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VISITING RAILWAY MEN.

The forthcoming visit of the chiefs of the Grand Trunk Pacific to British Columbia may easily prove an incident of much importance. The enterprise which they have in hand was launched under somewhat peculiar circumstances. By this we do not mean anything derogatory to the original project, which we believe will prove of immense value to Canada, but only that it was planned without much study being given to the geographical and other conditions existing in the western province of the Dominion from which a very large share of its business must be drawn. The company was committed to a route to a northern port without anyone having taken into consideration whether that was the best port from a commercial point of view that could be selected. There was no general recognition of the situation, not even as much as there was in the case of the Canadian Pacific. Indeed we, perhaps, do not say too much when we say that the British Columbia end of the line was regarded somewhat in the light of a necessary evil, as a piece of road to be built because Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not consent to give government assistance to a line over the prairies, unless it was extended all the way to the Coast. Our recollection of the debate on the resolutions providing for the subsidies does not recall any suggestion made by anyone as to the eastbound traffic that could be developed in this province, and certainly nothing in which the advantage of one terminus over another was spoken of in connection with such traffic. Of the shortest way from the Atlantic to the Orient we heard much; of the shortest way from the great sources of eastbound freight to the markets that will consume it, we heard very little. We think it may be assumed that Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson and his associates will give the latter aspect of the case a good deal more consideration in the future than it has received in the past. This is not the time to present what views we may have on that point for the attention of the visiting railway men. They will not be in the city today. Our object in speaking of the matter now is to emphasize the opinion that the next few months are likely to be somewhat critical in the development of railway policies in British Columbia, and to add that the people of Victoria and Vancouver Island are very deeply concerned in what will eventually.

"ALL FOR CHINA"

The cadets of the new Chinese school, who went down to the wharf to say good-bye to the Chinese Consul-General, wore buttons bearing the words, "All for China." This seems worth thinking over. The other day we raised a question as to the future status of children of Chinese parentage born in Canada. Does this button answer it? Are we developing in this country youths, whose ambitions will be "all for China"? If so, we need not disturb ourselves as to where their field of activity will lie. The ancient land, from which their parents came, will soon call them with a voice, that they cannot resist. If the sentiment expressed on the buttons really animates them, it is possible that out of Canada may go young men, who will play a part of immense importance in the regeneration of China. It is known that hundreds of Japanese have gone abroad and many are constantly going to learn the mysteries of Occidental civilization at first hand. Many of these are of families of high social position in their own country, and they engage in tasks in foreign lands that they would scorn to undertake at home. China is a much more democratic country than Japan. An Englishman, who had lived in China for twenty years, once told the Colonist that it was the most democratic country in the world. Birth has nothing to do with progress there in any department of activity. In Japan there is a powerful hereditary class of nobles, which yet dominates the country. The clever lads, who attend the Victoria school, will find an open door for them in China, if they ever wish to go to that country. If we have some times wondered why, if it was the expectation of our Chinese residents that their children would always remain in this country, they should go to the expense of educating them in Chinese. We supposed that, with their natural adaptability, they would seek to conform to the ways of the land of their adoption, and bring up their families with an English education exclusively. But they are not taking this course. An educated young Chinese man will leave school in Victoria versed not only in English, but also in Chinese. In the minds of such youths, the sentiment: "All for China," may mean much. We are convinced that there is one thing which it does not imply, and that is hostility to Canada. The subject is an interesting one. Are there growing up around us boys and girls, who when they come to maturity will preach the gospel of progress to the most ancient of the Empires?

A MATTER OF DOLLARS

It is said that there will be 180,000 settlers from the United States entering the Prairie Provinces this year. Perhaps this means 36,000 families. One estimate says that these settlers average \$2000 a family. Let us take off the extra \$2,000,000, which this would make, and say \$70,000,000 for the whole of them and the European immigrants. If you think this is too much you can make a general reduction on the grand total that will be given later on, so as to provide for any doubts you may feel. One estimate, that of Mr. D. D. Mann, is that there will be a wheat crop of 140,000,000 bushels, worth, let us say for the sake of round numbers, \$140,000,000. Suppose we say that the rest of the grain crop is worth half this amount, or \$70,000,000. We will have to add the value of the cattle, horses that will be sold from that part of the country. Suppose we say \$20,000,000. It is not easy to say how much the railway companies will expend, but if it does not reach \$20,000,000 we shall be surprised. Suppose we say that other people, investors, speculators, and the like will take \$10,000,000 into those three provinces this year. We do not think the estimate high enough in view of the way towns are being built up and town lots are finding buyers, but will let it go at that. Now what does this come to:

Settlers \$70,000,000
Wheat 140,000,000
Other grain 70,000,000
Live stock 20,000,000
Railways 20,000,000
Investors, etc. 10,000,000

\$330,000,000

We have been told of an estimate which puts the grand total at \$400,000,000, but suppose we cut this down to \$300,000,000, even less to allow for over estimates—you can make make your own estimates just as we can make ours—and you will have in any case a grand total, that, distributed among the million or so of people living in the three prairie provinces, will give a per capita amount calculated to set one thinking what it means for the whole country.

