

Editorial Comment

THE INTERCOLONIAL

Lately there has been considerable discussion in parliament on the management of the Intercolonial Railway. Opposition members have shown just one tendency to try to develop some partisan advantage by criticising the Minister of Railways and General-Manager Gutelius. No fault could be found with them on this score if their criticisms and interrogations were framed with a view to improving the efficiency of the service. But questions as to when Mr. Gutelius became a naturalized British subject, how often he has had occasion to use a private car in the discharge of his official duties, when his term of service will expire and whether the government intends to make a new contract with him on the termination of the existing one, together with petty inquiries of a kindred character, represent for the most part the line of investigation they have followed.

The truth is that there has been enormous improvement in the administration of the people's road since the change of government, three and a half years ago. During the whole period of the Laurier regime the I. R. C. service was derailed by partisan patronage-mongers. Almost up to the very eve of the defeat of the Liberal party at the polls, political bias was in many departments of the I. R. C. service a greater factor in appointments and promotions than individual merit. The pay-lists of the road were so padded with the names of unnecessary, and too often of utterly inefficient employees, that the regular railwaymen were not able to obtain the wage-increases that in many cases their long service and the character of their work entitled them to. It is right to say that in the latter year of the Laurier regime there was some improvement in these respects, and a half-hearted, but abortive attempt was made to de-partisanize the management. The politicians, however, asserted themselves with renewed vigor, and were able to overcome and to nullify the feeble attempts of the government in the direction of I. R. C. reform.

Under Mr. Cochrane the I. R. C. has been freer of political influences than at any previous period in the history of the road. The system has been placed under the direction of Mr. Gutelius, who is recognized on all sides as one of the most experienced and capable railroad men in the country. It will be conceded by every honest critic who has any knowledge of the history of the I. R. C. that it is being administered today on a stricter business basis than it ever has been in the past. The political deadwood has been thrown out of the service. The regular employees have received substantial increases of wages, and are now much better remunerated than ever before since they entered the service. A Liberal member of parliament from New Brunswick was constrained to admit in the House of Commons last week that the public are now receiving a greatly improved service. The train-hands have been instructed in the standard-rules, which today prevail throughout the whole government system, with the result that the I. R. C. men now find themselves members of an avocation of experts and can, if need be, join the staff of any railroad company on the continent, fully equipped for train work anywhere. This reform has made for increased efficiency, despatch and safety.

Mr. Cochrane is determined to give the people of these provinces the best service they have ever had. And he has the experience and the breadth of vision that will enable him to do so. It is his policy not only to improve the existing system by constantly shortening the routes and eliminating heavy grades, but also to enlarge the service by the building and acquisition of branch lines, so as to carry the benefits of railway connection into many non-railway districts of the Maritime provinces. This policy would have been inaugurated two years ago, had it not been temporarily retarded by the Senate's rejection of the Minister's branch railways bill. The same measure has just been resubmitted to parliament by Mr. Cochrane and the people of the Maritime provinces will hope that its course through

the second chamber will not be similarly obstructed this year. However that may be, the time is drawing near when the obstructive power of the Liberals in the Senate will cease, and the will of the representative chamber of parliament will prevail. That time will mark the opening of a new era of advancement to the eastern provinces, to which the progressiveness and foresight of the Minister of Railways will be a materially contributing factor.—Sydney Post.

SIR ROBERT

Sir Robert Borden is the man of the times in Canada. His leadership has given unbounded satisfaction to the people of his own country and to the Government of the Empire. Under his statesmanship Canada has maintained in a crisis, the most serious she has ever known, the full measure of her stature as a British dominion.—London Free Press.

TIMELY TOPICS

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Regina, April 12—The daylight-saving scheme as worked out in Regina last year was so successful that the city council has decided to allow the by-law providing for the establishment of this measure to stand, and Regina will again be on "fast time" this year. The scheme as worked out in Regina last year was a decided success and while numerous complaints were raised against the adoption of it at the commencement of the year, no criticism was offered after it had been in operation for a month or two.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

Last August a million French and a hundred thousand British soldiers blocked the westward advance of the German armies. Then the Kaiser's war-machine was in the pink of condition, perfectly equipped, unimpaired, unscarred, and glorying in its strength. But the German progress was arrested and the invaders thrust back, with appalling loss, by the Allied troops. Now the "machine," weakened and reduced in morale after eight months' futile campaigning, is confronted by eight million British and French troops, who are preparing for a forward movement on a scale beside which last season's operations will appear like preliminary skirmishes. If the war continues throughout the remainder of the year, the losses on both sides will be staggering, but with the numerical advantage now so strongly in favor of the Allies, the outcome can no longer be regarded in doubt. Last year Belgium was the chief victim of the war. This year the greatest sufferers will be the war-mad Kaiser's own subjects, and there is nothing in the record of past wars to enable the world to anticipate the weight of the scourge that is about to fall on the people of Germany. When this season's campaign is over, "the horrors of war" will have a new meaning for the nations of the world.—Sydney Post.

