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THE SOONER THE BETTER

Mr. Hazen's press suggests that Dr. Pugsley is seeking a pretext for further delay in the construction of the Valley Railway when he explains that in requiring that railway to be up to the standard of the Transcontinental, with its 4-10 of one per cent. grades, the Federal government was laying down a general principle. Some parts of the Transcontinental have a grade as high as one per cent., and the stipulation for the lighter grade of 4-10 of one per cent. only meant when such grade was reasonably practicable.

The Hazen government carefully went out of their way to avoid this condition by laying down the hard fast standard of 4-10 of one per cent. grade throughout, a grade which they know to be impracticable. By this means they hoped to defeat the prospect of Intercolonial operation in favor of the Gould electric trolley road. Mr. Flemming, in his most unctious manner, says that the government have no preference in the matter of the alternate schemes, and they are equally proud of both. The difference in their treatment of these so sadly belies the statement that the Provincial Secretary must not be offended if the public doubts his word. Had it been as he averred, he and his colleagues would not have been so desperately anxious to shut out every possibility of Intercolonial operation as they showed themselves to be. If any one is seeking a pretext for delay, it is not Dr. Pugsley.

It is further stated on behalf of the Hazen government that if the proposal for Intercolonial operation contained in this Bill is not accepted, the secondary method for construction would be adopted. The opposition should be glad to learn this, and should place no obstacle in the way of the government's effort to carry out this proposal; for the immediate result of such efforts will be that the two parties will change sides of the Legislature chamber. The construction of the Hazen-Gould electric road with its accompanying debt of \$5,000,000 will not be undertaken until the whole province has been sounded on the subject, and no one has any doubt as to what the electors' answer would be. The government would meet the fate that every servant who is faithless to his trust has to meet sooner or later; therefore the sooner they proceed under Part III, the better for the province, which otherwise will have to suffer them till their ordinary term expires.

SIR WILFRID'S WESTERN TOUR

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, although opposed politically to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, expresses pleasure at his approaching Western tour. The Advertiser, in the course of some editorial comment on the subject, says that except for the brief visit to the Coast made in 1901, when he accompanied the Duke and Duchess of York on their visit to British Columbia, the Premier has not visited Western Canada since 1895, when he was the leader of the Opposition. It is in the interest of the country as a whole that those who have the conduct of public affairs should visit the different parts of the country. It is, of course, impossible for the head of the Federal Government to spare the time from his administrative duties to visit frequently all parts of the immense territory the destinies of which are in his care. But fifteen years is a long period in the history of a young country developing at such a rapid rate as is Western Canada, to elapse between one visit and another, and both the Premier and those he visits will receive benefit from his proposed tour. Although opposed to the policy of the present Government the Conservatives of British Columbia will give a cordial welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, not merely as the head of the administration, but as the most distinguished Canadian in public life at the present time and one whose talents cannot but be recognized by his fellow-countrymen of all shades of politics.

The complaints which are said to be current in Great Britain with regard to the restrictions on immigration to this country appear to be not without some show of reason. It will doubtless strike a good many people as somewhat hard lines that a man who has come to this country ahead of his family, for the purpose of making a home for them, should find them prevented from joining him because a portion of their passage money had been provided for them by some Emigration Society. Most people will agree that such tactics are hardly likely to attract that class of immigrants who, while they may perhaps be somewhat low in funds, have every other attribute for the making of successful settlers.

The announcement that the C. P. R. has acquired control of the Dominion Atlantic Railway in Nova Scotia will be particularly welcome to the people of Halifax, who have for a long time been endeavoring to get the great transcontinental line into their city on its own rails. As a consequence of the transaction, the proposal that the C. P. R. should run a line from Harvey through this city to Minto and so on to Moncton will probably be shelved, if not indefinitely, for some time at any rate.

THE MAGIC OF HISTORY

(Toronto News.)

King Edward's remains are to lie in state in Westminster Hall. What an unfolding of the pages of history is in that announcement! How the mention of the storied edifice takes one back across the receding centuries to the very beginning of things British! Westminster Hall, which now forms a vestibule to the Houses of Parliament, is part of the ancient Palace of Westminster founded by the Anglo-Saxon kings. The present Hall was begun by William Rufus, son of William the Conqueror, in 1097, and extended by Edward I. Partly destroyed by fire in 1291, it was reconstructed by Edward II, and Richard II. It is rich in ancient associations.

In this spacious and splendid building sat some of the earliest English Parliaments. Here Edward III feasted the captive Kings David of Scotland and John of France. Hence was held the funeral of Edward, the Black Prince, whose passing convulsed the nation with grief. Here Charles I. was condemned to death, and upon one of its pinnacles long hung the skull of Oliver Cromwell. In this building William Wallace, the champion of Scotland, was condemned to death, as was also Sir Thomas More, the Protector Somerset, the Earl of Essex, Guy Fawkes and Strafford.

Westminster Hall was, likewise, the scene of the famous acquittal of the Seven Bishops in James II.'s reign, and the remarkable trial and acquittal of Warren Hastings. The last time the Hall was used for a public festival was at the coronation of George IV. On that occasion the King's champion, in full armor, rode into the great chamber, and, according to ancient custom, challenged to mortal combat any who might dispute the Sovereign's title to the throne. In such a spot is the greatest of British kings about to hold his last silent court. Hence, like the Black Prince, whose funeral Dean Stanley impressively described, will Edward VII. set out on his final journey.