This is the general basis upon which we venture to predict for Canada, and especially western Canada, a year of unprecedented prosperity. This vast amount of wealth will fill the prairies to overflowing, and some of the overflow will certainly come our way.

"Vancouver, the prosperous capital of British Columbia," says the number of Harnsworth's History of the World. "This is an example of history as she is wrote."

"Mike Henney" won at the Willows yesterday. This is peculiarly appropriate to the anniversary of the relief of Derry. Thus does "the whirligig of time bring about its avenges."

Victoria West in our local Schleswig-Holstein, so prolific is it of difficult questions. Of the S-H problem it was said that only one diplomat in Europe ever understood it, and the knowledge killed him.

Apparently Turkey and Greece are not going to come to blows over Crete. There will be some disappointed people, especially among those newspapers which have been foretelling immediate war.

Strikes seem epidemic just now. If someone would undertake to compile a statement showing the economic advantages to any one of strikes, and compare them to the economic disadvantages, he would confer a favor on a good many people.

Little hope is entertained of the recovery of the ex-Sultan, Abdul Hamid. Mighty little hope was entertained of his living from the very day he was deposed. A deposed Sultan of Turkey is hardly an insurable risk. If it is not angina pectoris that takes him off, it is something quite as certain.

A writer in "Canada" deplores the manner in which the great question of Imperial Defence is being used for party purposes in the Dominion. There is really not as much of this as our English contemporaries seem to think. A few leading papers are using it in that way, but our reading of our exchanges indicates to our mind that the people of the country as a whole are taking an exceedingly sane view of the question. There are certain papers, so obsessed with political partisanship, that the only reason why they do not make human salvation a political issue is that no particular party has declared itself in favor thereof.

The ratepayers are to vote on two important bylaws in two weeks from yesterday, and yet there is very little discussion about them. This is not right. Matters of such importance ought to receive greater attention at the hands of the public. If a provincial election

were coming on in two weeks, the whole town would be turned upside down, and yet the result of the contest would, so far as the people to be elected were concerned, be only a matter of four years. Here are two by-laws which will have a very great bearing upon the welfare of the city for its whole future, and yet one hardly hears a word said on the subject one way or another. This is not a healthy state of affairs.

Have you noticed the remarkable number of brilliant meteors to be seen in the northeastern sky just now? They are a part of the regular August shower, but this year they have been notable for their large size. The difficulty about observing a meteor is that it comes and goes so quickly that even if you are told to look at it, the chances are that it will be gone before you have had time to turn your gaze to the quarter of the sky where it was. Most of the large meteors have very little train. On Wednesday evening, before twilight had faded, a splendid meteor flashed into sight and instantly disappeared. It must have been exceedingly brilliant to have been visible in a sky from which daylight had not wholly faded. It looked like the glowing mantle of a lamp, and it was of large size. One observer reported seeing last week what looked like a group of small stars, larger than the moon at the full, flash into sight and disappear. Probably it was an exploding meteor. As the observer was relating the incident a large and very beautiful meteor, oval in shape and of clear white light, flashed out only to disappear in less than a second. To those who were likely to look for meteors, we may say that the most brilliant of them have been seen in the northeast. Find the Dipper; stand so that it will be over your left shoulder and then look straight ahead to a point about half way from the horizon to the zenith. You will be more likely to see meteors in that part of the sky just now than in any other.

Collier's effort to create a national anthem for Canada can hardly as yet be called a success. But what else could one expect? National anthems are born, not made to order. Lavallee's fine air is growing in popularity, and by and bye everybody will know it. By and bye, also, some one will fit words to it. But there is no hurry about it. The people of the United States have been trying to make a national anthem for the last century, and a quarter, and the other day a distinguished military authority said at the A.-Y.-P. Exposition that the only air that was officially recognized was the "Red, White and Blue," which as every one knows is only an English song with the word Britannia changed to Columbia. And Columbia isn't the name of the United States anyway. Collier's prize was awarded to Mrs. Emma Powell McCulloch. We print the words of her poem on this page. They are very good in their way; but their way is not one that seems likely to catch the popular taste. The ability of any committee to select a national anthem may well be questioned. If the words of God Save the King were submitted to any publishing house in the world they would be rejected instantly, and not a paper in all the world would pay a postage stamp for the words which the people of the United States sing to the air of our real national anthem, the literary merit has nothing whatever to do with the matter. Canada will evolve a national anthem, when she needs one. In the meantime we can manage to struggle along with what we have.

