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## IS IT NOT SO?

If the new transcontinental railway is to develop an enormous traffic and be of great benefit to Canada, it will be a profitable enterprise.

If it is a profitable enterprise and the people of Canada pay nine tenths of the cost they should pay the other tenth and own it, and have the profit.

## A CHALLENGE.

The Liberal News, which is published from the Globe office, but for which it seems nobody dare assume any responsibility; and which does not print the name of either publisher or editor; and which is being sent broadcast without charge; is particularly vicious this morning.

Without the courage or the decency to make an open attack, it prints foul charges and insinuations with a view to poison the minds of the electors. It talks of syndicates seeking to defeat the government in order that they may rob the people. Here is a sample quotation:—

"We will have, in such a case, a period of robbery and pillage, such as only can be paralleled by the Canadian Pacific scandal and the great Credit Mobilier in the United States. Whittaker Wrights will be travelling about in palace cars, rich with the spoils of the public, while honest men are bawling the folly which induced them to vote for a party which is controlled by such characters."

Again, it says:—

"We do not think the electors of Canada are likely to place the government in possession of a gang of grafters and bootlickers whose object in building and running the new Pacific railway as a government work, is to make money out of the public."

Who are the grafters and bootlickers? The Liberal News, in the same issue, prints in very large type a challenge by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to any persons who may make insinuations to come and make plain accusations, that they may be met.

The same challenge is now given to the Liberal News. Let that sheet state who is responsible for its utterances, and then come out in the open and make plain charges instead of insinuations. It has one libel suit on its hands already, if anybody can be found on whom responsibility can be fixed in a court of law. Let us see now if it has convictions and courage, or is only the paid medium of anonymous insinuation and scandalous abuse.

## MR. BORDEN'S ANSWER.

In reply to the foul charge of the Liberal News that grafters and bootlickers control the opposition the following announcement made by R. L. Borden speaks for itself:—

"To whom it may concern:—To avoid misunderstanding it has been thought best to distinctly declare that the conservative party will receive subscriptions only from those who favor its general policy, that such subscriptions are not to be understood as creating claims to consideration for any interest likely to be affected by any special feature of that policy, and that no subscriptions are solicited from any such interest. Such a declaration is deemed desirable in order that the leader may have an absolutely free hand in framing his policy in the interest of the whole country upon the return of the party to power. If any subscriptions have been given in other spirit they will be returned on application to James Crathern, treasurer."

Commenting on this manly and patriotic statement the Toronto Globe, strongly opposed to Mr. Borden as it has been, says:—

"Whatever the effect, the proper attitude for a leader who values his own self-respect and party mastery, to say nothing of higher ethical claims of public life, is to have an understanding definite and unmistakable with all contributors that campaign contributions and services are accepted solely for the purpose of promoting opinions and policies for which the party stands and not as toll on past favors or pledge for future claims."

## THE GREAT ISSUE.

This is nomination day. The rival candidates will be face to face to-day, and for a week the campaign will grow hotter and hotter to the end. It is hardly necessary to point out to the opponents of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme that the government will use every means and every instrument in its power to carry a majority of the constituencies. It must be met by a determined opposition at every point. In no campaign for many years has the issue been so grave, or the responsibility of the individual elector so important and serious. It is not surprising that in St. John there should be a revolt against a project which would sacrifice the interests of the port.

The same fact will weigh with the electors all over the province, and there will also be a decided protest against so un-Canadian a policy, as

that which would hand over to a corporation a railway which would be almost wholly built by the people's money. This is the great issue, and no amount of government sophistry can relegate it to a secondary place.

## PORTLAND IS HAPPY.

The Portland, Maine, Advertiser quotes "a prominent Grand Trunk official" as follows:—

"The fact is that Portland is really going to be the great terminus of the new transcontinental railway line, that will equal in importance any in the world. Portland has the natural facilities to do the business and St. John has not. St. John may get a small share of the traffic, but mark me, Portland is destined to be the place where the great bulk of the business will be transacted."

The official is quoted at much greater length to the same effect. The Advertiser's enquiries have convinced that journal that Portland is to get the business, and it so informs its readers.

Every elector of St. John should take note of this fact.

It is of special interest to a port that has spent its money freely to encourage trade.

The laboring men who would profit by having the traffic of the new transcontinental line brought to St. John have a vital interest in the subject.

It is simply an act of self-defence for the citizens of St. John to vote against this monstrous proposition.

