

TRICKED BRITAIN

Attempt to Resume Control of Customs in Pursuance of Deliberate Policy

LONDON, Aug. 8.—According to the Times correspondent, there seems little doubt that the Chinese intend to resume control of the Imperial maritime customs, the Chinese officials are following a deliberate policy, and that the British officials have been tricked into accepting wholly false assurances as to the independence of Sir Robert Hart and the European staff which he represents. The Times says that the Chinese officials of the recent changes is plainly one which demands the promptest and most serious attention. The two new Chinese commissioners are to be granted themselves high salaries and to hold offices in Peking. They direct that no reports or statistical returns may be made until they have approved, or more properly, until they are satisfied with intentional impertinence, have appointed a special official to carry their instructions to Sir Robert Hart, and to designate their foreign servant. Although the promise made to our legation were explicit that no fundamental alterations in service were intended, these have never been promulgated, and the Chinese have communicated to Sir Robert Hart, who is therefore unable to issue them as service instructions and finds himself in a position of growing discredit with his own staff.

A MOST A WRECK
ON THE I. C. R.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 8.—An attempt to wreck an I. C. R. train, the engine and a boyish passenger, but which might have been a passenger train, was discovered last week at Culligan siding, a short distance this side of Campbellton. No. 40 freight train, with conductor Sweeney, was pulling out just as the freight train was about to start. The freight train, which was a passenger train, was on a large iron bolt over an inch thick, which had been placed on the rail. Fortunately the train was not moving at the rate of speed at the time and no damage was done. The matter was reported to the chief of police and Policeman Noble, Campbellton, after investigating the matter arrested a 25-year-old boy named Joseph Daigle. The latter had pleaded his innocence but just as he was to be placed in the cell at Campbellton jail he broke down and confessed. It was further stated that the freight train was on a large iron bolt which the crew discovered the bolt for the train would have been very disastrous had an express train, which does not stop at this point, gone on and a wreck occurred.

In connection with the matter several

The I. C. R.'s new shops the Inter-colonial is arranging for a test of water pressure. The reservoir enters the reservoir at present, if it has been allowed to suit the pressure, the city engineer will supply one. The reservoir is being tested by the city engineer, and the shops and the water pressure at this point is a very important matter.

It has been felt that some change should be made in the I. C. R. police, and a plan to have three police inspectors. Mr. C. R. has been adopted by Mr. Emmerson, who is now the following for the different districts:

Folkham Bernard Dunn, of the Hallam branch of the I. C. R., and the district east of Truro and the Sydney. Duncan Noble of Campbellton, from Chatham Junction, to Montreal.

A. J. Tingley of Moncton, Inspector of Truro to Point du Chene, thence to Moncton. E. John, Chatham and Fredericton.

EXCELLENT ATTRACTION.

Manager Skinner of the Opera House announces that he has secured the Robinson Opera Company for a week's engagement, commencing Sept. 3. The Robinsons are a household word theatrically in this city, on account of the very large measure of popularity gained by a company of this name here about five years ago. The new company will have among its members many of the favorites of the old one, among them, Ben Lodge, the great comedian; Frank Nelson, the popular baritone, and Frank V. French, the well known director. Another great attraction is in the Misses Jennings, in the list of principals. Altogether, the company promises to be the best opera company seen here for many years.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The president of the divorce court today announced that the court had decided that hereafter newspaper artists shall not be allowed to make sketches in court, as the practice was embarrassing and prejudicial to witnesses, and because it was not in the public interest pictorially to draw at-

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