Following is the poem that won Collier's prize for a Canadian National Anthem.

O Canada! in praise of thee we sing,
From shining hills our anthems proudly bring.

With fertile plains and mountains grand,
With lakes and rivers clear,
Eternal beauty you do stand
Throughout the changing year,
Bless our dear land this day and evermore,
Bless our dear land this day and evermore.

Dear Canada! for thee our fathers wrought,
Thy good and ours unselfishly they sought,
With steadfast hand and fearless thought,
They filled the forest domes
Content at last to see behind
The heritage of homes,
Lord God of Hosts! we now implore,
Bless our dear land this day and evermore,
Bless our dear land this day and evermore.

Blest Canada! the homeland that we love,
Thy freedom came a gift from God above,
Thy righteous laws, thy justice fair,
Give matchless liberty,
We thank our God that we may share
Thy glorious destiny,
Lord God of Hosts! we now implore,
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Special Value in Parlor Suite

A Handsome 5-Piece Suite—Weiler Made—for \$85

HERE is an excellent value in a new parlor suite just placed in stock today. It is a five-piece suite consisting of settee, arm chair, arm rocker and two reception chairs. Frame is of very attractive design and finished a beautiful mahogany finish. These pieces are upholstered in an attractive green silk brocade in our own workrooms. It is a stylish parlor suite that would add greatly to the appearance of any home.

Remember that the upholstering work has been done by Weiler workmen and is guaranteed. So often the upholstering is the unreliable feature of parlor furniture. This is eliminated here. Work done in our own factory, materials from our own stock, designs attractive and the price right. We want you to compare this five-piece suite with any five-piece suite offered anywhere.

FIVE PIECES—ARM CHAIR, ARM ROCKER, 2 RECEPTION CHAIRS, SETTEE, \$85

Striking New Dining Tables at Little Prices

A HALF-DOZEN SAMPLE VALUES PICKED FROM THIS WEEK'S ARRIVALS

WE have chosen these half dozen dining tables from the week's new arrivals as representative of the styles and values offered here. In each you'll see the latest word in table making, see the newest designs from the leading table maker of Canada, and Canadian made tables aren't surpassed anywhere.

Nothing so easily spoils an otherwise attractive diningroom that a poor dining table. A stylish table makes a world of difference. Choose one of attractive design with a beautifully polished top and you'll be surprised at the added style. We show dining tables at other prices, have them priced from \$7.50, and offer an unsurpassed choice of styles and prices.

DINING TABLE—A new table style finished in dull golden oak, pedestal, round top style, 42 in. in diameter, extends to 8 ft. An excellent table. Priced at each \$25

DINING TABLE—A large round top table just added to the stock. Top is of a selected piece of oak and is highly finished in the golden. Measures 52 in., and extends to 10 ft. Priced at \$50

DINING TABLE—A square top table style measuring 44 inches and extending to 8 ft. Finely finished throughout and a selected top. Massive legs. Priced at \$30

DINING TABLE—A highly polished golden oak table with a 44-in. round top which extends to 8 ft. This is a beautiful table top and a table style fit for any home. Priced at \$25

DINING TABLE—Another square top style measuring 48 in., and extending to 10 ft. Massive legs. A table large enough for any home. Priced at each \$40

DINING TABLE—A new design in mission designed table. A round top style with five square legs. Top measures 44 inches and extends to 8 feet. Finished in Early English finish. Priced at \$18

English Style Arm Chairs With Draft Shields

A POPULAR CHAIR STYLE MADE IN OUR OWN FACTORY—\$22.50 AND \$25.00

EVER sat in one of these English style arm chairs? Many Victorians have, for we have sold a big lot in this city. They are attractive in design, they're comfortable, easy priced and they have a special feature in the draft shield. The back is high and upholstered and with these draft shields makes a cosy, safe chair.

These are made in our own factory—a factory whose upholstery work is famous for its superior quality. Covered in Boston leather, Morocco finish, in either green or maroon. Priced at \$25.00 and \$22.50.

New Library Suite, \$80

ROCKER, CHAIR AND SETTEE—MISSION

One of the latest additions to the furniture stock is a line of library suites—leather upholstered mission styles. Nothing more attractive in design nor superior in workmanship has been shown here at anything like this price. We want you to see these pieces—to give us your opinion of their design—their worth.

Suite consists of three pieces, arm chair, arm rocker and settee. Frames are made of selected oak, made in mission design and finished in that popular Early English finish. We have them upholstered in either olive, green or maroon Spanish leather. Stylish, comfortable furniture pieces and priced right for we offer these three for \$80.00.

We have a Morris chair to match, a large, roomy chair. Mission design, upholstered in either olive green or maroon Spanish leather. Price is \$35.

There are dozens of other equally interesting pieces of leather upholstered furniture awaiting your inspection on the third floor. You are welcome to come in and look over this new stock.

