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SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

The week in Parliament was devoted to the government's Grand Trunk Pacific bill. So far no explanation of the scheme has been given to the country. Three ministers have spoken but they all dealt with empty generalities based on records of doubtful origin and quite inappropriate when applied to a modern railway.

Hon. A. G. Blair made a most vigorous attack on the government's proposal, which he declared was solely for the benefit of Senator George Cox. He showed that the line will cost over one hundred million dollars for which no return will be received by the country.

Mr. F. D. Monk, leader of the Quebec Conservatives, declared that his province would receive no benefit from the new road. Many railroads were needed in the settled portions of that great division of the Dominion, but the Grand Trunk Pacific would not give any relief.

Mr. Barker, the Conservative member for Hamilton, exposed the duplicity which has characterized the negotiations between the Grand Trunk president, Mr. Hays, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Hays made promises to the Railway Committee which he went down stairs and violated as soon as he saw the premier. He also showed that while the government will be engaged in constructing and maintaining the eastern division, the Grand Trunk Pacific will be operating the western division and sending its freight through United States terminals.

Hon. John G. Haggart, by indisputable evidence, showed that the road from Moncton to Winnipeg would all pass through a country which was absolutely barren, and difficult to build a road through.

In the public accounts committee, commissioner McDougall, who had charge of the census in Middlesex, admitted that many of the accounts certified by him were fraudulent. Hon. Sydney Fisher, however, has paid the shot without a murmur.

PORTLAND VS. CANADIAN PORTS.

Already the people of Portland, Me., are preparing to receive the freight which will originate on the Grand Trunk Pacific or Cox railway. The newspapers of that city publish statements made by prominent officials of the Grand Trunk assuring the people of Portland that the promises made by the Canadian government that Grand Trunk Pacific freight is to go through Canadian ports is all moonshine. The population of Portland, we are assured, is to be doubled as a result of the investment of over \$100,000,000 of Canadian money. Already arrangements are being made to furnish additional facilities for handling the freight which is produced on Canadian farms, and in Canadian factories. The all Canadian route has only one significance to the people of Portland—it is sand in the eyes of the people of Canada. The Canadian cities which hope to derive benefits from the new transcontinental are held up to ridicule. It is explained that this is another case where Mr. Hays, a thorough-going Yankee, has fooled the green and unsophisticated Canucks. Mr. Hays prided himself with having "gulled" Parliament for a time, and why should he not have a shy at the people? He did the trick on Parliament by simply making false promises. Now the same thing is being done in the case of the Portland and Canadian cities. Thus the Laurier cry of "Canada for the

United States" is justified and "Canada for the Canadians" trampled under foot.

THE CRY OF THE COUNTRY.

There is a marked difference of opinion between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Blair as to the urgent need for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway; as to the popular demand for a second transcontinental. "What did the Premier mean," asks Mr. Blair, "by 'the flood tide that leads us on to fortune,' and that 'time does not wait'?" And he adds, "It might not be as poetic, but it would be quite as accurate to say 'Senator Cox cannot wait';" The ex-Minister of Railways further declares that although he has been listening intently, he has not heard the cry of the people of Canada for a second transcontinental which has driven some of his colleagues into a condition of sentimental hysteria.

Is Mr. Blair quite sure. Perhaps his ears are not attuned to the same pitch as those of some of his late colleagues. Let us see.

As long ago as last January, Dominion Iron and Steel stock, which in the previous August sold at 79 3/8 dropped down to 55.

To Sir Wilfrid it was a voice from Nova Scotia crying in the night, crying for a transcontinental railway.

In the early part of March there was a great bear raid on Dominion Iron and Steel. 34,230 shares were dumped on the market and the price was hammered down to 39 1/2.

To Sir Wilfrid the clamour sounded like the babes of New Brunswick waiting for a Grand Trunk Pacific.

Later on in March, Dominion Iron and Steel touched 25, and during the month 60,303 shares were unloaded.

To ears more acute, the tumbling stock was the imperative demand of Manitoba and the North-west for a new wheat spout.

By June, Dominion Iron and Steel was down to 11. To Sir Wilfrid it was the shout of the North-west Territories excited from the Rocky Mountains demanding another transcontinental. On June 6, Twin City, which had been selling at 129, fell with a crash from 104 to 89, and A. E. Ames & Co. fell with it, and made no end of a crash also.

And still the Hon. Andrew Blair failed to hear the voice of a United Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, crying as one man: "This is no time for deliberation, it is a time for action!"

The honorable gentleman "is like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; which will not hearken to the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely."—Montreal Star.

A syndicate of Hamilton capitalists bought out the Hamilton breweries and their first action was to raise the price of beer a dollar a barrel. It will now be in order for Toronto to enquire for the location of Hogtown.

It is hardly necessary to tell a reading public that the Conservative Rally held last week in Toronto was a great success. The visiting crowd to the Island that day is variously estimated at ten to twenty-five thousand. It would be impossible for a visitor to do more than say there was an immense turnout with good music, good speaking and general good fellowship. The speakers were Mr. Whitney, Mr. Oslar, Mr. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, Mr. Rufus, Pope of Quebec, Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Hackett, of the same province, and many others, including Mr. Gamey, the man from Manitoulin. Many were, no doubt, disappointed at not hearing Mr. Gamey's story, but his remarks were brief and little or no reference was made to the "Gamey charges." That Gamey's name did not appear on the bills as a speaker has caused Liberals to interpret this as a "turn down" of the man from Manitoulin. Only a week or so before the Grit press was howling because his name was used and the banquet at Gore Bay was gotten up in his interest. No matter what the extreme Grits may say in the matter, the sensation caused by Mr. Gamey is damaging to many members of the Liberal Cabinet. Gamey is not a monstrosity in appearance, and were it not for the stir he made during the past few months he would be considered nothing more than a plain ordinary mortal with as honest a countenance as many who would wish to traduce his character because Frank Sullivan did some swearing of the opposite nature to what Gamey said.

