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AN APPEAL TO MR. HAZEN

The Chatham Gazette follows the example of the Chatham World in appealing to Hon. Mr. Hazen to stay the hand of the Minister of Railways. The Gazette says that orders have been issued to tear out the rails on the Chatham section of the Canada Eastern from the Blackville Bridge down to Maloney's Siding, about three miles from Chatham Junction. The Gazette says:—

"This action following so closely upon the minister's visit and the protests addressed to him on that occasion and during the past winter have greatly stirred the people along the route and the loss of the railway is more even more bitter by reason of the circumstances attending it. The government's total disregard of their rights and necessities has aroused deep resentment and the people find it hard to believe that their line which they have used for nearly thirty years, is actually a thing of the past."

On Wednesday orders were issued to remove the rails on this section, according to the Gazette, and on the following day workmen began to pick up the ties that had been placed along the line before Mr. Cochrane's visit with the idea of repairing it. The Gazette makes the following pointed appeal to Mr. Hazen:—"If anything is to be done to save the line it must be done at once. The one man to whom the county can appeal is Hon. Mr. Hazen and unless the wires are made hot at once it will be too late for him to act. Mr. Hazen is responsible for this province in a political sense and he is certainly responsible to it to see that justice is done in all sections. Unless he can accomplish the task of driving Mr. Cochrane from his purpose of closing the line he might as well retire from the field as a defender of the province's interests. No one in this section of the country would ever take stock in him as a political heavy weight if he allows this unjust act to be perpetrated under his very nose."

Hon. Mr. Cochrane is not likely to pay any attention to protests made by Mr. Hazen, and probably Mr. Hazen is well aware of this. The Minister of Railways, during his recent tour of the Maritime Provinces, has left the fences of the local politicians in bad repair. In St. John, Sussex, Moncton and on the North Shore, Conservative politicians are earnestly hoping that Hon. Mr. Cochrane will remain away from New Brunswick until after the next election.

LEGISLATION AND PROGRESS.

District-Attorney Whitman of New York said recently, "Legislation has become a habit with our people, and having passed a law they straightway forget it. Many of the conditions against which we have legislated we see continuing around us daily." The great difficulty in most countries is too much law-making and too little law-enforcement. In Canada there is a good healthy regard for law, but there is some danger that when we urge the enactment of new laws beyond the desires and sentiments of the people whose duty it is to make them effective, we will land in a less healthy and happy state. Every law on the statute book which is not made effective by a strong public opinion behind it, is a danger and a menace. Law is an expression of the desires and sentiments of a people. It would always be the crystallization of the feelings of the democracy. For, after everything is said, it is the people that enforce laws, and to appeal to the government expecting it to be beyond the sentiments of the people is to expect a stream to rise higher than its source.

To-day it is easy for lobbyists and well organized societies to secure the enactment of laws affecting the public well. But if these laws are not made effective by public sentiment back of them, they have not accomplished the intended result, but they seriously affect all law and make for anarchy.

The spirit of disloyalty to law is a worse evil than the over-shadowing power of corporations. There is growing up everywhere a tendency to forsake the old landmarks, to treat the lessons of sages as antiquated, and to pay less regard to the high benefits of law. Men and women living within the jurisdiction of law avail themselves of its protection, and for this reason they are bound to obedience. The Suffragettes of England appeal to the police for protection from the mobs that disturb their out-door meetings, but they themselves utterly ignore the law that has guided England in the past and that alone can guide it in the future, and plant in its stead a "higher law" which each one for himself may adjudge and administer. When the Suffragettes are joined by the Unionist party in teaching masses of men by precept and by example, the lesson that it is not necessary to bow to constituted authority as represented by king and parliament, as Sir Edward Carson and his henchmen have been doing in Ulster, it is difficult to imagine the issue to which they may not be leading Great Britain. Regard for law has sanctified her past, but if the party that stands to lose by the destruction of property and the disappearance of respect for government plays the game of disregard for law, all parties can play of the same game, and all can lose at it. Never before, perhaps, were such large bodies of organized and unorganized men disaffected with the conditions under

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, JUNE 30

James MacKinnon, who was up to the time of its amalgamation with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, was born on June 30, 1830, in Londonderry, Ireland. He entered the bank in 1876 and rose to be general manager in 1902. He is now manager in chief of the Eastern Townships Division of the Bank of Commerce.