**How many people believe that the G. T. P. will bring trade to St. John, when the company declined to pledge itself to do so? Who trusts the Grand Trunk, with its terminus in Portland?**

The Globe, with a fine assumption of philosophic serenity, counsels the people not to become excited about the danger which threatens St. John. Possibly the Globe feels that with Mr. Ellis in the senate and Mr. O'Brien in the commons the city should feel itself amply compensated for any loss of trade. The citizens are likely to take quite a different view. The G. T. P., was forced upon the country, and Mr. O'Brien was forced upon the liberal electors. The country and the liberal electors will now proceed to reject both, in the interests of the country and of popular government.

Universal sympathy will be felt for Rev. Father Donovan and his parishioners in the loss of their church home. It was endeared to them by a thousand ties of memory and devotion, and to very many, even if a finer edifice take its place, the new one will never be quite the same as the old. It was a part of their very lives, entering into their daily thoughts and centering their deepest feelings and fondest hopes. Because of its associations it will long be treasured in loving and regretful memory.

The Moncton Transcript says: "Under Tory rule railway men were told that the I. C. R. had no traffic and did not pay sufficient to warrant the management in giving them an increase of salary. That state of affairs passed away with the Tory party in 1896." Still the Transcript as an exponent of the Liberal G. T. P. scheme now wishes to convert the I. C. R. from Moncton to Lewis into a mere local road, paralyze the traffic which it now controls and make it practically useless.

Liberal newspapers are making absurdly extravagant claims regarding the result of the elections, but none more wide of the mark than that of Premier Tweedie, who says the government will carry ten seats in this province. It must have been a bitter pill for the Transcript to be compelled to sit cheek by jowl with Mr. Tweedie, and applaud his remarks. The Transcript has said some sharp things about the provincial premier and his government.

One of the false assertions made by the government press is as follows:—

"The conservatives subsidized Canadian steamships to run to American ports. The liberals withdrew the subsidies and compelled the steamships to come to St. John."

The true statement is as follows:—

"The conservatives withdrew the subsidies from steamships running to Portland, but the liberals came into power and renewed the Portland arrangement for another year."

"Vote for an all-Canadian railway" by all means. But in what sense is the G. T. P. all Canadian? The only Atlantic port reached by Grand Trunk rails is Portland, (Charlottetown Guardian.)

The Patriot says that we ignore certain features of the G. T. P. con-

tract. We do not willingly do so. Will the Patriot read and answer Mr. Mainwright's statement made at St. John? As to the control of the Railway Commission, Mr. Blair, as late Chairman of that body ought to know what it is worth. (Charlottetown Guardian.)

The Transcript says that when the news agent stepped off the train yesterday the crowd soon bought up the entire supply of St. John's new morning paper—the Liberal News. As a matter of fact, boys were giving away the paper on the streets—(Moncton Times).

The Charlottetown Guardian, independent, says of the G. T. P. scheme that it is "a gigantic railway scheme, ill considered, enormously costly, engineered wholly in the interest of a grasping corporation with divided interests, more American than Canadian."

The Russian government has apologized and promised full reparation for the outrage perpetrated by its fleet in the North Sea. If its admirals are so badly frightened by a few fishing smacks, what will happen when they sight a Jap warship?

The attack made by the Liberal News on F. H. Hale, of Charlton county, has resulted in the institution of a suit for \$10,000 damages. This is a lively beginning for the great journalistic free exponent of patriotic principles.

Speaking at Harcourt, Kent county, Mr. J. T. Hawke, editor of the Moncton Transcript, figured the cost of the G. T. P. to the government at \$13,500,000. Mr. Hawke apparently has a poor opinion of the intelligence of his hearers.

It is understood that the Railway Record has not as yet been taken over by the liberal party. Whatever negotiations may have been in progress, they have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion.

It is said that after the Borden meeting Monday night the grit managers telegraphed for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But Sir Wilfrid has his hands full in Quebec. (Moncton Times).

It is graciously stated by Mr. Emerson's organ that Mr. Blair would be given a courteous hearing if he should come to Moncton. There is no doubt about that. (Moncton Times).

The Jap and Russian armies have been gathering themselves together for another carnival of blood. For desperate fighting this war will rank high in history.

The Liberal News has discreetly withdrawn the attack on Mr. Borden as a Halifax man.

