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## A CRISIS

(Ottawa Despatch to The Times.)

"That the C. P. R. is in earnest in making the proposition and that the government will be prepared to give what is asked for if the terms can be agreed upon are facts for the people of St. John to ponder over."

The rumor that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is negotiating with the government to have the Empress steamers make Halifax their terminus, cutting out St. John, may possibly be dismissed as a Halifax canard; but the situation is nevertheless very serious. The citizens of Halifax, backed by a solid Nova Scotia, are putting forth the most strenuous efforts to take away from St. John that to which this port because of its geographical position and railway and steamship connections is absolutely entitled. The following statement which appears in this morning's Sun, does not do justice to the situation:

"So long as the freight comes here it need not interest us much where the mails and passengers are taken. The only money in this winter port business is in the handling of freight, and St. John should be unselfish enough, so long as this golden stream keeps flowing, to allow Halifax what pleasure may come from watching the transfer of the letter bags and the travellers from the train to the ship."

Where mails and passengers go, much package freight will go, and much money will be expended in passing. There is, moreover, the prestige which belongs to a mail and passenger port. St. John must not let go of that which in the face of tremendous prejudice and selfish interests it has so long and so successfully fought. The Canadian Pacific authorities have declared that St. John is their port. They made the statement with deliberation. They have received large subsidies and great assistance in their work of development at this port. Halifax has done nothing in comparison, and puts off against the enterprise and sacrifice of St. John nothing more or less than political influence. Such a thing as the transfer of the passenger and any freight business from this port to Halifax cannot be tolerated. There should be, on the contrary, a fair test of St. John as a direct mail port—which has thus far been refused. It is the duty of the city council and board of trade to apprise themselves at once of what is going on at Ottawa in the interests of Halifax, and see to it that no injustice is done to the port of St. John.

If it be true that the C. P. R. has determined to make a choice between St. John and Halifax as a terminus for the Empress steamers the duty of defenders of the rights of this city is obvious. It is not very long since Mr. Arthur Peters asserted St. John people that the Empress steamships were a mere bagatelle compared with those which are to come. We have this assurance—what is its present value?

In view of the Times Ottawa despatch, which appears on the first page of this issue, the jaunty unconcern of some leading citizens is simply astounding. There has been too much of a disposition to give way to Halifax in past years. Let there be an end of it. The people of St. John must stand to their guns.

## HON. A. G. BLAIR

In the passing of the Hon. Andrew G. Blair, not only his native province, which so long heaped honors upon him, but the dominion and the empire have sustained a great loss. With startling swiftness the summons came, and at a time when it seemed he was about to enter upon a new political career, which must have brought advantage to New Brunswick and to Canada. That commanding ability and that masterful personality, which for a season had been withdrawn from public life, had been placed once more at the service of the people who so long had accepted his leadership; but he has now passed into silence. There cannot but be a deep and universal regret that a great public career has ended in the very hour of expectation of perhaps greater achievement than that of former years. It will not be contended that Mr. Blair manifested in his latest years the political sagacity of some of his great contemporaries, but he was always a man of remarkable courage and resource, admired for these qualities even by those who were his most bitter political foes. Of late there had been a wonderful softening of sentiment, prejudice, and on the day of his death Mr. Blair was perhaps the strongest politically in the province of New Brunswick.

There were many dramatic incidents in his life which has just closed, and it is a natural that a citizen last seen wearing of the startling sudden-

ness of his death, remarked: "It was like Mr. Blair." In other words, the unexpected things were not wholly unexpected in his career. Of his great service to the country, his ability, his fine personal qualities, his leadership, his service in both the provincial and federal arenas, testimony is given in other parts of this paper. History will also tell of it, for he was one of the makers of history, and his long career as premier of New Brunswick will make him always a striking figure in the annals of the province. There will be among his contemporaries, and especially those who knew and loved him best, profound regret that his political career should have been so terminated by death as to form what might almost be termed an anti-climax; for had he lived there were unquestionably great honors yet in store for him, and a great work ready to his hand. Many great men have been active in public life at an age ten or fifteen years greater than that attained by Mr. Blair, and the next ten or fifteen years will see wonders of development in Canada. The loss of his clear and active brain, his strength of mind, his grasp of public questions, his qualities as a leader of men, and his devotion to the interests of his native province, is all the greater on that account. St. John in particular mourns his passing, because in the minds of the citizens his personality had become identified with the things hoped for in the future great development of this port.

But most of the people mourn today the death, not of a statesman, but of a man. Mr. Blair had endeavored himself to so many that there were what the politicians termed "Blair men" all over the province. Faults he had, as all men have, and politically he made uncompromising foes; but personally, when he came into close touch with men, he won the kindly regard of all and the intense devotion of many. His most recent history, and the story of the late Liberal convention in this city afford abundant evidence of the truth of this statement. What he might have been had his life been longer spared to the province and dominion, we may but conjecture; but in any case his name is written large upon the pages of his history.

## GERMAN ELECTIONS

The polling in the elections for the German Reichstag occurred yesterday. The election is extremely interesting, as may be gathered from the following extracts from a recent Berlin cable:

"The campaign has developed into the hottest in the history of Germany. It is also the most demoralized and uncertain, for it is an indecisive battle, not between great parties, but between a multitude of small cliques. The Kaiser, fully realizing that he is face to face with the greatest domestic crisis of his reign, does not hesitate to employ every instrument in his power to induce or compel the country to 'vote imperially.' The official pressure put upon every one directly or indirectly connected with the public service comes as near compulsion as it is possible to make."

