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The Waterways Report

The reports signed by the joint international waterways commission are important state documents, dealing with vast interests.

The commission should be, and probably will be, supported by public opinion on both sides of the line in taking a stand for the preservation of the scenic features of Niagara Falls. The destruction of the cataract as a spectacle would be, as the commissioners say, a species of sacrilege.

To prevent this they recommend that the diversion of water be limited to 16,000 cubic feet per second on the Canadian side, and 18,500 cubic feet per second on the American side, including the diversion of water for power purposes on the Erie Canal.

Thirty-six thousand cubic feet of water, the Canadian allowance, is the equivalent of 435,000-horse power. The Ontario power commission, in its recent report, estimated the present power requirements of eighteen Ontario municipalities within the Niagara power belt at 81,125-horse power. As there is no interference with the right of Canada to control the power generated on the Canadian side, the maximum development of 435,000-horse power would meet all possible demands of the Canadian market for many years.

The Canadian commissioners have asked that the arrangement be limited to twenty-five years. This would appear to be a sensible proposition. It would preserve the Falls for at least a quarter of a century, and at the end of that period the question could be considered again in the light of the experience of twenty-five years of electrical development. As there may be revolutionary changes in the interval, it is not prudent to legislate for eternity.

The commissioners have agreed to recommend that the diversion of water for the Chicago drainage canal be limited to 10,000 cubic feet per second for sanitary purposes. The subtraction of water at the lower end of Lake Michigan necessarily affects the lower lake levels, and the flow over the Niagara escarpment.

It is also agreed that the interests of navigation be fully protected at Sault Ste. Marie, and that the surplus water be divided equally between the two countries for power purposes.

The Canadian section suggests a number of principles, designed to make navigation paramount in all navigable waters touching or crossing the international boundary, and providing for the equal division of the waters of non-navigable streams for irrigation purposes. The Canadian commissioners also advise the appointment of a permanent joint commission, which could doubtless handle all disputes more satisfactorily than if a special commission were appointed to deal with each matter. A permanent board would apply the same principles everywhere, and be less amenable to local influences. The American members thought the enunciation of principles to govern the making of a general treaty was not within the scope of their functions, and that their jurisdiction was restricted to the great lakes system.

The resolutions of the commission, to be effective, must be ratified by the United States Congress and Dominion Parliament, and embodied in a treaty. Both will be largely guided by the commission, which has performed an important international service.

The North Atlantic Trading Company

Mr. Sifton has issued a straightforward challenge to Mr. Foster to convert into some definite charge his insinuations and innuendoes with regard to the former's relations with the North Atlantic Trading Company. Mr. Sifton hurried from New York to register his protest in the House of Commons, and he courts the most searching inquiry.

An attempt has been made to fasten a scandal on the skirts of the Government in connection with the contract made a few years ago with the North Atlantic Trading Company. There is nothing now in the arrangement. A system of bonuses has been always employed to promote immigration from the continent of Europe. The Canadian immigration department has agents in Great Britain, the United States and France, but an emigration propaganda is prohibited in Germany and other portions of the continent. The practice of the Canadian Government had been to bonus booking agents, but Mr. Sifton thought it better to deal with a single firm than with a number of agents. The North At-

lantic Trading Company was a syndicate of booking agents, and the nature of its contract with the Canadian immigration department was fully set forth by the report of the Minister of the Interior for 1901-2. Yet Mr. Foster has tried to make it appear that it was a secret deal, unknown to Parliament until suddenly dragged to light by himself.

Under the terms of the contract the company received \$5 for every immigrant of the farming or domestic labor class, and Mr. Foster complained that this was a discrimination against British immigrants. In Great Britain, however, the Canadian Government paid all expenses of the propaganda, which amounted to \$4.64 for every immigrant secured, while this work on the continent was undertaken by the North American Trading Company, and cost the country only \$1.72 per head.

Sir Wilfrid, in dealing with this matter in his speech on Tuesday last, pointed out that under the terms the Government did not pay one cent to the company until an immigrant, satisfactory to the Government agents, was brought to this country. Sir Wilfrid claimed that as a business proposition the contract had been justified by its results, and he attributed to the efforts of Mr. Sifton the fact that Canada was now rivaling the United States as a land of promise in the eyes of continental Europe.

