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PARLIAMENT.

Tuesday.—The Premier moved the G. T. P. resolution. He spoke, as last year, of the need of increased transcontinental transportation facilities. Of the changes in the original contract, made at the request of the G. T. P. R. Co., he said the concessions are, to extend the date of the completion of the western section by three years, or till Dec., 1911; that the G. T. P. R. should, after it had completed and equipped the western section of the road, and the eastern section was not ready, be entitled to return of their deposit; that the conditions of rent of the eastern section shall not be more onerous than the original agreement; the limitation as to the guarantee of the mountain section is removed, and the government guarantees three-quarters of the cost, and to implement the sale of bonds by conditions later to be agreed upon.

Mr. Borden followed, criticizing the scheme, and claiming that the new concessions made it more than before against the country's interests. He moved an amendment, the substance of which is as follows: Regret "that the government has committed itself to the granting of further concessions to the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway." That "the proposed contract does not ensure transportation over Canadian routes and through Canadian seaports." That "it involves the country in a liability practically sufficient to construct the whole of the proposed railway, while the more profitable portion of that railway is to become the property of the corporation." That "in considering these problems and in initiating and developing any great national system of transportation, it should be our aim to provide the best and cheapest carriage for our products and importations, to secure their transportation through Canadian channels and Canadian seaports, and for that purpose to make the Canadian routes the most economical and serviceable, to open up valuable territory for colonization and development, to stimulate inter-provincial trade and to bind more closely together the scattered communities of our country."

Wednesday.—Mr. Sifton resumed the G. T. P. debate, and was followed by Mr. Haggart, and then Mr. Osler.

Thursday.—The G. T. P. discussion was continued by Messrs. Wade, Monck and others.

Friday.—Messrs. Russell and Sproul continued the G. T. P. debate. Nothing else was done.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday.—The Factory Act was again considered. The Attorney General announced that it had been found necessary to make many changes in the bill. Progress was reported.

Wednesday.—The Attorney General announced that the government withdraws the Factory Act, and will appoint a commission to make inquiry and report a bill for next year.

Thursday.—The resolution, moved by Mr. Smith, of Carleton Co., in favor of Imperial preferential trade, was adopted. The bill to enable St. John citizens who do not owe more than two years taxes to vote, was agreed to; also the Dry Dock Co. bill. Progress was reported on the St. John Assessment bill.

Friday.—The Premier was not able to deliver his budget speech, being confined to his room. The wide-tires section of the Highway Act was passed.

HOME MISSIONS.

- Received from— Patterson Church, . . . . . \$1.58 Gaspereau Church, . . . . . 1.90 Blissville Church, . . . . . 1.40 Mill Settlement Church, . . . . . 1.12 Home mission collections should be made in all our churches and forwarded at once.

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A REAL PHILANTHROPIST.

One grows weary of the overdone praise for that sort of philanthropy that writes a check for some charity waiting outside in the cold, and then resumes its luxurious seat by the fire. The world loves display and runs after ostentation, even in its measures for relieving the poor and distressed, and the millionaire who openly tells the newsboy to "keep the change" is apt to be rewarded some day by a paragraph or two lauding his generosity. The world sums up its philanthropic deeds in annual columns of figures showing the larger gifts to churches, schools, hospitals, libraries, etc., that have come from men who do not feel in the least "pinched" by such outlay, while thousands of enthusiasts sing their praises.

But no man can write a check for those sacrifices that must be made in ambition, in pleasure, in ease, in personal comfort, in safety, in health, in life itself, on the part of men and women who devote themselves to the real and active labors whereby alone they help and uplift humanity.

The Union Gospel News, which we have quoted, tells of one of the unheralded philanthropists. He lives in Louisiana, and his name is Paul Leeds. Mr. Leeds is a philanthropist; he has established in the past eight years, as many churches, and his benevolence has been extended to the neglected Creoles, Acadians, poor Whites, Negroes, and Indians of that State. His good works have influenced the life in a region some hundreds of square miles in extent, and there is no way of knowing how many lives have been bettered by him.

You don't remember his name in last year's list of great philanthropic givers? Well, you won't find it if you look again. It is not there. Nor is his record written on the stubs of a check book. Paul Leeds gave himself, and in the piney woods of that southern state he toils to bring the Truth and Light and Life to men as he finds them. No, the eight churches above referred to are not imposing edifices he has paid for; they are organizations that have resulted from his labors in a benighted district. His income has not been exactly such as would rate him a fancy preacher; it averages about one hundred dollars a year. He does not know we are writing about him, and he will probably never read these lines. He belongs to that noble company who prefer mention in the Lamb's Book of Life to reference in any annual report of benevolent gifts compiled by men.

And there are thousands like him, men and women—yes, even children—who in some desolate home, or neglected hamlet, or despised slum district, are doing the will of him who said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." They are the very salt of the earth, and the only Bibles the careless and indifferent ever read. May the Lord of the harvest send forth more of such laborers into his harvest.

—The Baptists are said to stand at the head of the Non-conformist forces of London. They number in the great city 163,652, while the Congregationalists number 158,913, and the Wesleyans come third with 122,607. The Salvation Army in London numbers 38,896.