The Toronto World has what seems to us a very timely article in condemnation of the changes made by the Education Department which forbid the publishing of examination results in the Toronto Dailies, as has been done for many years back, in fact ever since there were examinations. This year the names were not given out to the press, but notice was sent to the Principal of each school where candidates were prepared. The results were known Friday last and might easily have appeared on Saturday instead of keeping the candidate in suspense for several days longer. In some instances the school principals may be absent and the candidates held indefinitely in

ignorance of the result. The Department claims the change to have been made in response to the wishes expressed at teachers' conventions, the chief reason for withholding publication being to prevent comparisons of the numbers passed from different schools. The change is certainly very annoying, and we can see no positive benefit from its introduction.

Valuable Special Knowledge.

The unique botanical knowledge of Sir George Birdwood, one of the most erudite men in the India service, once enabled him to perform almost unconsciously a neat bit of detective work.

He was in Bombay when he was asked to investigate the case of a young nobleman who in applying to the governor for an appointment represented that he was just out from England and that his letters of introduction had been lost on the voyage.

A few days after Dr. Birdwood, as he then was, had undertaken the investigation he met the young nobleman at dinner at the governor's house. The table decorations of orchids suggested a conversational opening, and Dr. Birdwood's praise drew from the young nobleman standing opposite:

"You should see the *Amherstia nobilis* in its native woods, sir."

It was a fatal remark.

"You come from Rangoon, then?" instantly exclaimed Dr. Birdwood.

The pale face, the silence that could be felt, the request of the young man that he might leave the table, all prepared the governor and the company for the subsequent discovery that he had absconded from Rangoon with some public funds.

How Roses Came to Be Red.

More than with any other flower does the color of the rose have special significance. Red is love, white is silence, yellow speaks jealousy, says N. Hudson Moore in the Delineator. One of the legends connected with the rose tells that it became white through being bathed with the tears of mourners who sought the sweetest flower to lay in the hands of their dead. A prettier conceit declares that all roses were white until one day young Cupid, dancing among them, upset in his merry sport a glass of wine, which dyed the roses upon which it fell red, its own color. Another legend tells the story of a holy little maid of Bethlehem who was doomed to death. When the stakes were heaped around her the fire would not burn, but the brands which had been flaming turned to red roses and those which had not caught to white. From this time forth roses, red and white, were martyrs' flowers. The Turks say that red roses sprang from the blood of Mohammed.

Largest Hanging Bell.

What is perhaps the largest hanging bell in the world is to be seen in Mandalay. This is the Mingu bell, on the right bank of the Irrawadi, almost opposite the city of Mandalay. This immense bell measures as follows: Height to crown, 12 feet; diameter at the lip, 16 feet 3 inches; thickness of metal, from 6 to 12 inches. It weighs about eighty tons and is suspended on three massive round beams of teak placed horizontally the one over the other, their ends resting on two pillars of enormous size, composed of masonry and large upright teak posts. This bell was cast at the end of the eighteenth century under the superintendence of the reigning king.

A Lake of Many Wonders.

Lake Chad, in Africa, is 185 miles long and 80 miles wide, or somewhat larger in area than Lake Erie, yet it is only twenty-five feet deep in its deepest part and only five feet in its eastern side.

It has eighty islands, some barren, others only pasture land and some covered with forests and millet plantations and having a total population of about 50,000.

Storms arise with surprising quickness on the lake, and the shallowness of the water forces up big waves at short notice, while treacherous gusts and puffs of wind about the islands make navigation dangerous.

Forestalling Fate.

In some parts of England the tapping of a bird round the house is looked upon by the superstitious as a warning.

A doctor was recently summoned in hot haste to a little Warwickshire farmhouse not many miles from Birmingham.

He found an old man in bed, but in perfect health, and asked why he had been sent for.

"Why, sir," replied the daughter-in-law, "there come a little robin about the door. We knew it was a 'call,' and we thought it must be granfer; so we put 'im in bed and sent for you."

The Family.

Railway officials differ in the degrees of liberality with which they define the word "family" when used on a pass. An American copied the instructions of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean railway hearing upon the subject as a lesson in liberality. On that road a pass for one and family is good for father, mother, children, grandfather, grandmother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece and servants attached to the family.

Only Room For One.

Lady—How could you be so foolish as to put anything on that newly painted table?

Maid—But I saw Mr. Jones lay several articles there.

Lady—What of that? If my husband makes a jackass of himself he has a right to, but you haven't you stupid creature.

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Brain-Food Nonsense.

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Chinese Transportation Methods.

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A Free Translation.

Willie Emerson-Smith (reading)—And they gathered from the dollar of the earth—

Teacher (in astonishment)—From the wha-at?

Willie Emerson-Smith—From the dollar of the earth.

Teacher—The text says "from the four quarters of the earth."

Willie Emerson-Smith—Well aren't four quarters a dollar?

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