

## BLAIR'S SPEECH.

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There are three heads under which the various amounts are found which have been laid out upon the road and the fair comparison can be made from them. We can take these three items. The gross expenditure by this department on the I. C. R., in 1900 for these three purposes was \$1,752,000 or \$264,000 more when you add the additional mileage and percentage than was expended by the late government in their last year. (Cheers.)

"Now that \$264,000 more was paid for keeping up, repairing and improving of the road in its various departments out of the earnings in 1900, and in the name of common sense is it possible for any honorable gentleman to construct the argument or to support it that we have taken money out of capital to do what they did in order to make a comparison with them.

I will give for the benefit of my honorable friend the result of the operation of the road in 1901 in which year we had a deficit of \$488,000, and I will show what was spent for maintenance—ways and works, repairs to locomotives, renewals of locomotives, repairs to cars and renewals of cars. The late government spent in 1896 for these purposes \$1,488,500, while we expended in 1901 under the same heads \$2,051,182 or \$562,000 more. More than a half a million of money was laid out on that road in these various departments, under these different heads for the purposes which I have named, that is to say for betterment and improvement out of earnings. If we had not spent any more on the I. C. R. for maintenance out of earnings than these honorable gentlemen did, making allowance for the additional mileage, we would have had a surplus of \$120,000 instead of a deficit of \$488,000. (Cheers.)

I am now going, said Mr. Blair to pass on to a brief reference to the condition of things during the year for which the accounts are before us. The gross earnings were \$4,972,235, as compared with our gross earnings in 1896 of \$2,957,000. There was, therefore, an increase of 66 per cent. in the gross earnings as compared with 1897. Our working expenses last year were \$5,320,000, showing a net loss of \$348,000, to which we must add the rental upon the portion of the G. T. R. line that we use of \$140,000, which makes a total of \$488,000.

Our gross earnings have been increasing since the end of last year at the rate of about \$400,000 per annum. It is fair that I should give the committee an explanation of why the deficit for the last year was \$488,000 when the year before we were able to show a substantial surplus of \$120,000, and in making this statement I wish to call attention to the conditions and circumstances which existed last year and which did not exist the year before or years previous. In the first place, let me point out that, as compared with the year before when we had a surplus of \$120,000, we spent \$300,000 more for making maintenance of way and works. We spent \$300,000 more under that head therefore if we had expended in 1901 only the same amount which we did in 1900, when the mileage was exactly the same, if we had kept the road only up to the same standard—instead of \$488,000, our deficit would have been only \$188,000. There was \$280,000 more paid for coal than in the year previous besides increased wages of \$120,000 to our employees, which had the effect of increasing our expenditure.

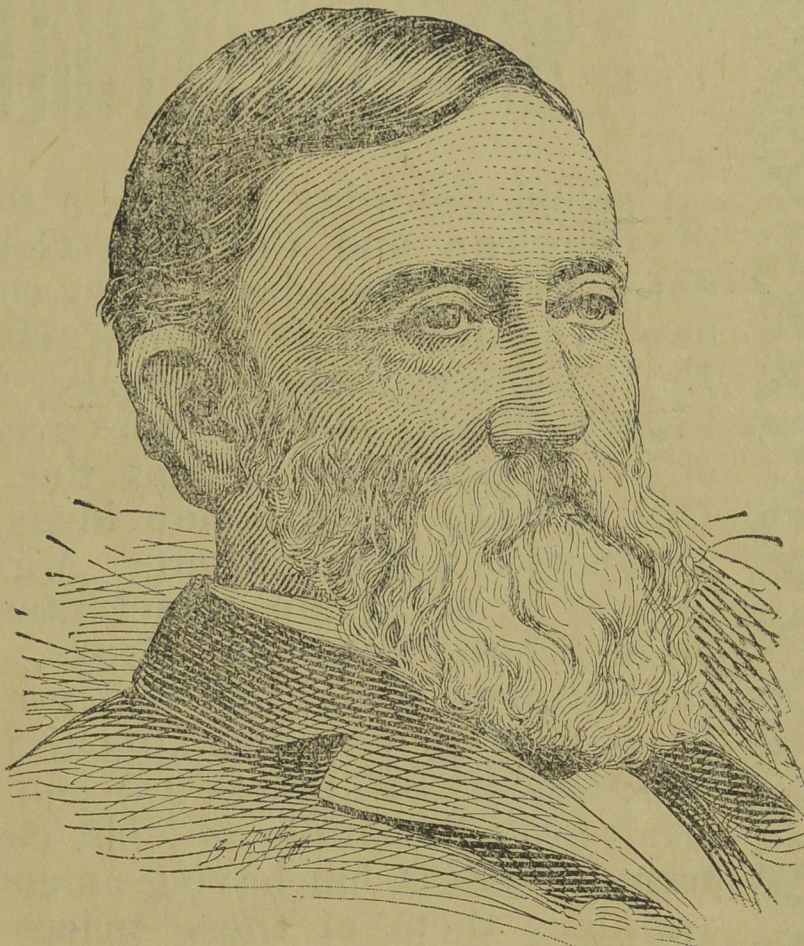
And I think I can say of the employees of the road that those who travel our trains are unanimous in their expression of the satisfaction at the kindness, the attention, the courtesy which our train hands treat them. I wish to pay a tribute to our men as a body. (Cheers.)

Then we are doing something more than that. I am planning a system by which men when they get to be advanced in years and when they become unfit for real work may retire upon a pension. I think we have practically reached an agreement by which we make a substantial contribution towards the fund and the men make a substantial contribution towards it out of their own wages.

