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**Buying Notes.**

The railway problem no doubt is a difficult one to handle and it is hard to please everybody. Majorities should rule whenever at all reasonable. It appears from the reports coming from different parts of the province that the government is using its influence regarding the location of railways not so much in the interests of the people, but for the purpose, as one paper puts it, of buying votes.

Discussing the C.N.R. branch line the *Oxbow Herald* says:

"Because Carlyle has remained loyal to the Liberal party appears to be the reason that the branch line of the Canadian Northern railway from Maryfield should deviate from the original route surveyed and approved of by the company. A nice state of affairs this for any government, Liberal or Conservative, to countenance, and whereby the province has to guarantee bonds amounting to many thousands of dollars more than if the original route had been adhered to. The time has come for plain speaking, and the actions of John D. Stewart, the Liberal member for Cannington, not only in this matter, but also in others affecting the constituency, has been sufficiently vacillating as to gain him as much unenviable notoriety as old King Herod. How can the Scott government claim that it is standing out for everything that is best in the interests of the majority, when this instance clearly shows they do not consider the wish of the majority? Hitherto a strong supporter of J. D. Stewart and the Liberal government, the *Moose Mountain Star* speaks in strong terms against the road passing through Carlyle, and claims and proves that the eastern portions of Cannington constituency are in dire need of railway facilities. And in spite of this, J. D. still 'roars' for the peaceful town of Carlyle. If a vote were taken on this question in the constituency, Cannington's representative in the provincial house would find that his opinion is shared only by a few, whose favor he is trying to retain at any price."

**The G.T.P. Loan.**

Some of the Liberal newspapers are trying to make out that the Conservatives in parliament were opposed to the loan of \$10,000,000 to the G.T.P. However, such can easily be proved not to be the case. They were agreed that the road was a necessity and that its immediate completion was in the best interests of the farmers of the west.

What the Conservatives did want, however, was that the loan should be made as a business proposition. They took exception to the security offered. This security is about equal to a fourth mortgage. The Conservatives maintained that it would be good business to get better security. Another feature to which they took exception was the use which the G.T.P. was to make of the money. If the whole \$10,000,000 was to be used in construction work and would facilitate the construction of the road there would not have been so much exception taken. But of the \$10,000,000 only \$3,000,000 was to be expended on new construction. The balance was to be used by the G.T.P. in paying back a loan which had been advanced by the Grand Trunk.

The Conservatives did not oppose the loan but the question of the security to be taken and the use which was to be made of the money were criticized.

**Editorial Notes.**

With the protest dropped in Milestone Hon. J. A. Calder surely missed an opportunity of being white-washed.

The C.N.R. has now over 3,000 miles of track in operation. For the eleven months ending May 31st, the gross earnings were \$8,663,960. Bill and Dan are certainly doing well at the expense of Canada.

If the coal strike is not settled soon we would warn the miners and mine owners that members of the Saskatchewan government may be tempted to write another letter.

No man should be tried by his accuser. That seems to be an axiom of British justice. Yet we have a case in Quebec where the Chief Justice started the machinery in motion which sent Jules Fournier, editor of *La Nationaliste* to jail for three months for contempt of court. Fournier is his paper had criticized the decisions of the court of which Chief Justice Langelier is the head.

**Press Comment.**

(Carrot River Journal)

Considerable talk has been indulged in lately regarding the formation of Rural Municipalities in the district. The Act is now in force and since our masters at Regina are resolved to shift the burden of building our roads, bridges and small culverts from Regina to the settler's back directly, we had better take the medicine our votes prepared for us and make the most of it. The men who always knew that a province deprived of its lands, timber and mineral wealth would have to augment its revenue by directly taxing the residents.

When the provincial bargain was made Walter Scott claimed and has since claimed that we received a liberal grant from the Dominion for all necessary purposes. We are only four years out and yet during the last session Mr. Scott in the house at Regina flatly told the members that the public works would have to be content with one-fifth the usual grant because there was not sufficient revenue. First he sent an acre tax, then the formation of rural municipalities and the farmer then may undertake to tax himself to provide roads and bridges not only for his own use but as we are only thinly populated he must of necessity build for the speculator and for those who will come in at some future date. Rural municipalities are all very well in old Ontario where the land is all taken up and cultivated. But a farmer here may be two four or six miles out beyond the better settled districts. This man will have to build roads for those who come in later. We all know that this is a vicious work, and the province should bear the burden. Mr. Scott now tells us that the province is too poor. Why not have discovered this four years ago when he went back upon his own principles and gave up our lands and timber for a small money grant. We claim to have the wealthiest natural resources of any province yet we read of Ontario, after one hundred years, still refusing twenty million dollars for a small tract of her mineral land. Yes, we will have to form our rural municipalities or go without roads, bridges and small culverts. We are told we voted for this settlement of our future and no doubt we did, but the Hon. Walter Scott and those associated with him in accepting and fighting for the autonomy settlement will go down in the history of the province with the name of "Esaú" written large upon their record.

