his fourth voyage Hudson entered the straits and wintered in the bay. In 1668 the original charter of the company had been granted, and Fort Rupert was built.

Since then vessels had been passing back and forth and had no unusual percentage of loss. They were wooden vessels, and chose the time of their voyage so that the waters were almost clear of ice.

The Federal Government had sent out two expeditions. In 1884 six observers were sent out to different points to note information about the ice. New observers were sent out the following year, and the whole expedition was a great success. In 1897 another was sent out under Captain Wakeham.

Mr. Stupart read some of the more important observations made.

The Neptune entered the straits in August, 1884. Solid blue ice 40 feet thick was encountered. No iron steamships on modern models could attempt this without risk.

In 1885, from June 15 to July 6, the vessel was fast in the ice at the mouth of the straits. In 1886 he was delayed in July from the 14th to the end of the month. Steam would probably lengthen the period of navigation at the beginning of the month.

Vessels of 2,000 tons gross, fortified against ice, strong forward, full under the counter and with wooden sheathing, were necessary. The season for such vessels would fall between the 1st and 10th July, and would close about the 20th of October, owing to the descent of ice from Fox channel.

The ordinary tramp vessel could not count on a longer period than that indicated. Tides of 32 feet and tremendous snowstorms had to be reckoned with. Another expedition under A. P. Low was at present in the bay in the Neptune for the purpose of further research.

Emily Creek Bridge.

The following paragraph appeared in parliamentary report of April 14; Col. Hughes was informed by Mr. Emmerson that the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway had been authorized to cross the mouth of Emily Creek on a low level solid bridge. Protests had been received subsequent to the authorization of the crossing from Edward Johnston and the Kawartha Lakes Navigation Co. The Government had not yet considered whether they would require a swing to be placed on the bridge.

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