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THE INTERCOLONIAL

The most commonplace kind of humor is that which deals in exaggeration. It is sometimes very funny and very effective. Not always, however. For example, when the editor of Collier's Weekly, Canadian edition, applies it to the Intercolonial Railway as he does in last week's issue, one is not disposed to laugh at the result—especially if one is at all conversant with the facts. The editor of Collier's, after stating that commercial travellers speak of the I. C. R. as the "tanbark route," asserts that it "has the tedious knack of finding out the greatest distance between two points," and "goes zigzag, like a snake fence, so that it won't miss a flag station." He asserts that the I. C. R. is "a million dollar a year overmanned and about that much underdrained." He further declares that it "pays too much for labor at the bottom and too little for brains at the top, so as to meet the twisted logic of its paymasters." Then he proceeds:

"It has a sumptuous passenger service. Its first-class coaches may easily be mistaken for palace cars. It supplies a delicious half-dinner for seventy-five cents. It runs three trains where two ought to do. Its freight rates are arranged so as to displease nobody. It isn't grouchy, like other railways, about passes. There is much free travelling on it at all times, and more around elections. There are four great events in every Bluebonnet's life—his birth, death, marriage, and a free ride on the Intercolonial. If he didn't get the free ride he would consider that the other three had happened in vain. The Intercolonial is something more than a railway. It is a college of manners for train-hands. The brakeman, for example, is a deep thinker on public questions, and is never too busy to leave his duties and talk politics in the smoking compartment. Also it is a charitable foundation, an ark of the covenant, a house of refuge for decayed gentlemen from the maritime provinces who have not found their work congenial elsewhere."

This is not humor. Printed as part of the leading editorial, in a weekly which professes to have a wide circulation and some influence, it is misleading and injurious. It grossly misrepresents both the management and staff of the railway, and also the attitude of the people of the maritime provinces toward the road and its management. If the editor of Collier's seeks a fitting subject for satire or burlesque, those earnest and patriotic souls who inspired the agitation to have the government railway turned over to a company should not escape his argu-eyes. The people of the lower provinces have good reason to complain that their attitude toward the Intercolonial is misrepresented. They have never insisted that it should be part of an expensive political machine, operated for the sole benefit. They have held, with perfect justice, that it, as well as the canals, is an important part of Canada's transportation system, and that it should be extended to serve a larger territory. They do not object to the application of sound business principles in its management.

A POOR OBSERVER

A writer in Tour de Monde, of Paris, asserts that Canada is rapidly being Americanized—that it is enthusiastically "Yankee." He says that American farmers are crowding into the Canadian northwest, to the great alarm of the imperialists, and that even if a stream of English immigrants pours into the country they will quickly come under the sway of the Yankee idea. This writer asserts that American influence is transforming Canadian life. The papers are written, edited and printed after American models, and are filled with American slang. The cablegrams from Europe come via New York, and are colored by its yellow and anglophobe journalism. The hotels are clumsy copies of American hotels. Canada gets its fashions from New York. It plays American games instead of English cricket and football. It smokes American cigars, and chews American tobacco. Perhaps, naturally enough, the French writer sees in French Canada the hope of the nation.

It is unfortunate that men with little knowledge of actual conditions are in a

position to misrepresent to the public abroad the real spirit of the Canadian people. This country Canadianizes those who become citizens. It has been much influenced in its development by its neighbor to the south, and this influence will continue; but when an intelligent man settles in Canada and comes to realize its immense resources and vast possibilities, he becomes a Canadian, and has no thought of being Americanized. He knows that great as the country to the south may be, there is boundless opportunity on this side of the border for a distinctive development, related to its neighbor only by the ties of mutual esteem.

The Conservatives of British Columbia must be deeply humiliated by the exposure of the fraud perpetrated in connection with the Borden telegram. The people on the Atlantic coast of Canada were treated to an affidavit, and those on the Pacific coast to a telegram. In each case an effort was made to mislead the public, and in each case it was a Conservative plot. The Victoria Colonist has just told the story of the forged telegram. That paper was misled. The real telegram was taken from the telegraph editor's desk and the one which was printed was a counterfeit. The Colonist apologizes to its readers for permitting itself to be deceived. In view of such exposures as this, the Conservative party is at a great disadvantage in parliament and in the country. Mr. Borden must bear the burden of the political sins of his followers.

One of the most important questions to be answered at the enquiry concerning the boulders at No. 6 berth on the West Side, is this: Why was not the dredging done before the winter steamers began to arrive? Those boulders did not grow, nor were they suddenly thrust up by seismic disturbance. They were left there by the dredges, and a survey of the bottom would have located them immediately after the dredges ceased work. There was gross negligence on the part of somebody, and the responsibility should be placed by this investigation. By the way, does the board of works propose to investigate itself?

