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AN EARLDOM VACANT.

The death of the Duke of Fife is a serious event in the history of the individual and the nation. His was a fateful mission, and one undertaken in the name of the king. A cathedral had been erected in Khartoum in memory of General Gordon, one of the greatest men who has served his country, and in route to Egypt, to represent the government and the king, the duke suffered, with his wife and daughters, who accompanied him, shipwreck at sea.

All the members of the royal group were saved, but the duke appears to have contracted a cold which, a week ago, at Wadi-Halta, developed into pleurisy. At the age of sixty-three his career is closed, after a life well spent and as usefully as his opportunities permitted.

The duke was a man of wealth and education, the sixth in succession of his name, and dedicated to the public service. He began his public career as the liberal member for Moray and Nairn, and served in that capacity for five years before becoming a member of the lords. He married the eldest daughter of the late King Edward VII, in 1887, and was very devoted to his family.

He will be very much missed in England, and will be remembered for his philanthropy, his high character and great personal wealth.

THE MAN AND MANAGER.

The manager of the Winnipeg electric plant—the one owned by the city not by Mackenzie & Mann—has resigned because he is not free to carry out his plans. Mr. Rossman is an American of capacity and experience, who was engaged at \$6,000 a year to "manage" the great works in which the municipality has put between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

The council could not direct the business, at once so large and complicated. Nor could the controllers do it. They sensibly looked about and found in Mr. Rossman a man who seemed to be the one they wanted. He began well. He was up against the difficulty of dealing with a corporation which had for many years a monopoly of the service and was bound to hold it if possible. The cutting of rates followed until the charge per kilo-watt dropped from ten cents to three cents. It cannot go much lower unless the city and the company proposed to supply light gratuitously. It was at this juncture that the controllers had the employees of the plant placed under their supervision. This meant that Mr. Rossman was a manager who did not manage. He became simply an expert whose advice the controllers were free to accept or reject as they saw fit. He immediately resigned. Here is a repetition of Edmonton's experience. The far western city employed a manager of its utilities at \$10,000 a year, and he had hardly entered upon his work until he came into collision with the council. It only wanted him to do as it suggested. It put its judgment against his. He did not resign. He undertook to fight the council. In any case his usefulness was gone.

The councils are learning all the while and one thing they are learning is that he is a rare one who can manage the utilities profitably and well. The rare one is available occasionally, but he will not stand any nonsense. He understands his work, and he will not submit to any interference. And he is right.

CAPITAL AND NERVE.

Sir Max Aithen's colossal power scheme is not likely to materialize without the greatest difficulty. In the spring of 1910 there was a scheme by which it was proposed to dam the St. Lawrence river at the Long Sault rapids, at Cornwall, by connecting several islands and using the currents of the river for power purposes. It was calculated that 600,000 horse-power could be generated, and only one-sixth of the power would be developed on Canadian soil. The Long Sault Development company, which was largely composed of American capitalists, was balked in its plans by the Conservation Commission.

This commission filed its objections with the International Waterways Commission, and the strong arguments in support of its protests were these: That the Canadian market cannot absorb the half of the proposed development, and if it were exported vested rights would be created, and they could not be withdrawn later; that a new channel for navigation would be beset with very grave dangers; that if the dam were built at the Long Sault it would be difficult to proceed with the deepening of the St. Lawrence, and the all-Canadian route from Lake Superior to the ocean would become a dream of the past. The new scheme is vaster, but not better. The Whig has scanned the map or sketch of the proposed abolition of the Soulanges canal, (the latest and best of the series), the erection of a great embankment around the head of Grande Island, a concrete wall across the Cedars, and the diversion of the river from its present course to a new one, so that it would empty into the Ottawa river in place of Lake St. Francis. By this "stupendous scheme," (it is well named), the Coteau, Cedars, Split Rock and Cascade rapids would disappear. The present bed of the river would be dry, and all that is picturesque and exciting in the descent of the rapids by boat, would cease to be. A great natural resource, and one which should be forever in the control of the people, would have passed into the possession of a commercial company, whose aim is to produce 1,000,000 horse-power, at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The new project is being financed by conservatives, and they may assume that they can succeed with the Borden party in power. The premier put himself on record as emphatically against the Long Sault scheme. He cannot change his attitude and opinion now, though he is having a great example in this respect in the Montreal Star. It has somersaulted. Why not Mr. Borden?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The butter boosters at New York—the Mercantile Exchange—is being prosecuted for a violation of the anti-Mercantile Exchange—are being prosecuted, and they mean business. Success to them.

The British government has undertaken to inspect the banks and keep a check upon their business. When it comes to serving the people, not the great corporations, the government of the mother country leads.

So the Quebec bolters went back to Ottawa, or the commons, still sulking but subdued. They have a promise, apparently, that the decapitation of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners will take place when not so many people are looking.

The Telegram is now out for the ownership of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway—at any price—and so that the government may regulate and control the freight rates of the north-west. Here is an idea that Mr. Borden is sure to shelve.