Andrew Dickson Patterson, a portrait artist, Montreal, is fifty-nine today. He was born in Picton, Ont. In his time he has painted the portraits of many eminent Canadians.

Colonel J. B. Forsyth, collector of customs, Quebec, and prior to that a commission merchant and broker, was born in Quebec eighty-three years ago today.

TUESDAY, JULY 1.

Hon. Charles Marcl, who was the last Liberal speaker of the House of Commons, observes his fifty-third birthday today. He is a newspaper man by profession and started his newspaper career on the Montreal Gazette. He became speaker in 1909.

The Hon. James McDonald of Halifax, former chief justice of the supreme court of Nova Scotia is eighty-five today. He retired in 1904, declining knighthood.

The Hon. James McLaren, judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, was born on July 1, 1842, in Lachute, P. Q. He practiced law and was one of the leaders of the bar in the latter city.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HER GROUNDS

"On what grounds did she base her suit for divorce?"

"Cruelty. Her husband forced her to use a 1910 model auto."

While visiting in the south recently, enforcement of these laws which the most enlightened public conscience will approve.

A great deal of water will run under the bridges before there is a general election.—Brockville Times.

If there is a great "emergency," why do Messrs. Borden and Rogers delay in asking the electors to endorse their scheme to send \$85,000,000 out of the country? Several weeks have gone by since the naval bill was killed by the Senate. The Premier is averse to a general election on this issue because he fears defeat; and he does not wish to relinquish office. Therefore, he is letting the "emergency" wait. An "emergency" that can wait, is, of course, a fraudulent emergency.

As the word "delegation" seems to have too formal a sound to suit some Conservatives, it may be announced that a number of Conservative business men waited upon Hon. Mr. Hazen on Saturday to discuss with him various matters of interest in this constituency, including the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Transcontinental, and the completion of the Valley Railroad. These gentlemen were disposed to be somewhat reticent after their conference with the Minister of Marine, but it may be expected that an official or a semi-official statement of the result of the interview will be made public. If so, it may be interesting, for there are many points in connection with the transportation situation in regard to which the public desires specific and accurate information.

An Editor's Longevity

(Orilla Packet)

G. S. Porter, who founded the News market in February, 1822, and was publisher of it for a year and a half, recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday at his present home in Philipstown, Australia.

HOW COAL IS WASTED

Not only the mine owner and his employees are censured for waste. It has been estimated that the railroads, the largest consumers of coal, utilize less than 50 per cent. of the heat in the coal which they burn under their locomotives. If 60 per cent. is wasted by the operator, and 50 per cent. of that is lost by the railroads, only 30 per cent. is actually utilized and 70 per cent. is wasted, and not the railroads only, but all consumers are equally wasteful, says Francis S. Peabody in Coal Age.

YOUNG BRAINS NEED CARE

The doctor, whose specialty is the care and treatment of children, asserts that the education of the average child is commenced far too early. A child, he maintains, should be taught to acquire knowledge by the use of his senses, and there are sufficient facts surrounding him to keep his attention engaged as much as is healthy for him. If he does not begin to study books until he is ten years old he will at the end of a year read better than the child who is set to learn his letters at four or five. It is a question of brain force. The brain of a child, while almost as large as it will ever be, is delicate and impressionable. Such growth as takes place is mainly in the direction of organization. If subjected to a strain at this period it is liable to injury. Hence the wisdom of first allowing it to develop strength.

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