JIMMY MYERS ON DECK

Woodstock Sentinel.—Mr. James Myers, well-known throughout the provinces and eastern States as a piccolo soloist of more than ordinary ability, appeared for the first time at the band concert last Friday evening. In his character songs he made a decided hit and his piccolo solo received storms of applause. As an encore he rendered "Robin Adair" in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The popular "Jimmy" is making lots of friends in Woodstock and it is to be hoped that he will stay with the band for the season. At a recent meeting of the band a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Myers for his kind assistance.

OPENING OFFICE HERE

Globe: Hon. Charles E. Oak, of Bangor, Me., who has accepted the office of general manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company is in the city today. Mr. W. T. Whitehead of Fredericton, who formerly managed the company's affairs has been forced to give up the work and Mr. Oak is opening offices in the Robinson building here, which will hereafter be the headquarters of the company. During the summer Mr. Oak will spend a couple of days each week in St. John and will probably take up his permanent residence here in the fall. The company has very large holdings of timber lands in the province. Speaking of driving conditions, Mr. Oak said that rain is very much needed by the operators. Both in Maine and New Brunswick some small drives have already been hung up, and others are in imminent danger of the same fate unless the rain comes soon.

LION SNATCHES BABY FROM MOTHER'S ARMS

Cleveland, Tenn., May 13.—A baby was snatched from the arms of its mother last night by a trained lion which, without warning, had forgotten the domesticating lessons of his trainer and again became the wild beast of the jungle. The child was rescued seriously lacerated, but the physicians say it will recover.

For nearly a week a carnival show has been exhibiting day and night in this city. One of the features is a trained lion, a big fellow of ferocious mien, with big paws and heavy mane. The lion does his stunt on the open stage under the direction of his trainer. Preceding the act the trainer excites the interest of spectators by entering the cage where the beast appears to be fierce and angry. After calming the animal, he leads him on to the stage, where a series of exhibits are given that appear foolhardy.

Last night the tent was crowded. In front seats sat Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thompson. In Mrs. Thompson's lap was her baby.

The performance was nearing its close when, without warning, the lion, with a snarl, dashed to the edge of the stage and caught the baby between his paws, and dashed with it across the stage. At a little distance from his keeper he threw the child to the floor and placed both front feet upon it, at the same time letting out a roar and elevating its head and shoulders in a defiant manner.

For a moment the crowd was awestricken, expecting to see the helpless baby devoured. The lion had already tasted blood, its claws having lacerated the little body, from which the blood was flowing. The beast licked the drops from his paws with evident relish.

The keeper sought to master the beast, but his control over it had gone. The crowd now became wild. Then men tore seats from their fastenings and secured mauls of the tent hands and attacked the lion. As it turned towards its associates some one snatched the baby from under its paws.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30. All cordially welcome.

METHODIST.

Rev. J. W. McConnell, pastor of the church will preach tomorrow morning and evening. Sunday school at 2.20 in the auditorium of the church. All are invited to the services.

ST. ANN'S

Tomorrow being Whit Sunday of the feast of Pentecost, the services at the parish church, Westmorland street, will be in keeping with the occasion. In the evening the parish church band under the leadership of bandmaster Affen, will assist the choir.

PAT'S POPULARITY INCREASES.

Miss Irene Keenen presented a large bouquet of carnations, for a party of which she was one, to little Pat last night at the Bijou. It is a good all round show at the Bijou today.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Provincial Board of Health at St. John yesterday afternoon met for organizing purposes. Dr. E. B. Fisher of Marysville, chancellor Jones of the U.N.B. and Dr. A. J. Murray of Fredericton Junction were in attendance. Dr. Murray, Mr. W. W. Hubbard and Dr. Fisher, were appointed members of the committee on epidemics. Dr. Jones and Dr. Fisher are members of the committee on school hygiene.

INTERESTING RACE ON RIVER

Globe: The tug Joseph, Captain F. Belyea, owned by Ruddick Bros., arrived at Indiantown Thursday evening with the schooner Chamberlain in tow. The Joseph was the winner in an interesting race to Fredericton the prize for which was the berth to unload coal. The three tugs, Joseph Waring and Onawana, started from Indiantown for Fredericton Tuesday each with a schooner laden with coal in tow. The Onawana, towing the Margaret M. Riley, left about 11 o'clock, and the Joseph with the Rescue, and Waring with the Chipman, left about 2 o'clock. The Onawana had the best of the race until she got to the booms about six miles below Fredericton, where she went aground. By the time the Joseph had the Onawana off, the Waring was close at hand and the race was a close one, the Joseph winning by only a short distance. The Onawana was helped while going through the Reach by the Riley carrying all her sails. On her return journey with the schooner King, the Onawana again went ashore while going through Gagetown Creek. Needless to say the crew of the Joseph are delighted to have won the race.

Among the passengers on the Virginian from Montreal today are Mrs. F. S. Blair, child and nurse, Campbellton, N.B.; Mrs. Eaton, two children and maid, Ottawa; Miss Fitzrandolph, Fredericton.

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