There is not a little of evidence to warrant any suspicion of impropriety in the contract, and the only pretext for Mr. Foster's insinuations is the circumstance that the directors and shareholders of the company wished to keep their identity secret, because of the laws against the promotion of emigration on the continent. For over 30 years this method of securing continental immigration has been practiced by different Canadian Governments, the only difference being that the present Government has been acting through a syndicate of booking agents, instead of through a number of individual booking agents—and with much greater success. The contract will be canceled, not because of any moral objections, but because the Government believes the company is not fully carrying out its agreement, and because immigration into Canada has become to a large extent spontaneous, so that there is no longer need to employ the same strenuous methods to secure it.

The Russian Puzzle.

The resignation of Count Witte deepens the enigma of Russian imperial policy. We shall have to wait for events to furnish the explanation, for the dispatches are hopelessly confusing. The Times correspondent portrays Witte as seeking to lead the Emperor into reactionary courses, by insisting on the promulgation of immutable organic laws, which would deprive the duma of any initiative in matters concerning the future government of the country. The Emperor is represented as standing firmly by the liberal principles enunciated in his famous manifesto, conceding constitutional and parliamentary government. The Associated Press, on the other hand, describes Witte's successor, M. Goremykin, as a reactionist and a weakling, whose preferment has created amazement.

Count Witte has been considered by outside opinion as Russia's one strong man, liberal and enlightened, who has striven to lead the Emperor into the safe path of constitutionalism. This estimate of him was difficult to reconcile with the repressive policy pursued by the Government since he became premier, but it has been alleged in his defense that he has been overborne by the reactionists, who were making a last desperate effort to save the remnant of autocratic power. Which is he—a renegade liberal or a martyred liberal? The correct answer may be supplied before long, and it may not be. The ways of Russian statesmen appear to be past finding out.

The Whitney Government seems inclined to place the Niagara power business in cold storage. They say Mr. Beck is very hot about it.

Sixty-eight Brockville women were searched by a customs house officer, and many purchases were found and confiscated. The ladies of all countries are confirmed free traders.

The country should be thankful that Mr. Sifton contrived some new schemes of attracting immigration. Where would Canada be today if the drybones of the immigration department had not been shaken up?

It is now clear how Sherring covered the 26 miles of the Marathon course so easily. As a brakeman on the Grand Trunk, he was continually running between Hamilton and London.

Of course, the Grand Trunk doesn't expect a cash bonus of \$300,000, or 30 cents. Ask for more than you'll get is one of the first principles in driving a bargain. The situation is by no means hopeless, and an agreement may be nearer than the civic committee is now disposed to think. There ought to be room for compromise in the matter of a fixed assessment.

A Wild Prediction.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Nice, sympathetic, reassuring prediction that of Rev. Dr. Wild's, to the effect that the San Francisco earthquake was merely a trial heat—rehearsal story to the smash-up of everything in sight.

What is a Mule?

[Judge.]
What is a mule?
A bundle of gristle and muscle and bone.
The chiefest sinners beneath God's throne.
One moment he's dreaming.
The next one he raises a Georgia cyclone.
And that is a mule!

The Land of Content.

[Atlanta Constitution.]
"How far is it to the land of Content?"
"It's 'ordin' ter how much faith you got.
If you have it, you're in it, that you is.
En of you don't—well, it's ten mile further on."

Fate.

[Bret Harte.]
"The sky is cloudy, the rocks are bare;
The spray of the tempest is white in the air;
The winds are out with the waves at the play;
And I shall not tempt the sea today."
"The trail is narrow, the wood is dim,
The panther clings to the arching limb;
And the howl of the wolf is abroad at play;
And I shall not join in the chase today."
But the ship sailed safely over the sea,
And the hunter came from the chase in glee;
And the town that was builded upon a rock
Was swallowed up in the earthquake shock.

We Ought to Live 140 Years.

