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DO NOT BE MISLED.

The people of St. John cannot share the cheerful optimism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier with regard to the good faith of the Grand Trunk railway company. It is to be expected that he would defend the bargain his government has made, and that he would give the most lavish assurances concerning the good intentions of the company. But over against his assertions are the facts of the case, and the contract made with the G. T. P. company, which for all practical purpose is the Grand Trunk.

The facts are that the original aim of the Grand Trunk company was to get a line from the lakes westward that would feed their lines to Portland, Me., and that they will still strain every nerve to divert trade to their own port. The contract does not bind them to do otherwise. Sir Wilfrid talks glibly about the power of the government to enforce its wishes, but who knows what its wishes really are? If they were to direct every pound of Canadian freight through Canadian channels the contract would declare the fact in language that could not be mistaken.

The fact is that if the deal is endorsed by the people of Canada the portion of new Canada to be served by this railway will be at the mercy of a corporation which has no interest in Canadian winter ports, but has money largely invested in an American port.

In self-defence, the people must condemn the whole project.

RAIN BOASTING.

The government press, as usual in an election campaign, is claiming a large government majority. The purpose of this boasting is of course to catch the votes of those who might be influenced by an assurance that this or that party would gain the victory, and who would like to be on the winning side.

There is certainly nothing in the reports from independent sources to warrant the assertion that the government will be sustained. It is clear enough to every observer that the maritime provinces will return a majority against the government. Ontario and the west will do the same. The whole hope of the government party is the province of Quebec, which at the last election gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier practically his whole majority.

But Mr. Tarte says that there has been a great revulsion of feeling in Quebec, and he gives the opposition anywhere from twenty to thirty seats, which would mean the defeat of the government.

The man who talks of the certainty of a government victory is taking very long chances. He is likely to be sadly disappointed on Thursday night.

THE REAL QUESTION.

The question to be decided by the people on Thursday is not whether we shall have more railways to open up the west. The C. P. R. builds hundreds of miles of railway on its own account every year, and other lines are doing the same. There is no lack of enterprise in that respect. The people of Canada are perfectly willing to supplement what private corporations are doing, and no government would be so foolish as to ignore the fact that more railways are needed to develop the new west. But the real question at issue is that of ownership. Is the country to build a new transcontinental line and control it, or build it and hand it over to the Grand Trunk for fifty years? Is Canada so poor that it cannot build a railway? Must this country beg the Grand Trunk magnates to come to its aid, and make millions at its expense?

The electors will say on Thursday that they are competent to manage their own affairs.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

A "reporter of the Liberal News" who is evidently interested in the railway between Norton and Chipman, and would like to see it taken over by the G. T. P., has been interviewing Mr. Wainwright. He pointed out to Mr. Wainwright the damaging effect of his candid observations about what the G. T. P. company would not do in the line of providing terminal facilities at St. John, and between them they have prepared a plausible re-statement of the case, which almost looks like the work of a lawyer. Mr. Wainwright now explains that he did not mean that St. John must provide facilities, but that facilities must be provided. And then he and the reporter proceed to explain how it is to be done, as follows:—

"Whether the facilities would be provided by the company, or by the government as part of the plan to nationalize the four ports of Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax, or whether they would be provided

by the company and the government jointly was not settled, and as to this he had not intended to express any opinion."

How delightfully definite this is. It is almost as binding as the G. T. P. contract is with regard to bringing freight this way.

Maybe the company will provide the facilities. Maybe the government will do it. Maybe they will both do it.

This will remind the Times readers of the reply of the Indian who was asked about the weather prospects. He examined the sky very carefully and replied:—

"Mebbe snow; mebbe rain—mebbe not."

The information given by Mr. Wainwright and the gifted new reporter of the Liberal News is of exactly the same value.

How many St. John people will be fooled by it or by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's empty phrases?

G. T. P. DEFINITIONS.

Since the publication in the Times of the definition of the letters G. T. P. and their true significance in relation to Canadian affairs at the present day, a representative of this paper has succeeded in obtaining additional opinions as to the meaning of these initials. They will probably be found to represent the real—though hitherto unexpressed—sentiment of the gentlemen quoted and they speak for themselves.