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Grade IX—Mildred Wood 68, Jas. Henderson 63, Ernest Cameron 57.
Grade VIII—Kathleen Cameron 83, Marguerite Craig 76, Florence Breen 70, Stella Bransfield 65, Wm. Jessamin and Arthur Dickens 61, Andrew Cowie 60, Hazel Wood 59, Burton Anderson 54, Peter McCosh 50. Perfect attendance—B. Anderson, K. Cameron, W. Jessamin.
Grade VII—Clarissa Firth 76, Annie Benn 64, Clyde Gulliver 59, Mamie Mullin 54, Arthur Roy and Norman Dickens 50.
Grade VI—Janie Votour 69, Mary Hutchison 67, Geo. Young 64, Clara Brown 62, Karl Gulliver 61, May Russell 55, Johnston Geikie 54, Jack Cowie 51. Perfect attendance—Amos Vye, May Russell.

Grade IV—Josie Breen 79, Rudyard Henderson 79, Jean Gulliver 75, Marion Grey 70, Jessamin 68, Weldon Jardine 68, Margaret Simpson 64, Geo. Driscoll 63, Lisa Logren 62-3, Eloise Anderson 62, Yorston Benn 59, David Hutchison 58, J. Taylor 56, Harold Mullins 53, Gladys Steeh 52, Maggie Wood 51. Perfect attendance—Marion Grey, Jean Gulliver, Margaret Simpson, Rudyard Henderson, Eloise Anderson, Geo. Jessamin, Clara Atkinson.

Grade IV—Willie Firth 94, Isabel Wood 91, Marion Cameron 90, Max Russell 89, Jack McCosh 88, Andrew Lee 83, John Dinan and Florence De Wolfe 81, Annie Lloyd 77, Gordon Dickens 76, Linda Wood 68-1-3, Margaret Williston 68, Marion Steeh 68, Dorothy Atkinson 66, Arthur Young 66, Harriet Dickie 62-3, Lizzie Taylor 62-3, Bessie Kirkpatrick 62, Jesse Cameron 60-2-3, Everett Spurr 59. Perfect attendance—Marion Cameron, Marion Steeh.

Grade III—May Sicles 98, Muriel Russell 92, Audrey Bule 88, Jack Craig 81, Emmet Hagarty 79, Leitha Spurr 76, Harry Simpson 72, Helen Dickens 54, Emily Dagle 53. Perfect attendance—Muriel Russell, Florence Mullin.

Grade II—Mary Sullivan, Elsie Anderson 99, Kathleen Young, Frank Russell 98, Helen Kirkpatrick 94, Marta Hedman 93, Genevieve Geikie 90, Henry Malley 85, Alexia Taylor 83, Andrew Butler 80, Fred Vye 76, Vincent DeWolfe, James Butler 74, Harvey Boudreau 66, Burton Howe 66, Mary Boudreau 65, Sylvie Gabrielson 65, Elliot Cowie 64, Annie Gulliver 63, Cecilia Lee 61, Willie Howe 62, Anna Cowie 60, Ernest Cahoon 59. Perfect attendance—Fred Vye, Frank Russell.

Grade I—Edythe Gulliver 100, Harvey Grey 99, Ray Simpson, Fred Simpson, Richard Anderson, Gordon Sullivan 98, Harvey Jessamin, Rudolph Craig, Hazel Mullin 97, Arthur Spurr 91½, Pearl Steeh 91, Bertha Sicles 87½, Sam Howe 87, Oorona Russell 83, Marjorie Henderson 82, Frank Wood 77, Alexander Dickie 75, Sigrid Johnston 73, Roy Gray 72, James Williston 68, Burton Taylor 63, Ernest Nolan 61, Burnetta Dinan 55. Perfect attendance—Sigrid Johnston, Pearl Steeh, Ray Simpson, Edythe Gulliver, Osborne Sicles, Richard Anderson.

POET IN THE TRENCHES

TCHERMAN WHO VON IRON CROSSES ALL DER TIME

The following clever verses, signed "Glenworple," which conceal the identity of a popular N. C. O. in the London Scottish now at the front, appear in the current number of the London Scottish Regimental Gazette.

DER HERO!
Hans Duellhelm voss braver more
Dan any mans dot voss;
All by himself he burn a church
Undt got der Iron Cross.

Some women undt some children too,
Anoder day he shot,
Undt so, for making frightfulness,
Vonce more der cross he got.

He flew to England von dark night
Anoder cross to vin,
Undt kill-d some women mit a bomb
Dropped from a Zeppelin.

For hiding mit a maxin gun
Inside an ambulance,
An extra large size cross he von
Der noble-minded Hans!

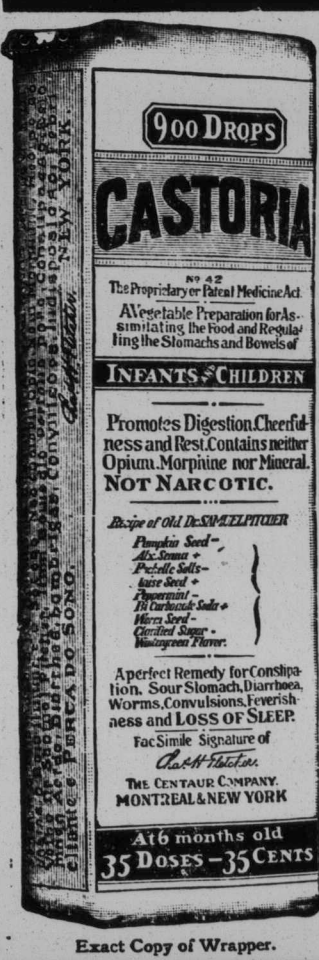
He went into a cellar vone,
Mit comrades eight or nine,
Undt got der iron cross again
For drinking all der vine.