It is announced that the Salvation Army will continue its work of bringing immigrants to Canada. So far as we know, the only objection to the class of immigrants brought out by the Army has been made by Labor Organizer Trotter, and, as Col. Howell observes, it is not well sustained by the evidence. There is no disposition in Canada to shut the door in the face of thrifty and hard-working settlers.

The result of today's meeting of the city council will be awaited with much interest by the citizens, who desire to know whether there is to be any important result from all the consideration and discussion of improved methods of civic government. There is also much curiosity to learn what the aldermen will do with the proposed disfranchisement of some thousands.

The address by Professor Leacock on the external relations of Canada, to be delivered before the Canadian Club tomorrow evening, will be one of great interest. Professor Leacock has made a tour of the Empire since he was last heard in St. John, and his outlook has been broadened by that experience. His message should be well worth hearing, and filled with valuable suggestions.

The American house of representatives has voted half a million dollars for army experiments with balloons and airships. All the great powers are making such experiments and the balloon is certain to play an important part for observation purposes in future wars.

Mount Royal, which lies behind the city of Montreal, is described by some scientists as an extinct volcano. Possibly this explains the earthquake shock which was felt in that city last night.

In view of the exposure of the fraud in connection with the Borden telegram, Hon. Mr. Templeman should be elected in Comox-Atlin by a record majority.

AN EX-ALDERMAN AS A LIFE SAVER

(Fredericton Herald.)
Ex-Ald. Kelly, who serves the city letter boxes, was the means of saving the life of an unfortunate on Thursday night. He was driving down Charlotte street at a late hour, when his attention was attracted by a dark object lying in the gutter. He made an investigation and found that the object was a man loaded to the neck with liquor. He was lying in the snow and would undoubtedly have perished had not the ex-alderman played the part of the good Samaritan and removed him to the police station. The fellow came around all right, and the following morning paid \$5 for his night's lodging.

A REAR END COLLISION

During the blizzard at McAdam on Saturday, a rear end collision occurred between two freight trains. The rear van and one box car of one train and the head light of the engine on the other were smashed. The line was blocked for some hours.

The Boston train was delayed in consequence and did not reach the city until five o'clock Sunday morning.

Too much time is wasted in trying to reform things that are not worth reforming.

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Come little girl, with the curls of gold,
Climb up my knee in the old, old place,
And tell me the visions you would behold.

Glimpses of mystical places fair,
Over beyond the sunlit strand;
Snuggle close and we'll journey there,
Into the wonderful Story Land.

Now we enter the fairy dell,
All a-lit to a dreamy glow;
Yonder sweet Cinderella dwells,
Yes, we'll pay her a visit soon.

Sweetest of all, the flower girl there,
Just at the edge of the forest grand,
Down where the wild flowers blossom fair,
Out in the rollicking Story Land.

Clasp me close with your baby hands,
Softly, now, for we're gliding down
Into the bay of the Bylaw Lands,
Just at the borders of Shumbers town.

Here in the garden where once there grew
Jack's huge beanstalk so wondrous high;
And here's the magical goose that flew
With the old woman who swept the sky.

Can't you see in the firelight's blaze,
Shadowy visions leap and rise—
Ghosts of Storyland's dreamy days
Dancing before your drooping eyes?

Hark, little dreamers, to strains of song:
Rhythmic notes from a fairy band,
Dripping drowsily from along
Low and sweet from the Story Land.

Softly the wearied eyelids close
Folded now are the hands so fair,
Little faces in sweet repose
Smiling into the Dreamland there.

See, out yonder the Sand Man comes,
Tripping lightly across the strand;
Blow, wee trumpeter, and beat wee drums,
Glad refrainers from the Story Land.

—E. A. Brininstool, in Los Angeles Express.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

BREAKFAST MONTHS.

A traveller stopped at a hotel in Greenland, where the nights are six months long, and, as he registered, asked a question of the clerk.

"What time do you have breakfast?"
"From half-past march to a quarter to May,"—Harper's Weekly.

BEWARE THE "EXHIBIT A"

Some women keep when men deceive,
Some are a different sort,
One kind will tell you things to hear,
The other kind to court.

LETTING THE CAT OUT.

"Say, grandpa, make a noise like a frog," coaxed little Tommy.
"What for, my son?"
"Why, papa says that when you croak we'll get five thousand dollars,"—From Success Magazine.

WISE.

Lady (with some hesitation)—"I—er—wish to look at some fine dresses."
Tasteful Salesman—"Certainly, madame. What shades does your friend wish?"
Funch.

