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JAPAN'S TERMS. Whatever may have been the extent of Japan's desires when the war began it is certain that she will not conclude peace now upon any terms which do not include the recession of Russia from the Far Eastern field and the payment of a substantial cash indemnity.

For instance, Baron Suyenatsu, high in the confidence of the Japanese elder statesman, has written for a recent issue of the London Outlook an article, the substance of which is:—"We want a peace which will ensure tranquility in the Far East at least for a generation or two. We are not aggressive or greedy, but our end must be attained."

Now tranquility for any length of time cannot be assured so long as Russia is in occupation of Chinese territory and so long as she has fortified ports and armed fleets in the vicinity of Japan. So the well-informed baron's statement, read between the lines, is a bland intimation that if the Russians want peace they must get out of Manchuria, give up Vladivostok and keep their warships out of eastern seas.

Referring to the cash indemnity the writer is even more frank. Japan will certainly demand a substantial sum, he says, and for reasons which he very logically states as follows:—"The world should know that in the present war Japan staked her very existence, whereas with her adversary it is a mere war of caprice. Therefore, in the case of Japan's defeat, it is quite plain from the very nature of the matter that the penalty she would have to pay would be very heavy. As a matter of fact, it would affect her very existence. Why, then, in the case of the defeat of her adversary, should Russia not be made responsible for its results in equitable accordance with the nature of the affair? I believe, therefore, that in the case of our adversary asking for peace the satisfaction which she will have to make to Japan should include the making good of the material loss of Japan—in other words, an indemnity. Our adversary has wanted to cause us to incur that loss, and it is only fair that she should make good that loss, should she be inclined to come to terms. Has not our adversary exacted enormous sums of money from the countries who asked peace of her after the war which she had carried on with them?"

The Russian contention that there should be no question of indemnity because the war is carried on in neutral territory is characterized by the baron as absurd. He contends that the combatants had to spend their blood and treasure just as much as if the war was carried on in the territory belonging to one or other of them.

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MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE. The annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade will be held at Yarmouth, N. S., on the 18th of next month. The following subjects have been suggested for discussion: Daily steamship between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia via St. John and Digby. Improvement in the London steamship service. Export duty on pulp logs. The effect on the part of the governments of the maritime provinces to promote desirable emigration from Europe.

THE STUBBORN FACTS and FIGURES OF THE 1903 SCHOOL COAL CONTRACT.

To the Editor of the Star: Dear Sir,—The statement of facts and figures, published by Gibbon & Co. in the morning paper, shows plainly these members of the Board of School Trustees who attacked Gibbon & Co. on the basis of the 1903 contract had made grossly unfair and misleading statements in regard to that contract, instead of giving Gibbon & Co. credit for carrying out their contract under such difficult circumstances and at such a difficult time when coal was so scarce after the coal strike.

Gibbon & Co.'s tender for hard coal in 1903 was accepted by the board at \$5.00 for American and \$5.55 for Scotch, while the prices quoted by Messrs. Starr, the next lowest tender, were \$7.00 and \$7.25 for American hard coal. Messrs. Starr's tender besides being subject to such eventualities that might prevent the coal being in stock, and on the understanding that the contract could be cancelled in case of such eventualities only offered the board 500 tons. Gibbon & Co. supplied the board with the full amount of hard coal required that year at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per ton less than the school board and the taxpayers of St. John over \$1,000,000, as the board had to purchase between 800 and 1,000 tons of hard coal.

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