**A vote for the G. T. P. will be a vote to deprive St. John of its rights.**

## SANTOSDUMONT

**Hopes to Make an Eight Day Trip in His New Airship.**

Paris, Oct. 26.—M. Santos Dumont says he hopes by next month to be ready to take an eight-day cruise in the air. The new airship he has had constructed is larger than any that he has hitherto used. It has sleeping accommodations for two persons, four motors and a boiling apparatus.

The latter is connected by means of two India rubber tubes, with the balloon which is inside the balloon. The water tank will contain 100 litres, and the spirit tank from 400 to 500 kilograms of essence. As soon as, through a change in the atmosphere, the gas in the balloon condenses Santos-Dumont will set the boiler to work. It will be filled with twenty litres of water, and the steam will be conducted by one of the tubes to the balloon. The machine will thus gain not only twenty kilos, but also the eight kilos difference between the buoyancy of steam and air. This increased lightness will be obtained at the cost of one kilogramme of essence. As soon as for any cause, such as the sun's heat, the balloon expands, the aeronaut will stop the boiler, and condensed steam will run down the other tube into the water tank.

The supply of water will thus last indefinitely. The stay in the air will be limited by the quantity of essence which can be carried.

## The British Empire.

The British Empire occupies about one-fifth of the surface of the habitable globe, and consists of the United Kingdom, with its attendant islands, and about forty-three dependencies, under separate and independent governments, varying in size from Canada, which is thirty times the size of the United Kingdom, to Gibraltar, the area of which is two square miles. Thus the area of the British Empire is ninety-eight times that of the United Kingdom, while the area of the self-governing Colonies alone is nearly sixty times as large as that of the Mother Country.

Uncle George—"I'm awfully sorry they had to amputate Tom's foot."

Aunt Jane—"I'm sure it's good of you to say that."

Uncle George—"Yes, it is too bad, it would have been so much nicer if it had been his head."

## A NEW ERA IN THE NAVY.

**Sir John Fisher as Senior Naval Sea Lord.**

## GIVEN FREE HAND.

**He is Described as the Most Strenuous and Capable Admiral in the British Naval Service—Chief Adviser of the Government.**

London, Oct. 26.—On Friday, the day on which England celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the British navy entered upon a new regime by Admiral Sir John Fisher taking office as the senior naval sea lord, an appointment which has given universal satisfaction and the results of which are looked forward to with hopeful anticipation. A naval correspondent says:—

"It is at once apposite and suggestive that these two events should have taken place simultaneously—namely, the celebration of the culminating employment of the British fleet in 1805 and the induction in office at Whitehall of a strenuous personality who is bound to fashion to his own liking and, despite constitutional checks, a weapon ready for use if necessity requires it in 1905."

"Admiral Sir John Fisher is a strong man, swift of judgment, tenacious of purpose, keen to a degree uncommon in almost any walk of life, save that of money grubbing."

A man of affairs, who has wielded large power and has influenced the march of events, once told me that the three men with whom he had come in contact who had most impressed him were Bismarck, Rhodes and Fisher. Yet eighteen months ago the English people hardly knew there was such a man as he. He had arrived long since, but it was by his famous speech at the academy banquet in the Spring of 1903 that he may be said to have first forcibly struck the public eye and ear. His incisive directness, his boisterous humor, above all, his absolutely assured confidence and strength made an impression which set the people to enquire, and enquiry carried conviction."

Sir John Fisher is emphatically the product of naval training. The son of a soldier born in 1841, he entered the naval service, when but 13, and made his way absolutely without interest or influence.

A cheerful worker, a clear thinker, and a vigilant observer, Sir John Fisher is a man who inspires confidence among all who come in contact with him. He is not a man of the desk only. His clear eyes, the lurking humor of his lips, the strong, broad chin, and the bronzed complexion suggest the open air life and the breezy discipline of the bridge of the battleship, rather than the close confines of the study.

"The position that Sir John has now assumed is that of chief naval adviser to the Government. He has come to the Admiralty, not so much as a reformer as one who intends to carry out the evolution of the navy which has been the result of its scientific development to the fullest possible extent."

"The great scheme of the training of officers, and which he is primarily responsible, has yet to find its complement in a similar remodeling of administrative methods, and in this work his extraordinary energy and versatility will find ample play."

"Sir John Fisher has been compared to Lord Nelson. I would rather compare him to St. Vincent, for it was St. Vincent who forged the weapon which Nelson so ably used. Fisher's opportunities will be enormous, for he is assured of royal support, is trusted by the King's Ministers, and will be ably supported by his colleagues."

