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INCREASE OF ACCIDENTS.

The railway statistics, which have just been published by the United States Interstate Commission, tells their own story. Train accidents are not detailed, but there is manifestly something amiss, many things at fault, when the casualties during the year so far number 30,650, and in connection with them 766 persons have been killed and 19,884 injured.

Collisions occur through carelessness or neglect. For instance the other day an inbound passenger train left the track at a nearby station, and the wreck of the train was complete, though only one person, strange to say, was hurt. The tower man—that is the man who regulates the switches—disappeared after the smash-up, and there was only one conclusion. He had failed in his duty.

One can imagine the confusion of orders or ideas which must have prevailed on the American roads when during the year ending with June 30th, 1910, there were 5,661 collisions, causing the death of 433 persons, and the injury of 7,765.

The derailments were very numerous, 5,918 in number, resulting in the killing of 340 persons and the injury of 4,814. The people must travel fast. They want to go on a "flyer" if it be available, and fast running, to be safe, means that all the appliances are first-class, that the track is the very best, and that the train service is as perfect as it can be made.

Over in England an accident or a fatality is of rare occurrence. The trains make good time, as good time as in the United States, but the precautions against accident omit nothing that can suggest itself to the mind of man. At long intervals of time, the track is examined, and if a man ingeniously can prevent it there will not be a repetition of the experience under similar circumstances.

FINANCIALLY RUNNING BEHIND.

When the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was passed by the American congress three years ago one desired effect was accomplished. More revenue was secured, and more was desired. The promise of the president—a promise he was most anxious to fulfill—was that the tariff would be reduced, but the revision was generally upward, and it added enormously to the national receipts.

The United States has had a great public works on hand, however, in the Panama Canal and already so far this year the deficit is \$21,000,000. The expenditure of over fifty millions a month cannot be avoided. The nation is committed to one great work, as Canada is committed to the National Transcontinental railway, and though the cost may be heavy, and for the time burdensome, eventually large advantages will accrue, and the people will not be disappointed.

Meanwhile there is a free outflow of receipts. The expenditure exceeded the receipts in October by about five millions contrary to the calculations of experts, and it is hoped that there will be a general improvement in the situation during the next two months, or, when congress meets, steps will have to be taken to balance accounts.

One way—and the only sure way—is to reduce the expenditure, to practice economies, to put out of business the Appropriation Committee, with all its corrupting influences in the interest of a dominant party. A change in the government may mean a change in the fiscal policy of the country, and of a change there is just now a very great probability.

RACIAL WAR IN VIEW.

The rumour process from Ottawa that a new party is being formed in the commons, one representing the Protestants of Canada, and that they are driven to a consolidation of interests by contingencies in Quebec. Rumour has it that Hon. Clifford Sifton will lead this party, and that he will be influenced in this action by differences of opinion which arose over the autonomy bills for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

As against this rumour, which must be taken at a large discount, comes the report that in the Drummond and Arthabaska election the government was opposed on racial and religious lines, that it was censured and condemned by those who think the cause they espoused has not been sufficiently favoured.

It requires no keen vision to see that the French-Canadian of the extreme type, the man who is capable of being heranged into hostility to the British government and the British flag, are somewhat numerous in spots, and that they are being grossly im-

posed upon. They are to be excused in some degree, but there is no justification for palliation of the acts of those who have been campaigning in Quebec with the nationalists.

Men like Monk and Bonrasa, and Lavergne and Flindin, are responsible to the people for their deceptions, for making electors believe that Britain has any designs upon them or their sons. It was a dastardly campaign which they conducted, and they will live to repent of it in sackcloth and ashes.

The day may not come when Protestants and Catholics will be lined up against each other—that would be a lamentable spectacle, and the reverse of what the premier of the dominion has used his good offices to prevent—but the day will come when, if the French of Quebec must have it, they will be against the rest of the dominion, for this is an English country, and English sentiment and English loyalty will not be contemned by the minority, however aggressive it may be.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The order of it may be uncertain, but it is clear that the bi-lingual schools must go.

The strike of Windsor pupils against the proposal that they shall be taught by one not of their own faith is an evidence of the times. The people are deciding on religious lines, and it is a very uncomfortable thought.

Burning the mortgage! The Queen Street Methodist church people must be in luck, and they are to be congratulated. But, what are they going to do now? The average congregation suffers without an incentive of some kind.

Sir George Ross appears to reflect current opinion on the reciprocity question. The people do not favour any mission which grows out of the necessities of the American politicians, and which is associated with the desire for annexation.

J. S. Whitney and the North American need not worry about Canada. It is not seeking commercial union with the United States, and will not even blink at the idea of political union. The plan of driving Canada into a corner by the repeal of the reciprocity treaty of 1854 was a pronounced failure.