"You ask me what the letters G. T. P. mean. If I should tell you my answer would perhaps explain why I am so vigorously upholding the policy on the platform and through the columns of my paper. To me they mean 'Gobble the Patronage.'"

RICHARD O'BRIEN.

"The electors of Canada have no right to repudiate the contract, for it was made by ourselves and the Grand Trunk company in our own interests. What have the people to do with it anyway? Why we get our answer to that from the letters themselves. By our reading of them our policy is fully determined: viz. 'Gag the People.' If this is done there can be no opposition to our scheme."

WILFRID LAURIER.

"Nobody knows what route the G. T. P. will take, nor what the engineering difficulties may be and therefore G. T. P. may well mean 'Guess the Price.'"

JOHN W. DANIEL.

"The policy is to saddle the country with an enormous debt and to take our western freights to an American port. If it is carried out Canada will find the meaning of the letters to be 'Gate to Poverty.'"

A. A. STOCKTON.

"Mr. Wainwright has said that G. T. P. means 'Got the Pull.' Permit me to supplement his able opinion as to their meaning with my own which is 'Graft, the Policy.'"

HOPEFUL CONTRACTOR.

"As one of the electors of Canada who oppose the gift and graft policy, I desire to speak for them as to the course we intend adopting. We have set our own meaning to the letters and while it does not agree with the others it indicates what we will surely do to the grafters on Nov. 3rd. We adopt the letters G. T. P. as our motto—'Give Them Phits.'"

CANADIAN VOTER.

AN UNWORTHY APPEAL.

The following is the latest effusion from the Moncton Transcript.

"A vote for Hebert in Kent is a vote to split the Acadian vote and deprive the Kent Acadians of representation at Ottawa."

The Transcript has always lauded itself to the sky for alleged consistency. If a conservative journal dared to publish such an item it would be attacked by the Transcript for appealing to race and creed prejudices. A French Acadian has a right to any office which an intelligent electorate may award to him. Why has not an Irish Canadian the same right?

The liberals of Westmorland recognize that in Kent county they have a forlorn hope. That McInerney will be elected is generally admitted. Every effort possible has been made to shelve Hebert, but he was not to be shelved.

The Moncton Times in speaking of the contest says:—"The clever Transcript says Mr. Hebert will not take a single vote from LeBlanc in Kent, but will injure McInerney's chances. If this is the case why did the liberals offer Hebert a large sum of money to retire from the fight?"

A SIMPLE ILLUSTRATION.

The difference between the government's railway policy, and that of Mr. Borden is easily illustrated. Let us suppose that it were proposed on the one hand to give a street railway company control for fifty years of the street railway business of St. John, and on the other hand that it were proposed to have a street railway owned and controlled by the people. Is there any taxpayer of this city

THE BLAIR TELEGRAM.

THE LIBERAL NEWS, IN ITS ISSUE OF OCTOBER 29, INTIMATED THAT HON. A. G. BLAIR DID NOT SEND OR SIGN THE TELEGRAM ANNOUNCING HIS RESIGNATION WHICH WAS PRINTED IN THE TIMES ON OCTOBER 18, THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS, AND DID NOT INTEND TO MENTION REAFFIRMING HIS STRONG OBJECTION TO THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC SCHEME.

Mr. Blair not only knew what the Telegram contained, but wrote it and signed it. The original will be reproduced, together with the original of Mr. Blair's signature in Tomorrow's TIMES.

who would hesitate for a moment, in the light of his present knowledge, as to which way he would vote? There is not one but would declare himself in favor of civic ownership.

The transcontinental railway is the same on a larger scale and with the additional objection that the G. T. P. company is liable at any time to be controlled entirely instead of partially by foreign capital.

The path of government ownership is the pathway of safety and fair play to the patrons of the new road.

A CORRECTION.

The Liberal News, which is distributed free in the interests of the G. T. P., says in this morning's issue:—

"Don't forget that if it had not been for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal government, the Grand Trunk Pacific would have only extended east as far as North Bay, and that all the business would have gone to Portland."

