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CHANGE OF BASE.

"The House of Commons and probably the people of Canada apparently prefer the plan of endorsing the bonds of railways rather than of giving, to any great extent, subsidies per mile. Practically the plan is new, or nearly new in this Dominion. But it was adopted by the United States and was applied by the national government in the very few instances in which that government gave assistance to railways. Even if the new scheme of railway assistance does not realize all that is expected of it, it is at least a step in a better direction than that heretofore pursued."

The above is an extract from a well known contemporary, and we reproduce it to shew what a sudden rightabout face an alleged independent newspaper can effect.

A few weeks ago when the local government proposed to endorse or guarantee the bonds of a couple of railway companies in this province, the same newspaper condemned the policy in the most vigorous fashion. It was really rascally for the local authorities to introduce such a policy, but now that the federal government propose to do the very same thing for the Canada Northern, it is all right.

The St. John Globe is the newspaper that has executed this remarkable somersault, and perhaps the main reason for its change of base is that an American precedent has been discovered for guaranteeing railway bonds instead of subsidizing the road. Either this, or the Globe can never see anything meritorious in the local government's actions, and condemns its policy and acts on all occasions without regard to any merit they may possess.

The attorney general who was especially singled out for attack by the Globe in connection with guaranteeing the bonds of the Restigouche and Western Railway Company, and the Central, will now have the satisfaction of knowing that the Globe has already become a convert to the policy he advocated and carried through the legislature.

The wildest attack on St. John as a shipping port was made by Hon. William Ross of Victoria, N. S. The old gentleman declared that millions and millions could be spent upon the port of St. John, but the government could never make it anything but a mud-hole. He had been informed that the largest ships could not go to St. John because there was not room to turn round. "Goodness gracious, we have a tide of four feet only in Halifax, and they have a thirty-foot tide in St. John, and large steamers cannot go there," said Mr. Ross. The place for the natty old gentleman is the senate or old ladies' home. Such childish, unfounded attacks will do St. John no harm, but they are a reflection on the constituency that sent Mr. Ross to Parliament.

Hon. A. G. Blair is confronted by very serious conditions. He has been challenged by "Billy" McLean, the eccentric East York M. P., to discuss telephones before the people of Ontario. We have no advice as to what action the Minister of Railways may take in the matter, but his friends will naturally feel some what disquieted until they learn that Mr. Blair has successfully passed through the dreadful crisis.

The Winding Ledges Dam business is apparently as dead as Julius Caesar. The bill for the incorporation of the company introduced by Hon. John Costigan in parliament has been dropped. The New Brunswick legislature's action against the bill and the lobbying that was done at Ottawa in the same direction by Hon. H. A. McKeown and others, practically killed the measure.

Montreal Star publishes the following alleged extract from a guide book: Truro.—Home of General Gourley, warrior and strategist. American travellers are cautioned not to leave the train here, except when Mr. Gourley is absent at Ottawa.

Ninety-eight Unionist members of the Imperial House of Commons have met and passed a resolution endorsing Mr. Chamberlain's new fiscal policy of preferential trade with the colonies.

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Cuttle Fishing.

Cuttles require deft handling. The bait, which consists of a rough chunk of fish fastened to a hook or even tied to a string, is not dropped over the side to be swallowed, but to excite the gustatory organs of the cuttles and to be slowly pulled up until those mollusks have reached the surface in a vain attempt to embrace it with their long arms. Then in a moment a gaff is plunged into the leathery mantle of the would be diner and the creature is unceremoniously flung into the boat. The prosaic nature of the fishing is sometimes punctuated by grotesque incidents. For instance, the cuttle which brought our catch up to a baker's dozen helped to support the idea that thirteen is an unlucky number by making his entrance into the boat a pretext for emptying his bag of sepia into the face of his captor, the liquid transforming that gentleman's glib speech into a mere incoherent spluttering, and then running down his white "jumper" in what the daylight showed to be a black torrent. "That was a braave clumsy job," remarked a comrade, referring, not to the aim of the cuttle, but to the incautious handling of the fisherman.—John Isabell in Longman's.

His Face Spoils Razors.

"Did you see the man who just went out?" asked an uptown barber of a customer as a swarthy individual left the shop. "Yes? Well, he spoils a razor every time I shave him, and he comes here twice a week regularly. He is a stonecutter, and the grit and dust are so imbedded in the pores of his face that it is like drawing a razor over the side of a stone. I always use the best tools I have upon him, but they are not stone proof, and a dull razor is the result when his beard is removed.

"He is a customer upon whom I lose money, and I am glad to say that he is the only stonecutter who favors me with his patronage. I often wonder how it is that he doesn't wince when the razor strikes a section of stone that is imbedded in his face and bounds off, but it is probably because his skin is so hardened that he feels no ill effects."

Some Difficult Tables.

Some of the excavations at Nippur show that the Babylonians had multiplication tables five times as long as those commonly used in schools. Most little men and women, for instance, do not have to go further than twelve times twelve, but the little Babylonian children, says Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, who superintended the late excavations, had to go as far as sixty times sixty.

Numbered fragments of tablets bearing these "multiplication tables" have been found, some few of which go as far as 1,300 times 1,300. But these were evidently only for astronomical purposes. Those old astronomers seem to have felt hard pressed for time, and when they were calculating the distances of the new stars they found, and their size, they did not want to take the time to multiply, and so just referred to these tables in stone.

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SERIOUS CHARGES.

Against the Tory Government of Manitoba.

WINNIPEG PAPER ALLEGES A CONTRACTOR WAS HELD UP.

And Compelled to Share His Profits With Government.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, Man., June 25.—The Free Press makes serious charges against members of the Roblin government in connection with the Byrne marsh drainage work, for which H. McDonnell, former M. P. for Algoma was the contractor.

The specific charge is that in 1900 Macdonnell had to pay in hard cash before he could obtain payments on his progress estimates.

Hon. H. E. McFadden, the present provincial secy, was minister of the public works at the time.

Other minor charges are made.

The Ministers emphatically deny the charges.

POPE'S APPEARANCE.

His Holiness Held Public Consistory and Exhibited Great Feebleness.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Rome, June 25.—The public consistory which was postponed from June 18, was held today with much pomp and circumstance and additional interest and reverence, for in spite of reassuring news concerning the Pope's health many persons believed that this would be the last consistory under Leo XIII.

The assemblage gazed at the venerable pontiff with intense curiosity and there was redoubled enthusiasm and cries of "long live Leo."

He looked a little more waxlike, a little more bowed, his voice was somewhat thinner and it was evident his attendants were anxious. The Pope smiled when he blessed the crowds as he passed. In fact at times he tried so as to better impart his benediction, and it was only when he descended from the sedia curatoria that his extreme weakness was apparent.

REPORT DENIED.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Montreal, June 25.—A strong denial is made by the management of the Dominion Cotton Co. of the report that the company's mills in various parts of Canada were to be closed down, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of trade arising out of the preferential tariff.

GLOBE MANAGER DEAD.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Toronto, June 25.—Charles W. Taylor, who started in the Globe office as office boy, and for many years has been business manager, died suddenly this morning aged 57, of heart trouble.

EMBEZZLER SURRENDERS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

St. Thomas, Ont., June 25.—Geo. Rowley, ex-manager of the defunct Elgin Loan Co. has returned to the city and has surrendered to the authorities.

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