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GOOD WORDS FOR MR. EMMERSON.

It is pleasant to observe that at least one Conservative newspaper is broad enough to rise above the usual bitter partisanship of politics and say a kindly word for an opponent.

There is no more steady and sturdy defender of the Conservative party in Canada than the *Truro Daily Sun*. Editor Alley is generous enough to admit the excellent work Mr. Emmerson is doing for the country in his management of the Intercolonial Railway and he especially commends the Provisional Bill put through parliament by the Minister of Railways.

The *Sun* in a recent issue said: "The measure which the Minister of Railways has seen through the committee stages in the House of Commons, providing pensions for the employees of the Intercolonial Railway has crowned him with credit."

The incentive was philanthropic, with an eye to the efficiency of the service; and if Mr. Emmerson thought of the enhancing of his own credit as an administrator of our government system of railways, there can be no great blame attached to him for his having in his mind such a secondary thought, as long as philanthropy and efficiency were given an uppermost place in his plans.

We have every reason to believe that the employees of the Intercolonial will universally approve of Mr. Emmerson's measure.

He was at his best in the House, when he was meeting the objections to the details of the bill he has had in hand.

He has left the impression on the public that he knew what he was talking about.

He was as zealous and eloquent in his pleadings as he could have been had he been fighting a personal battle for his own aggrandizement, and not for the relief of others.

Praise is due where praise has been honestly earned; and we cannot but confess that Mr. Emmerson has earned the very highest praise for the work he has lately been doing in behalf of the Intercolonial and those who depend upon it for a living even after retirement from active service."

ASPERITIES FORGOTTEN.

It is pleasing to observe how time has dissipated the feeling of antagonism that existed between two distinguished Canadian politicians, Sir Chas. Tupper and Lord Strathcona. At London Friday the latter in making a presentation to Sir Charles lauded his great services to Canada. In the house of commons a few years after confederation, Sir Charles and Lord Strathcona then plain Donald Smith, M. P. got into a very heated discussion which closed as Black Rod summoned the members to prorogation. Sir Charles was fuming mad and his last observation was "that fellow Smith is the biggest liar I have ever met."

Perhaps these veterans never mention that exciting occasion in their present intercourse in London, but if they do they probably regret that they permitted themselves to grow so hot under the collar.

CURRENT COMMENT

Some of Mr. H. F. McLeod's friends are boasting that that gentleman in his campaign for the mayoralty is able to command the support of both the temperance and anti-Scott Act parties.

The Herald stated on Tuesday last that Hon. L. J. Tweedie would be the next governor of New Brunswick, and its forecast has been verified. Hearty congratulations to His Honor and may he be spared to serve out his full term in his exalted position.

Woodstock has suffered serious loss from fire in the past twenty-five years, and that of Friday night appears to have been especially destructive. Danger will threaten the town so long as it permits the erection of wooden buildings on its chief business street.

Looks as if we may have pretty near the same old crowd of aldermen—some of them are all right others are absolutely useless, Fredericton has entered upon a year that

## DEADLY COLLISION.

Trains on New York Central Crash Into Each Other—Four Men Killed.

Waterbury, Conn., March 2.—(Special)—With an impact sufficient to force the ponderous locomotives together like paper twist and hurl them from the track down an embankment into a ditch beside the track two passenger trains met in a head-on collision early today on the

Nataguck division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway at Platts Mill about one mile below this city resulting in the death of four men and serious injuries to more than a score of others. The dead were crews of the engines.

LONDON IS AMAZED.

Stags Svengali's Tribby Plays Any Piece Spectator Makes Known to Him—Repertoire 8,000 Times.

When "strong men" were wanted for one's entertainment they were forthcoming by the score. When Chinese jugglers became a craze in London music hall managers produced them expeditiously and mysteriously, like rabbits from a conjurer's hat. It was the same with "strong women," with "living statuary," and now it happens with the so-called "thought transmission" exponents.

We have three shows of this kind at different houses of entertainment in London, writes a correspondent at the world's metropolis, and so marvelously clever and mystifying are they that all London is talking about them and hardly an evening party can be got through without some amateurs with a system trying their best to show powers of thought transmission.

The Zancigs Mystify London.

Mr. and Mrs. Zancig, who were honored recently by a command to appear before the King and Queen at Sandringham, mystify the audiences at the Alhambra to such a degree that investigation of their methods by the psychological research society and by Sir Oliver Lodge and other eminent scientists has been called for, and enthusiastic admirers have attributed to the performers powers more marvellous than any to which they lay claim.

Now recently have appeared a Sheffield working mechanic named Retill and his 15-year-old daughter Myra, who give a replica of the Zancigs' performance. This is all the more astonishing as Retill is an uneducated workman. His daughter, a Polisher in a brass foundry, saw the Zancigs performing for the first time last Saturday night, and they were able to give a display of the same sort by the middle of this week. The girl is blindfolded on the stage and the father goes among the audience.

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Real Svengali and Tribby.

But more staggering than these performances is that at the Hippodrome by a man and woman, who have adopted the names of the late George Du Maurier's characters Tribby and Svengali.

Their performance has achieved a bewildering success by the manner in which the woman, seated at a piano-forte upon the stage, plays or sings any piece of music immediately its name is whispered or written down in the presence of her silent colleague as he moves about the auditorium.

Whatever the means by which the knowledge of the particular composition desired is transferred to the pianist and vocalist, it is evident that her musical repertoire must be astonishingly comprehensive—indeed, it is said to include no fewer than eight thousand numbers.

No words pass and Svengali has his back to the stage all the time, the woman watches him closely, but it is impossible to detect any gesture or movement that suggests a code. It matters not what you write down on paper, nothing comes amiss. Immediately Svengali reads the name Tribby, far away on the stage, breaks off what she may be singing, calls out the name of the new piece, whether it be grand opera, the latest musical comedy or the oldest forgotten song, no matter what the language may be, and starts over again.

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