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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to go your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY.

Conservative newspapers announce that the Dominion Government has completed the purchase of the International Railway and that the purchase price is between two and three million dollars. This announcement should not cause a great deal of surprise, as the matter was before Parliament last session and it was agreed to acquire the road and make it part of the Canadian Government Railway system. The International, which has been under lease to the Federal government for several years, was constructed by the late Mr. Thomas Malcolm, who passed away at Bathurst this week. It connects Campbellton with the town of VanBuren, Maine, and is 110 miles in length. It traverses a rich lumbering district in the county of Restigouche and it opens up a short route to the markets of the New England States, and will undoubtedly prove a valuable asset to the government.

The International Railway was completed by the late Mr. Malcolm in 1908. The financial assistance which the undertaking received from the province consisted of a bond guarantee of \$8,000 per mile and a subsidy of \$2,500. The original bond guarantee was \$5,000 a mile, but when it was increased to \$8,000 a provision was inserted in the act requiring the company to give as security to the province a mortgage not only for the amount of the bonds, but for the subsidy as well, and it agreed to pay interest on the amount of the subsidy seven years after the completion of the line at the rate of 4 per cent. This precaution was taken with a view of safeguarding the interests of the province in case the road should be taken over by the Federal Government or become part of a trunk line system. As the transfer to the Federal government has been completed, the Provincial Government should now get back all the money it has put into the road. In commenting on this feature of the change of ownership a graft newspaper ironically says:

"The net result of the arrangement is that the province better its credit to the extent of nearly a million dollars which in this particular period is a very important matter."

The province is to recover its money, which is no doubt badly needed at the present time, but for this happy consummation not much credit can be given to the present provincial government or to Hon. J. D. Hazen, New Brunswick's representative in the Dominion cabinet. When the province guaranteed the bonds of the company, Hon. Mr. Hazen was opposition leader in the Legislature and it is a matter of record that he and his associates fought the enterprise tooth and nail. They declared that the road would be nothing more than a sink hole and that the province would never get the interest on the bonds, to say nothing of the principal.

When the bill to grant increased assistance to the road came before the House during the session of 1907, Hon. Mr. Hazen was most outspoken in his condemnation of the measure. The official debates of that year report him as saying:

"It (the International) was not good as an investment and the capitalists who had been expected to put their money into it were very shy of the undertaking. The hon. gentlemen (Pugsley) talks about the value of the railway. Take the Canada Eastern, for instance, 120 miles long, and sold to the Dominion government for \$6,500 per mile. THIS INTERNATIONAL LINE RUNS THROUGH A VERY SPARSELY SETTLED COUNTRY, WHERE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME THERE WILL BE ONLY A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC, and

it is costing us \$10,500 a mile, while the Canada Eastern, which runs through a fairly populous district was sold for only \$6,500 a mile.

"The hon. gentlemen themselves have very little faith in the future of the road. THEY ARE FONDLY HOPING THAT THE INTERCOLONIAL WILL KINDLY STEP IN AND BUY IT IN THE END.

"The idea of this road was brilliant in the extreme, but it has turned out most disappointingly. The glowing picture which was painted of the future has turned out most unsatisfactorily. THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THE PROVINCE WILL NEVER GET ITS MONEY OUT OF THE ROAD. IT WILL NOT SELL FOR \$8,000 A MILE. It may be better built, but IT RUNS THROUGH A WILD COUNTRY INSTEAD OF A POPULOUS DISTRICT. Look at the glowing prospects that the Canada Eastern line was said to have, and yet after operating it for years the owners were glad to sell it for \$6,500 a mile. THERE IS NO BETTER PROSPECT FOR THIS LINE.

"Moreover, the country is such that there will not for many years to come be a single settler in it. No one is going to the trouble of carving out a farm in the forest when he can go out west and get land ready to walk on to. What then has the railway to depend on? Simply lumber. Now, no road can possibly be run at a profit that depends chiefly on lumber to support it.