In a future issue of the Journal we intend referring to this matter again. The people are being told why there is to be no road work in this district this year. The blame is being put upon the electors' shoulders by interested parties. The electors should not have chosen Mr. Johnston. We desire to tell the people that no money of any consequence is being spent anywhere in the province on roads, etc., because the government simply hasn't got it.

And once our new municipalities are formed the rule will be that the government won't have it. So we may as well get busy and form them and begin at once to look after our own roads. This will have one result at any rate and that will be that the provincial government candidates will in future, not be able to bribe the electors nor threaten them by promises of roads, bridges and culverts.

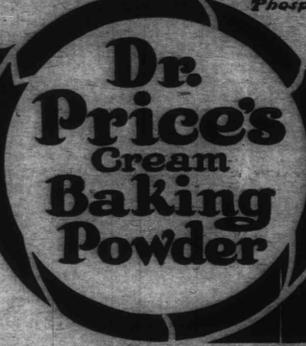
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**CANADA'S EXHIBIT**

An Impressive Display From Canada at the Seattle Exposition—The Resources and Industries Well Arranged.

Seattle, June 25.—The Lady of the Snows, is shown to be a misnomer when applied to Canada by the bountifulness of her land as illustrated in the Canadian building at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition. "Lady Bountiful" is apparently much more appropriate, judging from what is to be seen in the building.

Although in one of the smaller buildings the commissioners have so arranged the exhibits and the data relating to them that the visitor cannot help but be impressed with the fact that Canada occupies an important place in the world of commerce, and supplies much of the necessities of life.

Three large cases in the centre of the building show what the country produces in mineral wealth; exhibits of nickel, asbestos, tin, corundum and copper and lead are to be seen. Tablets inform the sightseer that 6 per cent. of the world's supply of nickel and 90 per cent. of the supply of asbestos is produced in Canada. There are tablets relating to every exhibit in the building.

At the farther end of the building from the entrance is a large panorama depicting the scenes characteristic of the country, from a farm scene to forestry and mining. In the foreground are numerous wild animals, conveying an idea of the sport that is to be had and also of the value of the fur trade for which the Dominion has been noted since the days of the pioneer trappers.

Along the sides of the building are booths showing Canada's products and activities. In one of these is a mountain and river scene, with living beavers in the foreground. This exhibit lends color to the impression that every living thing in Canada is busy, and recalls the phrase, "busy as a beaver." In the same booth is the display of wood pulp and the processes through which it must go before being turned into newspaper material.

Relating to Canada are the exhibits of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Pacific railways. As their lines tap mostly Canadian territory, naturally they display products and photographs of scenes in that country. The Grand Trunk has a neat little building near the Dominion building, and the Canadian Pacific has half of one side of the agricultural building. The wood work is of native mahogany and bird's eye maple, which makes a very attractive front.

Monday, June 14, opened British Columbia week, with many visitors from the northern city. The entire week will probably be recorded as the banner week in point of attendance since the opening.

Probably the first exclamation of every visitor to the world's fair has been of astonishment at the beauty and grandeur of the natural scenery. "Most beautiful" has this exclamation rightly been called, and with the completeness of its exhibits it will remain in exposition history for years as one of the leaders. Winnipeg will have to work hard to rival the world's fair in Seattle.

Canada is to play an important part at the exposition at the close of the live stock show here in September. Blooded stock from many Canadian ranches will be on exhibition, and associations of Canada have put up prizes of medals, cups and cash.

**ANOTHER HOLD-UP**

C.P.R. Train Held Up by Bandits Near Kamloops—No Booty Was Secured—Police in Search.

On Tuesday of last week the C.P.R. Westbound train No. 97 was held up in the mountains. The train stopped at Pemberton siding to pick up some repairs and one of the robbers is supposed to have boarded the train at that point with all his tools. Shortly after leaving he crawled down over the tender and accosted the engineer, Crawford, "You run the train until you come to a fire along side of the track," was the robber's command, and it was obeyed. When the train stopped the two other men came to the assistance of the first, all wearing masks and very heavily armed.

The fireman was ordered down out of the cab as was also Engineer Crawford. The fireman started to uncouple the engine but was stopped by one of the robbers. "You don't need to do that, we don't do things like Bill Miner, we can hold up the train as she stands." With that the robbers started to work. Coming to the express car, they found it sealed for the train No. 97 does not carry an express messenger and everything is sent through in sealed packets. Heading Engineer Crawford a few sticks of dynamite they demanded that he blow up the car. Knowing that the car was empty the engineer protested, whereupon the robbers battered in the door only to find the car empty, as the engineer stated. The mail car next was visited and mail clerk Allan had the honor of escorting the robbers through the car. Nothing valuable was found and the robbers ran back to the engine and told the engineer that everything was all right and to go ahead.

