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THE I. C. R. BRANCHES

The way of the fault-finder is hard. Here is the St. John Standard grumbling about the government bill which asks parliament to adopt the principle of the leasing of branch lines by the Intercolonial Railway, and asserting that it is difficult to see any value in the bill; and there is Dr. Daniel in Ottawa heartily supporting the bill. Not only so, but Mr. Borden approved of the principle of the bill, and the Conservatives did not challenge a vote on its adoption. It is true that some Conservative members criticised the bill for what it did not contain, and some scented graft, but they were not serious in their attitude. As opposition members they made a faint show of opposing a government measure.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Fielding fully explained the bill. No branch line would be leased except on approval of the board of management and the consent of parliament. The public interests are safeguarded. The government does not propose to rush into a policy of wholesale acquirement of branch railways without having full information. The steps it takes it desires parliament to approve. Complaint is made apparently on the ground that no specific proposal is brought down to acquire control of certain branch lines at once, but the government desires first to secure parliamentary approval of the principle, which is in effect an expansion of the principle of government ownership. Having the authority the way will be clear for action.

It is the policy of the government to retain control of the Intercolonial Railway. This will not please speculators who would like to have the road handed over to them on terms enabling them to make large profits; but it is the policy the people of Canada approve of, and the lease of branch lines will make the system of greater benefit to the provinces generally. Before any such line is leased the opposition will have ample opportunity in the house to scrutinise the bargain and criticise its terms. That ought to satisfy reasonable men. Moreover, it will be noted that while the government is criticised by the Standard because it goes no further than to ask the endorsement of a principle, that journal does not outline any plan which in its view the minister of railways should have presented to parliament. Perhaps when Dr. Daniel comes home for Christmas he may find time to explain to the Standard why he and Mr. Borden supported the bill.

MR. CROCKETS AFFLICTION

In whatever direction Mr. Crocket, M. P. looks, he sees dredges. He is the victim of an extraordinary optical delusion. Gloomy wastes of water and mud—chiefly mud—seem to stretch around him on every side, with dredges at work digging up dollars from somewhere in the sub-stratum.

In parliament yesterday Mr. Crocket charged that frauds were being perpetrated in New Brunswick, in connection with dredging operations in different parts of the province. He carefully added, however, that he intended no reflection upon the contractors. But, as Hon. Dr. Pugsley pointed out, in a reply that must have made Mr. Crocket wish he had not spoken, if there are frauds the contractors must be involved. It is unfortunate for the credit of public life that Mr. Crocket has not the courage to make open charges instead of nasty insinuations, or the fairness to hold his tongue. Dr. Pugsley challenged him to produce evidence to support his statements, and invited full enquiry before the public accounts committee. The opposition does not gain anything in public estimation through the efforts of Mr. Crocket.

THE BACKWARD SECTION

Canada is a happy country. To have the products of the soil going out in increasing quantities to profitable markets, and desirable immigrants coming in large numbers into its vacant areas is a condition that makes for continued growth and prosperity.

But it was pointed out at the Amherst fair yesterday, as it has often been pointed out, that the maritime provinces are not making the most of their opportunities. Here is productive soil, close to ports of shipment, and here are fertile areas awaiting the settler. Even those farmers who have are not making the profits they should from the soil they cultivate. And the cultivation of the soil lies at the base of national prosperity. Why should New Brunswick import butter, cheese, eggs, pork and cattle? Why not export them in large quantities? Why not at least command the home market? It may be hoped that Hon. Dr. Landry, who says New Brunswick has an agricultural policy, was at Amherst yesterday when he backward condition of agriculture in the provinces was discussed.

TAFT'S MESSAGE

President Taft's message to Congress is a very conciliatory one so far as it relates to the tariff. He has no desire to provoke tariff war, and claims for the executive very wide latitude in regard to its interpretation of the phrase "unduly discriminatory" duties levied by another country. This means that President Taft is disposed to be more neighborly than some of the Republican members of Congress, and that he fully appreciates the fact that the maximum tariff directed against Canada would cut both ways. The message as a whole is devoid of anything that would cause irritation, and shows that Mr. Taft recognises his responsibilities. International matters are treated in a dignified and straightforward manner. Other nations will be interested to observe that the United States government is peacefully disposed. In order to provide funds to complete a great waterway—the Panama canal—the military and naval estimates have been enormously reduced. There is a marked difference between the style of Mr. Taft and the style of Mr. Roosevelt in their messages to Congress but those of the former, if less strenuous, do not betray any weakness. In the meantime notices of motion before Congress indicate that the tariff may be made a subject of lively discussion during the session.

BRITISH POLITICS

The cables bring two important statements from England. One is that the Unionists will if returned to power impose duties to produce revenue estimated at $80,000,000 to $100,000,000. The other is that Mr. Charles Wright Macara, head of the Cotton Federation of Great Britain, who might be expected to favor moderate protection, declares that such a policy would ruin a trade which has doubled the population of Lancashire in fifty years, and built up a foreign trade three times as large as its home trade.

