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BLAIR'S SPEECH.

The Minister of Railways Makes an Eloquent Defence

OF HIS MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Found the Road in a Run-down Condition

AND HAS PLACED IT IN EFFI- CIENT SHAPE.

(Concluded From Yesterday.)

But steel rails are not the only items. Take all the items right through. Take new locomotives. We had to bestir ourselves to be alive and try to accomplish something in our day. We have had to buy 25 to 30 locomotives a year. We have not got them all yet, but are hoping to get them so that we shall have them available for service during the year to come.

I want to tell my honorable friend (Monk) what took place in that railway committee, and if he had been present, I have no doubt that he would have to be carried out on a stretcher. It appears that there was a circular issued by one of the officials of the I. C. R. stating that the mechanical superintendent of the road had condemned the locomotives which were in use upon the government railways. My honorable friend, who was conducting the examination, (Haggart) called a witness all the way from Moncton for the purpose of giving an account of himself and verifying the reports in that circular. Of course the inference was that in condemning the locomotives the mechanical superintendent had condemned those which had been recently purchased by my department in the United States.

And what facts did he elicit? He elicited the facts that this circular was erroneous in that it quoted him as making a statement that he had not made, that he had never condemned the locomotives, but had said that they required to be adjusted in some minor particulars. He was asked by my honorable friend what locomotives he referred to and gave the numbers. I think they were 24, 28, 66 and 68. My honorable friend asked where did 24 and 28 come from and the answer was that they came from the Kingston, Ontario, works, so you see so far as two of these locomotives were concerned the honorable gentlemen were not able to show what they had expected. Where did the others come from? They came from the Cooke Locomotive Works in the United States and when were they got? They were got in 1893. (Cheers.)

As ex-minister of railways, I suppose the honorable gentleman (Haggart) hopes that when a change of government may come, if it ever does come during his life time that he may be my successor, so I suppose he is foreshadowing his future action when he says that there is justification for a minister to get locomotives in another country if he cannot buy them in his own.

Mr. Haggart—Hear, hear.

Mr. Blair—Then I stand on that. But what became of the statement of the honorable gentleman (Monk) alongside of him? Of what value are his strictures, what justification for the contemptuous reference he made to my administration.

Mr. Ingram—Does the honorable minister approve of that circular stating that the Kingston engines were not good engines—that they were faulty and that their construction was wrong?

Mr. Blair—Does my honorable friend want to know my private opinion as to a subject that is not at all material to this discussion. How can that possible affect the question whether the locomotives were properly bought in the United States or not.

Mr. Ingram—I want to point out that Mr. Russell whom he imported from the United States did not know what he was writing about and I can prove it, too.

Mr. Blair—When the honorable gentleman asserts that I imported Mr. Russell from the United States he asserts that for which he has no warrant. Mr. Russell is a Canadian, born down in the county of Charlotte, in the province of New Bruns-

wick, and has many relatives and friends there. Mr. Russell commenced to learn railroading on the I. C. R. and remained in the service until he was grown up, went off to the United States and rose degree by degree until he got into a high position on railroads in that country. We were only too glad, and from all the representations that were made to us with regard to him, from the statements that we read from the men in whose employ he had been, to ask him to return to his own country and give us the benefit of the experience and ability he had acquired.

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"It is the little rift within the lute which ever widening, makes the music mute." It is just a little rift in the health of a woman often, which gradually takes the spring from her step, the light from her eyes, the rose from her cheek and the music from her voice. Perhaps the bug-bear which has frightened the woman from the timely help needed at the beginning has been the dreaded questions, the obnoxious examination, the local treatments, of the home physician. There is no need for these. Nor is there need for continued suffering. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can be relied on by every woman, suffering from what are called "female troubles," to renew the health and cure the disease. Women are astonished at the results of the use of this medicine. It not only makes weak women "robust and rosy cheeked," but it gives them back the vigor and vitality of youth.

Free. Dr. Pierce's People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing and customs. Address, Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

The War Office has shipped 100 miles of iron fence material to South Africa. It is intended to reinforce the blockhouse barbed wire fences and stop the Boer cattle rushes.

