

"THE INTERCOLONIAL WILL BE BOUND HAND AND FOOT."

What an Independent Paper Thinks of the Grand Trunk's Purchase of the Canada Atlantic—Government Threw Its Chances Away.

Says the Toronto News, a professional independent paper.

"The Grand Trunk, it seems, has bought the Canada Atlantic. The transaction, clinches the grasp of the Grand Trunk upon the transportation system of Canada.

"The Intercolonial henceforth will be bound hand and foot. It will lie at the mercy of the private railways. Its western terminus will be Montreal, and every avenue to Montreal except the all-water route will be controlled by the three great railway corporations of Canada. It will feel the blow at once. It has competed successfully for the Canada Atlantic traffic eastward. At a stroke that traffic will belong to the Grand Trunk, and will go to Portland, unless the corporation railway chooses to allow the government railway a share of the traffic it now contends for and captures. We may almost give up hope of the Intercolonial paying. Even under good manage-

ment it would after this blow be a difficult proposition.

"Had the government bought the Canada Atlantic two things would have happened. The government railway would have been immensely strengthened. The Grand Trunk would have been balked of its present predominance. It would have had the best all-rail route east of Winnipeg, and would also have had several excellent lake routes. The best of the lake-and-rail routes however, would have been in the hands of the government railway, and to that extent there would have been a check upon the Grand Trunk. The road in which the people of Canada have invested their millions would have become a paying investment. It also would have dominated the freight situation, and have curbed the exactions of the corporation-owned railways. Private interests proved too strong for the public interest. The government threw away its chance and deliberately sacrificed the great permanent interests of the country."

FEARLESS DECLARATION BY MR. ROBERT L. BORDEN.

Before committing the country to an enterprise (the Grand Trunk Pacific) which will increase our national obligations by more than fifty per cent., which will so pledge our future resources as to prevent any great scheme of national transportation, for many years, which will probably destroy the Intercolonial Railway, and indefinitely retard any advancement in state ownership; before doing this, constitutional usage demands that the Government should submit the question to the people. We have moved an amendment to that effect, which has been voted down. The Government has no mandate from the people to engage in this enterprise, nor has it any legitimate authority to deny an appeal to the people. It has no justification to refuse to listen to the voice of the people.

It proposes at all costs to force this measure through parliament and upon the people.

It proposes forthwith to enter into binding contracts, and to thus stifle the voice of the people, even if that voice should be raised with no uncertain sound against this measure.

I have heard all throughout the country. I have heard from Cape Breton in Nova Scotia to the western part of Ontario, what the Government proposes to accomplish by means of this stroke of political genius.

I have heard on every hand of what the supporters of the Government have been saying as to the resources which would be placed at the disposal of the Government in the approaching campaign.

These things have not been said in the closet, they have been said upon the house tops; in every part of the country I have visited I have heard them.

But, Sir, considerations of that kind will not stifle the voice of the people.

No one can tell in advance what

the verdict of the people will be.

Though that verdict should be against the Government, the design of the Government is nevertheless to be regarded, but that the will of the Grand Trunk Pacific magnates shall prevail.

To this, Mr. Speaker, we now enter our strongest demur.

Against it we now formulate our most solemn protest.

We do not propose that the voice of the people shall be stifled, and we declare that if the conservative party is returned to power at the next general election, it will enact such legislation as will enable the will of the people to prevail over the will of this corporation, however great and however powerful it may be.

The people of Canada, if they realize their own strength, are and will be greater than any corporation—greater than all corporations.

They may not have the same organization or the same capacity to combine, but their power when exerted to the full is at all times irresistible.

