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THE INSURANCE INQUIRY.

The insurance inquiry is progressing rapidly, but whether it is as thorough as it is rapid will probably never be determined until the danger is made manifest by the leak. Mr. Ralston of the National Life was so modest as to be ashamed of the small salary he was getting as manager of his company. But such has not been the case with some of the larger companies. The National Life is still in short pants and at present he should be content with a little. Colonel W. C. McDonald, secretary and actuary of the Confederation Life Association gave a list of salaries paid. Col. Macdonald's rising from \$2,500 in 1891 to \$6,000 in 1905 was a very liberal increase for a poor man. A fixed sum for directors fees was appropriated and charged at intervals. In 1891 it was about \$4000 but at the present time about \$7,000. J. K. Macdonald got \$15,000. He could live high on that amount, but it is somewhat short of the amount Mr. McCurdy received.

But concerning the whole inquiry, there is one thing of paramount importance and that is that it be thorough and exhaustive. There is no desirable secondary or incidental object of any kind that is worth gaining at the least expense of thoroughness. Of implicit objects many suggest themselves to the mind. It would be a matter of great satisfaction if the market value of securities could be saved from the impairing effects of the inquiry. It would be a very great detriment to the company but more especially to the policy holders if the assets of the insurance companies should be depreciated because of the sale at falling prices of bonds or stocks or other securities that should not have been invested in at all by the director. No one would wish to see a financial or other corporation put to any serious disadvantage by the throwing on the market of large blocks of securities that they have accumulated with sufficient warrant. On the other hand undeserved withdrawal of confidence from the insurance companies would be harmful. For the insured to let their policies lapse or the uninsured to refuse to be insured because there is an apparent or perhaps only an apparent tremor of weakness in insurance business would be very unfortunate indeed, but this should not allow the investigating committee for one instant to relax their energy in probing to the very foundation of the facts concerning the management and control of these great financial corporations. For the people who are affected are many. The insurance companies come in contact with the public generally and effect them individually. The commission, therefore is expected to get the truth and the public is entitled to the whole truth. It is not, however, necessary to add exaggerating circumstances to the inquiry to make it sufficiently searching. In so far as the desired incidental objects referred to can be promoted consistently with the main object the commission should have regard to them. It will be to their interests of everybody interested if the commission effect their object without loss of time. There should be no unnecessary delay or interruption. The commission is not a court where there are technicalities to baffle efforts to bring out facts. Neither is it a place where opposing counsel can shape the direction of the trial, the tribunal merely ruling on points of disputed law and procedure and settling the final balance between the cases which the contending lawyers have presented. The commission should keep the matter in hand, employ every short cut that goes to the heart of the question and get down the cold facts without loss of time. The grand object is to get the matter thoroughly sifted out and the next is to get it done in the shortest possible time, that reform may be engrafted and suspicions settled.

MICHAEL DAVIT.

As Michael Davit lay dying in Dublin, in London the Chief Secre-

tary for Ireland was introducing a measure for the provision of some thirty thousand cottages for Irish laborers at a cost of \$820 each. He has been spared to witness what has been for him a life long struggle and for this purpose and aid of which he organized and kept aloft the famous Land League.

Away back in the years of Famine in Ireland a few discussing ones had seen that continuous protest against the conditions under which the people cultivated the land in Ireland could be made to supply the motive power for the large political movement but not until Davitt's coming had there appeared a man capable of harnessing that power which was going to waste. Davitt did that when he organized the Land League away back in the Seventies. The sum of hopeless misery of the Irish peasants, the ever present fear of being obliged to choose between rack-rent and evictions from the homes of their fathers, was transmitted by Davitt's Land League into a force that palsied all government in Great Britain, carried two Home Rule Bills and a succession of Land Acts and is now expending itself in the transference of ownership of land in Ireland to the people who live upon that land.

Now that the smoke of many battles has blown away the redress of the Irish Land grievance stands out as the greatest work of the British Parliament and the greatest reform accomplished in any country in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Michael Davitt will go down to history as the prophet and in a very great measure the instrument of that reform.

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

That the Foreign trade of Canada continues to exhibit a sound growth merits comment inasmuch as it is an insurance of commercial and industrial progress. On April 30th the total trade for the ten months of the current year had reached the enormous sum of \$435,742,955 being an increase of very nearly \$69,000,000 over that of the corresponding period of last year. The exports of agricultural products, animals and other products, products of the forests, fisheries and mines as well as manufactures are largely increased in volume and amount. Such a showing is pregnant with promises for the future and cannot fail to have an excellent effect upon the whole country, as it indicates not only increased productions but keeps within the country large sums of money which would otherwise go elsewhere. When to the export is added the large amount required for home consumption and which is increasing from year to year the utmost confidence in the ability of the producers of the Dominion should prevail. The indications of continued activity in commerce, manufactures and agriculture are highly encouraging pointing to the fulfilment of Canada's evident destiny as an important storehouse for the needs of the countries of the world.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

The development of cordial international relations between Great Britain and Spain should be the result of the marriage of Princess Ena to King Alfonso. These relations had become somewhat strained during the Spanish-American war and this natural outcome of an auspicious dynastic alliance will be welcomed in all parts of the British Empire. The four latin nations in the south of Europe have been gradually drawing themselves into a closer alliance with each other and the same has been the case of the three Scandinavian nations in the north. King Edward who is a persona grata to all of them, will be more than ever a bond of union, and is thus in his own person a material guarantee for the peace of Europe.

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STIFF SENTENCES

Not many persons in New Brunswick or in Canada for that matter, have suffered because of train robbers. With many other crimes the country is much more familiar. But train robbing in Canada produces a shock throughout the country. Everywhere one hears hearty approval of the punishment meted out—life imprisonment for two of the robbers, twenty-five years for the third.