For cuts, wounds, rheumatism, stiff joints, burns, scalds, bites of insects, croup, coughs, colds, Haggart's Yellow Oil will be found an excellent remedy.

The death occurred at Halifax Thursday of Patrick Lyons, father of John M. Lyons, of the I. C. R. For several years he resided at Moncton with his son. Deceased was 83 years old.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS cure backache, sideache, scanty, cloudy, thick and highly colored urine, diabetes, dropsy and all troubles arising from a weak condition of the kidneys.

General O'Grady-Haley is to take a month's leave at the end of May, and will then retire from the command of the Canadian militia.

When you feel weak, run down, nervous or unable to work or think as you ought, take Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. They'll build up your health and give you strength and energy.

A burglar who had entered a minister's house at night was disturbed by the awakening of the occupant of the room he was in. Drawing his knife he said: "If you stir you're a dead man. I am hunting for money." "Let me get up and strike a light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

MALT BREAKFAST FOOD

The Only Cereal Food That Perfectly Agree With Stom- achs Strong or Weak.

The pre-eminent qualities of Malt Breakfast Food are the result of the action of the pure health giving malt on the starch and gluten of the wheat, rendering them soluble and changing them into forms to be quickly absorbed by the stomach, then passing into the blood to enrich it and build up the nerves, the tissues of the body and brain.

Malt Breakfast Food being quite free from starchy ingredients, requires no digestive effort or loss of bodily energy; it is delicious, comforting and soothing to the stomach of child or adult; it makes the weak strong and keeps the strong in perfect health. Malt Breakfast Food is recommended by physicians everywhere. Sold by all Grocers.

In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

BABY CONSTIPATION.

Can be Cured Without Resorting to Harsh Purgatives.

Constipation is a very common trouble among infants and small children—it is also one of the most distressing. The cause is some derangement of the digestive organs, and if not promptly treated is liable to lead to serious results. The little victim suffers from headache, fever, pain in the stomach and sometimes vomiting. While in this condition neither baby nor baby's mother can obtain restful sleep. If proper care is taken in feeding the child and Baby's Own Tablets are used, there will be no trouble found in curing and keeping baby free from this disorder. Mrs. T. Guymer, London, Ont., says:—"My baby was a great sufferer from constipation. She cried continually, and I was about worn out attending her. I tried several remedies, but none of them helped her till I procured some Baby's Own Tablets. These tablets worked wonders, and now she is in the best of health. I can now go about my work without being disturbed by baby's crying. I consider Baby's Own Tablets a great medicine, and would advise mothers to keep them in the house for they will save baby from much suffering by curing and preventing the minor ailments common to infants and small children."

Baby's Own Tablets are sold under an absolute guarantee to contain no opiate or other harmful drug. They are easy to take, mild in action, promote healthful sleep and will be found a never-failing cure for constipation, baby's indigestion, simple fever, diarrhoea, sour stomach, colic, etc. They allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, break up colic and prevent cramp. Price 25 cents a box at all druggists or sent by mail, post paid, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Cruel and inhuman treatment will be the plea of Thomas Foley, of English, Indiana for divorce. His wife admits that she tied his hands and feet while he was drunk and applied salt to his hands, face and clothing, that cattle in the field where he lay helpless might lick him to death, as a revenge for a beating she received during a drunken frenzy. Foley's skin was raw in many places and his clothing torn in shreds.

Follow the Example of the Million Women Who Now Use DIAMOND DYES.

It is safe to follow the examples of the millions of wise women who have made the Diamond Dyes their chosen and only dyes for home coloring. The faith of all is so firmly established in the excellence of the Diamond Dyes that they would not use any other make, even if they were given the common and imitation dyes free of cost. Valuable goods and garments should not be risked with poor and untried dyes. Rain loss of money and bad temper is the sure result.

Mrs. R. F. Swallow, 108 Harris St., Vancouver, B. C., says: "I have used a great many of the Diamond Dyes and have always had most satisfactory results. I have dyed silks, dresses, men's clothes, curtains and any quantity of wool goods to my entire satisfaction."