[London Truth.]
"I see that Dr. Lasalle has been communicating his ideas of longevity to the Academy of Medicine," says the Paris correspondent of Truth.
"They are those of Flourens, who set them forth in his lectures at the Sorbonne; but Flourens had not the same opportunities for basing his lectures on a broad foundation of statistics. Reasoning from analogy, he concluded that human beings ought to live five or six times longer than they do, and that to attain the full adult state—that is to say from twenty to twenty-five years.
"It takes a cat eighteen months to grow up, and the life of a cat, if left to die a natural death, does so at the age varying from ten to twelve years. The dog takes two years, and lives from twelve to fourteen; the horse five, and goes on to twenty-five or thirty. A well-constituted human being ought to live from 120 to 140 years.
"In addition to the cases of longevity cited by Flourens, Dr. Lasalle gives a long list. For instance: Peter Carvian, who died recently at Temesvar, in Hungary, at the age of 133 years, and an old man who has just turned his 200th year in an asylum at Pulk.
"He buried his wife in his 133rd year. Would it not be well to send a scientific commission to Pulk to investigate into this Methuselah's claim to extraordinary longevity?"

Nagging.

[Chicago Record.]
Never-ending nagging.
Every-day complaint.
May combine to make a Devil of a saint.

The Mean Man at Home.

[Chicago Record.]
"There's no use talking," his wife began.
"I know there isn't," the mean man interrupted, "but you'll keep on talking just the same."

Mario.

[Catholic Standard.]
I begged Mario to smile on me,
For I with love was daff;
She smiled! She more than smiled, for she
Just held her sides and laughed.

Easy.

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]
Her shrill wail was rumbled—
To this you'll attest:
The reason? Why, sure: She
Had just had it pressed.

Canada's Attractive Climate.

[New York Tribune.]
Baseball in Canada in midwinter! When the professional ball teams begin their practice for the season they go south; but, apparently, it would not be unreasonable for them also to go north. On Feb. 2, this year, the machine shop hands and pretty nearly everybody else in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, went to see a ball game without wearing overcoats. It was such a day as one might expect to experience in May in the latitude of New York. Medicine Hat, situated many miles north of Montana, is recognized by the United States weather bureau as the birthplace of blizzards and ordinarily one of the coldest places on the continent. For nearly half of the fall and winter the date was "Medicine Hat" on the bulletin followed by "40 below zero."
New Yorkers who complain of the changeableness of the weather ought to go to Medicine Hat, if they would get a first-class specimen of changeable weather. Prepared to brave the chilly blasts, they would arise one morning to find the chinook had arrived and the temperature like that of Southern California. The chinook is a peculiar wind which is experienced frequently on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. It is caused by a high atmospheric pressure in the upper heavens. This creates a downward current of air through compression. The compression heats the air at the rate of one degree Fahrenheit for every 100 feet of descent. A drop of 5,500 feet, which is common on the Rocky Mountain slope, would mean a rise in temperature of about 55 degrees. Owing to its dryness as well as warmth the chinook quickly melts snow and absorbs any moisture that may be on the ground.

POEMS THAT LIVE

The Destruction of Sennacherib

[George Gordon, Lord Byron.]
The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,
When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green,
That host with their banners at sunset were seen;
Like the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown,
That host on the morrow lay wither'd and strown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he pass'd;
And the eyes of the sleepers wax'd deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved, and then they fell.

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,
And through it there roll'd the breath of the pride;
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
And on the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,
With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail;
And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,
The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,
And the idols are broke in the temple of Babel;
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
Hath melt'd like snow in the glance of the Lord.

THUMB PRINTS PROVED HIM THIEF

Scotland Yard Sent Sure Answer to Question, and Nolan Is in Sing Sing.

New York, May 3. — Prints of ten fingers with the question, "Who is the man?" were sent recently from police headquarters to Scotland Yard.

Back came the answer yesterday to Inspector McLaughlin, with the name, criminal history and photograph of the man. Inspector McLaughlin, of Scotland Yard, had the man "to a dot." It was a remarkable test of the English system of keeping criminals' records, adapted from Mark Twain's hint in his story of "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

A man was arrested in the Waldorf-Astoria on April 6 on suspicion that he was a hotel sneak thief. He gave the name of Harry Johnson, and seemed to be an Englishman. There were no charges against him at that time. Inspector McLaughlin reasoned that he might be known to the English police. The usual custom has been to send a photograph, Bertillon measurements and full description of such a prisoner to Scotland Yard and ask for identification. Inspector McLaughlin decided in this case to send merely the finger prints to test that method of identification, which has not been used here.