This statement needs some revision. It should read thus:—

"Don't forget that if it had not been for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Senator Cox and a few others who could not wait, the people of Canada would not have been bound to a corporation, largely foreign, which has its railway terminus at a foreign port. Don't forget that Mr. R. L. Borden is the man to right the wrong, and protect the country from those who would sacrifice its best interests."

THE LEASE AGAIN.

The Liberal News says:—

"The election of Mr. McKeown and Mr. O'Brien will put this city in a position to say to the government, 'We want such and such conditions put into the lease,' and this constituency will have representatives in parliament who will see that its desires are carried out."

Nothing will be put in the lease that is not in the contract. The contract permits the company to route freight to Portland. The company has millions invested at Portland and has not a cent invested in St. John or Halifax. The only way to ensure justice to maritime ports is to defeat the government and let the people control the railway their money is to build.

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

The Liberal News prints this morning the following section of the G. T. P. contract:—

(b) That all freight originating on the line of railway not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper shall be carried entirely on Canadian territory and to Canadian ocean ports.

Is there a man in the office of the Liberal News or anywhere else who has the hardihood to assert that this section does not give the company power to route freight specifically to Portland? The contract speaks for itself.

What the people of St. John want is a provision that will route the freight to Canadian ports. To get it they must defeat the G. T. P.

WATCH THE ARROW.

The Moncton Transcript says:—"Railway men! The Grand Trunk Pacific will give two strings to your bow."

The I. C. R. men realize this fact, for if the "Go to Portland" string is pulled the arrow will shoot the I. C. R. into oblivion. Their votes on Nov. 3rd. will be cast advisedly, and the bow will be bent and the arrow shot with such precision that the G. T. P. candidates will go down.

Mr. Tarte says the change in feeling throughout Quebec is astonishing and Mr. Borden will have all the way from twenty to thirty seats in that province.

The Moncton Transcript says:—"As the conservative party has an unlimited supply of gas, we suggest that it go into the balloon business."

Gas is not in it with the supply of "hot air" being shot forth by the Transcript. The editor is in some danger from spontaneous combustion.

The liberals of Westmorland are mustering all their resources. They recognize Powell's increasing popularity. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," aptly illustrates the present position of the minister of railways.

The Globe has apologized to Mr. David Russell, the Liberal News has apologized to Mr. Fred H. Hale, and the next explanation will deal with the Blair telegram—These few dreary days for the G. T. P. press in St. John.

The sons of the City of the Loyalists must be loyal to their country's interests—Canada's trade for Canada's Ports.

When the Liberal News, published from the Globe office, is compelled to contradict the Globe with regard to Mr. Wainwright's remarks, the case of the G. T. P. hereabouts must be growing serious.

GLOBE AND MR. RUSSELL.

(From last night's St. John Globe.)

The Globe has received notice from Mr. David Russell, Montreal, to the effect that an action will be commenced in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick to recover damages for the publication in the Saint John Globe on the afternoon of the 19th September of the following statement:—

"Toronto, Sept. 19.—The Grand Hotel Company, of Caledonia Springs, has commenced action for specific performance of contract at Osgood Hall against Mr. David Russell, of Montreal. It asks that Mr. Russell be compelled to complete the purchase of the lot in Caledonia Springs in which the mineral wells are said to exist, and also to pay the balance of his indebtedness in regard to the purchase."

The above was received by telegram from our correspondent and was published in the ordinary way as a matter of news. The same statement was published in the Mail and Empire, Toronto, on the morning of September 19. On September 20 we published the following:—

THE MATTER IN DISPUTE.

The Telegraph publishes this statement of the case of the Grand Hotel Company, of Caledonia Springs, Ont., against Mr. D. Russell Montreal:—

"The last payment on the property in question is not due until October 17. There is a disputed claim of \$4,900, the claim being one by Ewert & Arnold, architects. A certified check for \$5,000 was deposited with the manager of the Bank of Ottawa some days ago, pending the trial of the case in court. Mr. H. H. Mott, of this city, who examined the account for Mr. Russell, states that there is an overcharge of several hundred dollars."

