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RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

Probably we are treated to less railway accidents in this vicinity than our general misdeeds and bad conduct deserve. And there is certainly no reason to get in a furore at the railway company, for mismanagement. But there are a few circumstances, in connection with the recent accident near Canterbury, which call for comment. In the first place, we must congratulate the company that the passenger car which took a tumble to itself, was heated by steam instead of stove. Had a stove been the means of heating, it is horrible to contemplate what the result might have been. A year ago, it is said, stoves did the heating, but a year ago, fortunately, the accident did not occur.

Every railway corporation must be trusted to manage its affairs in the way best calculated to serve its own interests, and the interests of the public as well. It is said, that on this end of the line, a reduction in the number of section men was made, not a great while ago. This is a serious affair, and the public has a good right to know if it is the case, and if, being the case, it had anything to do with the recent accident.

Another matter is with regard to the information which the public should expect, with regard to the extent of an accident. Between seven and eight o'clock the Queen St. station in this town was crowded with people awaiting the arrival of the train. It was generally believed that the accident was far more serious than it proved to have been. No definite information was at hand. THE DISPATCH understands that the railway has a rule, that no details of an accident shall be given to the public, by any official of the road. No doubt there is a reason for this rule.

But, what about the relatives, the wives and children who may be half-crazed with anxiety, and want to know the news, though it be the worst? It does seem that the company might have done something to relieve their anxiety. To be sure, when the train reached Benton or Debec there was nothing to prevent individuals from sending private dispatches, but a couple of hours, about, intervened between the accident and their arrival at a station from which news could be sent. The engine and train hands had gone to Debec, and a word from some of the officials would have been reassuring.

THE DISPATCH believes in a newspaper being run as its owners direct, and is willing to extend the same rule to the railway companies, but if THE DISPATCH goes into the business of smashing reputations it must explain its conduct to the public, and when railway companies smash up individual corporations they cannot expect to escape the penetrating eye of public opinion.

There is a most prevailing impression that the employees of the C. P. R. on this branch are competent, painstaking and careful, and no one fancies that the recent accident was due to carelessness on the part of any one of them. It may have been entirely unavoidable. But, whatever the cause we think the public should be enlightened.

"MURDEROUS MAN-MONKEYS"

There is complaint made sometimes that Hansard is a mistake, and that it is nonsense reporting everything that is said in the House of Commons, but there is much to be said in support of an official report. In an important debate there is satisfaction in having the words of a speaker just as he delivered them on the floor of the house.

We have read the Hansard report of the speech on Mr. McNeill's resolution of loyalty to the Empire with much pleasure, because, it shows Parliament at its best, and will likely have the effect of discouraging the tactics of raising the loyalty cry for political advantage.

Sir Richard Cartwright has a poor opinion of the Venezuelans. In his speech on the motion, he said "For my part I think it would be a thousand pities were a single drop of Anglo-Saxon blood shed for the sake of all those murderous man-monkeys in South America. What they do is to have a revolution and a massacre every half year, and the only possible chance of their living in peace is for some strong tyrant like General Rosas or Dr. Francia to keep them in due subjection at the point of the bayonet."

Mr. Davies said, "We desire to unite more closely and firmly the different parts of the Empire. We may not have at present, and so far as I can see, there is not any logical scheme ready; but in the lumbering and blundering way in which old John Bull goes on, and is going on, I have no doubt that we will succeed, and that events themselves will evolve some scheme by which the Empire will be more closely united together."

Both quotations are from leading Liberals. Uncle Sam must surely understand by this

time that while we have our family quarrels, torries and grits are united in the purpose to stick to the old ship.

A TRAGIC SENATOR.

Senator Tillman from Ohio recently made a "slashing" speech in the senate of the United States, and thereby brought on himself a torrent of abuse from sundry journals. He wrote a letter to the New York World, which closes with this somewhat tragic utterance:—"I have never shrunk from the lashings of newspaper scribblers in the arena of State politics, and I will not begin to do so in the broader field to which my commission from the people has transferred me. If it is to be the fate of this great Republic to sink to the level of Rome when the Praetorian guards were wont to put the Emperors up to the highest bidder; if Congress is to become or remain the cowardly tool and purchasable agent of the wealthy; if the Federal judiciary are to undermine and destroy the Constitution, as foretold by Jefferson; if our liberties are to be lost through supine ignorance and venality, I, as a sentinel on the watch-tower, holding a sacred trust, cannot be charged with having assisted my country to its degradation, by giving a note of warning."

An Ottawa dispatch to the St. John Sun says:—"The supreme court of Canada have decided that the city of St. John is not liable in actions for negligent maintenance of their streets. The later English cases have been followed, and it is now understood that the city is only responsible for the original wrongful construction of any work, but not for its subsequent deterioration. In this case upon the trial Judge Landry nonsuited the plaintiff. The Supreme court of New Brunswick set aside the nonsuit and ordered a new trial, Judge Landry alone dissenting." The particular case adjudicated for is the city of St. John vs. John Campbell. It will be noticed that this decision of the supreme court is exceedingly important. It has special interest to Woodstock.