"My hon. friend (Pugsley) HAS A KIND OF A DREAM THAT THIS LINE WILL IN DUE COURSE BECOME PART OF A TRUNK LINE. It is said too that there will be a large traffic in fish, but I seriously doubt whether the fish traffic will maintain a railway. . . . There is no public opinion behind this railway, or desiring it, and no one has sufficient faith in it to invest money in it."

Hon. Mr. Hazen, as the carping critic of the opposition in the Legislature, considered the road to be of little value. Hon. Mr. Hazen as the responsible minister for New Brunswick in the Borden government, estimates the road to be worth from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, and no doubt it was upon his recommendation that it has been taken over by the government of Canada. Those who read his words as quoted above and compare them with his subsequent action, cannot but arrive at the conclusion that the Minister of Marine as a statesman is very short-sighted and sadly over-rated. He has certainly been compelled to swallow a large sized dish of crow in connection with the International Railway.

Col. Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), the noted scout, Indian fighter, buffalo slayer, dime novel hero and wild west showman, is dead. He passed away at Denver, Col., on Tuesday after a brief illness. Colonel Cody in his younger days was some buffalo hunter and had a record of 4,280 buffaloes killed in eighteen months. He was paid a wage of \$500 a month by the Kansas & Pacific Railway Company for supplying their employes with meat while the road was under construction. This performance earned for him the name of "Buffalo Bill."

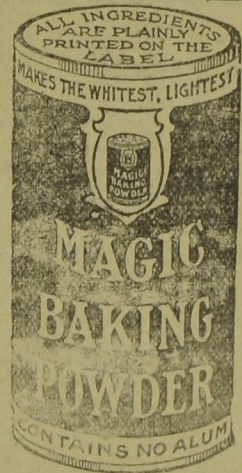
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SAYS MR. YOUNG IS NOT TO BLAME

Covered Bridge, Jan. 1.

To the Editor of the Daily Mail.

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper I saw a letter from a commercial traveller in regard to gross neglect of railway officials in not providing fuel and suitable accommodation while waiting for late trains in zero weather at the station here, which was all true. But in justice to our local member, Mr. John A. Young, he should not be blamed for this, as his attention had not been called to the conditions there until a short time before, when he promised to take the matter up with the general manager at Moncton. The result was that in less than a week fuel was supplied.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain
Yours truly,

JUSTICE.

Through Our Sieve

Buffalo Bill—Good-bye, old scout!

On the level, we don't think it's going to rain today.

The world doesn't spend much of its time in watching a man's good acts.

Let's laugh a little more at our own troubles and a little less at our neighbor's.

Movie wild west heroes who never saw a wild buffalo have had Buffalo Bill pushed off the stage for some time.

Some men imagine their weight on one side of the globe causes the other side to tip up.

Many a peach in the Garden of Love has proved a lemon in the potato patch of matrimony.

At twenty all women appeal to a man's eyes; at thirty to his senses; at forty to his heart—and after that to his vanity.

It's almost shocking to the father of today to find out that his son never heard of nor doesn't care anything about Buffalo Bill.

If the average girl were given a choice between normal brains and naturally curly hair, she would doubtless joyously elect to be a doodlewit all her days.

A woman's heart is like an apartment. When she tells a man that somebody else has an option on it he is immediately seized with an irresistible desire to lease it for life at any price.

If one could trust those seed catalogue pictures as to the size of the potatoes they can help you to grow, we think we'd plant four or five hills, and borrow a derrick next fall to get them into the cellar.

PERSONAL

Lieut. B. Lawrence of Burr's Corner is at the Barker House.

Mr. N. H. Boutiller, of Montreal, is in the city.

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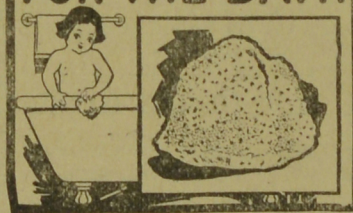
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