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A WESTERN DRAWBACK

The fuel situation in western Canada is causing much concern. Another winter of scarcity is predicted and the prediction appears to be well founded. The conditions south of the line are no better, and one paper says:

What the people of Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California are going to do for coal the coming winter is a serious question. Long ago the authorities were warned that the coming winter would show a 40 per cent. shortage of coal, but it looks as if the 40 per cent. shortage had already arrived."

The Winnipeg Free Press has gone carefully into the case in western Canada and secured reports from various sections. Commenting on these it says:

It is evident from the facts presented hereunder that the country as a whole is face to face with a situation, the seriousness of which will be apparent upon careful perusal. There is little probability of a fuel famine so acute as that which afflicted western Canada, and indeed the entire continent last winter, but it is evident that a scarcity may be anticipated unless prompt action be taken to guard against it. There is still time to protect even the most isolated sections of the country against the possibility of suffering if those responsible will only endeavor to secure ample stocks before the transportation facilities become congested with the movement of the crops. But it is evident from reports received by the Free Press that the severe lessons taught during the winter of 1907 have not caused preparations to be made to guard against similar situation."

People who live in the eastern provinces and have always an abundance of coal or wood—or both—can scarcely realize the terrible suffering of people in the intense cold of a western winter without a good fuel supply. The Free Press intimates that enough fuel might be provided if the people would take advantage of the transportation facilities in time, but expresses a fear that this will not be done. After all, the eastern folk have some things to be thankful for, even if they lack somewhat of the splendid optimism of the west.

SAYS PREMIER McBRIDE WON

The Toronto Mail and Empire takes the ground that Premier McBride of British Columbia did not fail after all in his mission to London. It says that what happened to the bill to amend the British North American Act was that in the house of lords there was attached as a schedule the address of the dominion parliament. The Mail and Empire adds:—

"In this address occur the words 'final and unalterable.' With this postscript the bill was passed by the House of Lords, sent back to the House of Commons and there readopted. The change may be pleasing to the Canadian government and it cannot make any difference to the Imperial government, for it is the latter and not the former that has carried its point. The schedule is there for anyone who cares to read it, but the intent of parliament is contained in the body of the act, wherein can be found not a word to discourage any Canadian province from petitioning for a rearrangement of the Dominion grants nor to restrain any Canadian government from acting on such petition. The schedule is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's part of the Act, and the body of the measure is Mr. McBride's."

POLITICAL NOTES

(From the Telegraph.)

Two subjects of political importance are now under discussion in the press throughout Canada.

That which excites most interest is the coming cabinet reconstruction. No journal, even on the government side, expresses an opinion whether it is to be Dr. Pugsley or Mr. Carvell who will be selected from this province. One Ottawa despatch states that the office of minister of railways will not be filled until Earl Grey returns to Ottawa toward the end of this month. Mr. R. L. Borden said in Toronto this week that he would not be surprised if the bye-elections in St. John and London were held quite early in September.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Witness, noting the fact that Mr. Carvell was in Ottawa this week, declares that at the close of the last session of parliament that gentleman had the support of every Liberal member from New Brunswick, but since then Dr. Pugsley had made considerable headway, and the choice lay between the two. This correspondent gravely makes the following assertion: "So far as the results in New Brunswick at the next general elections are concerned it really does not make the least difference which of the two is taken in to the government. Mr. Pugsley is assured of election in St. John and can probably carry the two seats in St. John for the government at the next election. Mr. Carvell, on the other hand, could have strength enough, it is said, to carry York as well as his own constituency of Carleton." The Witness correspondent makes this further statement about New Brunswick, doubtless on opinion expressed by the New Brunswick members then at the capital: "The Liberals have a fair chance at the next election of turning Queens-Sunbury to their side, whilst Kings and Charlotte are almost certain to stand by their present members, Mr. Ganong, Conservative, and Mr. Fowler, Conservative, respectively."

With regard to the portfolio formerly held by Mr. Hyman, one Ottawa correspondent expresses the opinion that Mr. Speaker Sutherland is the favorite, while Mr. Archie Campbell and Mr. F. F. Pardee have aspirations. Mr. Sutherland appears to be more frequently spoken of than any other Ontario man for cabinet honors.

The second subject of interested discussion is the coming tour of Mr. R. L. Borden. The press universally pays tribute to the high character of the leader of the opposition, and journals on his own side speak in terms of enthusiasm. It is stated that among those who will speak with him at various points in the maritime provinces will be Mr. J. C. H. Bergeron, Dr. R. C. Weldon and Hon. Mr. Foster. The Toronto World, which had an interview with Mr. Borden this week, states that he will speak in St. John, Fredericton and Newcastle, and that the tour will begin at Halifax on Aug. 20th and last ten weeks.

The supervised playgrounds will close on Monday, with interesting exercises and brief speeches by one or more citizens who appreciate the value of the work done. For weeks past hundreds of children have been very happy every week day on these grounds, and it is with great reluctance that they have come to the time of closing. It is hoped that the plea for flowers for Monday's closing exercises will meet with a generous response, and that many parents will take occasion to attend the Winter street school grounds in the morning and the Centennial grounds in the afternoon.

Next week in St. John will be marked by the visit of Earl Grey. It goes without saying that the distinguished representative of the king in Canada will be welcomed for his own sake as an able and far-sighted statesman, as well as in his official capacity as governor-general.

HE WAS IN HARD LUCK

Joseph Simard, Crippled by Rheumatism Debarred From Entering United States.