The Birmingham Post outlines the proposed Unionist tariff, in an article that is assumed to be inspired. It would be a simple tariff, allowing raw materials free entry, imposing five per cent on partly manufactured goods, ten per cent on articles nearly completed, and fifteen per cent on completely manufactured goods, with perhaps a preference for the colonies. Foreign wheat would pay two shillings per quarter, with also a preference for the colonies.

This is all very simple in appearance, but would nevertheless involve a great deal of machinery; and to so adjust the tariff as to protect all interests would be no easy task. Even in regard to the colonies it is quite clear that what might suit Canada would not suit Australia. Public opinion in the United Kingdom is very much at sea over the whole matter. The Liberals have the advantage that they can campaign against the House of Lords as well as for the continuance of free trade.

But perhaps, after all, the Birmingham Post is throwing out a feeler. One would prefer to hear from Mr. Balfour.

It is announced from Montreal that the C. P. R. expects the grain trade through St. John to be heavier this winter than that of last season, when 6,7000,000 bushels were shipped from West St. John.

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The iron hand of Russia is upon Finland. The people of that country have made a long and valiant struggle to retain their identity as a separate people, but the avowed policy of Russia now is to Russianize them at any cost. The task is in fit hands. The new dictator has a record of unrelenting severity.

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The despatches today show that several Massachustts cities went back to license, while one abandoned license. The fact that some have returned to the license system does not mean that the temperance wave has received a serious check. Some of the same cities may vote against license next year. There is a certain amount of ebb and flow to the tide, but it is always advancing. The sentument in favor of state-wide prohibition is steadily growing in Massachusetts.

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There will be lively discussion of the proposal of the treasury board to reduce the number of assessors. The friends of those members of the board who would be affected by the reduction will no doubt exert their influence. At the time the number of assessors was increased there was doubt in some minds whether the increase was necessary, but it is always easier to appoint a man than to discharge one. From the standpoint of the taxpayers the question has only one aspect. If three men can do the work properly, no more than that number should be appointed. It may be hoped that it will be from this standpoint the matter will be discussed by the council. The matter is not personal. It relates to the public service, and the sole question is one of efficiency.

Stores open till 8 o'clock tonight St. John, Dec. 8, 1909

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MEN'S OVERCOATS	$5.85 to $22.50
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HOUSE COATS	$3.98 up
BATH ROBES	5.50 to 7.75
FANCY VESTS	2.00 to 4.00
FANCY BRACES	25c. to $1.50
MEN'S GLOVES	35c. to 3.00
BOYS' GLOVES	25c. to 1.00
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS	15c. to 1.00
MEN'S CAPS	50c. to 1.50
BOYS' CAPS	25c. to 50c.
MEN'S SWEATERS	75c. to 3.75
BOYS' SWEATERS	50c. to 1.50

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TABLE KNIVES,	$2.38 Per 1-2 Doz.
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THE VAMPIRE HAT

(William Car Duncan, in Good Housekeeping; with apologies to Rudyard Kippling.)

A girl there was and she bought a hat,
Even as you and I!
And the crown was deep and the brim was flat—
'Twas smothered in onions and things like that—
And on the top perched a vampire bat,
With a button for an eye.

O' the times she went and the times she spent,
And the various shapes she scanned,
Before she discovered the mansion where
She purchased this recherche affair,
You probably understand!

Now, she lived in a suite, or, tres petite!
Even as you and I,
With everything up to date and neat,
Electric lighting and steam for heat;
But the width of the hall was scant two feet!
We know them, you and I.

O, the toil it cost and the sleep she lost
And the wonderful schemes she planned.
To get that Paris creation in
To her tiny flat was a crying sin!
And if I should tell you, you wouldn't begin
To really understand.
(Sufficient to say that, being a woman, she did it)

Now, this girl had a husband, slim and tall,
Even as you girls could!
And when he came home he heard her call,
And he found her wedged in the narrow hall
Between the hat and the plastery wall.
And she couldn't stand and she couldn't fall,
And she couldn't creep and she couldn't crawl,
And she looked—well, realy, not at all,
As a perfect lady should.

And it wasn't the shame and it wasn't the pain
That burnt like a white hot brand;
'Twas the language that her husband threw
At that vampire hat with its bows of blue
His remarks I'll not repeat to you,
You wouldn't understand.

Did the girl discard that vampire hat?
Not on your royal life,
She bought another worse than that
And added a foot to the reight of her rat.
For a man must be trained to thinks like that—
That's the mission of a wife!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

TEARFUL

Nothing will thaw the frigid heart of a man as quickly as a pretty woman's tears.—Chicago News.

EXPERIENCE

Joynes—"I tell you, Singleton, you don't know the joys and felicities of a contented married life, the happy flight of years, the long, restful calm of ——"

Singleton—"How long have you been married!"

Joynes—"Just a month."—Tit Bits.

OPEN THE WRONG THING.

When rich men give the poor advice
It is an awful bore,
To think the mouth, and not the purse,
They open to the poor.
—Kansas City Times.

