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THE S. A. AND I. O. F.

A notable agreement has been made between the Salvation Army and the Independent Order of Foresters for the founding of a colony of English immigrants in the Northwest. A Toronto despatch quotes Commissioner Coombs as having said in an address at Massey Hall on Monday night that he had just taken part in the signing of the agreement, which had great promise of success.

"This scheme," he said, "affects for the moment the great Northwest. It has associated with it on the one hand, men of standing and high repute, who are prepared to prove their interest in this plan, by putting into it lands and capital for a start $1,000,000. This scheme was not being entered into for fun. The Independent Order of Foresters were seeking to get out of it reasonable return for the money they laid out, and the Salvation Army on behalf of the poor people whom they sought to help, would get as much money as they could out of it, in order to help these poor people and be a blessing to them."

A LITTLE SURPRISE

The announcement is made by Premier Tweedie that a company has offered to lease the Central Railway for 999 years at an annual rental of $21,000, or three per cent on the $700,000 the province has invested in that road.

In his budget speech, after telling of the repairs and improvements in progress and to be made on the road, Premier Tweedie last Monday said:-

"Taking into consideration its physical condition, after these repairs and renewals have been made, its geographical location, and its almost assured prospects for a large and increasing traffic, the whole property, from Norton to Minto, should be valued, in my opinion, at no less than $850,000 to $900,000."

The offer now made to lease the road at a valuation of $700,000 without further repairs being made shows that others besides the government regard the Central as a good property, of increasing value. Further information on the subject will be eagerly awaited. In the meantime the opposition members of the house will doubtless feel that their criticism is robbed of much of its interest for the public.

ROBERT G. FULTON

The death of Mr. Robert G. Fulton removes the second of four famous men, whose skill and strength and endurance as oarsmen, some thirty-five years ago, made their city known the world over. He was one of the great Paris crew, whose victories aroused universal enthusiasm in this city and province, and led to a greater interest in aquatic sports than had ever before or has ever since been manifested in this locality. Mr. Fulton is mourned personally by a very wide circle of friends, and wherever there is an interest in clean and honest sport his name and those of his old-time associates are held in honor. The story of the Paris crew is told on another page of this paper.

THE INTERCOLONIAL

The Montreal Herald, referring to various plans suggested by which the Intercolonial Railway might be made to pay its way, returns to that of a commission, and quotes "an authority of practical experience" in favor of that plan. Some object to a commission on the ground that it is only a half way house, and that it would be better to lease the road. To this objection the Herald presents the following for consideration:

One authority of great practical experience thinks that a commission need be no half-way house—that it can be established on a permanently satisfactory basis, and made to do its work in such a way as to eliminate political influence, give the best of service to the people and produce good economic results. This has been done in Australia, why not here?

This authority says that in order to achieve these results the commission should be appointed for a term of not less than three years; that its members should not be removable during that term except by a majority vote in the Commons and in the Senate, or for misconduct.

He insists that the commission should have a free hand in all matters relating to the appointment, discipline and removal of the staff, and also in all that relates to the payment of salaries and wages and the conditions of employment generally.

It is insisted that the commission should have the same powers with reference to freight rates, passenger fares and the conditions generally on which traffic is carried as a private railway—in other words, the commissioners should be subject only to the Dominion Railway Commission as at present constituted.

The annual report of the commission and also any special reports which they may consider advisable to make for the information of parliament, should be laid on the tables of both houses by the minister of railways.

It is to be assumed that the railway earnings would be paid into the consolidated revenue of the country, and it would consequently be necessary for parliament to vote annually the amount required for working expenses as well as the expenditures on capital account. These votes should be submitted to parliament by the minister, but with them should go to parliament a copy of the estimates as submitted to the minister by the commission, so that the members might be able to compare the amounts to be voted as submitted by the minister and the estimates as submitted by the commission.

In the event of parliament deciding that the government should have some control over the commission in matters of general policy, it would be necessary to have a safeguard provided for specifically by legislative enactment which would enable alternative schemes submitted by the minister and the commissioners to go before the governor-in-council for decision.

In the event of a commission of three being decided upon, one of them should be appointed chairman, and in the event of dispute he should have a deciding or casting vote. The powers, duties, term of office and salary of the commission are all matters that should be fixed by statute.

It may fairly be pointed out once more that Hon. Mr. Emmerson expresses a confident belief that the line can be made self-sustaining under government control, and without unduly increasing passenger and freight rates. The Herald's practical authority will no doubt agree that Mr. Emmerson should be given a fair field to test his plans before any others pass beyond the stage of academic discussion.

Speaking in Toronto on Monday night, Commissioner Coombs of the Salvation Army stated that in the first week of March the steamship Kensington would leave England with 1,500 men, women and children, all of whom had paid their own fares, and for whom situations had been secured one month before they left the Old Country. He added that the Army had planned a grand colonization scheme, of which the Temiskaming district in Ontario was to be one of the chief objective points. Speaking of the prison work of the Army in Ontario he said that last year they had found situations for 700 liberated prisoners, all of whom were doing well.

Mr. Joseph Peters, of St. John's, Nfld., informs the Montreal Herald that they have had hardly any snow in Newfoundland this winter. Where the railways were blockaded last winter, there has not been enough to cover the tracks this year and the fishermen have been so busy hauling fish that they have had no opportunity to haul wood. Prosperity, he says, prevails on the island and is the keynote to the political situation.