Joseph Simard, a cripple, was refused admittance to the United States last evening by the immigration authorities. Simard is a French-Canadian, hailing from Quebec, but has recently been plying his trade as a shoemaker near Campbellton. His wife is working in a shoe factory in Holyoke and he was on his way to join her with his two sons, aged 8 and 10 years. The unfortunate man lost the use of his legs when he was seven years old as a result of an attack of rheumatism and he now gets along with the aid of his hands, his legs being doubled under him and useless. He says he has worked in the United States about 21 years, in Salem, Boston and Lynn and he could not understand why he should be prevented from going to join his wife when he was perfectly able to earn his own living.

Simard was greatly disappointed last night as he had only a limited amount of money beside his ticket and could not well afford to stay here and pay hotel rates. Some arrangement may be made today to allow him to proceed.

THINKS CROPS WILL BE UP TO AVERAGE

This is the Opinion Expressed by Senator F. A. Frost, of Smith's Falls, Ont.

Sen. F. A. Frost and wife of Smith's Falls Ont., arrived in the city yesterday and are stopping at the Royal. Senator Frost expressed it as his opinion that the weather conditions of the present season in Canada have not been paralleled for nearly forty years. He believes, however, that in spite of this the crop will be up to the average. Fears had been entertained for the wheat crop of the west for a time lest frost should interfere, even now some little apprehension is felt. Reports from all parts of the west, however, were favorable. Hay would be a short crop, Senator Frost says, though farmers will be compensated by the good prices. The Ontario root crops of all kinds and fruit will yield a larger crop than for many years.

Senator and Mrs. Frost will remain here until Monday, when they will leave for Halifax. They are on a vacation trip.

Mrs. Mary Gilchrist of Pittsburg (Pa.), is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Mason at the Head of Millstream. This is Mrs. Gilchrist's first visit to her old home in twenty years.

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Only the waters, love, and thee.

We'll rest and listen, hand in hand,
To the mournful, sobbing song so grand
Of the swirling waters, as they rush along,
Bearing away in a ceaseless song.
On, ever on, on to the sea,
Leaving a sigh of love and thee.

All is now silent, still as the dead.
Close to my breast, love, lay your head.
Just let me breathe a heart's love tale,
A picture of faith and truth unveil.
Rapid and strong as the waters speed,
Give me the love that my heart-cries need,

Give me your life, love? Ever to hold.
I will protect it strongly and bold,
Making it sunshine, bright as the day,
Wand'ring onwards as we only may.
Onwards together, just like the sea.
We'll flow through life love, I and thee.

—Hugh May.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AN IMPRESSION.

"Ah, I have an impression!" exclaimed Dr. McCosh, the president of Princeton College, to the mental philosophy class. "Now, young gentlemen," continued the doctor, as he touched his head with his forefinger, "can you tell me what an impression is."

No answer.

"What; no one knows? No one can tell me what an impression is?" exclaimed the doctor, looking up and down the class.

"I know," said Mr. Arthur. "An impression is a dent in a soft place."

"Young gentlemen," said the doctor, removing his hand from his forehead and growing red in the face, "you are excused for the day."

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HIS SYMPATHY.

(New York Tribune.)

This story is well in keeping with the spirit of the age. A Bronx man tells it about his little boy. The neighbor's young hopeful was very ill, and Willie and the other youngsters in the block had been asked not to make any noise in the streets. The neighbor's door bell rang one day, and she opened it to find Willie standing bashfully on her front steps.

"How is he today?" he enquired in a shy whisper.

"He's beter, thank you dear, and what a thoughtful child you are to come and ask."

Willie stood a moment on one foot and then burst forth again. "I'm orful sorry Jimmy's sick."

The mother was profoundly touched. She could find no further words to say, but simply kissed him. Made still bolder by the caress, Willie began to back down the steps, repeating at intervals his sorrow for his playmate's illness. At the bottom step he halted, and looked up. "If Jimmy should die," he asked, "kin I have his drum?"

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VOLUNTEER DISCIPLINE.

(Charleston News and Courier.)

"To illustrate," said Capt. Timberlake, "the first day the troops came I issued post orders to the guard. The Alabama soldiers were to furnish the main guard. Saturday morning the sergeant-major told the first sergeant of the Alabama troops how many men he would be expected to furnish. The first sergeant hunted up one of the other sergeants, and the following dialogue took place:

"First Sergeant: 'Hello, Jim. You must get twenty men and report for guard duty this mornin'.'

"Jim: 'Who said I must?'

"First Sergeant: 'I do.'

"Jim: 'Well, I ain't going to do it.'

"First Sergeant: 'Oh, well, if you feel that way about it, I'll get somebody else to do it.'"

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GEORGE AND OTHERS.

(Spare Moments.)

Once a Scotsman was visiting New York, and, coming across a statue of Washington, stood gaping at it.

Just then a Yankee came up and said to Sandy:

"There's a good man. A lie never passed his lips."

"No," said the Scotsman. "I suppose he talked through his nose, like the rest of you."

THE OTTAWA STATION WILL COST $1,000,000

Grand Trunk Drops Hotel Project and Will Ruild Splendid Terminal Instead.

Ottawa, Aug. 9—Ottawa is to have a new central station, equal to anything in the dominion and costing more than $1,000,000. That was the project laid before Sir Wlifrid Laurier this afternoon by William Wainwright, assistant to the general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, and Manfield Gilbert, one of the foremost architects of New York.

The Grand Trunk company has decided to change its previous plans for a $1,000,000 hotel, and a new central station, to cost about $250,000, and today new plans for a splendid terminal station, to be erected on the site of the present station, were presented to the government.

These plans provide for a large building of striking architecture, with a central elevation of ten stories, for offices, etc. The structure is planned with a view to the future growth of the capital, and will be adequate for the traffic of many years to come.

The hotel project of the company may possibly be dropped and left for a private enterprise to undertake.

M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways, will leave on Monday for Montreal, where he will begin his annual inspection trip over the Intercolonial railway. He will be absent several weeks.

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