A woman named Mrs. McKenzie, of North East Margaree, Inverness County, N. S., a widow, has been missing from home for eleven days and friends now think she has perished. Her footprints were discovered on the snow leading in the direction of the Big Intervale Mountain, but here further traces were lost, the snow having melted. Large searching parties are making every effort to discover her, but so far have been unsuccessful. The woman was eighty years of age and at the time of her disappearance the weather was very cold and the belief is current that she strayed amid the dense forests in the Intervale Mountain and perished.

Cause of Splitting Headaches.

Poisons accumulate in the blood and spread every moment to all parts of the body. The brain becomes congested, nerves irritated, and the result is that awful headache.

Ferrozone is nature's own remedy for headaches; it is a blood strengthener and purifier of uncommon merit, a lasting potent tonic and the greatest invigorant and health maker known. Headaches never bother people that take Ferrozone after each meal. Buy a box from your druggist for 50c. Sold by C. A. Barchill, Dr. Hamilton's Pills Cure Liver Complaint.

Lord Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington has been so ill the last few days that great concern was expressed by his family and friends. Dr. Jung-been is in constant attendance, and Dr.

W. M. Osler, heart specialist, of Baltimore, examined the Ambassador Thursday. It is said Lord Pauncefote was recovering and that rheumatic gout is the disease from which he is suffering. Fear is expressed, however, that he will not fully regain his health. Lord Pauncefote is now 74 years old, and his physical condition is not good.

OVER 1,000 CITIZENS SUED.

Writ Issued at Osgoode Hall Containing Record Number of Names.

To be sued by the King is the unusual position of more than 1,000 loyal citizens of the City of Hamilton. A writ including more names than any other document of the kind was issued at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Jan. 28. The Hamilton residents are put down as "subsequent purchasers" of the property covered by a mortgage, which the King now seeks to foreclose. The writ is within two days of being 60 years old, and it is said that if it had not been issued until 48 hours later the claim would have been outlawed.

The endorsement on the record is as follows:

The plaintiff's claim is on a mortgage, dated May 30, 1832, made between Peter Hunter of Hamilton, of the Town of Hamilton, in the District of Gore, of the Province of Upper Canada, Esquire, one of the directors of the Desjardins Canal Co., as mortgagor to the Hon. John Henry Dunn, of York, in the Home District of the said province, his Majesty's Receiver-General of the said province, and for and on behalf of his said Majesty as mortgagor, and that the mortgage may be enforced by foreclosure.

Then follows: The plaintiff claims to be the mortgaged premises. These are given as 97 acres in the Township of Barton, and besides including part of the Mountain, takes in part of Bay and James streets.

The court adds: The plaintiff claims "that there is now due for principal money the sum of \$20,000 and for interest the sum of \$77,600," and says to the defendants, "You are liable to be charged with these sums, with subsequent interest to be computed at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum and costs in and by the judgment to be drawn up, and that in default of payment within six months of the judgment, your interest in the property may be foreclosed, unless there is filed a notice to this effect: 'We dispute the amount claimed by the plaintiff in this action.'"

Most of the defendants are the owners of the equity of redemption in the lands; the others, such as the Hamilton Street Railway Company, are encumbrancers of parts of the lands.

The announcement regarding the issuing of the writs against 1,000 citizens caused quite a sensation in legal circles in Hamilton. The mortgage held by the Government is 60 years old, and hasn't been looked on by the local lawyers as an existing mortgage, and many of the lawyers are busy explaining to their clients, who happen to be interested in the action, how it was that the instrument in question came to have been overlooked. Some of the legal gentlemen think the Government's object is to get rid of the mortgage, as it is a blot on the title of so much property held by citizens and not actually to enforce the foreclosure of the mortgage.

An Innocent Author.

Some new authors arrive with such a hilarious confidence, such a blithe innocence, that it is always interesting to hear about them. One has just sent to a well known London publisher a letter something like this:

"I am told that it is usual on the eve of the appearance of a book to entertain all the London reviewers to a dinner. Will you kindly tell me what this would cost, where the dinner should be held and who, in your opinion, should be invited? Of course the thing ought to be done handsomely!"

It is amusing and true.—London Chronicle.

Permanent Cure for Neuralgia.