The Scotland Yard inspector's reply said that the prisoner was undoubtedly James Jones, also known as Daniel Nolan, a hotel thief, who had served eight years of imprisonment. His photograph was a good likeness of "Johnson." While the police here were waiting for the answer from London they found two patterns of the Waldorf-Astoria thief in the pockets of a coat of a man who had been robbed, Nolan was tried and convicted last Friday for this offense, and he is already in Sing Sing, beginning a sentence of seven years.

LATEST MILITIA MOVES

New Appointments for Western Ontario Points and Elsewhere.

Ottawa, Ont., May 3. — Militia general orders issued today announce the following changes:

Commanding Western Ontario Second Infantry Brigade—To be lieutenant-colonel commanding, Col. A. H. MacDonnell.
Fourth Infantry Brigade—To be lieutenant-colonel commanding, Lieut. Col. J. Mason, the reserve of officers.
Sixteenth Infantry Brigade—To be lieutenant commanding, Lieut. Col. J. I. Davidson.

Ontario, Military District No. 4—Lieut. Col. J. A. Grant vacates the appointment of principal medical officer.

Permanent Force—The Royal Canadian Artillery—To be captain, Lieut. J. E. Dunn.
Military District No. 2—District intelligence officer, Capt. R. H. Read is transferred to the reserve officers.

Twenty-fourth Kent Regiment—Lieuts. M. D. Fraser and H. W. Anderson, resigned. To be provisional lieutenants, George John Lorne Smith, William Evelyn Gundy, John Milton Pennen, Philip Seavers Coate and Arthur Charles Woodward. To be chaplain, with honorary rank of captain, Rev. Robt. McCosh.

Thirty-third Huron Regiment—The names of the following officers are removed from the list of officers of the active militia: Lieuts. T. C. Johns, R. J. McDonald and I. Etherington; provisional lieutenants, G. A. McLennan, H. G. Wilson, C. A. Robertson and G. Leithbridge; to be provisional lieutenants, Charles Edward Sale and Lionel Parsons, George Campbell Hanna, Bert Gervin, Weir, William John Ross Whidden.

Set Cow Afire.

Woodstock, May 4. — There was trouble in the negro colony here this afternoon. One Smith, an employee of Mr. Taylor, influenced by motives that are not known, is said to have deliberately set a cow with kerosene oil and about 5:30 set fire to it. The suffering beast was suffocated in time and the fire extinguished. The skip was badly burned, but no serious results are feared. The perpetrator will, it is expected, be placed under arrest.

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"Progress" Suits

Men and Young Men are well dressed in Progress Br Suits—it is the label that protects. Probably your thought are on a new Spring Suit—then let it be a Progress Suit. Every argument of style and good looks is clinched in the garment that bears this label. Come in tomorrow and investigate. The variety of patterns is broad enough to satisfy every want. Money cannot buy better value.

Prices...\$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$13.50, \$15.00

Housecleaning Helps

Nottingham Lace Curtains, full 3 and 3½ yards long, overlock edges, suitable for bedrooms. Special, at a pair.....75c

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 54 inches wide, 3½ yards long, several patterns. At a pair.....\$1.00

Corsets

Busy Corset selling this month—stock is at its best.

Princess Style Corset, especially for the gowns of Princess and Empire construction.

Pair.....\$1.25

C.C. La Grace Corsets, filled with rust proof aluminum steels, newest models.

Pair.....\$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.25

Batiste Corsets, long hip, tapering waists, with hose supporters. Pair.....\$1.00

Gloria Silk 33c

Silk that will wear for years—rich, lustrous black, you can wash it if you like, full 20 inches wide. Real value 50c yard. Saturday.....33c

100 pieces Velvet, in all the newest shades of brown, green, blue, gray and red. Suitable for children's suits and ladies' Eton coats, 24 inches wide. At a yard.....50c

Plaids for Girls' Suspender Dresses

New Wool Plaids, just received in reds, blues and dark greens, 40 inches wide. Special yard.....25c

Two Bargain Tables in Dress Goods, seasonable tweeds, mohairs, chevots, etc., 35c to 75c values. At yard.....25c and 35c

In Gloves

Ladies' 2-Button Lisle

Gloves, black, white, tan,

brown, beaver and gray, also

black, white and beaver silk

gloves. All sizes.....50c

2-Button Gloves, silk net

backs, lisle palms, 2 domes,

black, white, tan and mode.