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF.

"De chance is, son; dat you may know mo' dan your father," said Uncle Eben, "but jes de same, yoh prospects foh success ain' much if you ain' got sense an' politeness enough not to let on about it."
—Washington Star

IN TRAINING

"That man Jiggers is the smoothest liar I have ever known.

"Yes, his wife is one of these women who demand many explanations, and he has acquired wonderful proficiency."—St. Paul Despatch.

IN A SHOWER

"May I offer you my umbrella and my escort home?"

"Many thanks, I will take the umbrella."—Fliegende Blaetter.

OF COURSE

When you clean up a million bones
They then become
As the most captious critic owns,
A tidy sum.
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

SAFE ENOUGH

The Hunter—"Oh? I beg your pardon I mistook you for a deer."

The Native—"No harm done mister I reckon I'd bin safe enough if you'd mistook me for a barn door."—Life.

EXPERTS.

Little Nelly told little Anita what she termed a "little fib."

Anita—"A fib is the same as a story, and a story is the same as a lie."

Nelly—"No, it is not."

Anita—"Yes, it is, because my father said so, and my father is a professor at the university."

Nelly—"I don't care if he is. My father is a real-estate man, and he knows more about lying than your father.—The Delineator.

MORNING LOCALS

On behalf of the members of Brussels street Sunday School last night, Rev. A. B. Cohoe presented to Miss Maud Stillwell of the primary department, a purse containing $25 in appreciation of her work in the school, and in remembrance of her birthday.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. John Ice Company, last evening, the following directors were elected: James D. Seely, W. H. Purdy, Hon. D. J. Purdy, James V. Russell, James H. Doody, James U. Thomas and John Ogilvie. The directors elected J. D. Seely president, W. H. Purdy vice-president, and James U. Thomas secretary-treasurer and managing director.

A. J. Gregory, O. F. Fellows and Hon. W. P. Jones, the counsel concerned in the St. John River Commission, had an interview yesterday with Chairman A. P. Barnhill, of the commission. It was decided that meetings would be held in Calais and Bangor early in January.

At the meeting of the St. David's Y. M. A. last night an excellent literary programme was carried out, consisting of sketches of prominent poets by Misses Williams and Forbes. Miss Cochrane and F. Archibald gave piano selections and Miss Livingstone a violin solo.

One kind of frenzied financier is the man who never even thanks you for the privilege of taking your money.

What the man with a good job needs is a fire-insurance policy.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Wharf at Cumming's Cove, N. B.," will be received at this office until 5.00 p. m. on Thursday, December 30, 1909, for the construction of a wharf at Cumming's Cove, Deer Island, Charlotte County, N. B.

Plans, specifications and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of E. T. P. Shewen, Esq., Resident Engineer, St. John, N. B., Geoffrey Stead, Esq., Resident Engineer, Chatham, N. B., and on application to the Postmaster at Cumming's Cove, N. B.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, with their occupations and places of residences. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for two thousand dollars ($2,000.00), which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order
NAPOLEON TESSIER,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 1, 1909.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department. 2923-12-8

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.
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OBITUARY

Mrs. John Irvin

The death occurred yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, Harry H. McAvity, Coburg street, of Maggie E., wife of John Irvin, K. C., of Bridgetown (N. S.) The deceased has been visiting her daughter in this city for some time. She had not been well for several months but her death yesterday came as a great shock. She was one of the most respected residents of Bridgetown and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harry H. McAvity, of this city, and Mrs. R. B. Richardson, wife of the manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at Summerside. Her husband, John Irvin, K. C., is now in the city. The funeral will be private.

Warren C. Bell

Warren C. Bell died yesterday at his home, Moore street, aged 23 years. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, William and Murray and two sisters, Alice and Dora all of this city. The body will be taken to Hampton for burial after a funeral service at his home tonight.

John Gillis

The death of John Gillis, aged 80, a resident of Fairville took place yesterday. He leaves three sons, Daniel and John, at home and Edward, who is in Millinocket, Maine, and two daughters, Mrs. James Morris of Morrisville, and Mrs. J. L. Quinn of South Boston.

A REALISTIC ENDING

The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year.
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere.
Heaped in the hollows of the grove, the autumn leaves lie dead;
They rustle to the eddying gust, and to the rabbit's tread.
The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrub the jay
Yells: "Hi, there? You confounded city fellers. Ef you think you kin go cavortin' all over my farm arter game 'thout sayin' nothin' to me about it, you've got another think comin' by Heck! Now, you hike, er I'll stick a load o' bird-shot into y'! Git!"
—Louis Schnider in Puck.

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A woman isn't necessarily homely because she is fond of her home.

Do Not Delay

Your Christmas Shopping, as so much depends upon getting properly waited on; and that can only be done when we have plenty of time to show you our Very Extensive lines of

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In order to realize the Vastness of our stock, you should nake it your business to come and see for yourself. We will be glad to reserve any goods selected for later delivery.

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