Brakeman Ashton ran ahead to investigate, but he was driven back by the robbers who fired at him three times. There was considerable fighting throughout, but this was more for the purpose of frightening the members of the crew. The robbers left no clue, but it is hardly thought they can escape. Four saddle horses were stolen from the stable of the Pioneer Poultry ranch on Monday night and it is thought they were taken by the robbers to aid their escape.

Three detectives, B. C. police and a posse of R.N.W.M.P. are searching for the culprits.

**WHY GOVERNMENT IS WOMEN'S BUSINESS**

Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, who spoke in Massey Hall, Toronto, recently, was announced as the greatest living woman orator.

She might not be quite that, and yet be an excellent speaker, as indeed, proved to be the case. She has a very clear and easy voice, not so full and impressive in quality as Mrs. Annie Besant's, but flexible and well modulated. She has a good deal of humor and lacks none of the oratoric arts of antithesis, climax, cumulative effect or adroit surprises.

Dr. Shaw remembered having spoken frequently before in Toronto, one winter having done so 20 times. She recalled being entertained by Dr. Stowe, Dr. Stowe-Gullen's mother, and one of the great women of her time.

It was usual to take a text, she said, and she would follow the custom by taking Psalm XXix. 11. She read, both the old and the correct translations, and said they could take which they preferred. She liked the revised version. The old version reads: "The Lord giveth the word, and great was the multitude that published it." "The Lord giveth the word, and the multitude of women who publish the tidings are a great host." is the revision.

Certainly 7,000,000 of women publishing tidings of a great good to the people are a great host, she remarked, having recalled the fact that the Women's Council represented that number.

"To open up an avenue of sympathetic communication for women working on different lines of effort, called together by the greatest womanly movement ever had or will have, Susan B. Anthony (applause) was the origin of the Women's Council."

To the average mind there was no special reason for them being called together, but they were brought by a stronger power than that of governments or armies—the power and force of an idea.

"I am nothing else but my idea," she asserted in a fine passage, marking the freedom and toleration exercised by the women forming the group. With different aims and purposes they were all able to come together, not to impose their thoughts on each other, but to render help to each other where possible.

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not do. Men told them what God meant them to do, but the only way to settle that was to leave God and women, as we leave God and men, to work out their own problems between themselves.

The idealistic was the only practical person. No man was broader or larger than the ideals that inspired him. As people approached their ideals those grew and expanded and as they followed them they grew even nobler.

"What I aspired to and was not, comforts me," she quoted from Browning, asserting that ideals were the greatest power in the human race.

"It is better to be able to stand for a principle than not to stand, but it is better to go ahead," was one of her well turned points that drew applause.

A New York paper recently said that the world has got along very well so far without women, and if they went back home the world would continue to get along very well. In a vein of delicate sarcasm she indicated the belief of women that they had had a great deal to do with the getting along of the world, and indeed some of them found the world quite a load on their backs.

"The first social unit was not man. The first social unit was the mother and child," she declared, and from this were built up the more complex units of the family, the community, and so forth.

"Oh, how we love the old home. And we would not build another one like it for anything. It is beautiful to sing about or write poetry about, but not to live in," was the beginning of a humorous passage, in which she mocked the male sex for their jibes at women's discontent.

"Men are never content with the old things, and we are their daughters. But nothing worse can be said of women than that we are discontented. Thank God some of us are discontented!" She followed with a noble appeal for the help of the cause which would provide that little children should at least be as well born as the beasts of the field; that those who lived should live under conditions which should guarantee their integrity of character and purity of personal ideals. How could women be content with all the conditions that existed, dragging their children down?

"The things that concern us are things about which we have a right to be concerned," she said.

"So long as society comes into the home and lays its hand upon the woman's children so long is government woman's business."

"God never laid upon any human being an obligation without giving also the power to carry it out."

"Their home occupations have been interfered with and stopped. Women were left without occupation, and had leisure to think and study and plan for the needs of humanity which they saw. They owed it to humanity and to themselves to give out of themselves what they could. Men were praised who gave money for schools and colleges and public libraries, but woman gave her life and her power, and gave more than any man who by the toil of other men rolled up vast millions and then scattered it abroad. She went on to speak of some of the aims of the women's council.

"We are here to learn that a person may not speak our language and yet be human," was one remark.

"Woman is one-half of the divine heart and one-half of the divine brain and as God gave them intellect and character, so men and women must work together, brain to brain and heart to heart."

"None of the things they were seeking," she concluded, "would come until women participated in public affairs."

The child of strict parents whose greatest joy had hitherto been the weekly prayer meetings, was taken to the circus by his nurse. When he came home, "O mummy," he said, "you once went to the circus, you'd never go to a prayer meeting again in all your life."—Christian Life.

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