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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

One of the greatest elements in the development of Western Canada is the C. P. R. Co., the construction of whose lines from the Atlantic to the Pacific opened up for settlement the vast fertile regions of Manitoba and the Territories, and the rich mining and lumbering districts of British Columbia. The men who had faith in the great enterprise of constructing the road, who put their money into it, and induced Parliament to make liberal grants in lands and cash, are entitled to the gratitude of the people of Canada. It is true these gentlemen profited largely from the transaction; they became millionaires, a couple of them peers, but the sufficiency of their work remains as a monument to their individual pluck and enterprise, and the splendid public spirit of the country which through the government backed them up, and furnished part of the means by which the construction of the road was accomplished. The Herald as a Liberal newspaper, has never agreed with those who condemned the Conservative government for its aid to the C. P. R. Co. It may be true that a bargain more profitable to the country might have been made; perhaps the government erred in not giving the contract to the other syndicate that offered to take hold of the enterprise for smaller subsidies; there was undoubtedly corruption in the initial stages of the dealings between the government and the original company, but in the carrying out of any great enterprise abuses are almost sure to creep in, and the construction of the C. P. R. was no exception. But Canada needed the road, the vast rich unoccupied regions of the west were practically of little account until the railway was built, and the result has more than justified the expenditure which the country made in carrying forward the great work to completion.

And the C. P. R. has prospered, as the country which it opened up has developed to a wonderful degree. The company has made money, its business was never so profitable as at the present time, and its enterprise is stretching out to new conquests. The company now propose to increase its capital stock by \$20,000,000 that it may carry forward its plan of improvements, which are to build new locomotives and cars, lay heavier rails, arrange in due course for the double tracking of certain sections, and to provide such other improvements as may be found necessary to cope with the large increase in traffic which has already taken place, as well as with the still greater increase confidently looked forward to in the immediate future.

The amounts to be applied to each of the improvements are as follows: For new rolling stock, \$9,000,000; double tracking, \$6,000,000; new plants for construction of rolling stock, chiefly at Montreal, \$1,500,000; new elevators, improvements of terminals, \$3,000,000; miscellaneous improvements, \$500,000; total \$20,000,000.

Not only has the C. P. R. developed the great interior of Canada, and in conjunction with the governments, immigration policy given the west a population, but its construction has assisted in welding the various parts of the empire, in furnishing a great highway for commerce, for military and other purposes which has been taken advantage of by the motherland. The C. P. R. has helped to advertise Canada in all parts of the world; its agents are everywhere reaching out for business, and its development means the forwarding of the country's as well as the company's interests. The C. P. R. as

one of the greatest railway corporations in the world, is a source of pride to the people of Canada, and any increase in its facilities for handling the rapidly growing trade of the country, any development in its power to open up and populate the great West or benefit the central and maritime provinces will be hailed with pleasure by the people of Canada. Great corporations are often to be feared, they generally need watching, they are apt to use their great power to unreasonably squeeze and force to the wall weaker interests that may stand in the way, but with the safeguards which government is to erect, and the patriotism and public spirit of the C. P. R. Company, we may hope, will unite to preserve Canada from the mischief that often arises through the unreasonable attitude and action of such enormous financial concerns as that which has given to Canada the greatest business artery it possesses.

JEALOUSY OF BRITAIN.

The Germans, who for some reason or other have a deep rooted prejudice against Great Britain, have taken occasion to show their dislike in their treatment to the Prince of Wales, who is in Berlin to help celebrate Emperor William's birthday. While the Kaiser received the British prince very cordially, the populace stood aloof, there was no cheering as the heir to the British throne passed through the streets of the German capital, and the newspapers refrain from comments on the Prince's visit. This is to say the least uncivil, seeing how warmly the Emperor was received in London when attending his grandmother's funeral a year ago.

The Germans are still harrowed up by Chamberlain's speech, and are also busy just now wooing the United States after having been on the verge of war with the republic over certain Venezuelan matters. We do not suppose that Britons will worry much over the Prince's cool reception in Berlin. The nations of Europe, as Mr. Chamberlain put it in his Birmingham speech, portions of which we publish elsewhere, are insanely jealous of the British Empire and would like to strike it down. Britain leads in civilization, conquest, trade, diplomacy, Christianity and everything else that marks a great nation; the rest of Europe follows. Germany puffed up by her conquest of France, and the boasting of her erratic Emperor is especially jealous of the British, but cannot hope to rival her great neighbor. As Mr. Chamberlain says, Britain stands in splendid isolation among the European powers, that has generally been her lot, but when alliances are necessary British statesmen usually know when and where to make them. Mr. Chamberlain advises the home land to depend on her great colonies, which, he says, were the parent land to entirely disappear, would still continue to carry the old flag and maintain its traditions and glory.

The Sun will soon have nothing to kick about. It is announced that the writ for the local bye election in Kings will be issued very soon, and that the election will be held in time for the successful candidate to take his seat in the legislature when it opens sometime the latter part of next month.

Australian politicians and people are complaining of the British war office buying meats and other supplies for the war in Argentina, South America, when such materials could be procured in the new Commonwealth. Canada is not kicking. The war office has been taking our hay, oats and horses in large quantities.

The Lisgar, Manitoba, federal bye-election is to be held Feb. 18. The seat was won by Mr. Richardson, independent, in the general election, but he was unseated in the courts.

What Paris Drinks.

The Parisian drinks in a year 1.89 gallons of alcohol, 3.07 gallons of beer, 1.48 gallons of cider and 44.9 gallons of wine. This gives a daily average of .0387 pint of alcohol, .007 pint of beer, .0334 pint of cider and .99 pint of wine.

When the great coronation day of King Edward VII. of Great Britain arrives and the many notable people who have the right to attend the magnificent ceremony assemble to do honor to the King and Queen, certainly two of the most interesting ladies present will be Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the oldest peerage in her own right, and sweet-faced little Lady Betty Bligh, Baroness Clifton of Leighton Bromswold, the youngest peeress, who will be barely two and a half when the King is crowned. Still another child baroness is little Lady Beaumont, who was born in 1894 and is therefore just seven years of age; the young countess of Cromartie also came into her title while still a girl in her teens, and yet another of the few baronesses in their own right is Lady Yarborough, Baroness Conyers, who holds two titles, her husband's, by which, of course, she has been known since her marriage some 15 years ago.

Among the peeresses, it is safe to say, not one is held higher in estimation by her personal friends and the world at large than the aged Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who, although 87 years of age, still takes the keenest and most practical interest in the many philanthropical schemes with which she is connected and is surprisingly vigorous. The baroness, whose life has been one long round of philanthropy, was created a peeress in 1871, just ten years before her marriage with Ashmead Bartlett (who has since adopted her name) created so much com-

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