

CAPABLE PAIR OF MINISTERS.

Messrs. Blair and Fitzpatrick Hold Their Own Against the

BIG RAILWAY MEN.

Mr. Blair Pushing his Railway Commission Bill Forward

IS THE CENTRE OF AN INTERESTING GROUP AT OTTAWA.

(Correspondence Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, May 21.—Railroading may be an art or a science, but chiefly it is a business, and as in all other businesses the prime object is to make as much money as possible. Anything that interferes with the liberty of a railway to garner as much coin as possible is an object of something more serious than contempt. The railroads of the country did not welcome the railway commission bill with open arms. Of course the object of the commission is not the reduction of the profits of corporations, but it is to be given supervision over the operations of the companies and power to regulate them. Some of the things the commission might object to in the interest of the general public would be the very things the railway companies would find the most profitable. Therefore the bill of the minister of railways had only a lukewarm reception from the railway men. If they had their way, it would not become a law, but Hon. Mr. Blair has announced that the bill is to be passed this session.

REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING.

Hon. Mr. Blair has been Minister of Railways for seven years, and the authorities that he magnates know him. They have all had relations with him, friendly and otherwise. Therefore when he said the bill introduced at the last session for consideration and this session for passage was to become a law, they accepted it as the inevitable, bowing to the decision of a man whom they have heretofore failed to balk. The result of this has been a friendly discussion of the provisions of the new bill for the consolidation of the railroad statutes, and the appointment of a railway commission. The ablest railway men of Canada have had their heads bowed over the new act for the past week. The room in the House of Commons, which in the morning is the scene of turbulent gatherings of the Railway Committee, in the afternoon now sees a little knot of men in close and quiet conference. There are about a score of them, sometimes more; sometimes less. They are the highest salaried men in the country. The centre of the group is the minister of railways, busy measuring strength with the others. The railway men are not there in the interest of the public. They are there in the interest of the corporations they represent, to get as much freedom under the law for their roads as possible. If they had liberty to do anything they desired they might not abuse the liberty, but the law makers think there should be some restriction placed upon them, and the present act has been prepared to take the place of all the old laws.

A CAPABLE PAIR.

The Minister of Railways is representing the interest of the general public. Associated with him is the Minister of Justice. The railway men have come to the conclusion that the public is pretty well represented. It has not lost on many points. Having accepted inevitably the principle of the commission, the railway representatives have lent their assistance in making the act workable. But they cannot resist the temptation to gain little points for the railway companies at the expense of the public.

It would be a glorious opportunity to get rid of little regulations which have been annoying them for years, for not only is the principle of the railway commission embodied in the act, but all the railway laws of the land are being consolidated in the act. The old as well as the new laws are under the fire of criticism.

But up to the present they have had no great success. The Minister of Justice has watched the law and the Minister of Railways the practical railroading problems. Both theory and practice has been involved in the suggestions the railroad men have made for changing the act.

The first suggestion was practical. It was for a committee to consider the act. It would mean talk for the remainder of the session and delay for another year.

MATTERS IN DISPUTE

This was turned down. Hon. Mr. Blair said he was willing to listen to suggestions for reasonable changes in the bill, but he was not willing to have it figure in a legislative funeral. Since that time he has been called upon to resist the pressure of the railways on some point daily. One of the points the railways have recently been strong on is highway crossings. They have insisted that they shall have the liberty, when given a charter, to cross highways without the consent of municipalities. When Honorable Mr. Blair and Honorable Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested reciprocity on this point, there were protests. The railways could not see the justice of permitting municipalities running highways across their tracks whenever and wherever they please. But it is in the bill that way now. In the past the railways have been compelled to get the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council to their maximum rates. They had permission to cut this rate as much as they pleased. The new bill gives the commission power to approve or refuse maximum and minimum rates, and even to make new rates. This is to prevent cut throat competition and the killing of poor roads by rich rivals. The representatives of the lines object to this. But it is in the bill, and the Minister says it is going to stay there.

This conference has developed the fact that the Minister of Railways is a thoroughly posted railway man. His experience with the Intercolonial and on the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for the past seven years has taught him about all there is to know of the greatest commercial game in the world.

He has met the engineering men of the railways, the construction men, the traffic men, the legal men and the general managers. They have all discussed the most intricate details of railroading with him, and they have found him thoroughly posted on everything from laying the rails to bulldozing a municipality. He knows all of their games. They look upon him as an equal. They know the bill has a good defender. They know that it is going through in workable shape, and that to find acceptance their suggestions must be fair and reasonable. The conference is still on, for the bill contains a hundred pages.

HOPE FOR CONSUMPTIVES

How the Ravages of this Scourge May be Stayed.

Statistics Prove That More Deaths Occur From Consumption Than From All Other Contagious Diseases Combined—How Best to Combat the Disease.