Watch the Windows

In our windows—Broughton street—you'll find some interesting pieces of bedroom furniture. These are in mahogany finish. Styles are new and attractive and the prices right. Matters little what your bedroom requirements may be, this establishment is grandly prepared to fill your wants. Styles and values unexcelled.

Come in and see our showing of iron and brass beds on the fourth floor.

New Styles in Davenports

NEW ARRIVALS PRICED AT \$35 AND \$45

WE have just priced two new arrivals in Davenport beds—that very useful furniture piece. Splendid styles and priced at popular figures. Perhaps you are not acquainted with the many advantages of owning one of these beds; do not know what a stylish furniture item one is when not in use as a bed and how easily you can transform one into the most comfortable of beds. Come in and let us show you these and how easily they work—a feature lacking in some.

Davenport, with attractive golden oak frame. Upholstered in green or red velvet. Priced at \$35.00

Davenport, upholstered in green or red velvet. Frame is of golden oak and attractive in design. Priced at \$45.00

Brass Vases in the China Store Today—Priced From 40c

WE are today showing in our china store some handsome new brass vases. These vases are becoming very popular of late and we know that such attractive designs as are shown in these new arrivals won't stay long in our showrooms. So come in and see these—add one or more to your home's furnishings for the price is easy.

Then, there'll be much in china and glass to interest you on this floor and your visit will be an interesting one. Spend just as much time as you wish and remember there isn't the slightest obligation to spend a cent. Brass Vases are priced at each 40c, 65c, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.50.

Use the New Ladies' Rest Room

LADIES should remember that our rest room is theirs to use any time, whether a customer of this establishment or not. It's a convenience planned for ALL Victorian women folk. A convenient place to read, write, rest or meet your friends. Use it. Second floor.

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News of the Week
For the Week

Fatal Runaway.
TORONTO, Aug. 14.—Orin J. mour is dead as the result of being thrown from a rig in a runaway.

Kinrades Leave Hamilton.
HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 14.—The Kinrades, with the exception of the eldest son, Ernest, have quietly disappeared from Hamilton.

Stolen Mail Bag Found.
BRIGITON, Ont., Aug. 14.—mail bag stolen on June 2 from Br station, was found today about mile out of town. It had been rifled.

Veterans' Reunion Ends.
SAULT LAKE CITY, Aug. 14.—forty-third annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic closed last night with a fireworks display on Ensign Peak. Sault Lake City chosen for the next encampment.

The Lineman's Fate.
MONTREAL, Aug. 14.—Hormis Ouchard, a lineman employed in the alarm department, touched a live wire yesterday and was killed by a sustaining injuries which caused death. He was 23 years old, and married.

Killed By a Bull.
WELLSVILLE, N.Y., Aug. 14.—body of Leslie Call, 55 years of age, bachelor farmer living alone near the town, was found by neighbors in his barn had been mutilated beyond recognition by a bull. Call had been missing forty-eight hours.

Peace in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The last shot of the trouble between street railway employees of this city and their employers, which threatened to lead to a strike, passed away tonight. A mal peace under the terms of a year contract was agreed on meeting between officers of the companies and the unions.

West India Trade

LONDON, Aug. 14.—A royal commission has been appointed to promote closer relations between Canada and the British West Indies. The commissioners are: Lord Balfour, Burleigh, Hon. Wm. Stevens, Hon. minister of finance, and Wm. Patterson, minister of customs in the Canadian government.

Stole a March on Men

PITTSBURG, Aug. 14.—Under of heavy fog two train robbers broke were placed in the Pittsburg Steel Car Company's plant yesterday before the striking employees were aware of the coup. The state sentry beats about the plant. trouble is anticipated.

Murderous East Side Gang

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Two men and one woman ailing and two seriously wounded, are all the dice the police have of another tie of the East Side gangs. Mrs. Pantele, twenty years old, who probably fatally shot tonight, shot in the foot two weeks ago, similar fight in the same neighborhood. On both occasions she was passively. None of the wounded met any knowledge of who did shooting.

Apprehended in the Act

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Lewis vinyl, an elderly second-hand dealer of Port Chester, N.Y., who was known to keep considerable about him, had his throat cut by bers last evening within ten feet of the passing crowd on the sidewalk. He will die. Pietro Fallitcho and Antonio Biriz were surrounded in building and caught before they could escape. An upstairs tenant entered shop just as one of these men, drawing a knife across the old man's throat, and gave the alarm.

Noted Engineer in Canada

MONTREAL, Aug. 14.—Sir Jackson, one of the greatest of land's railway and public builders of the present day, arrived Montreal today on his way back from South America. Sir has just completed the railway to the Andes from Bolivia to Chili, is the highest in the world, an elevation of 13,000 feet, here he has spent some time in the construction of the Ne Transcontinental and the