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## THE ALL-RED ROUTE

MR. SIFTON CLEARLY EXPLAINS PROPOSITION.

Canada's Interest in the Great Enterprise—Attitude of Three Colonies—The Financial Attitude of Great Britain.

Mr. Sifton, on the subject of the All-Red route, read the resolution passed at the Imperial conference, and proceeded: "Some of the members of the press in Canada have asked: What is the scheme known as the All-Red route? How did it originate? Where did it come from? Well, this is the scheme, and this is where it originated—in the passing of this resolution by the conference. All the parties to the conference agreed to the resolution so that this resolution is the unanimous expression of opinion of all participants in that conference. Therefore, we may take it as fairly and definitely settled that Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia have committed themselves to the principle of an improvement in their service."

"Calculations have been made and discussions have been carried on on the basis of the service being from Liverpool to Halifax in winter and from Liverpool to Quebec in summer. I have no desire to express my opinion as to the subject until the terms should be laid. If I were to venture to express an opinion on that subject, that opinion would be one I have already expressed—that the winter port should be Halifax and the summer port Quebec. But, obviously, no one can be committed to that at the present time."

"A twenty-four knot boat going from Liverpool to Halifax, and allowing four hours for loss of time and for delays in getting away, would go in four days and twelve hours; from Liverpool to Quebec, via the Belle Isle, allowing six hours for detention, it would go in four days and twenty hours; from Liverpool to Quebec, via Cape Race, it would go in five days and six hours. The actual time of the Lusitania, when she first broke the record on the Atlantic, was five days, eighteen hours and fourteen minutes, and I think she has clipped an hour or two off that since. So the time saved as between Liverpool and New York and Liverpool and Halifax would be one whole day and six hours; via Cape Race, twelve hours; via Belle Isle, twenty-two hours."

"Now as to the possibility of getting a boat of that kind there can be no serious question, because I have in my possession for the purpose of getting information on the subject a definite offer from a company whose ability to construct a vessel like that is beyond question. The mere mention of the name would be quite sufficient to satisfy everybody. I have a definite offer for the construction of a vessel of 20,000 tons, equipped in every respect as the Lusitania, for the Mauritania, and capable of making twenty-four knots in ordinary weather, or a twenty-five-knot boat. So it would not be necessary to have a boat constructed of the size of the Mauritania or Lusitania in order to get a speed of twenty-four knots. That is a most important point, because we could not put a boat of that size upon the Canadian route; there would not be sufficient traffic for it."

Regarding the danger from ice Mr. Sifton quoted the opinion of the captain of the Empress of Ireland, that the only inconvenience was the necessity of taking a somewhat more southerly course from December to May."

Mr. Sifton next dealt with the question of the cost of the scheme. "Careful investigation," he said, "has been made for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of such a service as I have been speaking of, and while it is very difficult to arrive at anything quite clear and definite upon the subject, an effort has been made to make the calculation as definite as possible, and I think the conclusion which has been arrived at, and which I am about to state, is a safe and reasonable conclusion, and will be found to be justified by the facts, if an attempt is made to verify them. It is estimated that a twenty-four-knot weekly service between Great Britain and Canada of the character I have spoken of, and a fortnightly service between Vancouver and New Zealand and Sydney, Australia, would on the whole cost for subsidy £1,000,000 per annum. It has been suggested that a reasonable allocation of the proportions of that million pounds sterling to the various contracting parties would be: Australia, £75,000; New Zealand, £100,000; Canada, £325,000; Great Britain, £500,000."

"Thus the three colonies concerned would contribute about one-half the total amount of the subsidy and Great Britain the other half. 'I think it might safely be said that New Zealand is willing to give the £100,000. As to Australia, it is not so clear what her present position is. Great Britain awaits a definite proposal on the part of the colonies concerned—Australia, New Zealand and Canada—and we may, therefore, say that the present position of the project is that it awaits definite action on the part of the government and parliament of Canada looking to the co-operation of New Zealand and Australia, and then to a definite proposition being presented to the government of Great Britain. At the present time, judging from the payments of last year, we pay about \$650,000 a year for the Canadian-Australian service and for the Atlantic mail service. So that by the proposed distribution we would have to pay, in addition to what we are paying now for these services, from \$90,000 to \$950,000. That, therefore, would represent the amount of money which Canada would have to pay in order to inaugurate this very greatly improved service."