Since St. John has proved such a success as a winter port, the people of St. Andrews are setting forth the claims of that place. Mr. B. F. Dewolf a hustling business man of St. Andrews, has recently built a rodm wharf and paid a visit to this county, working up trade to go, via St. Andrews to United States ports. If as much shall come of trade by means of cold storage, between this country and England as is anticipated, there is no reason why St. Andrews should not figure. The harbor is excellent, the distance to these up river counties, and to the upper provinces, less than any other Atlantic port in Canada. St. Andrew's first move is to get the necessary wharfage accommodation.

Coun. Grant thinks he was not fairly used in the matter of the street appropriation, at last meeting of the town council. He says that a majority of the council would have supported a resolution favoring an expenditure of \$1500, if the mayor had not railroaded Coun. Leighton's amendment through. It is a pity that "smart work" should hold in the council room. \$1000, for the streets, is a beggarly appropriation. On what high parliamentary authority, is the rule in the by-laws, founded which prohibits the moving of an amendment to an amendment? It is certainly not founded on parliamentary usage which is supposed to be authority for smaller legislative bodies.

It seems rather absurd that New Brunswick with a population 100,000 less than Nova Scotia should need forty-five members in its Assembly, while the sister province gets along with thirty-eight. It may be said that Nova Scotia still has its legislative council but it will soon be abolished, and it will be a surprise, if when the council goes, necessity shall arise to increase the representation in the Assembly. It was a bad job when the legislature was enlarged, at a time when everything pointed to the necessity of its being reduced.

The vote of \$3,000,000 for properly arming the militia will in all probability be passed without opposition, as soon as it is shown that the money will be laid out in the most effective weapons. The millenium has not yet come, and, until that happy time does arrive, nations will need to be ready for any contingencies that may arise. We don't want to fight, but by Jingo, if we do, we want something to use, that is more likely to hurt our enemy, than ourselves.

The late lamented Mr. Maher who was knocked out, in the recent contest with Mr. Fitzsimmons, must not be confounded with Mr. Meagher, Inspector of public schools for this district.

Bill Nye, the celebrated humorist is dead.

Meduxnekeag Fishway.

In the House of Commons recently, in reply to Dr. Colter, Mr. Costigan said the cost of the fishway was \$190.57. No repairs have been made, but the fishery officer was authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$150, in construction of a pier to protect the fishway from ice.

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Jameson Arrives in London.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The steamship Victoria, with Dr. Jameson aboard, arrived at Davenport tonight from Port Natal. Two hundred and fifty of Dr. Jameson's men have arrived in London and have been sent to their home. In spite of the secrecy which it was sought to maintain as to the time of their arrival a great crowd gathered to receive them and greeted them with acclamations. These men asserted that the Boers lost 280 men killed and wounded in the fight at Kurgersdorp in which Dr. Jameson was captured.

The Times says: "It appears that Dr. Jameson and his officers have not yet been formally arrested, but they are considered to be under military arrest."

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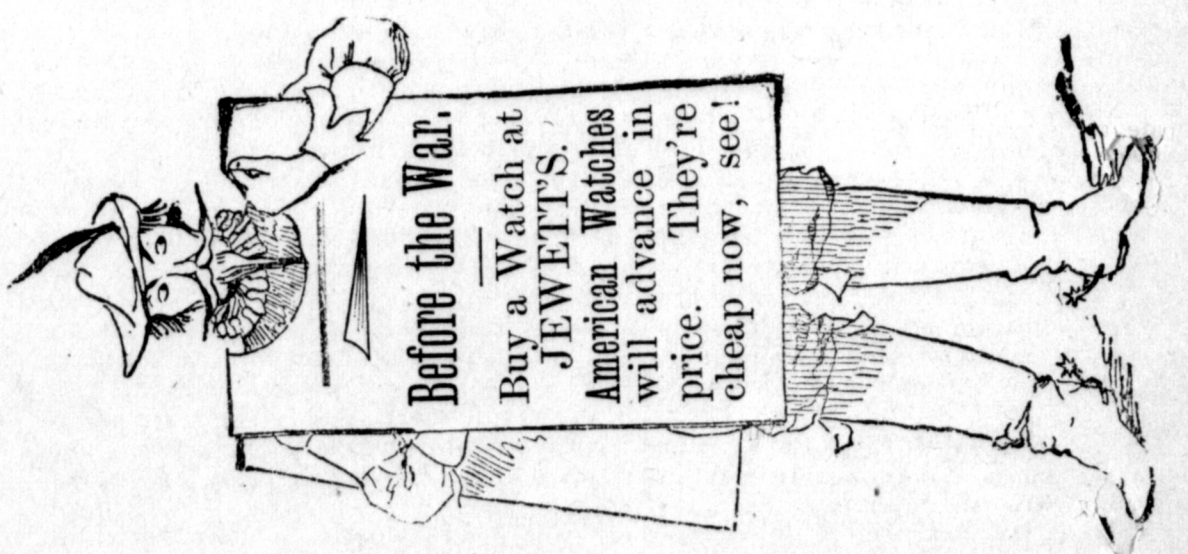
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