If it be the will of the people of Canada, as declared by their voice at the next election, that another railway from ocean to ocean shall be built, owned, controlled by the people of Canada, and not by the Grand Trunk Railway Company—if it is the will of the people that we shall assume not only nine-tenths, but ten-tenths of the obligations necessary to construct another transcontinental road, and by that means control a national railway highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific—the Conservative party, if returned to power, is prepared, in accordance with the will of the people so expressed, to place upon the statute-book of Canada such legislation as will enable that result to be accomplished with the least possible delay.—Mr. R. L. Borden in Parliament, May 26, 1904.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The shire town of Pictou has taken on a new coat of oil of electricity, and is looking especially well at night. The plant, an excellent one, is owned and operated by the town.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

Rhodes, Curry & Co., have been awarded contracts for the building of two stations, one at Pictou and one at Antigonish. The former will cost \$40,000 and the latter \$12,000. Work will be commenced at once.

In view of the depressed condition of the foreign market, the members of the Nova Scotia Lumbermen's Association at its meeting in Truro, agreed to reduce the cutting this winter at least one half. Some of them agreed to suspend operations entirely until the markets recover.

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THE FIRST DIRECTORY.

The first directory dates from 1595 Queen Elizabeth's reign. A copy of it is in the British museum, entitled "The Names of All such Gentlemen of Accompts as Were Residing Within the City of London."

The next does not seem to have appeared for nearly a hundred years. It was called "A Collection of the Names of Merchants Living In and About the City of London." This was printed for Lee, Lombard street in 1677. The names were arranged alphabetically, 1,790 in number. In a separate list were the names of no fewer than forty-four bankers under this heading. "Goldsmiths who keep running cashes," twenty-three of them being then in Lombard street. This book contains the name of the father of Pope, the poet.

The first directory, expressly so called, was compiled by Brown in 1732, who soon issued it annually and realized through it a large fortune. The earliest postoffice directory appeared in 1800, and since volumes have been brought out yearly ever since.—*London Telegraph.*

GIFTS FOR THE BABY.

A New Born Infant Gets More Presents Than a Bride.

If there is one person who receives more presents than a bride it is a baby. No one likes to visit in the home of friends who have a new baby without taking a present of some sort to that all-important person. And by the time every one has given baby some trifle, he is likely to have enough duplicates to start a miniature department store.

One of the conceits of a baby who is old enough to hold a spoon and feed himself is a food pusher, which comes in a set with a spoon, says the Philadelphia Press.

It is a silver piece with a handle like a spoon or fork, but having in place of a bowl a silver bar, with which the small person pushes food on to his spoon. It teaches him not to use his fingers and enables him to keep his food within the limits of the plate, instead of decorating table linen with it.

A novel bottle holder for the baby who likes to toss his bottle to the floor when he has finished with it is a delight to mothers. It is a metal frame which can be attached to the arm of a high chair or carriage and from which hangs a sort of cage-like case for the bottle.

This holder swings in any direction, and when the bottle is fastened in baby can drink to his heart's content and, try as he may, he cannot throw it away.

In dainty white satin heart-shaped boxes are sets of bib pins in gold enamel and in all designs, connected with five gold chains, and baby pins for the back of dresses and slips.

Silver cups are given to children for christening gifts, as well as small-sized loving cups appropriately engraved. Mugs of a heavy English decorated china make useful presents for babies of 2 and 3 years.

A plain gold bracelet clasping invisibly has a little ring inserted at the top for baby to wear when he is dressed in his prettiest frock. While babies are not the most successful ring wearers, oftentimes a little gold band is given to a child for a christening gift or for a birthday present.

The ring is made for the middle finger so that it can be worn successively on the ring finger and later on the little digit. Amber beads are supposed to ward off croup and are popular gifts.

Ivory sets consisting of comb, brush, powder box and puff, soap box, rattle and teething ring, are arranged in silk-lined baskets.

There are, of course, no end of booties and toys, silver rattles and silver chimers, rub or animals and house balls which can be selected for little ones, but nowadays it is the custom to give a baby some remembrance which can be engraved and kept until he is old enough to know he had friends when he was a small morsel of humanity.

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A FATHER AT 81.

Baltimore, Oct. 30.—A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Elenbrock. Mr. Elenbrock is 81 years old and last November he took a wife, in the person of Miss Caroline Schroeder, a servant in his employ.

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