The ravages of consumption throughout Canada is something appalling. In the province of Ontario, where statistics of deaths from all diseases are carefully kept, it is shown that 2,286 of the deaths occurring during the year 1901 were due to consumption, or about 40 per cent. more than the number of deaths occurring from all other contagious diseases combined. These figures are startling and show the urgent necessity for taking every available means for combating a disease that yearly claims so many victims. The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctors have given up hope. Taken in its early stages, consumption is curable. Consumption is a wasting disease of the lungs and at the earliest symptom of lung trouble steps should be taken to arrest the waste and thus stop the disease. Consumption preys upon weakness. Strength is the best measure of safety. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic and strength builder known to medical science. The

record of this medicine speaks for itself and proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of consumption develop they build up, strengthen and invigorate the patient to a point where disease disappears. In proof of this take the case of George St. George, of St. Jerome, Que., who says:—

"About a year ago I became greatly run down. I lost color, suffered constantly from headaches and pains in the sides; my appetite left me, and I became very weak. Then I was attacked by a cough, and was told that I was in consumption. The doctor ordered me to the Laurentian Mountains in the hope that the change of air would benefit me. I remained there for some time, but did not improve, and returned home feeling that I had not much longer to live. I then decided to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using several bottles my appetite began to return, and this seemed to mark the change which brought about my recovery, for with the improved appetite came gradual but surely increasing strength. I continued the use of the pills, and daily felt the weakness that had threatened to end my life disappear, until finally I was again enjoying good health, and now, as those who know me can see, I show no trace of the illness I passed through. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I hope my statement will induce similar sufferers to try them."

These pills are also a certain cure for the after effects of la grippe and pneumonia, which frequently develops into consumption. Through their blood renewing, strengthening qualities they also cure anaemia, heart troubles, neuralgia, rheumatism, stomach troubles, kidney and liver ailments and the functional weaknesses that make the lives of so many women a source of constant misery. There are many imitations of this medicine and the health seeker should protect himself by seeing that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is on every box. Sold by all dealers in medicine or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

King Oscar of Sweden, as a young man, is said to have possessed one of the most beautiful tenor voices, and used to delight his friends with it. Even today he loves few things better than to sing ballads to his wife's accompaniment.

Mrs. Harlem—So glad to see you again, dear; and how is your husband? Mrs. Brooklyn (whose husband is dead)—He's on the other side. Mrs. Harlem (who thinks she refers to America)—How delightful! And when do you join him?

Nature "makes all things beautiful in time." Every one of life's seasons, when life moves on Nature's lines, has its own charm and beauty. Many women dread that period when they must experience change of life. They fear that face and form may suffer by the change, and that they may fail to please those whom they love. The value of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription in this crisis of woman's life lies in the fact that it assists Nature. Its use preserves the balance and buoyancy of the mind and sustains the physical powers. Many women have expressed their gratitude for the help and comfort given by "Favorite Prescription" in this trying period. Its benefits are not passing but permanent and conduce to mental happiness as well as physical strength.

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Don't Let Corns Torment You.

Use Putnam's Corn Extractor, which cures in one night, without pain. For 30 years Putnam's has been the standard cure of Great Britain and America. Try it.

THE FOE OF FREEDOM.

Stinging Criticism of the Russia of To-Day.

New York, May 22.—Oscar Straus, who was twice United States Minister to Turkey, gives the following views regarding the relations between the United States and Russia:—"No one can read without a shudder of horror the reports of the fiendish outrages at Kishineff on April 19, 20, and 21, upon the unoffending Jewish population of that city by a mob, which was officially incited and officially protected. This barbarous holocaust, which has taken place in a populous city of 130,000 inhabitants, appeals for redress, not to the Jews throughout the world, but to the civilized world; not to those professing the religion of the slaughtered, but to those professing the religion of the slaughterers. It is a crime against civilization and Christianity as well. Whenever Russian horrors reach American ears we constantly hear about the long standing friendship between

Russia and the United States. If we look beneath the surface, which is not necessary, when Russia is concerned, we will find that, underlying courtesies to our naval officers and profuse diplomatic professions of friendship, will be found a purpose to accentuate hostility toward England. The Russia of today has nothing in common with the United States, and she would, if she could, crush our Declaration of Independence out of existence and wipe liberty from the face of the globe. The graphic forecast of her policy by England's greatest diplomatist, Stratford Canning, is verified in our day: "Rome of old extended its sway by conquest, but wherever it easily flew the arts of civilization followed. The Russian bird of prey has no such commission. It turns indeed toward the sun, but the shadow of its wings is blighting and moral desolation closes upon its flight."

"Let not a false or misplaced gratitude check the humane sympathies of America for the deposed Finns, the persecuted Christians and the oppressed and massacred Jews."

