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WHERE RESPONSIBILITY LIES

A favorite argument used by friends of the Ottawa government in attempting to justify the Borden proposal to give Mackenzie and Mann a dominion bond guarantee of \$45,000,000 is to contend that conditions necessitate the granting of the guarantee and that those conditions have followed from the action of the late Liberal government in making possible the construction of the Canadian Northern system. The argument will scarcely stand examination.

It is true that it was under the Liberal government that the Canadian Northern lines were extended from Manitoba to Edmonton and to Prince Albert. It is also true that in 1911 the Laurier government took action which enabled the Canadian Northern to set about linking up its lines in the prairie provinces with railways in the east so that, on the other hand, the western lines would have independent and competitive access to the eastern seaboard and the eastern commercial centres and, on the other hand, these commercial centres would have direct, independent and competitive access to the prairie west.

Leaving that side of the case for a moment, it is illuminating to look into the facts in connection with the British Columbia section of the Canadian Northern. The conditions that have surrounded its construction were created by the present government under legislation which was enacted in 1912 and which lacked the safeguarding provisions which should properly have been included in it. According to statements tabled in the commons during the discussion of the proposed \$45,000,000 guarantee, some \$30,000,000 have already been expended on this British Columbia section. Moreover, a further outlay of about \$23,000,000 is required to bring the section to completion, so that altogether the construction of this part of the Canadian Northern system, a part which is being constructed under conditions for which the Borden government is responsible will cost more than \$50,000,000.

All that the Canadian Northern now requires to complete its trans-continental system, parliament is told by the government, is \$45,000,000. It is clear, then, that the present situation is the result of the construction of the British Columbia under the conditions created by Mr. Borden and his colleagues. As a plain, straightforward matter of fact so far as the responsibility for the present situation may be laid at the door of a political party it must be laid not at the door of the late Liberal government but at that of the present Conservative ministry.

TOO MUCH OF IT

At a musical show Saturday night the United States flag was hissed. At moving picture theatres the same thing happens. Recognized American airs are not popular in musical programs and the appearance of the American flag in any place of entertainment is the signal for an outburst of disapproval. This state of affairs is not peculiar to Fredericton. In many towns throughout Canada similar demonstrations take place frequently.

One curious feature of this display of antagonism is that it is seldom directed against flags of any other foreign country than the United States. A French or German ensign provokes no comment but the appearance of the Stars and Stripes at once brings out the hisses. Those who are promoting the Peace Centennial celebration might well note the fact.

The explanation of this general antagonism on the part of the Canadians to the display of the emblem of the United States is that there is too much of it. Canada unfortunately is dependent upon the United States for its amusements. The moving-picture which is shown in even the smaller villages is in the great majority of cases the products of an American studio. The musical come-

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dies that Canadians see are put on by American road companies. In both but particularly the moving-picture there is an almost continuous display of the Stars and Stripes which may go well in the flag-worshipping republic but which is little short of nauseating to Canadian audiences.

A British country wants its sentiment with a strong British tinge and not saturated with the nationalism of a foreign country which never has been particularly friendly. It should be hoped that the day will soon come when British studios, whether Canadian or otherwise, can supply the films for the picture-house circuits and that American show companies on tour will learn to cater to their audiences.

"I appeal to every man in this House that if he will take the time to read the history of the operations of Mackenzie and Mann from that time (the beginning of the Canadian Northern Railway) he will find nothing but a long train of parliamentary corruption, of lobbying, of degradation of parliamentary institutions, of the lowering of the morals of public life and the degrading of those standards by which public life should be truly measured."—Mr. R. B. Bennett, Conservative M.P. for Calgary, as reported in Unrevised Hansard, page 3879.

The Truro News, in its usual simplified spelling, gives the following information to amateur poets:—"Again we must tell our friends that unless under very exceptional circumstances, we cannot print verses in connection with obituaries. If we were to print all the poetry sent to us in connection with obituaries, that we are asked to publish, we would in the course of the year, indict on News readers a collection of poems larger than any Hymnal in use in any of the churches. Our readers naturally object to this; so please omit verses when sending obituaries to The Truro News." The News is not the only journal suffering from contributed verse obituary or otherwise.

The Royal Commission which is to investigate the Dugal charges is to begin its work at St. John this week. There have been numerous delays which have made it impossible for the Commission to begin its investigation until the present week and the matter does not occupy public attention as it did. Frequently one may hear the remark—the wish being father to the thought in all cases—"Nothing will come of the Dugal charges anyway." Something has come of the Dugal charges even before the investigation has begun. The people of New Brunswick have begun to think and think hard about the government in which they placed a large measure of confidence less than two short years since. In short the situation may be summed up as follows:—"Once there was a man named James K. Flemming."

Actuated by the fact of "modern styles in dress and the tendency of young men to pay more attention to the most advanced forms of dancing" the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maine has forbidden for the future, dancing of every kind in connection with church affairs, or

entertainments held under her auspices.

It may be doubted, however if the edict of His Lordship will have much influence upon the style of ladies' dresses, or upon dancing either.

Fredericton turned out en masse to hear the first Sunday band-concert of the season at Wilmot Park. There are cities in Canada in which Sunday band concerts would not be tolerated for a moment. Fortunately Fredericton is not one of them and Puritanical prejudice has never interfered with the Sunday concert. The attendance yesterday would seem to indicate that more people are able to listen to band-music on Sunday than any other day.

A new industry, that of horse meat is said to have been established in the province of Quebec. "Have the Borden Government decided what bonus or protection they are going to give?" asks the Quebec Telegraph.

"MUTT AND JEFF IN PANAMA" SCORED BIG HIT

"Mutt and Jeff in Panama" the three act comedy produced at the Opera House on Saturday night proved a great success. The chorus met with rousing applause throughout the entire performance.

Miss Flora Russell as Emily Nelson was the star performer among the ladies and scored a signal triumph at all times. Chas. A. Forman as Captain Robert Wayne the officer on special duty performed his part excellently, beyond all doubt.

Miss May Bouton as Vivian Leigh the agent of a foreign power, showed up well at all times and received loud applause.

Mutt and Jeff were unique in their act and received great cheering every time they appeared on the stage.

The organization was well trained and sang admirably with good clear resonant tone with rhythm and praiseworthy attention to the play. They played to a large audience and everybody seemed satisfied that Mutt and Jeff in Panama proved far beyond their advertising.

In the two leading roles Earl Red-Long as "Mutt" and Jerry Sullivan as "Jeff" were the centre of attention and gave magnificent portrayals of Bud Fisher's two noted creations.

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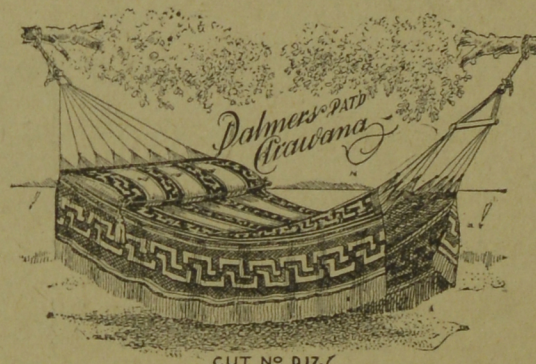
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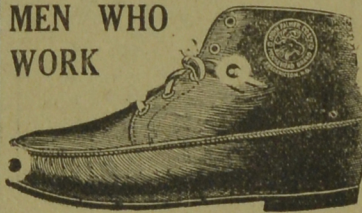
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