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A WONDERFUL RECORD.

In no single branch of the departmental administration has there been a greater degree of progress under Liberal rule than in that of the Post Office Department. This has been brought to pass by the application of business principles.

Sir William Mulock, by checking waste, and popularizing the Post Office through multiplying its facilities, managed to make the institution pay its way, in spite of the prediction of the Conservative Postmaster-General in 1893, that the measures since introduced by his successor would lead to an annual deficit of \$1,200,000.

In 1897 the railway mail service, constituting the arteries of the postal system, was reorganized, the several more or less independent sections throughout the country being put under the control of one official, and managed as one institution.

Up till 1898, the dead letter office, whose business it was to deal with letters which for some reason cannot be delivered, conducted all its business at Ottawa, thereby causing unavoidable delays in the handling of correspondence. Sir William Mulock in 1898, placed branches of the dead letter office at all important centres throughout the country and delays are thus reduced to a minimum.

In 1898 postal notes were introduced, and remittances for amounts under \$10, which up till that time could only be sent by the cumbersome and rather expensive mode of money orders, can now be purchased as readily as a postage stamp, and at a nominal cost.

Immediate delivery stamps, introduced in 1898, enable persons to communicate with their correspondents with the fullness of a letter, and frequently with as much satisfaction as regards time, as by a telegram.

Proper business management having reduced the deficit from \$700,997 to the nominal sum of \$47,602, Sir William extended his view, and he was instrumental in having a postal conference assemble in London in 1898, composed of representatives of the British and leading Colonial post offices, and himself introduced the resolution, making a special inter-imperial rate for letters, of 2 cents per half ounce, instead of 5 cents per half ounce. At the same time the Canadian domestic rate was reduced from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce.

Canada thus had the honor of being the first British colony to adopt the penny postage system. Notwithstanding these reductions of 60 per cent. in the inter-imperial rate, and 33 1-3 per cent. in the domestic rate—and very extensive increase in the service in all directions the department in 1902 showed a surplus of revenue over expenditure the first since 1851 when the Department came under the control of the Canadian government. And this came to pass in spite of the Conservative prediction that a reduction of the postal rate from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce would lead to a deficit of at least \$1,200,000.

THE N. B. COAL AND RAILWAY.

The Globe of last evening and the Telegraph of today give considerable space to Mr. Hazen's mournful and deceptive wall about this important public work.

That fox gentlemen so runs his facts together as to give the impression that the whole undertaking from beginning to end was that of the present provincial government. As a matter of fact the road was built as the Central Railway under the Subsidy Act of 1882, Chapter 31 of the Statutes of that year and the present government had nothing more to do with it until some five or six years ago than with any other of the lines built under that Act. When it became so run down as to become dangerous and the people of the eastern part of Queens and Sunbury were in consequence about to be deprived of railway communication the provincial government then stepped in and promoted and assisted a company, not only to give railway communication, but to open up and develop the extensive coal mines of the two counties. In fact,

on the original site, it is given to the Central Railway by the Dominion and the province is only a clumsy attempt at political juggling on Mr. Hazen's part. The present government had nothing to do with the old subsidies, but what they have put into it since they undertook to put it into proper shape, amounts to about \$700,000.

As appears from the reports of the inspection tour over the road yesterday the government has succeeded in their undertaking beyond their expectations. Mr. Hazen very carefully conceals the fact that he and his opposition friends in the House, turned down a proposition to lease the road at \$21,000 per annum, sufficient to pay the interest at 3 per cent on all the present government have put into it, and they did just right; as in a very short time it will be disposed of very remunerative terms, and thanks to the enterprising policy of the government the people of Queens and Sunbury will not only have safe railway communication guaranteed to them for all time but will have their coal mines developed.

We refer our readers to the splendid report of yesterday's inspection in the St. John Sun, reproduced elsewhere, and especially to the speech of Dr. Daniel, Tory M. P., for St. John. Poor Mr. Hazen, it is too bad that his little idols get so terribly shattered every time.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The missing Ontario "millionaire" having been found, the other affairs of the Empire will now be allowed to proceed without interruption.

The Liberals of British Columbia are vigorous, if they are not diplomatic. They know what they want and they are not afraid to say so. But it will take more than a resolution of a party convention to abrogate the treaty with Japan.

The new coat for evening dress or men has a pocket for the handkerchief. Henceforth the bashful youth will not be able to play with his mouchoir and wonder whether he can ever get it up his sleeve or if he does how he can get it down again.

A VALUABLE ASSET.

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opener to him. The Central Railway, he said, was a first class road. He spoke of the great care of the commissioners in their work.

SENATOR KING REPLIES.

Senator King in reply said that he thought that instead of a vote of thanks, Mr. McAvity should get a vote of censure for deciding upon today. He hoped that they could renew the trip under more favorable circumstances. He said that he was not sure that he was in favor of government ownership of railways, but he thought that this railway was a good paying property.

THE ABERDEEN MILL.

Mr. Archie Fraser, of Donald Fraser & Sons, arrived here from Cabine last evening and is at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. Fraser, when interviewed by a Herald representative today in regard to the building of a mill on the Aberdeen mill site, stated that the matter now rested with the city council. He said that his firm had made a proposition to the council and it was up to that body to make the next move in the matter.

