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CANADA FOR CANADIANS.

The charge that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company are employing American engineers in the survey of the western section of the new trans-continental line is being investigated at Montreal by Judge Winchester, of Toronto, specially delegated by the government to perform that duty. The first day's evidence supports the charge preferred, and it is hoped that the matter will be probed to the bottom. Mr. Hays and his associates must be given to understand that in building the new railway the motto, "Canada for the Canadians," is to prevail, and if there are good jobs for engineers they must be Canadians as long as the material is at hand. The company are given important concessions by parliament, and we want our money kept in the country as much as possible, in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The prompt action of the government in setting on foot the enquiry is worthy of all commendation, and the result should be that whatever employment there is to be given in the work on the surveys or any other branch of the big railway enterprise must be done by Canadians.

Some weeks ago the government called Mr. Hay's attention to the reports that American engineers were largely employed in the surveys, but he replied at that time that ninety-six per cent. of the employees of the company were Canadians. That may have been so, but the fact remains that some of the biggest plums have been given to American engineers. At the enquiry in Montreal yesterday it developed that Mr. Stephens, the Chief Engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific surveys, and Mr. Goodman, the Chief Draftsman, are Yankees.

Mr. Stephens came from the Santa Fe system a couple of years ago and is getting \$6,000 a year salary, while Mr. Goodman also is an American and has been in the company's employ about a year. Stephens furnished the names of the following Americans who were employed on the G. T. Pacific survey: C. C. Arsdol, stationed at Edmonton, division engineer; T. C. Taylor, North Bay; W. E. Colladay, west of Winnipeg; W. Mason, draughtsman; E. R. McNeill, engineer, and C. E. Perry, engineer at Thunder Bay.

It may be added that Mr. Stephens declared no Canadians had been refused work on the surveys except those who were not qualified for the work. The inquiry shows that the Grand Trunk have about twenty parties of some twenty each, or a total force of about 400 out on the surveys.

Mr. Hays must be promptly told that the country will not tolerate the employment of Yankee engineers to the exclusion of Canadians, and no doubt the government will have something interesting to say to him in that line when Judge Winchester has filed his report.

THE FISHERIES CLAIM.

The Sun is quite exultant because the Attorney General has admitted that the fisheries case, in which New Brunswick claims some \$2,000,000 of the Halifax award is to go to arbitration, rather than be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Sun sees in this a failure of Dr.

Pugsley's prophecies in the matter, but as a matter of fact the province is to be congratulated that the Attorney General has not consented to a court review of the case under terms of reference to which Dr. Pugsley would not consent.

Is the Sun prepared to say that New Brunswick will be unlikely to receive a greater measure of justice from arbitrators than from the Supreme Court? It will be remembered that the long contested eastern extension claim was referred to arbitration and the result was most satisfactory to this province, which secured an award of nearly \$200,000. The Sun sneered at the government's efforts to secure a settlement in this matter, but the province reaped most profitable results from the persistent efforts to secure justice in the matter. Has the Sun any reason to believe that similar satisfactory results will not be obtained by references of the fishery case to arbitration rather than to the court?

It would seem the more patriotic course for the opposition press to support the government in its efforts to secure settlement of what is considered a just claim, rather than to place obstacles in the way of the government.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, whose death has been announced, was for very many years identified with state and national politics, and although eighty-one years old, was in public life when the end came. He was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1865, state treasurer in 1885, and since 1888 has been the political boss of the state. In 1899, the year he entered the United States senate, he was tried for misappropriation of public funds, but was acquitted after a very sensational trial and maintained his political supremacy until the last.

Quay's motto was power at any price, and in his career he was opposed by many members of his own party, who liked clean methods in political life.

Mr. Bourassa, M.P., wants to muzzle Lord Strathcona and other Canadians holding official positions in England so that they will not publicly discuss political questions, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier told the radical member for Labelle, that the officials' tongues are their own, and the government has no responsibility for their opinions on imperial questions. If Mr. Bourassa's tongue could be bridled it would be better for his reputation as a public man. All the utterances of such a man will in no wise discount the strong feeling in this country for unity of the empire.

The Japs are methodical as well as brave fighters. It is said their leaders have planned to attack Port June 15 and capture it June 20. It may well be doubted that the city will fall as speedily as that, but the Japs have done about everything they set out to perform thus far in the campaign, and they may capture Port Arthur on the date named. A direct attack will probably result in a loss of life that will "stagger humanity."

Mr. George Johnston, Dominion statistician of Ottawa, on whom Mt. Allison University is to confer the honorary degree of D.C.L., is a former Haligonian, and for many years was prominently connected with the press of the Nova Scotia capital.

Fredericton friends of Rev. J. A. Rogers, the respected Methodist pastor of this city—and he has plenty of them in all denominations, are pleased to hear of the honor Mount Allison University proposes to confer on that worthy gentleman at the convocation this evening. Mr. Rogers is a scholarly, earnest preacher, and an active pastor, and well deserves the honorary degree of doctor of divinity, with which he is to be decorated.

Hon. Edward Blake, the distinguished Canadian who sits for South Longford, Ireland, in the British House of Commons, announces his retirement from the practice of law, and will devote himself entirely to politics. Mr. Blake has been in poor health for some time.

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