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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 21, 1905.

G. T. P. TYRANNY.

Before the November election British Columbia had the pledge of the government that work on the various sections of the Grand Trunk Pacific would be begun simultaneously, that the progress of construction would be as well as from the east westward.

But now, because the provincial legislature has refused to be held up by the company for extensive land grants, the G. T. P. officials brazenly threaten to punish British Columbia by delaying the construction in that province as long as they see fit.

Will the Dominion government permit this blackmail? They have already practically made the company a present of a transcontinental road; will they also give them power to use that gift for the extortion of vast land and money subsidies from any province or municipality through which they propose to run it?

Think of the possibilities down east if this outrageous procedure is allowed. The G. T. P. stops at Moncton. If the company wants to run any traffic to Canadian ports they must acquire or build the means of reaching those ports. But they are bound to no choice. They may go to St. John or Halifax or St. Andrews or St. Martins or any other place on the Atlantic coast. The option is theirs. Think of the opportunity for plunder! They will have New Brunswick and Nova Scotia bidding against each other and every little port on the coast line of the two provinces offering bribes.

It is incredible that the government will allow this high-handed precedent with its promise of a multitude of repetitions, to be established in British Columbia in direct contravention of a solemn promise. If they do, all the suspicions as to the closeness of the relations between our rulers and this great and arrogant corporation, all the hinted reasons for the remarkable subservience the government has shown in all the negotiations with reference to the road will be confirmed and explained past all doubting.

HANDS OFF.

Laurier's amendments to the educational clauses in the autonomy bills, the so-called compromise with the protesting western members, is precisely what we expected and foretold. The changes are trivial and largely verbal. The vital point of objection remains untouched. Still the bills interfere with the rights of the new provinces to govern themselves and still they rivet forever upon them a system of sectarian schools that is bound to stunt their national growth and is bound to be a cause of discord and dissension in the future.

But this is agreeable to the western members of parliament, say some. These representatives protested against the autonomy legislation as presented, but are satisfied with compromises, which merely guarantees the continuance of a system which is now in existence.

"Merely" guarantees! Do you suppose for a moment that Laurier expected to do any more than this; any more than to assure his Quebec friends that they and not the new provincial legislatures should have the direction of the schools in those provinces for evermore; that, whatever conditions might arise in the new country, whatever changes might come in the growing years, this church-and-state incubus should be fastened there so long as the hierarchy bosses Quebec?

To think that he did is to think that he is a fool or blind. He knew how difficult was consummation he desired even under the plea that he would "merely" continue existing systems, and he took a cunning course to bring it about by going farther than he ever intended or expected to remain and then receding to the point he had fixed for his real destination and pretending that his strategic retreat was a concession, a compromise.

The proposed grants to the separate schools from the public school lands which are not included in the amendment and which Laurier pretends to consider the real ground of the objection, are only a side issue. The stumbling block is as prominent in the amended bills as in the old. The protest which has gone up from all Canada, save Quebec, was based either on the belief that separate schools are unwise and dangerous or on the conviction that, whether they are good or bad, their acceptance or rejection as a system is the constitutional right of a province and altogether outside federal jurisdiction.

The amendment does not meet either of these objections and so, though it may be accepted by certain of the machine who sit in parliament under Laurier's thumb, will be rejected by the country generally as emphatically as the amended bills have been.

The voice of the independent west and of all Canada, not bound by any political or religious machine, declares that compromise shall only be made on the basis of "Hands off the North West."

The Prairie Witness, one of the leading Liberal papers in the territories thus sums up its estimate of the Liberal government's position on the school question:

"What is at stake is the question of control of our own educational system. Here is a departure from what seems to us to be the very fundamental of Confederation, the right of the people of a province to declare for themselves what system of education would suit them best. In our humble capacity as an organ of public opinion, as a follower of the Liberal party and as a firm believer in liberal principles, we make free to say that in protesting against this particular clause in the autonomy terms we give expression to views that are not confined to any creed, denomination, or stripe of politics, and voice the feelings of the vast majority of the people of the territories."

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Perhaps we ought to commend Mr. Tweedie's moderation. It is true that he drew for himself the salary of the surveyor general at the rate of \$1,700 a year, in addition to his own of \$2,100; at the same time living away from both offices and attending to his private law business. It seems also that while travelling on a pass he claimed departmental travelling expenses amounting to over three dollars per day for every day in the year, Sunday included. But it should be noted that Mr. Tweedie refrained from taking for himself the \$1,200 a year belonging to the office of solicitor general, and did not claim a sessional indemnity for both vacant seats in the house. Even if he had gathered in all these salaries and indemnities, he would still have been a poor second to the attorney general in the matter of public income.—Sun.

THE CROSS AND SHAMROCK.

A mystic marriage of the long ago— Pure Christian faith to love of Ireland dear— We laud with grateful hearts from year to year, In every clime; for each hath cause to know And bless that union whence, with ceaseless flow, Come inspiration and ideals clear. High thoughts, and hopes that other-where than here See life's true purpose to its fulness grow.

