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A MAN OF HIS WORD.

The Toronto Globe, commenting on Sir Charles Rivers Wilson's declarations with respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's good faith in connection with operation of the eastern section of the Transcontinental railway, observes that "Any thing that Sir Charles personally tells the public about the purposes and methods of the great corporation of which he is President may be taken as absolutely trustworthy. He has been for ten years at the head of the Grand Trunk railway company, and during most of that time Mr. Hays has been its general manager. This decade has been a period of unprecedented development of the great and complicated system of transportation for the efficiency of which they are especially responsible. There has been a great increase in mileage, much double-tracking, large additions to rolling stock, and so on, but the point of most interest to Canadians is the determination of the proprietors to make their system transcontinental and to lose no time about it."

Continuing the Globe says:—"Sir Charles, replying to unwarranted attacks on the honor of the Grand Trunk proprietors, made it perfectly clear that they are determined to carry out in entire good faith their contract to operate the eastern division, which is to be built by the Dominion government. 'We are under obligations,' he said, 'to carry the trade of the Canadian Northwest through Canadian ports, and the great bulk will come over the eastern line and find their terminal exits at Quebec in summer, and at Halifax and St. John in winter.'

The insinuation, that the company will some time repudiate its fifty-year contract he characterizes as 'childish,' and he asserted without reserve the determination of its members 'to be loyal to the government and their obligations.'

"Such language has peculiar force when it comes from an English gentleman who was Controller-General of the British National Debt Office for twenty years prior to his acceptance of his present position, who was for the same period a member of the council of the Suez Canal Company, who was thirty years ago associated with the present Lord Cromer in bringing order out of confusion in the finances of Egypt, and who holds a position and enjoys a reputation second to those of no other financier and administrator in the world."

All that was needed to clinch this line of reasoning, says the Globe, was a reference to the terms on which the Grand Trunk proprietors have agreed to operate the eastern division. They have contracted to pay a rental of three per cent. per annum on the cost of constructing the line, and they are bound as business men to make the road earn enough to meet this obligation. "If we do not consider the heavy lease we are under," said the Grand Trunk President, "we would be only doing ourselves injury." This is the incontrovertible reminder to the childish nonsense uttered by those who predict that the Grand Trunk management will be found diverting Canadian freight to the Portland terminal. To the utmost extent of its capacity the eastern division will be used in carrying Canadian freight to Canadian Atlantic ports, because the traffic will pay."

THE EDUCATION BILL.

Although the British education bill has passed the House of Commons by an overwhelming majority, it is not likely to meet the approbation of the House of Lords in its present form.

The attitude of the opponents of the measure and the fierce fight likely to ensue in the upper chamber is indicated by the speech of the Duke of Devonshire, who in the debate on the second reading said:—"It is the duty of this House to show the country that it is opposed to the violent and unnecessary disturbance of our educational system, which has existed for the past thirty-six years, and of which we have no cause to be ashamed. Until we have done this, and until we know how our efforts in that direction are regarded by his Majesty's government and the other House of parliament, this house will not be called upon to take that final and momentous decision which at some later period will have to be taken, and which may involve consequences far wider than any now involved in connection with the present bill."

A SELF-MADE MAN.

Mayor Weaver who has raised such a storm among the gossips of Philadelphia and whose crusade against vice has made his name a household word throughout America, is an Englishman by birth and started in his career in a humble way.

He was eight years old when he landed in the United States. At thirteen he was an errand boy, afterwards serving as clerk in a store. He subsequently studied shorthand, and became a law stenographer and student at the same time, taking a night course of study. Later he became Vice-President, Treasurer and President of the Law Academy. He was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar in

1891, and attained a large practice. He was District Attorney, 1901-'03, and has been Mayor since 1903. Here is an example for young men to follow, a man achieving the highest distinction in his adopted city entirely through his own efforts.

CURRENT COMMENT

The latest criminal sensation in St. John makes the blood tingle and arouses a feeling that after all summary justice in such cases is justifiable. There is no punishment too severe for the fiend who outraged an innocent unsuspecting little girl, and it is to be hoped the authorities have the right party in custody.