Judge Mabey, of the railway commission, has been in Hamilton regulating the council and the Grand Trunk railway company. The council did a foolish thing in giving the company the use of a street, and the company did the foolish thing of trying to own it. Judge Mabey adjusted the difficulty in a hurry.

There is a cry against the public school education in New York and Brooklyn. There are too many facts, not enough of good sound teaching. And the gap is missing, and with it the manners, the docility, the respect of the pupils. Time for a change.

A vigorous protest against the proposed relaxation of immigration regulations for the admission of Hindu women has reached the government by telegraph from the ministerial association of Vancouver.

HELPED ROOSEVELT

MADE POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE QUESTION.

Visited the White House—Interesting Chapter of Hitherto Unwritten History Furnished by New York Financial Paper.

A chapter of history hitherto unwritten is furnished by the Wall Street Journal in the course of an interesting article on services rendered to the United States by Hon. M. L. Mackenzie King.

"It has not been known," says the Journal, "except to a few of the intimate friends of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and to a few of the leading members of the late Canadian government, as well as of the government of Great Britain, how important was the part played by Mackenzie King in bringing about such satisfactory understanding between the United States and Great Britain as served greatly to eliminate the apprehension that at some time in the near future we should be involved in serious difficulties with Japan."

After describing the manner in which the former president sought oral, written, and printed advice on the question of settling the intricate problem which had been caused by the exclusion of the Japanese children from the public schools of California, the financial paper relates that at a dinner given to some of those who had assisted him, Mr. Roosevelt was asked if he had discussed his difficulties with Mackenzie King. After learning what Mr. King had done at Vancouver, President Roosevelt sent an invitation to the young Canadian to visit him at Washington. Mr. King accepted, and spent several days at the capital, although the public had no knowledge of his arrival or departure.

"He had several prolonged conferences with the president," says the Wall Street Journal.

"As a result of these conferences Mr. King promised to go to London as soon as possible, so that he might confer with the British government. He was able to arrange his affairs in Canada so as to start for London in about two weeks. He remained in London several months. In that time he had many conferences with the British government, or at least with the cabinet officer to whose department this matter would properly come. He had put before the British government some of the suggestions or opinions of President Roosevelt, and he had, furthermore, been able to persuade the British government that if there were any peril due to emigration across the Pacific from the Orient, it was a peril equally shared by the United States and Canada. For these reasons, the determination of the British government was made to insist, when the time fixed for the expiration of the treaty of alliance between Japan and England should come, that there be such modifications of the treaty as would make it impossible for Japan to summon Great Britain to the aid of Japan in case Japan were involved in war with the United States.

"The proposition, as made, was this: That in case either of the contracting parties to the new treaty of alliance between Japan and Great Britain should become involved in war with a nation with which the other contracting party had entered into treaty obligations for maintaining peace, then the alliance between England and Japan would be inoperative, so far as that nation was concerned.

"While it is not definitely known what, in regard to the matter, the President Roosevelt looked upon the first treaty of alliance between Japan and England by which either could summon the other to its aid in case of war with another nation, as containing the possibilities of serious menace to the United States in case friction with Japan developed into downright rupture."

Outlook in the East.

Work on the Welland canal is not necessarily connected with plans for the improvement of the St. Lawrence waterway. For many years to come, the eastern terminus of the mammoth lake vessels must be either Kingston or Prescott, whence transportation to Montreal will proceed by barge, as at present. The length of the channel that would need to be deepened in the St. Lawrence, the fact that such work in the Laurentian formation would mean expensive rock cutting, and the necessity that would arise for the construction of a whole system of enlarged canals, locks, etc., to get around the rapids, would seem to place anything better than the present mode of transshipment in the far distant future. It is necessary, let the St. Lawrence alone for a while, and strengthen what is now the weakest link in a most valuable chain.

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Seven Years for Hold-up Man.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31—Seven years in Stony Mountain penitentiary was the term imposed on Hans Polson for holding up recently a Strathcona hotel clerk, at whom he flourished a revolver.

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Throughout Southern Alberta threshing was resumed this week. This is the first time in the history of the province that it has been possible or necessary to thresh in the winter. Half of the crop is yet to be threshed.

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Deposits of First National bank, Chicago, have crossed \$125,000,000, the highest in the bank's history, and an increase of \$13,000,000 since the last December 5th.

Mississippi Budget.

Mississippi, Jan. 29.—Quite a number of the young people from here attended the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. John Barr, of Centerville, on Wednesday, January 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Barr left on Saturday to take up residence in Smith's Falls. Quite a number from here attended church at Snow Road on Sunday evening. Visitors: Martin McPhee, of Bathurst; Mrs. John Morrow, of Bathurst; at W. A. Gedde's; Mrs. M. J. Gilbert and son, Maurice, at Roy Allan's; Mrs. Rufus Bartram and Mrs. Laura Hannah, of Halesbury, at A. Barr; Mrs. Miss Katie Ferguson, of Elphinstone; at Donald McDougall's; Daniel McKinnon, of Pilot Mound, at his father's, Hugh McKinnon.

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