"So far as Canada is concerned, what may be said to be the argument in favor of it? From a commercial standpoint you can put it in two or three ways. At the present time mail, passenger, and freight service of the best and quickest character from here to Great Britain goes through the United States, and from Australia and New Zealand, goes across the continent of Europe. It does not go by our own ports or our own territory. In other words, so far as travel and transportation are concerned, Canada is on the side street instead of the main thoroughfare. What this proposition means is that Canada shall be put upon the thoroughfare instead of upon the side street. If I argued for a month I could not make it any plainer than that. All the great social, political, and commercial advantages which come from being upon the main avenue in respect to the traffic would come to Canada if this scheme were carried into effect."

### KUROPATKIN TALKS.

Japan Dissatisfied With Results of Recent War.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—General Kuropatkin, looking aged and slightly unkempt as compared with the days in Manchuria, has been spending the winter in St. Petersburg and mixing a good deal in society. In an interview about the question in the near east he said he would not do for him, a former minister of war, to speak freely. "I can only say," he declared, "that for Russia such a war would be a great misfortune, but if such a war is inevitable, then it would be better to go the whole way, cost what it will, than to stop when the work is half done, as she did in the Russo-Japanese war."

"Asked what he thought of the rumors that Japan was again preparing to attack Russia, General Kuropatkin said: 'I cannot say whether the rumor is based on truth or not, but I am convinced that Japan is dissatisfied with the results of the recent war.'"

General Kuropatkin believes that Russia, if she intends to remain a great country, must have a great fleet, but he lamented the fact that her means were not the more modern ones that was spent on a fleet, the more the army would be neglected. Speaking finally of the court-martial of the commanding officers at Port Arthur, the general said: "It has been a great hardship for everybody. A great story of heroic defence has been spoiled by all sorts of petty intrigues and calumnies, but the evidence shows that the great bulk of the Russian officers and men fought well."

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### Brookside Briefs.

Brookside, March 20.—A great many crows have returned from their southern abode, which proclaims the fact that spring is approaching. Robins also have been seen. We are always pleased to welcome these little songsters, harbingers of spring the poet calls them. Hugh Curran lost a couple of valuable cows with a disease which affected several in the neighborhood. Some of the most prominent citizens of Brookside attended the oyster supper at D. Curran's, Hartington, on March 12th. They report a splendid time. C. Freeman has tapped his sugar bush and tells us that "sap's running." The high school at Sydenham having re-opened, Estella and Russell Wallace have returned to resume their studies. Several from here attended the sales at Harrowsmith and Marvale this week. William Clarke has moved back on his farm. Miss J. L. Ludbrook spent Sunday at S. Freeman's. Yarker, Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Purcell at S. Freeman's; Yarker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman's; Yarker, at M. V. Lake's; Mr. and Mrs. J. Curran, Morven, at N. Curran's.

### Going One Better.

Mrs. Bricktop (bursting with pride)—How do you like my new carpet, Mrs. Crosscye? Mrs. Crosscye (bursting with envy)—It's—er—very nice indeed, Mrs. Bricktop, for—er—Brussels. By the way, I nearly forgot what I came for. I wish you would lend me your lawn mower for a few moments. "Lawn mower? Why, certainly. But what on earth can you want with a lawn mower at this time of the year?" "I desire to thin down our velvet pile carpet in the nursery; the children are always losing their marbles in it."

British electioneering practices, are graphically and humorously described in the article entitled "I Will Now Call On The Candidate," which "The Living Age" for March 28th reprints from Blackwood's. An article, "Asia Contra Mundum," reprints from The Fortnightly and points out some of the consequences which are likely to follow the policy of keeping Asiatics pent up in their own continent. What man has done, women think she can do.

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