It is peculiar how anxious our Tory friends are to keep politics out of the public service, when appointments are to be made "You mustn't mix up politics with the militia, etc," they vehemently declare, yet when they had the political pull who ever heard of a Liberal receiving consideration.

The absorption of the Canada Eastern railway by the Intercolonial has proved such a profitable matter for the government that the minister of railways seems impressed with the idea that other feeders to the government road will be taken over and added to the government system.

We have had it hot enough in Fredericton the past few days, but then we have the satisfaction of knowing that there are hotter places than this city. In New York, for instance, people are sleeping in the parks to get a breath of cool air, many are prostrated by the great heat and some deaths have occurred.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson is going to try the experiment of running motor cars on the branch lines of the Intercolonial, and has one of his officials at present in France studying the question, and with authority to purchase five cars as a test. If satisfactory this mode of travel will be generally introduced on the government road, and is expected to effect a substantial saving of expenses.

It is satisfactory to know that the city council has at last induced the sewerage contractor to push the work he has in hand with greater despatch than has yet been apparent. The contractor promises to have one hundred and fifty men at work before the end of the present week. The contract is supposed to be completed by Nov. 1st., but by present progress it would run into next season.

It must be confessed that the revolutionists are not making much progress in Russia. The powerful hand of the Czar, backed by the military, is so far too much for those who demand a constitutional government and personal liberty for the subjects from the autocrat. The general strike which it has hoped would have been brought about before this has failed, and the outlook generally for the revolutionists is not favorable at present.

BITS OF NEWS.

A severe electrical storm passed over the Miramichi Monday afternoon and P. Loggie's barn at Lower Newcastle, was burned, with all the contents, including all his new hay.

While D. C. Boyington and Paul Lapierre were canoeing Sunday night from their mining location in Minicouche, Ontario, they noticed what they took to be a bear in the water. Lapierre fired twice at the object which proved to be two Indians in a canoe. The second shot took effect, going through the body of Peter Skye aged 21. He died Monday and Lapierre is in custody.

As a result apparently of an ungovernable temper a young lad, named Wylie, is now in the hands of the Guelph, Ont., police charged with causing the death of a 13 year old girl named Swaenhamer at her father's farm in Erin township. Because the accused could not face his own way in regard to going to Acton, he appears to have taken down a shotgun and fired the contents into the body of the innocent daughter of a farmer. She died within fifteen minutes.

Two men were drowned in the Ottawa River during Sunday's storm. They were William McCormack of Hull, foreman in Edley's pulp factory, and William Harkness of Hull. With a third man named Booth they left Buckingham in a yacht to sail up to Ottawa. The storm capsize the yacht off East Templeton. Booth swam for an hour and a quarter and finally reached a government dredge at the mouth of the Blanche river. His calls were heard and he was taken aboard. The other men have not been heard from and undoubtedly perished.

Upwards of twenty persons died in New York Monday as a result of the heat. There were scores of prostrations and the suffering among the poor was intense. Last night conditions are somewhat better, but thousands of persons had fled from the city, driven away by the excessive humidity and a temperature which the government thermometer showed to be the record for 1906. The weather bureau mercury shot up to 93 for its highest point Monday afternoon, but it was much hotter on street levels, some thermometers showing 102.

Mr. Farsyte sent me over to ask you if you would lend him your umbrella," said the little boy. Certainly replied Stubbins; but what does he want with it? It isn't raining. No, sir, but he said it was pretty sure to be raining some day soon and he needed it then.

A FIGHTING COUNCIL.

Lively Times at Meeting of Woodstock's Civil Board.

Woodstock, Aug. 7.—A lively and exciting meeting of the Woodstock town council took place last night and ended in disorder after the arbitrary refusal of the mayor to put a motion presented by one of the councillors.

The trouble developed over the action of the water committee in deciding a few days ago, without consulting the rest of the council, to call for tenders from the rival electric companies here for power to pump the town's water and light the streets. The tendering conditions were drawn by the mayor so as to call for bids on the basis of so much per kilowatt of power. A number of the councillors felt aggrieved at this action, and at the meeting last night Councillor Leighton moved that tenders be called for on a flat scale basis. He argued that the town knows now what the work costs when done by steam power, and that only by a flat rate tender on the part of the electric companies could a comparison be made. This motion was seconded by Councillor Henderson and would undoubtedly have been carried by a large majority. But the mayor took the matter into his own hands and refused to put the motion.

