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THE INTERCOLONIAL

The Toronto Globe has returned to a discussion of the affairs of the Intercolonial. Admitting that the outlook for the road is encouraging, it still appears to favor a commission, although much would depend on the man selected as minister of railways. The Globe's remarks are of some interest at the present time. We quote:—

"In selecting a minister of railways and canals the needs of the department should be supreme over all other considerations. It is of less importance from which province the man comes than that he should have capacity and force adequate to the demands of his portfolio. There has been very real and very great improvement in the affairs of the Intercolonial during recent years. The rates, both passenger and freight, have increased perhaps as much as it is needful. If further improvement is needed it is not in the matter of rates, but rather in the quality of service rendered by the employes. The long-standing complaint against the patronage system is still heard, and the only cure is a management so strong, so autocratic, that every official and every employe shall feel that a full day's work must be given for a full day's pay, and that every patronage committee shall find its occupation gone.

"During the past four years The Globe has again and again commended the proposal of a railway commissioner, a man of the railway capacity of the general manager of any of the corporation-owned roads, to whom would be given a free hand with instructions to run the Intercolonial in the interests of the public with the alertness, ability and tact of a commercially - managed railway. That change of policy may not be necessary if under departmental management satisfactory results are obtained; otherwise the change would seem to be inevitable. Now that a new minister of railways and canals must soon be chosen the broader question should be kept closely in view."

CHINA AWAKENING

If any reliance is to be placed in reports brought to Canada by the steamers from Hong Kong, there is a dangerous rebellion looming up in the southern part of China. The following story published by the Victoria Colonist of June 25th, if at all near to the facts, is certainly ominous:—

"Refugees were flocking to Hong Kong from the districts affected by the revolution in Southern China when the Steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived in Victoria yesterday left Hong Kong. All reported the revolutionary movement as a most pretentious one, the rebels being organised into an army after European methods under the leadership of Sun Yat Sen, a noted Chinese revolutionist. War notes, which the rebels promised to redeem at twice their face value after the fall of Canton, were being issued, proclamations posted, in Chinese and English, having six parts, firstly for the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty, establishment of republican government, nationalization of land and utilities, establishment of union between China and Japan, and reform of Chinese administration with assistance of foreign powers. Most of the arms used are French quick-firing rifles and machine guns, smuggled during the past three years by way of Amoy and Canton.

"After capturing the towns on the way to Swatow the rebel forces moved again northward, seemingly making toward Canton. Huichou, on the Cowloon mainland, opposite Hong Kong, was captured, the imperial troops being badly worsted. France is taking advantage of the outbreak to press for a French expedition to Canton to protect the city, and Peking officials are reported as strenuously opposing such a move. Supplies for the rebels are reaching Hong Kong in the names of foreign firms.

"Some bloody incidents are reported. At Wong Kong, near Swatow, where the civil and military authorities were butchered as at other cities taken, Yank, a customs official, was killed before the standard of the rebels and the standard was sprinkled with his blood, as were some of the banners. This was done in accord with an ancient custom to secure an omen of success. Families of some of the officials were forced to drown themselves in wells. Refugees are arriving in sad condition, many having abandoned everything, even sick and children in their precipitate flight.

"Outbreaks have been reported also from Hunan and Szechuan, and seizures of contraband arms are being made at Kobe, where at the request of Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai the Japanese government was asked to prevent a large shipment of arms being sent to China by a German firm."

MEN AND HORSES

Despite the advent of the electric car and the automobile, that long-time friend of man, the horse, remains a favorite. And, yet, one cannot but confess that he does not receive the consideration which is his due.

An observant citizen, with perhaps more of the milk of human kindness in his bosom than most persons have, has directed the attention of the Times to a condition that calls for reform. He has frequently observed that a horse, old, and broken down by hard and faithful service, and entitled either to the freedom of a pasture or the mercy of a painless death, is offered at auction and sold for a few dollars to some junk collector or other person who has an eye solely to the price of the animal and the amount of profitable service that can be forced out of him before he dies from over-work.