Bradstreet's says it has been estimated the Kootenays alone will produce $25,000,000 of mineral wealth this year, and says this amount is more than last year's entire mineral production of the province of British Columbia. While gold mining has been particularly active in the last year, there has been still greater activity in the production of coal and lead.

The Laurier banquet in Toronto last evening was a great party demonstration and an event of national interest, and must have been eminently gratifying to the premier and his friends. Sir Wilfrid made exactly the kind of speech his supporters would wish him to make in Toronto, and was far from being on the defensive in dealing with matters of party policy.

Mr. G. H. Piers, of Liverpool, who was in Montreal this week says the shipping men of Liverpool are looking forward to a great season so far as Canadian immigration is concerned. The expectations and indications are that the St. Lawrence route will break all records in bringing settlers from Great Britain to Canada.

The Montreal Herald makes the charge that the Legislative Council of Quebec is controlled by monopolists and suggests that it may be necessary to reform that venerable institution. In New Brunswick the people get along very comfortably and safely without an upper house. Quebec might profitably try the same experiment.

The Campbell-Bannerman government declined to be drawn out on the Home Rule question yesterday. Their majority is so large that they can choose their own time.

Mr. John Mitchell says he thinks there will be a coal strike. The coal operators say they think Mr. Mitchell is bluffing. That is the situation today.

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BIG MAJORITY ON FIRST VOTE

British Parliament Voted Down Censure of Irish Home Rule 406 to 88

London, Feb. 21.—As an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Colonel E. J. Saunderson, Unionist, today moved in the house of commons an expression of alarm at the statement in the King's speech that the ministers were considering proposals to effect changes in the system of the government of Ireland, believing that his majesty's advisers had committed themselves to a policy which will endanger the liberties and property of the loyalist minority, promote discord in civil life and impair the integrity of the United Kingdom.

Colonel Saunderson stated that the object of his amendment was to extract some statement as to what the government meant by the proposals suggested.

After considerable discussion, James Bryce, Liberal, and chief secretary for Ireland, said that the speech from the throne meant nothing more than the premier and other Liberal leaders had repeatedly stated and what had been endorsed by the enormous majority returned to parliament, that much was necessary to improve the administration of Ireland.

Mr. Bryce said home rule had no terrors for him and that he had not departed in the smallest particular from the principles of the Liberal party led by Mr. Gladstone from 1886 to 1893. His majesty's government had every reason to make an effort in the direction of improvement of the system of government and the association of the people therewith.

Wouldn't Outline Government Policy.

Mr. Bryce asked that the house defeat the amendment because he believed that the greatest possible discouragement might be given the policy of the creation of an intelligent self-government for Ireland now under consideration. The electorate of the United Kingdom had given the house a mandate for conciliation and the extension of self-government to Ireland. The present opportunity should be seized. The demand of Ireland was one which no constitutional government could overlook. Mr. Bryce declined to outline the government measures indicated in the speech from the throne.

Mr. Bryce's speech was received with tremendous and continued outbursts of Nationalist cheers.

Mr. Dillon, Nationalist, who followed, said that so long as the government acted in the spirit of Mr. Bryce's speech the Nationalists would allow the government time to develop its plans and give them a fair and frank consideration.

Joseph Chamberlain said the Unionist party had maintained during the elections that the government was a home rule and Little Englander government. It had been proved tonight that it was a home rule government and it would be proved later that it was a Little Englander government. Many members on the ministerial benches, he said, had found it necessary during the election to pledge themselves to oppose home rule, and therefore the government would proceed by the more individous method of instalments. It would nevertheless have convinced the country that it was home rule government.

The house divided and the amendment was defeated 406 to 88.

WILL LEASE CENTRAL RY.

Premier Tweedie Has Been Offered $21,000 per Year for Perpetual Lease of the Road.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21—(Special)—In the legislature this evening Premier Tweedie somewhat knocked the bottom out of the opposition's criticism of the government's policy of improving the Central Railway by announcing that an offer had been received to lease the road for a period of 999 years at an annual rental of $21,000 per year. The offer he said was thoroughly bona fide and reliable and was now under consideration by the government.

The amount the government had invested in the road was $700,000 and the parties who wanted the lease proposed to pay 3 per cent interest on that amount.

The premier's announcement, which took both sides of the house completely by surprise, was loudly applauded. If one can judge by the opinions afterwards expressed by members of the government and their supporters, the offer is likely to be accepted.

In making the announcement Mr. Tweedie said: "I have an announcement to make which will no doubt be of interest to the members of this house and which may modify to some extent the speeches of honorable members on the other side. I have received today a bona fide offer from reliable parties to lease the Central Railway for 999 years at a rental of $21,000 a year.

"As we are liable to the amount of $700,000 on account of this railway, the rental offered will pay 3 per cent on what we have expended upon it.

"The government has thirty days in which to accept or reject the offer and if accepted it will be necessary for me to bring in some legislation in regard to it.

"I hope that this offer will be as pleasing to the opposition as it is to the members of the government.

A. P. Barnhill returned from Gagetown last evening.

J. M. Scott, of Fredericton, was registered at the Victoria yesterday.

Rev. G. M. Young, of St. Stephen, went to Moncton yesterday.

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