A prominent business man stated today that he had no doubt quite a sum could be raised among local merchants towards purchasing a right of way for the firm so that a siding could be laid from the C.P.R. station to their mill. He said his firm were ready to contribute \$100 towards the scheme.

THE FTON NICKEL.

Owing to unfavorable weather a great many people have been unable to see the famous drama "Genevieve de Brabant" which is now being shown at the Carleton Street Nickel. Those who have not attended this week should not fail to come this evening as this is the last chance to see this popular drama. A complete change of program to-morrow evening. As the Nickel is unable to have matinee and knowing that children are obliged to devote a portion of the evening to school work, the management prefer to have the children attend between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. as the doors are opened and show begins at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 as formerly.—d.

DR. ATHERTON'S POSITION.

Dr. Atherton, who has been in Calais on professional business, returned home by the late train last evening. Interviewed today in regard to the report of the hospital trustees he said he had no statement to make to the public just now, but he intimated that he might have something to say later on. Asked if he would accept an appointment to the hospital trustee board if it were offered him, he said he had not yet given the matter much consideration. "I understand," said he "that a person cannot serve on the trustee board and medical staff at the same time. If that is the case I might consent to serve on the trustee board, but I certainly will not remain on the medical staff."

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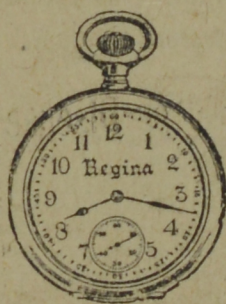
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THE POOR CAT.

One Occasion When the Animal Did Not Come Back.

When the cat died the whole family went into mourning, figuratively if not literally. No common back door cat this, but one that must be buried with all honor. The question was how and where.

Some one proposed cremation, but this was rejected on the ground that it sounded too much like lynching. It was finally proposed that the father, who had to cross a ferry every day to his place of business, should drop it overboard, and as a burial at sea rather appealed to the sentimental attitude of the family this idea was received favorably.

The following morning the remains of the cat were made into a package and securely tied. It was a lovely day, and the ferryboat was crowded with passengers, and what had seemed so simple at home assumed unexpected difficulties in the face of a curious crowd, ready to imagine anything and to put the worst construction on an apparently mysterious action.

Finally it occurred to the father that the best time would be the evening, and he could slip the cat overboard without attracting notice in the dusk. Through the day it occupied a corner of his office, and he was glad when the time came for the return trip.

He waited until the boat was well out in the stream and then, glancing around furtively, laid his hand on the package. Suddenly it struck him what would seem strange in broad daylight would seem doubly so at night.

With a smothered groan he replaced it on the seat beside him. There was no help for it—he would have to carry it home again. As he took his seat in the train that was to convey him the rest of the way he placed the cat on the shelf above his head, and for the first time that day forgot all about it. Hurrying to get off the car when he reached his destination, he was halted by some one behind him, who thrust into his hand the ill fated package.

When he reached his house he threw it down on a chair in the hall and went in to supper. In the middle of it the

cat came in and asked how she should cook the meat he had brought with him?

"Meat!" he exclaimed. "That isn't meat! It's—"

But at this moment the maid produced the package and showed him a choice piece of meat. History does not say what the man said who got the cat.

The Original Organ Grinder.

When barrel organs, once the usual accompaniment of the magic lanterns, came into use a native of the province of Tende was one of the first who traveled about Europe with this instrument. In his peregrinations he collected money enough to enable him to purchase from the king of Sardinia the title of count of the country where he was born, for which probably in a time of year he did not pay above 1,000 guineas. With the remainder of his money he purchased an estate suitable to his rank and settled himself peacefully for the remainder of his days in his mansion. In the entrance hall of his dwelling he hung up his magic lantern and his organ facing the door, there to be carefully preserved till they moldered to dust, and he ordered by his will that any one of his descendants who should cause them to be removed should forfeit his inheritance and his patrimony revert to the next heir or in failure of a successor to the hospital of Tende. Only a few years ago the organ and lantern were still to be seen carefully preserved.

Metals and Metaphors.

"It is most amazing," said a metallurgist, "how the world relies on metals for its metaphors and similes. Thus an orator is silver tongued or golden mouthed. An explorer is bronzed by African suns. A resolute chap has an iron will. A sluggard moves with leaden feet. An ostrich has a copper lined stomach. A millionaire has tin! A swindler is as slippery as quicksilver. A borrower has brass."

Mamma Remembered.

Papa (enraged)—Well, Constantia, daughter, I've never in all my life seen as soft, green, unsophisticated, spoony an idiot as young Puddington. Mamma (emphatically)—I have!

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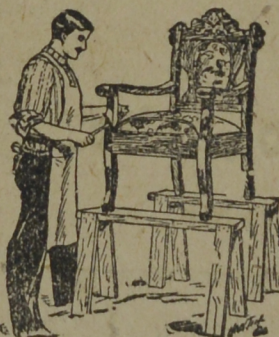
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