"If," said this citizen, "the mayor would round up these junk dealing foreigners and some others, and compel them to submit their horses to the scrutiny of a veterinary surgeon, there would be a good deal less of this forcing upon old and broken animals loads that would be almost too great for a young and active horse. If we were Mahommedans, we would have sympathy and deal kindly with animals, and enforce it by our laws. Being Christians we, perhaps, preach, but do not practice the virtue. It makes me furious whenever I see a poor, thin, lame old horse sweating under a load on these streets that are so hard on horses. Nor can I see without wrath the loose stones scattered all over the surface of streets, which could at trifling expense be kept clear of them. We are surely very crude and heartless in some ways. Why don't you write about it, and arouse public sentiment in favor of a square deal for the horse?"

The remarks of this observant citizen are commended to the thoughtful attention of the civic authorities, and all who hate cruelty to one of man's most faithful servitors.

At Colma, California, yesterday, Mr. Tommy Burns earned $18,000 in two minutes and eight seconds by giving Mr. Bill Squires three well-directed bumps on the jaw. Nine thousand persons saw him do it. So far as can be learned, no Japanese were present on this occasion. It may be that they have religious scruples against joining in an American religious observance of this kind, or perhaps they were not invited. Mr. Bill Squires received $6,300 for the use of his jaw, and Mr. Jim Jeffries was the Master of Ceremonies. Besides the nine thousand worshippers who were in the Temple of the Glorified Fist at the time, some nine or ten million devotees scattered over the continent had their faces turned toward Colma, waiting for a blessing, many of them having placed gifts upon the altar. Mr. Tommy Burns, like Mr. Harry Orchard, was born in Canada. As someone has observed, the twentieth century is Canada's century. Let us be duly thankful. Perhaps Mr. Tommy Burns will bring the $18,000 over the border and go into politics.

In an address recently the police magistrate of Winnipeg, speaking of delinquent children, said that he never by any chance committed a boy for the first offence. When a young fellow was apprehended his parents were notified. They appeared with the offender in the morning and the court was cleared of all that would lead the child to feel that he was being treated as a criminal. He was dealt with by the magistrate in the presence of his parents, and the court officials alone, the idea being to show the parents how the boy ought to be treated at home. The magistrate dealt in a very caustic manner with the parents, who in many cases are primarily responsible for the delinquency of the children.

We are told that the city council is soon to consider the report of the gas expert. In Philadelphia, it may be noted, the terms under which the gas company has its lease renewed for twenty years provides that the city will pay nothing for gas used for public offices and street lighting. To private consumers the council may reduce the price per 1,000 feet to 90 cents any time prior to December 1907, and then at five-year intervals may make reductions of five cents per thousand until 1927 ,when a minimum price of 75 cents per thousand feet may have been reached.

Returns from the Dominion of Canada for the first half of 1907, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., show 572 failures, with liabilities of $5,426,433. These figures compare with 632 failures in the like period last year, when liabilities were $5,214,975. The number of failures is smaller than for the same period in any recent year, except 1903, and the amount of liabilities is below the average for recent years.

The Toronto World has a despatch from Ottawa, which says that a statement made by Mr. Calvert, M. P. chief liberal whip in the commons, indicates that a man from Manitoba or farther west will succeed Hon. Mr. Hyman in the cabinet.

In the United States yesterday the war of the revolution was fought over again. Today the dead and wounded are being attended to. The slaughter was very considerable, and freedom is once more honored of her children.

The latest reports from the west show an improved condition of the grain crop. In Ontario, however, frost has done much damage to fruits and vegetables, in some sections of the province.

The largest log raft which ever entered Boston harbor arrived in Boston Tuesday from Port Greville, N. S., having been in tow just a week. The tug Underwriter, which brought in the raft met with severe weather and the raft was buffeted by two storms en route. The raft is 210 feet long, 30 feet wide and draws 14 feet, being composed of 4,280 immense piles. The piles will be used in the construction of a new pier in Charlestown. The tug Underwriter will sail July 15th for Port Greville for another raft, to be towed to New York, which will measure over 500 feet in length and exceed the record raft of 1882.