The approval is both natural and warranted. But while the train robbers deserve all the punishment they are to receive, do we punish other offenses in proportion—homicide in its various degrees, horsebreaking, embezzlement, forgery, felonious assault attempts at murder? "There will not be much more train robbing on this side of the boundary" is doubtless a common remark today. Very true. But if stiff sentences, such as the laws provide, will deter men from robbing trains, will not such sentences prevent the commoner crimes? We may believe it; but the record does not indicate it. Justice was swift, sure, impressive, in this case. Delay was minimized. The public mind was still full of the exploit when the court set in judgment. The country applauds and with reason. But why do we not give less picturesque criminals some of the same strong medicine with as little delay?—Ex.

GOOD WORK.

In the House of Commons a few days ago Mr. Lemieux, Solicitor General, in reply to an enquiry, said eight hundred and ninety-one prisoners had been liberated from Canadian penitentiaries on ticket of leave since the law went into operation seven years ago, and only seventy-eight had to be taken back. This is a splendid tribute to the efficacy of the system which has been employed. Year after year the work of the parole officer is being enlarged. In 1899-93 seventy-two convicts were paroled in 1900-01 the number was one hundred and seventy-five. It increased to two hundred and seventy-eight in 1902-3. In 1903-5 the number was one hundred and eighty-nine, and in the last fiscal year it was two hundred and twenty-two. All these were not from penitentiaries; many were from "jails and reformatories." It is noteworthy that who's seven per cent. of the paroled convicts were re-committed, because they did not comply with the conditions of their release, only two per cent. were sent to prison for committing crime while on parole. This is a small number, all things considered. No doubt, the number is small because the efforts of the parole officer do not cease with obtaining the release of the man who is considered likely to become a good citizen. Before the convict leaves the prison employment has been arranged for him, and he starts off with an opportunity to retrieve himself. Mr. Archibald, the Dominion parole officer, pointing out that it costs \$254 a year to support each convict in the penitentiary, shows that by the release on ticket of leave of two hundred and twenty-two men in the last fiscal year a large amount of money was saved to the state, while at the same time the men became producers and supported themselves and their families. Altogether, it can be fairly claimed the parole system has been a success in every way—in its inception and the manner it is carried out, and in its benefit to the convict and to the country.—Globe.

BATHURST

Social and Personal

Bathurst, N. B., May 30.—Miss Phillips, of Woodstock came on Saturday to spend the summer months in Bathurst and is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cragg of Dalhousie came on Saturday to visit Mrs. Cragg's mother, Mrs. McLean. Mr. Cragg has returned to Dalhousie, but Mrs. Cragg and little son will remain for a few weeks.

Mrs. K. D. Hanson has returned from a brief visit to St. John.

Mrs. J. P. Byrne entertained a number of friends at five o'clock tea on Saturday.

Mrs. McKay has gone to Campbellton to spend a couple of weeks.

Miss Maggie Stout has come to visit her home people after an absence of several years in the Western States. Miss Stout, has many friends in Bathurst who are delighted to see her.

Mrs. Quinn, of Newcastle spent several days here with friends on her way to Carleton Place.

Mrs. W. Priddle of Moncton is visiting her home people.

Mr. T. D. Adams arrived the latter part of last week to spend the summer here as usual.

Misses Gerlie Leahy and May Leger visited friends in Belledune several days during the week.

Mr. Aurelle Landry and Mr. Arthur Melanson spent the 24th in Moncton.

Mrs. J. Leger and Mr. Hector Leger went to Carleton last and returned on Monday.

Mr. Fred Robertson has returned from a visit to Charlottetown (P. E. I.).

Miss Muriel Sweney entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party on Saturday.

Mr. Leander Landry of Moncton spent a few days of last week with his home people here.

Victoria Day was well observed here. A number of picnics took place, nearly every place of interest having a party of pleasure seekers. All of the stores and offices were closed.

Mr. A. Gallant entertained at her home a number of young people very pleasantly on the evening of the 24th. Dancing was the chief amusement.

The local newspaper, as a rule spends endless time, space and energy in booming the town, and yet some of the merchants and business men seem to begrudge it a little patronage, beat down prices and in many cases give their work to outside firms. There is no local enterprise which should be so willingly or substantially supported as a local paper, however humble. It is not so big as a city paper, and the keen bargainer who wants to get a reduced rate never fails to point out that he gets more paper for his money in the city daily, but the little local sheet fills a place which the city daily never does nor ever can. It is not a rare thing to hear some narrow-minded individual sneer in derision at the local paper and point out its defects. Well it has defects and plenty of them no doubt, but as a rule it represents the community pretty accurately in this respect as in others.

UPPER NELSON

Social and Personal

The young men have returned from the drive.

The many friends of Mr. Fleming Shaw will regret to learn of his serious illness.

Miss Burdett Tobin spent Victoria Day at her home here.

Miss Ruby Clark entertained a number of her friends on her birthday.

Miss Nellie Doyle has returned home from Chatham.

Mr. James Walsh has gone to the Northwest boom in the employ of Mr. Wm. Bryanton.

Mr. Charlie and R. Doyle has returned home from the west.

Miss Katie Doyle who has been visiting friends in Fredericton has returned home.

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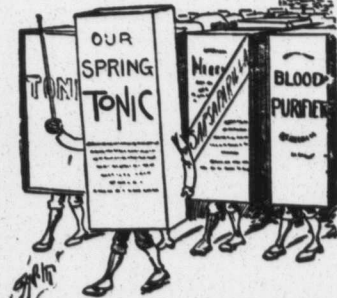
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