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IS IT NOT SO?

If the new transcontinental railway is to develop an enormous traffic and be of great benefit to Canada, it will be a profitable enterprise.

If it is a profitable enterprise and the people of Canada pay nine tenths of the cost they should pay the other tenth and own it, and have the profit.

A CHALLENGE.

The Liberal News, which is published from the Globe office, but for which it seems nobody dare assume any responsibility, and which does not print the name of either publisher or editor, and which is being sent broadcast without charge, is particularly vicious this morning.

Without the courage or decency to make an open attack, it prints foul charges and insinuations with a view to poison the minds of the electors. It talks of syndicates seeking to defeat the government in order that they may rob the people. Here is a sample quotation:—

"We will have, in such a case, a period of robbery and peculation, such as only can be paralleled by the Canadian Pacific scandal and the great Credit Mobilier in the United States. Whittaker Wrights will be travelling about in palace cars, rich with the spoils of the public, while honest men are bewailing the folly which induced them to vote for a party which is controlled by such characters."

Again, it says:—

"We do not think the electors of Canada are likely to place the government in possession of a gang of grafters and hoodlums whose object in building and running the new Pacific railway as a government work, is to make money out of the public."

Who are the grafters and hoodlums? The Liberal News, in the same issue, prints in very large type a challenge by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to any persons who may make insinuations, or make plain accusations, that they may be met.

The same challenge is now given to the Liberal News. Let that sheet state who is responsible for its utterances, and then come out to the open and make plain charges instead of insinuations. It has one libel suit on its hands already, if anybody can be found on whom responsibility can be fixed in a court of law.

Let us see now if it has convictions and courage, or is insinuation and scandalous abuse.

MR. BORDEN'S ANSWER.

In reply to the foul charge of the Liberal News that grafters and hoodlums control the opposition the following announcement made by R. L. Borden speaks for itself:—

"To whom it may concern—To avoid misunderstanding it has been thought best to distinctly declare that the conservative party will receive subscriptions only from those who favor its general policy, that such subscriptions are not to be understood as creating claims to consideration for any interest, likely to be affected by any special feature of that policy, and that no subscriptions are solicited from any such interest. Such a declaration is deemed desirable in order that the leaders may have an absolutely free hand in framing his policy in the interest of the whole country upon the future of the party to power. If any subscriptions have been given on other spirit they will be returned on application to James Crabbey, treasurer."

Commenting on this manly and patriotic statement the Toronto Globe, strongly opposed to Mr. Borden as it has been, says:—

"Whatever the effect, the proper attitude for a leader who values his own self-respect and party mastery, to say nothing of higher ethical claims of public life, is to have an understanding definite and unmistakable with all contributors that campaign contributions and services are accepted solely for the purpose of promoting opinions and policies for which the party stands and not as toll on past favors or pledge for future claims."

THE GREAT ISSUE.

This is nomination day. The rival candidates will be face to face to-day, and for a week the campaign will grow hotter and hotter to the end. It is hardly necessary to point out to the opponents of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme that the government will use every means and every instrument in its power to carry a majority of the constituencies. It must be met by a determined opposition at every point. In no campaign for many years has the issue been so grave, or the responsibility of the individual elector so important and serious. But in what sense is the G. T. P. all-Canadian? The only Atlantic port reached by Grand Trunk rails is Portland, (Charlottetown Guardian.)

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tract. We do not willingly do so. Will the Patriot read and answer Mr. Wainwright's statement made at St. John? As to the control of the Railway Commission, Mr. Blair, as late Chairman of that body ought to know what it is worth. (Charlottetown Guardian.)

The Transcript says that when the news agent stepped off the train yesterday the crowd soon bought up the entire supply of St. John's new morning paper—the Liberal News. As a matter of fact, boys were giving away the paper on the streets—(Moncton Times.)

The Charlottetown Guardian, independent, says of the G. T. P. scheme that it is "a gigantic railway scheme, long considered, enormously costly, engineered wholly in the interest of a grasping corporation with divided interests, more American than Canadian."

The Russian government has apologized and promised full reparation for the outrage perpetrated by its fleet in the North Sea. If its admiral is so badly frightened by a few fishing smacks, what will happen when they sight a Jap warship?

The attack made by the Liberal News on F. H. Hale, of Carleton county, has resulted in the institution of a suit for \$10,000 damages. This is a lively beginning for the great, journalistic free exponent of patriotic principles.

Speaking at Harcourt, Kent county, Mr. J. T. Hawke, editor of the Moncton Transcript, figured the cost of the G. T. P. to the government at \$13,500,000. Mr. Hawke apparently has a poor opinion of the intelligence of his hearers.

It is understood that the Railway Record has not as yet been taken over by the Liberal party. Whatever negotiations may have been in progress, they have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion.

It is said that after the Borden meeting Monday night the grim managers telegraphed for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But Sir Wilfrid had his hands full in Quebec. (Moncton Times.)

It is graciously stated by Mr. Emerson's organ that Mr. Blair would be given a courteous hearing if he should come to Moncton. There is no doubt about that.—(Moncton Times.)

The Jap and Russian armies have been gathering themselves together for another carnival of blood. For desperate fighting this war will rank high in history.

The Liberal News has discreetly withdrawn the attack on Mr. Borden as a Halifax man.

A vote for the G. T. P. will be a vote to deprive St. John of its rights.

SANTOSDUMONT Hopes to Make an Eight Day Trip in His New Airship.