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All that our hopes and traditions demand.

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Straight as the pine tress and clear as her fountain,
Honest and fearless, face-forward and free.

—A. D. Watson.

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PRAYING AND VOTING.

Goodley—If men really would "vote as they pray" this would truly be a happy world.

Wiseman—Yes, but in that case you wouldn't get some men to the polls once in ten years.—Philadelphia Press.

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BAD LITTLE BOY.

Mother—What's the matter, Josephine?"

Josephine—Lolo hurt me.

Mother—How?

Lolo—I went to hit him on the head and he dodged me and I banged my hand against the wall."—Nos Loisirs.

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EVIDENCE OF SKILL.

"Your daughter is a skillful performer on the piano, is she not?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "The way she can play for hours without getting an earache or a sprained wrist proves to me that she is uncommonly expert."—Washington Star.

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AS IT IS IN RUSSIA.

"When Maxim Gorky dined with me," said a literary New Yorker, "he talked about Russian censorship.

"He said that in the course of the Russo-Japanese war he had occasion in an an article to describe the headquarters of one of the grand dukes. He wrote of these headquarters, among other things:

" 'And over the desk in his highness' tent is a large photograph of Marie la Jambo, the beautiful ballet dancer.'

"Before this article could appear the censor changed the sentence to:

" 'And over the desk in his highness' tent is a large map of the theatre of war.' "—New York Times.

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THE PLAYFUL BOY.

An old gentleman, rather portly and clad in a somewhat youthful suit of light grey flannel, sat on a bench in the park enjoying the spring day.

"What's the matter, sonny?" he asked a small urchin who lay on the grass just across the walk and stared intently. "Why don't you go and play."

"Don't wanter," the boy replied.

"But it is not natural," the old gentleman insisted. "for a boy to be so quiet. Why don't you run about?"

"Oh, I'm just waitin' " the little fellow answered. "I'm just waiting till you get up. A man painted that bench about fifteen minutes ago."—Woman's Home Companion.

DIED AT SIGHT OF SON'S CORPSE

Tragic Demise of Mrs. Converse Russell of Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. B., July 4—Todd Russell arrived home from Boston this afternoon with the body of his brother, Willie, who died in the City Hospital with appendicitis.

When the casket containing the body was taken into the home at Scott road this evening, the young man's mother, Mrs. Convers Russell, dropped dead.

The deceased was her youngest and favorite son, and she had been completely unnerved since hearing of his illness and death.

Mrs. Russell was a well preserved woman of sixty-six years, and had always enjoyed excellent health. The double funeral will take place Friday afternoon.

REV. A. B. SIMPSON

Gets Over $19,000 at One Meeting in Toronto for Mission Work

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Nineteen thousand dollars for an afternoon is some going, as our western friends put it. Rev. A. B. Simpson got that amount, or, to be exact, $19,223.76, for the missions in a two-hours' meeting at Zion Congregational church last Sunday, between 3 and 5. There was absolutely nothing sensational about the methods pursued, allowing for the theological views expressed and the somewhat frisky music. The first collection was taken up before the sermon. Afterwards cards were distributed and pledges taken, and the plates were sent around a second time, with the result mentioned. The amount included one sum of $5,000, one of $2,000, one of $1,500, two of $1,000, one of $900 and several $500 each.

ONTARIO PROFITS BY SUCCESSION DUTIES

(Toronto Globe.)

Payments from some nineteen estates are included in the receipts of the Ontario succession duties department for the past month. The total sum is $50,217. For the half year ending June 30 the sum of $541,417 was received. For the same period last year $300,746 was paid into the department. This year's receipts include about $100,000 each from the Eaton and Fulford estates, which are not yet closed. Hon. Mr. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, estimated early in the year that the receipts of the succession duties department would total $700,000, and it would seem that even this large sum would be noticeably exceeded.

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