At.....50c

Elbow Length Silk Gloves,

black and white.....50c

In Hose

Lisle Hose, in navy, gray,

tan, and black, also embroidered

lisle hose. Special

value.....35c

Allover Lace Lisle Hose,

embroidered ankles. At a

pair.....50c

Allover Lace Lisle Hose,

black, tan and white. A

pair.....40c

Black Cotton Hose with

natural wool feet. A pair 25c

Underwear

Ladies' White Cotton Petticoats,

full sweep, embroidery

trimmed flounce. Saturday

special.....85c

Fine Cotton Drawers, deep

frill of embroidery and tucks,

also lace insertion and edging

style. At.....45c

Dinner and Tea Limoges

Chinaware, one pattern ¼ ft.

CANADIAN TEAMS WERE DEFEATED

Toronto and Montreal Among Yesterday's Fallen in the Eastern League.

IN THE EASTERN.

At Jersey City—R. H. E.
Jersey City.....02010103-7 9 1
Toronto.....00000000-3 6 2
Batteries—McGinley and McGovern. Umpire, Campbell.

At Newark—R. H. E.
Newark.....01000200-3 9 0
Newark.....00000000-5 7 1
Batteries—Faulkner and Steelman; Fortsch and Shea.

At Providence—R. H. E.
Providence.....00000214-9 14 2
Providence.....00000001-5 5 2
Batteries—Brockett and McManus; Cronin and Cooper.

At Baltimore—R. H. E.
Baltimore.....00100002-3 10 2
Montreal.....11000000-2 4 0
Batteries—McNeil and Byers; Whalen and Connors.

At New York—R. H. E.
New York.....01010000-5 11 2
Philadelphia.....00100000-5 11 2
New York.....00100001-5 12 0
Batteries—Dyett and Powers; Clarkson, Orth and Kleinow. Umpire, Evans.

At Boston—R. H. E.
Washington.....00000000-6 9 1
Boston.....01010010-4 8 2
Batteries—Kilgus and Heydon; Winter, Harris and Graham. Umpire, Sheridan.

At Cleveland—R. H. E.
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DOUBLE-HEADERS ON MANY DATES

Schedule Drawn Up for the Junior Independents, Who Open Season May 9.

The schedule of the Junior Independent series is as follows:
May 9—Oriens vs. N. D. Y.
May 12—Hymans vs. Greys.
May 12—N. D. Y. vs. Greys; Hymans vs. Oriens.
May 16—Greys vs. Oriens; Hymans vs. N. D. Y.
May 19—N. D. Y. vs. Oriens; Greys vs. Hymans.
May 23—Oriens vs. Hymans; Greys vs. N. D. Y.
May 26—N. D. Y. vs. Hymans; Oriens vs. Greys.
May 30—Oriens vs. N. D. Y.; Hymans vs. Greys.
June 2—Hymans vs. Oriens; N. D. Y. vs. Greys.
June 6—Greys vs. Oriens; Hymans vs. N. D. Y.
June 9—N. D. Y. vs. Oriens; Greys vs. Hymans.
June 13—Oriens vs. Hymans; Greys vs. N. D. Y.
June 16—Oriens vs. Greys; N. D. Y. vs. Hymans.
June 20—Oriens vs. N. D. Y.; Hymans vs. Greys.
June 23—Hymans vs. Oriens; N. D. Y. vs. Greys.
June 27—Hymans vs. N. D. Y.; Greys vs. Oriens.

EAST END LEAGUE OPENS; LINE UP FOR SATURDAY

Following is the list of the players who will figure in the East End Baseball League opening at Queen's Park on Saturday:

2:30 p.m. game, Somerville vs. Ramblers.
Youngstown, Ohio, May 3.—Shortstop McClintock, of the local team, is out of the game for a queer reason. He is shedding his toe nails. Saturday he shed the nail from his left big toe and Sunday the right one came off. This has happened for several years past. Within three or four weeks others grow on and he can walk again.

At St. Louis—
St. Louis.....00000400-4 4 1
Cincinnati.....00001000-1 5 0
Batteries—Brown and Raub; Weimer and Schell. Umpire, Johnson.

At New York—
New York.....00100000-5 11 2
Philadelphia.....00100001-5 12 0
New York.....00100001-5 12 0
Batteries—Dyett and Powers