HIS CHOICE.

"I like to visit there. They have three lovely children."
"I'd rather visit at a place where they have a lovely cook,"—Kansas City Journal.

COMING DOWN.

Mrs. Parvau—"Oh yes—we can trace our ancestry back to—er—well, I don't know, but we've been descending centuries."
—London Opinion.

DUSTY.

While a German resident was driving an English friend from Frankfurt to Hamburg, a motor car passed at a terrific pace, raising a cloud of dust. "Ah," said the German, "there goes our emperor."
"How do you know?" inquired the Englishman. "Do you suppose anybody else could raise a dust like that?" was the reply.

COULDN'T GET LOST THERE.

(Atlanta Constitution.)
In a certain town of Alabama, which is divided by a shallow stream, there is a queer old character of a ferryman named Bob Taylor.

"How sure this is safe?" one day asked a man from the north, as he and a friend were about to take passage across the said stream in Bob's rickety old fat-boats.

"Oh, she's safe, all right," Bob assured them, with a grin.

"Has no one ever been lost in this stream?" asked the other stranger, as he gazed doubtfully into the muddy water.

"Oh, Colonel Morgan, he fell in an' got drowned last week," answered Bob. "But dey find him next mornin' an' gentsmen, dere ain't nobody ever git lost in this stream."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Nova Scotia

During a terrific snow storm at Lunenburg one night late last week, the schr. M. O'Toole, which was in winter quarters at Cann's Cove, was carried some distance by a sheet of ice, and driven ashore sustaining considerable damage.

Miss Hazel Corrine and Dan, Mulloy, of the "Reuben and his Sweetheart" dramatic company, were married at Lunenburg recently.

Stipendiary McKenzie of Amherst had a busy session on Saturday. Six Scott Act violation cases were before him.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BENEFIT YOUR CITY?

Rev. A. B. Cohoe Asks This Question in Address at the Every Day Club Last Evening.

"Is St. John a better city because you live in it?" was the searching question put by Rev. A. B. Cohoe at the Every Day Club last evening.

Mr. Cohoe led up to this question by a thoughtful discussion of the relation of the people of a city to each other, and the influence of the conduct of each upon the general welfare. He applied his remarks to men and women, and to young and old, and to each of them put the question quoted. He pointed out not only the evil effects of intemperance, but of that selfishness which counts itself with taking everything that is offered and giving nothing in return.

In contrast to this last mentioned attitude, he pictured the citizen who recognizes that he has received from his parents and from the past, and receives from his friends and fellow citizens and society at large more than he can ever repay; and who resolves that he will pay back in service to humanity as much as he can.

If every man and woman in St. John were actuated by such a motive, he said, what could they not accomplish, in laying here the foundations of a city in which the kingdom of God would be realized here and now?

The keynote of his very earnest address was service to humanity, unselfish, uplifting, and avoiding whatever in conduct or example did injury to another soul. The hall was crowded far beyond its seating capacity, and the audience listened with deep interest to the close. The musical programme included a trio, a solo by Mr. Richards, and a number of hymns. The club has provided 100 copies of the Canadian Hymnal for the musical portion of the programme.

There was a very interesting meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with music, and addresses by L. Sheppard, R. S. Humbert, R. L. Cother, R. B. Addison and the president.

The club will hold its weekly meeting this evening. The membership is increasing. The speaker on next Sunday evening will be Rev. Mr. Titus.

RHEUMATISM HAS MANY VICTIMS

Dread Disease Has Many Victims Here Who Can Find Quick Relief in This Simple Home-Made Mixture If Taken Promptly.

Thousands of men and women who have felt the sting and torture of this dread disease, which is no respecter of age, persons, sex, color or rank, will be interested to know that while for many years rheumatism was considered an incurable disease, now it is of the most common afflictions of the human body to conquer. Medical science has proven it not a distinct disease in itself, but a symptom caused by inactive kidneys. Rheumatism is uric acid in the blood and other waste products of the system, which should be filtered and strained out in the form of urine. The function of the kidneys is to sift these poisons and acids out and keep the blood clean and pure. The kidneys, however, are of sponge-like substance, the holes or pores of which will sometimes, either from overwork, cold or exposure become clogged and inactive, and failing in their function of eliminating these poisons from the blood, they remain in the veins, decompose and settling about the joints and muscles, cause the untold suffering and pain of rheumatism and backache, often producing complications of bladder and urinary disease, weakness, etc.

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FLORIDA TOWN BURNED

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 31.—The town of Milton, thirty miles east of Pensacola was almost wiped off the map by fire today, the entire business section, and several residences being destroyed. The total loss is \$150,000 or more.

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