The Globe begs to state that in publishing the statement of which Mr. Russell complains there was no intention on its part to state anything that was incorrect, or which would in any way reflect on Mr. Russell personally. We have been willing to publish any contra statement that he would furnish us, but have received no such statement from him. We may add that we regret the publication in the issue of September 19th of the statement of which complaint is made, as the Globe has nothing but the kindest feelings generally to Mr. Russell, and has no desire to do him any injustice.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

Hallowe'en was celebrated in a thoroughly enjoyable manner, at the Y. M. C. A. last night. There was a fine programme, in which all classes participated. The juniors opened the entertainment with a dumb-bell drill, which was followed by an amusing pie-eating contest. The intermediates had a potato race. John Malcolm, Joe Lewis and P. Howard, gave a fine exhibition of tumbling, which was greeted by hearty applause. The entertainment was brought to a close by game of basket ball.

Conservative Meetings.

There will be three conservative meetings tonight. In Temple of Honor Hall, north end; in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket square, and in Coughlan's Hall, at the foot of Charlotte street.

Wednesday evening a mass meeting will be held in the City Hall, Carlton. The speakers will be J. B. M. Baxter and Dr. Stockton. On the same evening a meeting will be held in Fairville, when J. D. Hazen and others will speak.

The members of the R. L. Borden Club are requested to meet in their rooms, Prince William street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

The speakers at tonight's meeting in Coughlan's Hall will be W. F. Hatheway, Dr. Daniel and Dr. Stockton. The same speakers will also be heard in Tabernacle Hall and at the Temple of Honor Hall in north end. J. D. Hazen and other prominent speakers will be heard. Each meeting will be opened at 8 o'clock and seats will be reserved for ladies.

St. John or Portland—which?

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SMUGGLERS OF DRUGS.

A Thief Captured with 3,800 Ounces Worth \$1.50 per Ounce.

New York, Nov. 1.—Customs agents in Hoboken have arrested a "longshoreman" in the act of removing 3800 ounces of a drug used in the treatment of consumption which is said to be worth, in this country, \$1.50 an ounce. The prisoner declared the bag was handed to him over the side of a steamer just in from Europe, and that he was told to carry it immediately to an address in Manhattan, where he would be well paid. Officials of the custom's service are of the opinion that there is an organized gang of drug smugglers operating here, largely in the manner discovered by the longshoreman. A duty of 25 per cent. on nearly all medicinal preparations and drugs, making the successful smuggler lucrative returns.

ROMANCE OF MOONSHINERS.

Ends in a Murder in a West Virginia Town.

Huntington, W. Va., Nov. 1.—Peter Bowles, a moonshiner and ex-convict, was murdered yesterday and just before he died accused Thomas Trail and Edward Maynard. Bowles' throat was slashed and his body riddled with bullets.

According to the statement made before he died, Bowles stated that Maynard and he were infatuated with Trail's daughter. The two met at the latter's home, Maynard in the presence of the girl, with a knife, slashed Bowles' throat. Trail then picked up a Winchester rifle and shot Bowles. Both men escaped. When neighbors arrived, Bowles told his story and died. Late yesterday afternoon, Maynard was arrested. When brought back, a mob assembled, but was foiled by the presence of a number of deputies. Trail is still at large.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—(Special).—The customs revenue for the dominion for the month of October was \$3,659,126.

Mr. Mountain, Engineer of the railway commission, will leave shortly for Baltimore to inspect the tunnel of the Baltimore & Ohio railway in that city. He will afterwards visit the tunnel under the Hudson near New York. It is the intention to get all the information possible before Messrs Mountain and Duval make their report on the Sarnia tunnel. The question seems to be whether it would be best to use forced ventilation or electricity for traction purposes.

HALLOWE'EN FATALITY.

Chicago, Ills., Nov. 1.—As the climax of a Hallowe'en prank Wm. Sears, 33 years old, was mistaken for a thief early to-day and was shot in the back and instantly killed by Policeman Nicholas Smith. Sears and Frank McKune, while carrying a basket, were ordered by the policeman to halt. They paid no heed to him. After repeated calls Smith fired and Sears fell, while his companion disappeared down the alley.

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ATLANTIC RATE WAR.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—Herr Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American steamship company, replying to a telegraph enquiry from the Associated Press as to the report that the Atlantic rate war was ended by an agreement between the Cunard and the German lines said "the announcement is not quite correct. Negotiations are still pending."

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