After a stormy session the meeting adjourned to meet again Friday, when the motion will undoubtedly be presented again. Meanwhile the town is greatly excited over the matter and interesting developments are expected.

THREE NEGROES LYNCHED.

The Way Summary Justice is Dealt Out in the Southern States.

Charlestown, N. C., Aug. 7.—A mob of three thousand determined men, shortly before 11 o'clock last night, forcibly entered Rowan County jail at Salisbury, removed therefrom the six negroes, charged with the murder of the Ivey family July 13th and lynched them. Nease and John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham, supposed to be the principals in the crime, were the victims of mob vengeance. The remaining negroes, George Lee, George Ervin and Bella Dillingham, were not molested and later last night officers took them to Greensboro.

The mob began gathering at sun down. Mayor Boyden promptly ordered the saloons closed, and with other prominent citizens, U. S. Senator Overman, and Solicitor Hammes gathered on the jail steps and addressed the crowd, which at that time numbered 1,000. There was howling and cat calls from the mob, but for a time there was no move because of the lack of a leader.

While the citizens were appealing to the mob, two men slipped through the crowd and were entering the jail with hammers. They were discovered and arrested. The mob continued its yelling but there was no concerted movement.

About nine o'clock Mayor Boyden called the local militia company, the Rowan Rifles, for aid. They assembled quickly but were supplied only with blank cartridges, having no orders to shoot and kill.

Fireman McLendon, of Charlotte, a Southern railway employe, was shot in the stomach by a bullet said to have been fired by a member of the mob. He was fatally wounded.

Will Troutman, a negro drayman, was also seriously shot about the same time. Both of these shootings are claimed to have been accidental, occasioned by some of the wild firing by members of the mob with the evident intent of frightening the voters. At 10 o'clock there was a great stir in the mob, which had been augmented by fully 500 men, who came, it is said, from White City. It was but a few minutes after their arrival when a crowd of fifty, forming a sort of flying wedge, made a break for the jail doors.

I. C. R. POLICE APPOINTMENTS.

Two Policemen Appointed Inspectors and Other Changes.

Moncton Transcript.—A change has been made in the arrangement of the I. C. R. police force on the suggestion of Mr. Williams, the chief special agent. The effect of this change is to provide a better policing of the railroad. The minister of railways has suggested a plan and has made the following appointments to give the suggestions effect:

Police Bernard Dunn of Halifax station, becomes inspector for the district east of Truro, and including Halifax, the Oxford Branch and the Sydney.

Policeman Duncan Noble of Campbellton, becomes inspector for the district from Chatham Junction to Montreal.

Mr. A. J. Tingely of Moncton, to become inspector from Truro to P. du Chene and from thence to Moncton and St. John, Chatham and Fredericton.

There will be constables appointed in every point where promotions have been made.

That the shortage in the accounts of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank will run close to \$1,000,000 much of which has gone in real estate speculation and commercial ventures, was the statement made to a reporter of The Associated Press.

Rev. George B. McLeod, M. A., the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Truro N. S., has received a hearty and practically unanimous call to become pastor of Central Presbyterian church, St. Paul, Minn. The church building is a large and handsome structure, costing \$150,000. It has a seating capacity of about 1500, including the Sabbath School auditorium. The salary offered is \$3,000.

DREYFUS IS ILL.

Has Heart Trouble and is to Rest for Two Months in Switzerland.

New York, Aug. 7.—A special cable from Paris says:

The health of Major Dreyfus is causing much uneasiness to his many friends. On the afternoon following the exciting scenes attending his restitution to rights he was seized with a heart attack, which, although he recovered speedily from it, left him weak. He has just been granted a two

months' leave of absence, which he will spend with his family in some quiet retreat in Switzerland. So confirmed has the habit of seclusion become with Dreyfus that his moves are attended with a curious secrecy, and it cannot be said definitely whether he has or has not left Paris for Geneva.

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