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What Canadian Editors Think

MONTREAL TO OTTAWA BY ELECTRICITY

(Ottawa Journal.)

ACCORDING to a New York engineering journal, the New York Central Railway will as soon as the condition of the money market renders easy the getting of capital push toward completion the electrification of its lines to Albany. It is also said that the New York, New Haven and Hartford is now considering the advisability of equipping all its main lines with electric motive power. This is the result of its grati-fying experience with a similar equipment of its suburban zone. A director of this road says that they have found that a pound of coal consumed in their electric power house produces twice the drawbar pull on a train obtained from the same amount of coal used in a steam locomotive. The Pennsylvania Railroad is so sure of the advantages of electricity that it proposes to equip its main line from New York to Phila-delphia with electricity and it is ex-pected when that work is completed the 90 miles will be made in less than one and a half hours. These things being so, the day should not be distant when the railways around Ot-tawa, with unlimited cheap water power available, will be utilising electricity largely. From Ottawa to Montreal by electric motive power ought to pay as well as from New York to Philadelphia.

### HONOURS OF DEPORTATION.

(St John Globe.)

THE reader of the daily newspaper will often find in it a parawill often find in it a paragraph describing the deportation of some individual or some family, and he may, perhaps, feel sorry for the unfortunate or unfortunates; or, on the other hand, he may feel that what is done is just the right thing to do. Very few persons, except the actual sufferer, can realise the great horrors of the thing described. A poor family in some part of Europe, north or south, more likely south, hears of Canada; of the richness of the country and the comfort of its people. Looking at the comparatively hopeless future before him and his children he determines to come here. After untold difficulty he raises a sufficient sum—a little more than sufficient if all goes well—to bring him to these shores. As he reaches here ill-fortune meets him in some way, just as he has landed, and he must go back. He must go back in all probability to the place where he started, but the ship will only land him at the port of his departure. It is no wonder that sometimes on the return voyage the father breaks down and commits swinder or breaks down and commits suicide, or becomes insane.

### ANNEXATION IS DEAD. (Manitoba Free Press.)

S UCH is the view of this college professor; and it is worth noting for the information of Western Canadians, who will be surprised to hear that their devotion to the British flag is luke-warm. It is interesting to observe the revival in the United States of the hope of annexation with Canada; but the hope ation with Canada; but the hope rests on nothing stronger than desire. There is not a single known fact to support it. What Canada's future will be is a legitimate subject for speculation; but one need not be a prophet to declare that the merging of the Dominion in the Creat Page 1972 of the Creat Page ing of the Dominion in the Great Re-

public is not among the possibilities. The two countries will doubtless improve their political and commercial relations in the course of time, but they will always remain two nations. The Canadian name, the Canadian race, the Canadian flag, and the race, the Canadian flag, and the Canadian nation are as sure of permanency as is the United States itself. Public men, journalists, college professors and political students in the United States should get this fact firmly fixed in their minds. It will save them from wasting their valuable time in idle executation valuable time in idle speculation.

#### UNION OF CHURCHES.

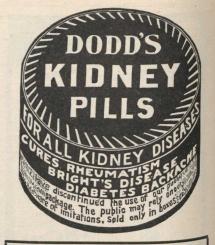
(Catholic Record.)

IF we are to judge by reports of committees, church union, so far as the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches of Canada congregational Churches of Canada are concerned, has no obstacle in the way of consummation. Our knowledge is relative. We are not quite positive about the reports. We are not certain how far the union is intended to go. Least of all do the methods proposed commend themselves to our judgment. That union selves to our judgment. That union should be desired, that it should be sought by work, charity, and prayer sought by work, charity, and prayer needs no argument to support it or logic to prove its necessity. Disunion is too marked. Its consequences are too serious. Its energy destroys supernaturally and naturally the great interests which union should defend and conserve. Disunion scatters what union would sow; and wastest ters what union would sow; and wastes ters what union would sow; and wastes truth and grace enough to have evan-gelized the whole world. To feel the want of union is better than the old intolerant spirit, provided, however, it has its source in a proper motive. If the motive is worldly—merely to present to the country a large wall protected but where is into the country as a large wall protected but where is into the country as a large wall protected but where is into the country as a large wall protected but where is into the country as a large wall as the country as the country as the country as a large wall as the country as the c patched but whose joints are cracking, the union cannot be lasting. It will win contempt, when, if true, it should command respect.

## NATIONALIZE ELEVATORS.

(London Advertiser.)

THE agitation in Manitoba, Sas-katchewan and Alberta in favour of the Governments buying out and controlling elevators, appears to be gaining strength, and it is not unlikely that as a result of a conference of the Premiers of the three Provinces interested, held during the present year, an attempt will presently There are difficulties in the way. The farmers secured the right to ship grain from railway sidings direct into freight cars, thereby preventing ex-tortionate elevator rates, only after much effort, and while it is generally conceded that Government-owned elevators would prevent extortionate charges, it is thought that, even with the buildings under Government control, many farmers would continue shipping direct from sidings into cars, unless that method were prohibited by statute. They cherish a privilege which has been secured by a long struggle, and would be loth to give it up even for the sake of the boon of Government-owned elevators. Moreover, there are those who seem to fear that managed by the State, elevators might subject to political patronage. This objection could be overcome by the would be free from political or other influences or interference. The commissioners might also be given power to decide in the matter of weights and grades.





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