The English conservatives in Drummond and Arthabaska voted for the nationalist candidate. Anything to beat Laurier. The British flag may be insulted, and holes may be metaphorically shot in it, and these party voters can remain passive and contented. Their loyalty under the circumstances is seriously open to question.

Mr. Tait is being sorrowfully hidden away in Australia, having resigned the railway commissioner'ship. His retirement is lamented, but his services were criticized so that he was glad to facilitate his departure. He made the government system pay, which was the first consideration, but he could not please some people. The Angel Gabriel could not do that.

The anti-British campaign which was conducted in Drummond and Arthabaska will not end there. The feeling engendered by the irrational conduct of political fanatics will develop difficulties of a more or less serious nature until there is a violent clash all along the line between French and English, and it is not difficult to imagine what the result will be.

The other day a liberal Jew announced that he had changed his politics because his party did not exalt any of his race. Now a host of Hebrews leave a tory meeting because they have been shamefully treated in the matter of offices. The idea that each particular race must be recognized in the governments of our city and country is becoming an acute one.

The Bishop's Good Job.

Toronto Globe.
 Bishop Fallon has conferred an unparelleled benefit on the French people of Essex by exposing the inefficiency of the education given in both public and separate schools to the French children. In many of the schools it is not a good education in either language, and for this state of affairs the French parents are not entirely to blame. Good bi-lingual are out of the question and possible ones are rare. Some of them can teach well in purely French schools; others can do equally well in purely English schools; hardly any are so effectively bi-lingual, in the best sense of that term, as to be able to make anything like a fair showing in both languages.

Sees a Dish of Crow Ahead.

Victoria Colonist, Con.
 A contemporary says that a newspaper ought either to be independent or a party paper. A paper that would say "no" to anything could not understand independence. What some of our contemporaries seem to understand is a good party journalism is to publish everything they can think of that casts in any way cast reflections upon their opponents, no matter how much the country may be injured thereby. A remarkable illustration of this sort of thing is in evidence in connection with the talk about counterpoising a paper supporting the general policy of the conservative party is expected to denounce reciprocity and allege that it is being promoted by the liberals in order to break the ties between Canada and the mother country. Well, we are not going to do it. The Colonist does not like crow as a diet and it has in the course of its career seen too many instances where extreme partisans have had to eat their own words.

Miss O'Hara, trained nurse, of Pittsburgh, Pa., former resident of Westport, has decided to return to her native village, and has commenced construction of a private hospital. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

Pure dry cleaned, My Vale.
 After an absence of forty-four years O. C. Height, a former resident of Westport, arrived from Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, intending to pay a visit to his old home in Westport. New velvet collars, My Vale.

The Man On Watch

Inspector Wright's "Indian list" may be a good thing to reduce drunkenness, the Lampman acknowledges, but he points out that sometimes a little mouse may be the greatest possible aid to temperance. One such little creature was the means, he says, of a resident of Kingston giving up the booze entirely. It happened this way: One afternoon, the townsman in question was sitting in a room with several friends. He was strongly on "liquor." Suddenly he espied a mouse hastening across the floor. The mouse was quite visible to all, but when they had seen the mouse, they expressed surprise, and replied that they had not. Then it suddenly flashed across the man that he was "seeing things," and that there was danger ahead. And so, 'tis said that he has never taken a drink since.

In the opinion of the Lampman, the clergy do not preach enough on "damnation and hell fire. If they shouted on this subject more, he thinks there would be larger male congregations. For there is nothing like scaring people in order to get them to seek religion. Those old "end of the world" scares tend to drive the wicked into the churches, and make them squawk. A townsman draws the Lampman's attention to the fact that there

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BLOOD HOUNDS ON TRAIL

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Liberals Solid in England.

London, Nov. 5.—A general election in England held now or prior to the coronation in June next would leave the parties in pretty much the same relative position. By-election conditions usually assist the opposition, and in the late contests strenuous efforts were made by the tariff reformers to impress the electors with the need of a change in the fiscal system, but without marked results. The industrial situation in Britain is exceptionally good, and the consequent absence of personal discontent rather discounts arguments of considerable appeal when times are bad and unemployment common. Fortune meantime is on the side of the government, and unless the unexpected happens it appears likely to remain in power during the notable imperial events that will distinguish 1911, unless the house of lords again brings an appeal to the country over the current year's budget.

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Rivers throughout France are swollen, some of them out of their banks, and from six to seven feet above their normal height. Damage has been done by the wind, and the signalling system on the Eiffel tower has been destroyed.

The storm, which started more than forty-eight hours ago, in Western Italy, swept upward, with ravaging winds and rains, through upper Italy, Switzerland, South-Western Germany and France.

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