## IN THE CLUTCH OF AN EAGLE.

**Strange Story From Pisarino Regarding a Nine-Year Old Lad's Journey in Mid Air.**

The nine-year-old son of James Ferguson a farmer and fisherman of Pisarino, travelled for some distance in mid air in the clutches of a large eagle, yesterday. At least that is the story that reached the city.

The little fellow was alone in a field near his father's house, when he became suddenly aware of the swoop of wings, and glancing up saw the giant eagle hovering over his head. With a cry of terror he sprang to his feet and started to run, but stumbled and fell, whereupon the eagle fastened its talons into his jacket and slowly but steadily ascended with its heavy burden. The lad kicked and screamed, and as the eagle was weak from hunger it could fly only a short distance, and alighted near a post, where the boy lost no time in clutching. At the same moment Ferguson's dog ran up, and attacked the "king of the air," which put up a vigorous defence.

The boy who managed to break clear of his captor, lost no time in "doing a sprint" for home. Mr. Ferguson was soon on the spot with a gun, but found that he was too late as the bird was far out of range.

## BREAKFAST IS BETTER THAN MEDICINE.

Quit taking nostrums—go to bed early—rise early and breakfast on "Swiss Food."

The small boy—"I say, I g-g-got any d-d-dry fish?"

The fishmonger—"Yes, my lad."

The small boy—"Then g-g-give 'em a drink!"—Illustrated Bits.

## BURGLARY IN CHATHAM.

**Special Services in the Pro-Cathedral—Readings by Rev. W. W. Rainnie.**

Chatham, Oct. 26.—Midnight window breaking and burglaries seem to have become quite a popular pastime in Chatham of late. On Friday night, a window in M. and J. Hickley's store was broken, the building entered, and half a dozen pairs of boots appropriated. The same night a stone was thrown through the plate glass window in La Hay's restaurant, and only a few nights before, the cellar under J. Flennbrook's dry goods store was entered through the window.

Rev. Father Pacifique of Quebec is conducting special meetings in the pro-cathedral this week, which are being largely attended. Rev. Father O'Keefe began his duties as parish priest on Sunday.

A very successful literary and musical entertainment under the auspices of the Western Guild of St. Andrew's church was held in St. Andrew's hall last evening. Selections from the works of Ian MacLaren, read by Rev. W. W. Rainnie who has made such an enviable reputation for himself as a reader in St. John and elsewhere, were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. Those who assisted in the musical part of the program were, Misses C. Bertie Edgar, Jessie, and Olive Sinclair, Jessie MacDonald and John MacFarlane.

## SIR WILFRID CORRECTED.

**He was in Error in His Denunciation of the I. C. R.**

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 26.—Sir Charles Tupper has addressed the following letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—

"I beg to call your attention to an error which you no doubt inadvertently made in your speech at Chatham, when you said:—'The Intercolonial Railway was administered by Alexander Mackenzie for three years, but could not be made to pay. Sir Charles Tupper managed it for several years, and the result was the same.'"

"If you refer to the public accounts you will find the following facts recorded:—

"In 1876-77 there was a loss on the Intercolonial Railway that is to say, all the receipts did not meet the expenditures of the year by \$507,280.00.

"In the year 1877-78 the loss was \$432,327.00.

The loss in 1878-79, the last year of Mackenzie management, was \$716,083.00.

"In 1879-80 the loss was reduced under my management to \$97,131.

"In 1880-81 there was a profit of \$543.

"In 1881-82 the profit was \$9,605.

"In 1882-83 the profit was \$10,548, and in 1883-84 it was \$9,000 when I resigned the office of Minister of Railways.

Yours truly,  
"CHARLES TUPPER."

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There comes to my mind a legend. A thing I had half forgot. And whether I read or dreamed it, Ah, well, it matters not. It said, in heaven at twilight. A great bell softly swings. And a man may listen and hearken To the wonderful music that rings. If he puts from his heart's inner chamber All passion, pain and strife; Heartache and weary longings That throbb in the pulses of life. If he thrusts from his soul all hatred, All thoughts of wicked things. He can hear in holy twilight. How the bell of the angels rings. I think there is in this legend. If we open our eyes to see. Somewhat of an inner meaning. My friend, for you and me. So, then, let us ponder a little. Let us look in our hearts and see If there is in this legend. Can ring for you and me.

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