I am not one of those who think that the I. C. R. has either reached the limit of its progress or that it has ceased to be an important factor in the business of this country. I have looked forward and still look forward to the time when there will be important extensions of the I. C. R. When we reached Montreal that was regarded by me as the first step in the onward march of progress, but I do not think it ought to be the policy of the government in the future to stop there, but that when the proper time comes we should carry that road forward to another point westward and then perhaps still farther westward. I have always felt that when the time was ripe one of the best things that could be done in the interest of this country would be to extend that road from Montreal to the Georgian Bay."

## DAN GROSVENOR SAYS:

"Peruna is an Excellent Spring Catarrh Remedy---I am as Well as Ever."



HON. DAN. A. GROSVENOR, OF THE FAMOUS OHIO FAMILY.

Hon. Dan. A. Grosvenor, Deputy Auditor for the War Department, in a letter written from Washington, D. C., says:

"Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from one bottle of Peruna. One week has brought wonderful changes and I am now as well as ever. Besides being one of the very best spring tonics it is an excellent catarrh remedy."---

DAN. A. GROSVENOR.

In a recent letter he says:

"I consider Peruna really more meritorious than I did when I wrote you last. I receive numerous letters from acquaintances all over the country asking me if my certificate is genuine. I invariably answer, yes."---Dan. A. Grosvenor.

## A County Commissioner's Letter.

Hon. John Williams, County Commissioner, of 517 West Second street, Duluth, Minn., says the following in regard to Peruna:

"As a remedy for catarrh I can cheerfully recommend Peruna. I know what it is to suffer from that terrible disease and I feel that it is my duty to speak a

good word for the tonic that brought me immediate relief. Peruna cured me of a bad case of catarrh and I know it will cure any other sufferer from that disease."---John Williams.

Miss Mattie L. Guild, President Illinois Young People's Christian Temperance Union, in a recent letter from Chicago, Ill., says:

"I believe that the expenditure of a moderate amount of money upon the acquisition of that road and upon doubling the track, if necessary, would put the people of this country in a position in which they could control a national route national in every sense, because every foot of it would be in Canadian territory; national because it would carry these western products in the winter season as

well as summer, season to ports which lie on the Atlantic seaboard.

I believe that a line double tracked, if necessary, running from the ports of Halifax and St. John to Montreal and thence in the neighborhood of Ottawa, through to Georgian Bay, would be able to control a very large portion of the traffic of the western country by our own Canadian routes. Would not that be an

"I doubt if Peruna has a rival in all the remedies recommended to-day for catarrh of the system. A remedy that will cure catarrh of the stomach will cure the same condition of the mucous membrane anywhere. I have found it the best remedy I have ever tried for catarrh, and believing it worthy my endorsement I gladly accord it."---Mattie L. Guild.

## A Congressman's Letter.

Hon. W. P. Brownlow, Congressman from Tennessee, writes from Washington, D. C., the following:

"I have suffered from catarrh of the stomach for several years, and for the past twelve months was in an exceedingly critical condition. My attention was called to your Peruna, and I began to use it, and my improvement was noticeable after the first three days. I have taken three bottles of the medicine and I feel satisfied that I am now almost, if not permanently, cured. In connection with the Peruna, I have used your Manalin for biliousness and torpid liver. I regard it as the best medicine for this purpose that I have ever used. Having been benefited so much myself, I give you this statement, that others may be likewise benefited."---W. P. Brownlow, M. C., Jonesboro, Tenn.

Mrs. Elmer Fleming, orator of Reservoir Council No. 163, Northwestern Legion of Honor, of Minneapolis, Minn., writes from 2535 Polk street, N. E.:

"I have been troubled all my life with catarrh in my head. I took Peruna for about three months, and now think I am permanently cured. I believe that for catarrh in all its forms Peruna is the medicine of the age. It cures when all other remedies fail. I can heartily recommend Peruna as a catarrh remedy."---Mrs. Elmer Fleming.

## Treat Catarrh in Spring.

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object well worthy of the consideration of this parliament and of the country? Now, sir, I do not despair at all of the I. C. R. I denounce this attempt of some to belittle it. I think it is unfair and unjust. I do not think that any man who wants to be fair to the institutions of the country, because it is one of them, or wants to be fair to that portion of the country that it traverses, should deal with this subject in a sneering and contemptuous way.

Why should the I. C. R. be made a question of controversy between the political parties? It is not a political, it has not been a political road under the present administration. I say with all confidence that it has not been a political road in the sense in which the term is used.

## Black and White Wear.

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## An Official Dual Language.

Sir Alexander E. Miller, in his article in the London Monthly Review on the official recognition of the dialect of the Dutch language spoken by the Boers, refers to Canada. He does not doubt "that the remarkable subsidence of disaffection which, within the memory of men still living, was a source of serious anxiety in this country, is greatly due to the equality of treatment granted to the French-speaking population in the matter of their language. Those who recollect the discussions which took place at the time when the federation was in contemplation will have no difficulty in accepting this view."

In another part of the article the writer says: "When a man comes to feel he is only wasting his time and energy in speaking ten thousand words in an unknown tongue he will not continue the practice, unless it is made a point of honor with him to do so by way of protest against a revolution which he feels to be oppressive."

## Oh, We Are Lovely People.

It is a healthy sign that the Canadians should be specially indignant that some trade frauds perpetrated in their country should have been directed against the English consumer. They seem to regard this fact as most seriously adding to the offence, and the Dominion inspectors are specially praised for having discovered and stopped it. The matter was not a very serious one, being only a question of the quality of certain apples, but it is impossible to help feeling some gratification at the determination of our Canadian brethren that not even in so small a thing shall the Mother Country be defrauded.—London Globe.

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