"The parties for the government on the 'patriotic' issue are the Conservative, National Liberal, and Radical. Each is divided into sections. The parties against the government are the Catholic Centre, the Social Democrats, and the Guelphs. The Poles, Danes, Alsations, and anti-Semites have Government leanings."

"The confusion of issues is confusing the electorate. The government election cry is 'for Germany's honor and greatness,' meaning in reality to support the government policy in Southwest Africa. There is a good deal of dissatisfaction even among the government supporters over going to the country on this point."

"There is little doubt that if Socialism was the direct issue it would suffer defeat."

Last night's dispatches show that the government had won, and that the Socialists suffered a crushing defeat. The colonial policy of Chancellor Von Buelow has been sustained. Re-balloting will be necessary in quite a number of districts, but these will doubtless strengthen the administration. The defeat of the Socialists is perhaps the most notable feature of the campaign, as it was believed that in the general division of parties they would strengthen their position. The Kaiser breathes more freely today."

A correspondent whose name is not given writes to the Times to express surprise at the verdict in the Collins murder case. It is contended that the evidence was circumstantial and the prisoner should have got the benefit of the doubt; and that "it is a case of a young Englishman in Canada all alone and at the mercy of the law." It is further asserted that "public sentiment is nine out of every ten for the prisoner." The Times is unable to agree with the conclusions of its correspondent. Collins was ably defended, and was given a fair trial long enough after the tragedy had occurred to permit the passions of the hour to have entirely subsided.

The Telegraph this morning was another illustration of up-to-date journalism. It is safe to say that no daily paper published in Canada presented a more attractive appearance or gives greater evidence of a right appreciation of news and of those features which appeal to the intelligent reader who wants the latest news well displayed, and literary features of real value.

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Behold the grain in bounteous sheaves Upon the head of stubby yellow; The splendor of the cornstuck leaves, And o'er the resting earth the mellow And dreamy light of purpling haze, Now from the rippling fruits distilling Out of the corn—such happy promises of spring fulfilling.

So, on my board, the loaf of wheat, And the cream of the clover, In golden butter stored, and sweet White honey culled by light-winged rover, Neath summer skies from myriad flowers, Are now to mind these scenes recalling, While chill winds blow, and storm-cloud loom, And snow on roof and still is piling— How, in that hour, in the Elysian Magistrate.

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THUS CONSCIENCE, ETC.

Mrs. Blimmon—"I thought you were coming home early to punish Willie for telling that lie."

Simpson—"I was, but I had to stop at the City Hall and swear off my taxes."

LIFE.

THE BENEFIT.

"How do college degrees benefit a man?"

"They vary the monotony," answered the scold, "by enabling him to wear initials after his name instead of before."

WASHINGTON STAR.

## MORE MONEY FOR SEAMEN

An Agitation for Better Remuneration for Masters and Officers.

With regard to the important case heard in the arbitration court at Sydney between the Merchant Service Guild, of Australia, as claimants and the Commonwealth Steamship Owners' Association as respondents, the particulars of the judgment of Justice O'Connor have now been placed in the hands of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild and from it it appears that substantial improvements have been gained by the claimants. Justice O'Connor declined to recognize the claim that agreements should be in writing, and should be terminated by three months' notice on either side. This he stated was entirely novel and altogether inapplicable to a seafaring employment and inconsistent with discipline and control. Also he did not allow extra remuneration for masters acting as pilots, but directed that the shipowners should recoup the masters for their expense in this connection. Neither did Justice O'Connor allow payment for overtime for cases in which officers remained on duty for very long periods was to prevent unduly long hours of labor, not to counteract their effect by extra payment. In stating that the rates paid on respondents' steamers were much higher than the rates paid on ordinary British steamers, Justice O'Connor said that with the exception of chief officers' pay on larger ships, the officers' pay generally was very fair remuneration, but the masters' pay was not. He had come to the conclusion that the pay of masters and chief officers in certain cases was not fair to fix what he considered fair and reasonable rates. He considered that the claimants by the Merchant Service Guild were too high, but as regards masters' result of his decision was an increase of 21 per cent in the minimum rate and 22 1/2 per cent in the maximum rate. Chief officers' pay would in many instances be increased by 21 per cent with a similar increase to second officers and in some cases in the pay of the third officers. The appointment of spare officers when vessels were in port was provided for in the award, while it also deals with the working hours of officers in the various ports. In the award the vessels are classified as follows:

Class A. passenger steamers. Class B. cargo steamers. Class C. Division 1, 1000 tons and under, division 2, 1001 to 2000 tons, division 3, 2001 to 3000 tons, division 4, over 3000 tons. Class B. Division 1, 1000 tons and under, division 2, 1001 to 2000 tons, division 3, 2001 to 3000 tons, division 4, over 3000 tons.

Masters' pay. Class A. division 1, £21 to £25 per month, division 2, £25 to £28, division 3, £28 to £31, division 4, £31 to £34. Class B. division 1, £20 to £22, division 2, £22 to £25, division 3, £25 to £28, division 4, £28 to £31.

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Second Officers. Class A. division 1, £12, divisions 2 and 3, £12, division 4, £12.

Third Officers. Class A. division 1, £10, division 2, £10, division 3, £10, division 4, £10.

Fourth and Fifth Officers. Pay of fourth and fifth officers in all ships £3.

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