Cassidy—O! want a wreath av flowers, an' put on it, 'He rests in pieces.' Florist—Don't you mean 'He rests in peace'? Cassidy—O! mans phat O! sed. 'Tis for Casey, that was blowed up in the quarry.

Mr. Gotroks—What! you tell me you are going to marry Algy Van Chump-leigh? He hasn't said a word to me about it. Ethel Gotroks—Of course not; he doesn't know it himself yet!

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Because you haven't used Catarrh-ozone is the best reason why you should use it right away. It will cure the Catarrh that makes you breath to heavy and your hearing so poor. Catarrh-ozone is a scientific cure for Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma, recommended by doctors and druggists as a certain cure. Mr. Henry A. Taylor, the oldest druggist in Halifax, says Catarrh-ozone gives satisfaction wherever it goes. It is simple and convenient to use, and enjoys fully three times the sale of any other Catarrh remedy sold in the city. Catarrh-ozone is guaranteed to cure, and if it fails you can have your money returned. Price \$1.00 for two months' treatment. Small size 25c. Druggists or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

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Thousands of Nursing Mothers Sound the Praises of

MALT BREAKFAST FOOD.

Malt Breakfast Food has brought more health and comfort to the homes of Canada than any other food preparation.

Mothers find it an invaluable food during the period of nursing, as it provides the most ample nutrition for keeping up health and strength; it promotes to a marvellous degree the secretion of the milk. Malt Breakfast Food is recommended every day by physicians to nursing mothers, because of its many advantages as a concentrated nourishment. No other food is so easily and so rapidly assimilated, and no other contributes so much to general health building. If the mother's stomach is weak and capricious, let her try Malt Breakfast Food for a week; it will soon establish perfect digestion, healthful circulation and a well regulated nervous system. Ask your Grocer for Malt Breakfast Food.

Wonder at nothing that you find in the heart of a woman or man. God has put everything there.

Making Sure.

Softleigh—Are you quite sure Miss Banks is not in?

The Maid—Of course I am. She gave me one of your photographs in order to make me doubly sure.—Chicago News.

To be good and disagreeable is high treason against the royalty of virtue.—Moore.

Out of the Shadow.

The discouragement, the despair of ill-health, out into the noon tide glory of health, vigor and strength. Are you seeking this way? Are you wishing to replace weakness by strength, despondency by hope and expectation, pale cheeks and listless eyes, by the roses bloom and sparkling eyes. If you but use Ferrozone, you will make rich, red blood, your nerves will grow strong. Old time vigor will return and with it endurance that will enable you to live an energetic and successful life. Remember the name, Ferrozone. Sold by all druggists.

The Second Fiddle.

"Mr. Henpeque, let me introduce you to the Count de Dieppe."

"Ah, eet eez ze honor to meet a musician. I hear, sar, zat you an' your family play ze music."

"Why, I don't know the first thing about music."

"But I hear eet all around zat you play second fiddle to your wife!"

Nervous Headache.

A very distressing and common malady doubtless it has its origin in some unbalanced condition of the nervous system. One of the simplest, safest, and most efficient remedies is Nerviline. Twenty drops in a little sweetened water gives almost immediate relief, and this treatment should be supplemented by bathing the region of pain with Nerviline. To say it acts quickly fails to express the result. Druggists sell it everywhere.

Talent is that which is in a man's power; genius is that in whose power a man is.

Took the Advice of a Lady Friend When Death Seemed So Near.

A MARVELLOUS VICTORY FOR

PAIN'S CELERY COMPOUND.

Women who dearly love husband, children and home life, are those who desire to be vigorous, active and full of health. When the wife and mother is suffering, and unable to attend to the wants and comforts of those dear to her, the home is sad and despondent; there is family discomfort, and aching hearts long for the safety of the home guardian angel.

Thank Heaven, thousands of our women are now fully prepared for any of the ills prevalent in spring time. They have made Paine's Celery Compound their family medicine, and by it, they are enabled to ward off serious illness and physical breakdown. The happy experience of Mrs. Fred L. Lamson, of Halifax, N. S., should cheer all women who suffer from nervousness, sleeplessness, troubles arising from impure and stagnant blood, liver and kidney complaints, rheumatism and neuralgia. Mrs. Lamson says:

"For five years I was a sufferer from nervousness, sleeplessness, headache and

female troubles, and got but little relief from doctors and their medicines. Six months ago I was so weak and broken-down that my husband became alarmed; indeed I thought I was fast nearing the grave. A lady friend in this city who visited me, strongly advised me to give Paine's Celery Compound a trial, as it had done wonders for her. My husband procured a bottle without delay and I began its use. In a week I found I was getting stronger, and I continued with the medicine until I had used seven bottles and was completely cured. I am now able to work with comfort, sleep well, appetite is good and I am increasing in weight. Paine's Celery Compound is, I think, a wonderful woman's medicine; it saved my life, and I shall always praise it."

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