O Vow of Erin, pledged on Tara's hill, And kept through centuries of stress and strain, When Patrick waded the Shannon for the garrison at Halifax. On their way to this city, where the recruits are to gather, the two young men robbed a passenger named John Johnson of about \$120. They were arrested on their arrival at Lewis yesterday, and today Judge Parent Angers condemned each to four months' imprisonment. These men came from Sydney.

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FAREWELL TO ORAM MABEE.

An entertainment was held last night in the North End Salvage Corps rooms in honor of Oram A. Mabee, who leaves on the 12th of March for the west. Capt. White occupied the chair, and the following programme was carried out: Piano solo, Prof. Fox; Robert Holzer, banjo quartette, Messrs. Holder, Leavett, Hoyt and Gillespie; speech, Dr. Hetherington; violin solo, Mr. Coates; reading, J. Salmon; solo, Byard Stillwell; banjo solo, Cecil Holder; violin solo, Mr. Coates; solo, Mr. Brown; song, Mr. Lewis; saxophone duet, Messrs. Jones and Eddleston; solo, D. B. Pidgeon; cornet solo, W. H. McIntyre; farewell address, O. A. Mabee; song, Capt. W. H. White; violin duet, Messrs. Holder and Coates.

HOME FROM INDIA.

Joseph Hepburn, a native of this city, has just returned after an absence of seven years, during which time he was with the British forces in India. He is a young man and got his early education in the latter part of the school. During his service in India, Mr. Hepburn met only one other Canadian, a private stationed in a garrison in the Punjab.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

"No Surrender" Lodge, No. 109, I. O. G. T., will hold a public meeting on their 20th anniversary, Thursday evening, in the Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville. Grand Chief Temperance Rev. Thomas Marshall and other officers of the grand lodge will speak. All the temperance societies in the city have been invited to attend, as well as the local clergy. Charter members of the lodge, no matter where they are living at present, are invited to attend. A short time ago, this lodge was the only one of its kind in the city, perhaps in the county.

LOCAL NEWS.

Sunday was a busy day in the I. C. R. freight yard. One hundred cars of freight were received over the C. P. R. from points west, and 100 were sent out. The I. C. R. brought in 90 and 75 were dispatched east. As an average train consists of 25 cars, this means that fifteen trains arrived or departed from the yard during Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of Johnston L. O. L., No. 2, was held last evening in Orange Hall. It was decided at the meeting to hold a public meeting on April 17th, at which the new grand master, H. F. McLeod, Frederickton, will be the principal speaker.

A meeting of the ladies' committee of the Tennis Club was held yesterday afternoon in the Church of England Institute. The committee discussed a number of matters which will be brought before a general meeting of the club to be held in about a week.

Last evening Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson delivered a splendid lecture before the St. Stephen's Church guild on "The Bible and the Work of Science." Mr. Nicholson said the Bible was a religious classic, taking the view that God is over all our lives, in all our lives and through all our lives. Revelation and inspiration had not ceased. The same God who spoke then is speaking still to all men, at all times and in all places. The lecture was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the large number present.

The ladies' aid of the Congregational church held a very successful tea and social yesterday afternoon and evening at the residence of Josiah Fowler, Wright street. In the evening a short musical programme was carried out.

The lad Harold Kinney, who disappeared from Hampton a few days ago, if he had gathered in all these salaries and indemnities, he would still have been a poor second to the attorney general in the matter of public income.—Sun.

WEAK INDIGESTION.

Indigestion and dyspepsia have wrecked many lives. People who are weak and miserable should know that health would return if the digestion were made normal. This is just the condition Hints to Pipe-Smokers bring about. It cures constipation, biliousness, nervousness, liver and kidney trouble, and produces sound sleep. It will make you well, send you get Hints, then, for stomach trouble. It's a doctor for ten cents. A big bottle with 200 in it for \$1.00.

BOLD BOSTON BURGLARS.

BOSTON, March 20.—Two robbers broke into a window show-case at the jewelry store of Jacob Walker & Son on Washington street, this afternoon, and made off with about \$160 worth of its contents in sight of hundreds of shoppers. The robbers were only prevented from taking the entire \$1,500 worth of jewelry by an outcry from a small boy. The robbers escaped.

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BIRTHS.

MacDONALD—In this city, on March 18th, 1905, at 597 Main street, to the wife of Herbert A. MacDonald, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DAVIS-PROVAN.—At the residence of Wesley and Medley Provan, brothers of the bride, Central Norton, on March 16th, by Rev. Mr. Spidell, Miss Louise Provan and John Davis, both of Cambridge, Queens Co.

DEATHS.

ROURKE.—In this city on March 20th, at the home of her parents, Lancaster Heights, Lenore, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rourke, aged five years.

MATTHEWS.—In this city, on March 20th, Elizabeth P. Matthews, widow of Adam G. Matthews, aged 74 years. Funeral service at residence of her son, Rev. W. C. Matthews, 200 Rockland Road, on Wednesday evening, 22nd instant at 8 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment at Titusville, Kings Co.

TOLE.—At Fairville, on March 20th, Michael Henry, third son of Patrick and Rose A. Toles, aged 29 years. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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BUFFALO BILL'S DIVORCE. SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 20.—Final hearing in the divorce case of W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) against Louise F. Cody, began today. Forty lengthy depositions were offered in evidence and they will not be read, so that it is probable a decision will be reached for several days.

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