Experienced sufferers state that no remedy relieves neuralgia so quickly as a hot application of Polson's Nerviline, the strongest liniment made. Nerviline is certainly very penetrating and has a powerful influence over neuralgic pains, which it destroys almost at once. Nerviline is highly recommended for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, and toothache. Better try a 25c. bottle, its all right. No Pills Like Dr. Hamilton's.

The plans and some of the material for the arch of Canadian cereals and grasses to be erected in London for the Coronation ceremonies have been forwarded. The arch as planned will be 90 feet wide and about 40 feet high, but the dimensions may have to be reduced in order to meet local requirements. The Department of Immigration expects to be informed by cable regarding the views of the London authorities on the plans.

HEART TROUBLE.

The Symptoms Often Misunder- stood by the Sufferer.

The Trouble at All Times an Extremely Dangerous One—How to Promptly Relieve It.

There are many forms of heart disease, some of which manifest themselves by symptoms which are misunderstood by the sufferer and ascribed to indigestion or some similar cause, when the heart is really affected. The slightest derangement of this important organ is extremely dangerous. If at times the action of the pulse is too rapid and the heart beats violently, resulting in a suffocating feeling, or, if the heart seems inclined to stop beating, the pulse becomes slow, and you feel a faint, dizzy sensation, you should take the best course in the world, and that is to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. You will find that the distressing symptoms promptly disappear and that the heart at all times acts normally. Mr. Adelard Lavoie, St. Facome, Que., bears strong testimony to the value of these pills in cases of heart trouble. He says: "For nearly three years I was greatly troubled with a weak heart and in constant fear that my end would come at any time. I placed myself under a good doctor but did not get the desired relief. In fact I grew worse; the least exertion would overcome me, and finally I had to discontinue work. While in this condition a neighbor advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I procured a supply. They simply worked wonders in my case and when I had used six boxes I was again enjoying good health. I have had no sign of the trouble since and I can cheerfully recommend the pills to similar sufferers."

Blood troubles of all kinds are also cured by these famous pills. If you suffer from headaches, dizziness, languor, boils or skin diseases of any kind, your blood is in an impure condition, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are what you need. These pills are not a purgative and therefore do not weaken like medicines of that class. They are tonic in their nature and make new, rich, red blood with every dose, thus restoring health and strength to hopeless and despondent sufferers. But you must get the genuine, which always has the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on every box. Sold by all dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Colonel Denison has arrived in London from Toronto, taking with him the propaganda of the British Empire League in Canada, and energy enough for a dozen men. He said at the National Liberal Club that he was ready to address all sorts and conditions of men on the subject of Imperial Federation. A series of important addresses will be delivered by him in England and he will exert much influence indirectly on Mr. Chamberlain's conferences.

Revolution in Newfoundland.

Since the introduction into Newfoundland and of the new Inhaler Remedy, "Catarrhzone," the treatment of diseases has been entirely revolutionized. The old time snuff and internal medicine has been cast aside and everyone is inhaling Catarrhzone; it clears the head and throat in two minutes, and is very agreeable and pleasant to use. Catarrhzone is a wonderful cure for Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Arthma, Brouchitis, Lung Troubles and Deafness. It relieves quickly and cures permanently. We advise our readers to try Catarrhzone. Price \$1.00, trial size 25c. Druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake and Battenut Pills:

Mrs. Smith—I reckon our Jane has got a first-rate husband. Mrs. Brown—Well, you ought to be thankful. Mrs. Smith—I hope I am, 'Gusty. Of course, he isn't much to look at, and he ain't over smart; but there's one thing, and that is he's saving. Why, the very first day after the marriage he told Jane she'd better let him take the engagement ring back and get the money returned. He said there was no longer any use for her to wear it now that she was married.—Boston Transcript.

From Kingston Post Office.

James McGuire, letter-carrier, who was almost totally disabled by corns on the soles of his feet, has been cured by Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart extract—i.e. the best.

It is the strongest, therefore the most economical, it has a delicious flavor therefore it is agreeable to the palate—it is pure, therefore it is healthful—it is UNION BLEND TEA, the tea of the century and therefore the tea of the people of the Maritime Provinces.

Sugar Cheap.

G. T. Whelpley is still selling 25 pounds of the best fine granulated sugar for one dollar.—d.