Paris, Oct. 26.—M. Santos Dumont says he hopes by next month to be ready to take an eight-day cruise in the air. The new airship he has had constructed is larger than any that he has hitherto used. It has sleeping accommodations for two persons, four motors and a boiling apparatus. The latter is connected by means of two India rubber tubes, with the balloon, which is inside the balloon. The water tank will contain 100 litres, and the spirit tank from 400 to 500 kilograms of essence. As soon as through a clear atmosphere, the gas in the balloon condenses. Santos-Dumont will set the boiler to work. It will be filled with twenty litres of water, and the steam will be conducted by one of the tubes to the balloons. The machine will thus gain not only twenty kilos, representing twenty litres of water, but also the eight kilos difference between the buoyancy of steam and air. This increased lightness will be obtained at the cost of one kilogramme of essence. As soon as from any cause, such as the sun's heat, the balloon expands, the aerostat will stop the boiler and condensed steam will run down the other tube into the water tank. The supply of water will thus last indefinitely. The stay in the air will be limited by the quantity of essence which can be carried.

The British Empire.

The British Empire occupies about one-fifth of the surface of the habitable globe, and consists of the United Kingdom, with its attendant islands, and about forty-three dependencies under separate and independent governments, varying in size from Canada, which is thirty times the size of the United Kingdom, to Gibraltar, the area of which is two square miles. Thus the area of the British Empire is ninety-eight times that of the United Kingdom, while the area of the self-governing Colonies alone is nearly sixty times as large as that of the Mother Country.

While George V. is awfully sorry they had to appoint Tom's foot."

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A NEW ERA IN THE NAVY.

Sir John Fisher as Senior Naval Sea Lord.

GIVEN FREE HAND.

He is Described as the Most Strenuous and Capable Admiral in the British Naval Service—Chief Adviser of the Government.

London, Oct. 26.—On Friday, the day on which England celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the British navy stepped upon a new regime by Admiral Sir John Fisher taking office as the senior naval sea lord, an appointment which has excited universal satisfaction and the results of which are looked forward to with hopeful anticipation. A naval correspondent says:—

"It is at once apposite and suggestive that these two events should have taken place simultaneously—namely, the celebration of the culminating employment of the British fleet in 1805 and the induction in office at Whitehall of a strenuous personality who is bound to fashion to his own liking and, despite constitutional checks, a weapon ready for use if necessary required in 1905.

"Admiral Sir John Fisher is a strong man, swift of judgment, tenacious of purpose, keen to a degree uncommon in almost any walk of life, save that of money grubbing.

"A man of affairs, who has wielded large power and has influenced the course of events, once told me that the three men with whom he had been in contact who had most impressed him were Bismarck, Rhodes and Fisher. Yet eighteen months ago the English people hardly knew there was such a man as he. He had arrived long since, but it was by his famous speech at the academy banquet in the Spring of 1903 that he was said to have first forcibly struck the public eye and ear.

"His incisive directness, his boisterous humor, above all, his absolutely assured confidence and strength made an impression which set the people to enquiry and enquiry carried conviction.

"Sir John Fisher is unambiguously the product of naval training. The son of a soldier born in 1841, he entered the naval service, when but 13, and made his way absolutely without interest or influence.

"A clear thinker, a clear thinker, and a vigilant observer, Sir John Fisher is a man who inspires confidence and commands respect in contact with him. He is not a man of the desk only. His clear eyes, the lurking humor of his lips, the strong, broad chin, and the bronzed complexion suggest the open air life and the wind of the sea.

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"The boy who managed to break clear of his captor, lost no time in 'doing a sprint' for home. Mr. Ferguson was soon on the spot with a gun, but found that he was too late as the bird was far out of range.

BREAKFAST IS BETTER THAN MEDICINE. Quit taking nostrums—go to bed early—eat a hearty breakfast on 'Swiss Food.'

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BURGLARY IN CHATHAM.

Special Services in the Pro-Cathedral—Readings by Rev. W. W. Rainnie.

Chatham, Oct. 26.—Midnight window breaking and burglaries seem to have become quite a popular pastime in Chatham of late. On Friday night, a window in M. and J. Hickley's store was broken, the building entered, and half a dozen pairs of boots appropriated. The same night a stone was thrown through the plate glass window in La Hay's restaurant, and only a few nights before, the collar under J. Finbrook's dry goods store was entered through the window.

A very successful literary and musical entertainment under the auspices of the Westminster Guild of St. Andrew's church was held in St. Andrew's hall last evening. Selections from the works of Ian MacLaren, read by Rev. W. W. Rainnie, who was assisted by a large audience, were highly appreciated.

Those who assisted in the musical part of the programme were, Misses C. Bertie, Edgars, Josely and Olive Sinclair, Jessie MacDonald and John MacFarlane.

SIR WILFRID CORRECTED.

He was in Error in His Denunciation of the I. C. R.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 26.—Sir Charles Tupper has addressed the following letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—

"I beg to call your attention to an error which you no doubt inadvertently made in your speech at Chatham, when you said:—'The Intercolonial Railway was administered by Alexander Mackenzie for three years, but could not be made to pay. Sir Charles Tupper managed it for several years and the result was the same.'"

"If you refer to the public accounts you will find the following facts recorded:—

"In 1876-77 there was a loss on the Intercolonial Railway that is to say, all the receipts did not meet the expenditures of the year by \$607,280.00.

"In the year 1877-78 the loss was \$492,927.00.

"The loss in 1878-79, the last year of Mackenzie management, was \$716,088.00.

"In 1879-80 the loss was reduced under my management to \$97,134.

"In 1880-81 there was a profit of \$543.

"In 1881-82 the profit was \$9,606.

"In 1882-83 the profit was \$10,648, and in 1883-84 it was \$9,068. When I resigned the office of Minister of Railway.

Yours truly,

"CHARLES TUPPER."

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Here's A Puzzle For Somebody

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To the Public.

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