So, vinning crosses all der time
He vent his kultrued vay,
His chest voss covered up mit dem
He von dem twice a day.

Undt ven he had no room for more,
He hung dem on his back,
Undt also down his trousers-legs,
Undt in his haversack.

Until beneath der load he fell,
(Der veight voss tons undt tons)
Undt so to Krupp's dey took him,
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A New Questions and Answers Department of Interest to Shooters

Readers are reminded that this column is open to questions which should be sent to me in care of the Sporting Editor, and to discussions by the readers on anything connected with hunting or target shooting.—A. P. L.

C. C. Lyons, Iowa.
1. Which will kill the farther, a 20 gauge or a 12 gauge shotgun?
Ans. Since all shotguns of whatever gauge, when loaded to shoot as close as possible, throw the same proportion of their charge in the same size circle at the same range, say for instance, a 20 inch circle at 40 yards the larger the bore, which of course means the greater the load of shot, the greater the killing power at the same range; or the 12 gauge, for instance, will have the same killing power at a longer range than a 20 gauge. You will waste time and money if you expect to get the same results from a 20 gauge as can be gotten from a 12 gauge.

2. Does the length of a stock make any difference in the recoil?
Ans. The length of the stock has something to do with the recoil, in that it determines whether the shotgun properly fits the shooter. If a stock is of the correct length so that the gun fits, the recoil will be as low as possible.

B. M., Chicago, Ill.
Will you kindly explain the new ammonia gun (about two years old), that, when the trigger is pulled, sends forth a gas that will render the person at whom the gun is pointed unconscious for about an hour?
I have been unable to discover any information concerning a gun shooting ammonia gas, and I am very much inclined to think that the article you refer to was a case of "hot air" and not gas. You are, of course, familiar with the usual type of liquid pistol which is in great favor among schoolboys and which contains a rubber bulb and a tube with a small orifice, the trigger being arranged to press on the bulb. Such a weapon loaded with concentrated ammonia would be effective, and undoubtedly would cause great pain if the victim were hit in the face, but I do not believe it would cause unconsciousness.

F. F. C., Wauwatosa, Wis.
I have been presented with a .25 calibre rifle. What size cartridges can be used for same, and can it be used for target practice? I have been told it was too powerful for latter. Never having handled a rifle before, you could perhaps tell me how to handle a rifle.
I cannot tell from the description you give just which cartridge your rifle handles, as the Company you mention make rifles to handle both the .25 rim fire cartridge and the .25 high power metal case cartridges. If you will look the arm over carefully, you will undoubtedly find on it a model number and any dealer will be able to tell you from the model number and the calibre (which you say is .25) the proper cartridges to use.

"Subscriber," Schenectady, N. Y.
1. Why do most all expert pistol shots use a 10 inch barrel?
Ans. The rules for competition as laid down by the United States Revolver Association prohibit the use in matches of barrels longer than 10 inch and the expert shots therefore use the longest barrel which will come within the rules.

2. Is it more accurate at a longer range than a 6 inch?
Ans. A 10 inch barrel pistol will be slightly more accurate at longer ranges than a 6 inch barrel.

3. If it is, why wouldn't a 10-inch barrel be good on a target revolver for the same purpose?
Ans. A 10 inch barrel on a target revolver would theoretically, be as advantageous as on a pistol, but practically the gap between the chamber and the barrel allows a surprising amount of gas to escape, even when properly fitted, and this alters the problem considerably. Also, the rules state that the length of barrel, including the cylinder must not be over 10 inch, and 7½ inch or 8 inch barrels are therefore usually the longest used.

4. I notice you say shorter length barrel than a 10 inch gives nice balance, but distance between sights are shorter. Will you please tell me what difference it makes. I am a bit dense on the sights and would like to be put right.
Ans. Shortening the barrel necessarily shortens the distance between the sights. The nearer the sights are together, the less accurately can they be lined up. You can readily understand why, if you imagine for instance, that the sights are gradually moved closer together until they were one sight, when accuracy would of course cease entirely.

S. M., Hazleton, Pa.
I am going to buy a pump gun. Now kindly advise me if a pump gun is a good brush gun with a raised rib or else without one. Which is the better gun for wing shooting?
Ans. A rib on a barrel of a shotgun does not itself have anything to do with the efficiency of the weapon for trap or brush shooting. From all I have been able to find out, the rib on the barrel has a mental effect on the shooter or rather on some shooters, and gives them an impression they can line the barrel up straighter with a rib. It is, therefore, entirely a matter of personal preference as to whether you wish to use a r.b.

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