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AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH STEAD

He Says Canada Can Have Her Independence if She Wants It.

Toronto, May 9.—A man who knows something of almost everything, who has met nearly everybody of any consequence, who has stored up an inexhaustible fund of knowledge, who has penetrated the secrets of nations and cabinets, and, above all, a man who has the prime journalistic faculty of making anything he has to say interesting—that is the composite impression which Mr. W. T. Stead, the distinguished journalist and publicist, gives when he submits himself to the operation of interviewing.

Seated in a comfortable room in the St. Charles, the other night, after he had enjoyed the hospitality of the Toronto Press Club, with a cigar alight and his feet resting on a chair, Mr. Stead discoursed on many things.

In the course of his talk, for instance, there were most interesting touches regarding such diverse personalities as Mr. Bayard, President Steyn, Cecil Rhodes, Count Von Buelow, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Arthur Balfour and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, all of whom Mr. Stead counts among the "men I know"; and as for the topics discussed they ranged from Canada to the propensities of the Scottish people, from the South African war to the position of the press, from the House of Lords, Irish question and woman's suffrage to immigration.

Emphasizing the importance of the maintenance of good relations between members of the English-speaking race especially, he told a story of Cecil Rhodes.

"Discussing once this very question with Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Stead remarked that in order to secure working unity of the English-speaking race, he would be prepared, if that object could not be secured by other means, to apply for admission to the American Union.

Mr. Rhodes paused for a moment, and then exclaimed: "You are right, but never tell anybody that I said that."

Still pursuing the question of the relations of Canada with the United States, Mr. Stead drew a suggestive parallel between the Scotch and the Canadians, pointing out that the peoples who lived in the north were usually more energetic and efficient human beings than those who lived in warmer climes. He declared that he had great faith in Canadians, first, because they were nearer the North Pole than Americans.

By an easy transition, Mr. Stead passed to the South African war, and expressed some views on that subject with which he has made the world familiar.

Smuts he regards as the ablest man in Botha's cabinet.

Mr. Stead holds strong opinions on the position of the press, and one of them is that American journalism has distinctly gone back.

"I think the Boston papers are about the worst I struck in America," he added.

Asked whether he regarded "intellectual preference" extended by Canada to produce good effects, he replied that as the proprietor of a magazine circulating in Canada, he hoped so.

The political situation in Britain then engaged his attention for a few minutes. He declared himself a convinced Home Ruler, but was satisfied that a satisfactory measure would not be forthcoming during the present British Parliament.

"That," he explained, "is where the House of Lords comes in. As for the meddling or ending of that 'anachronism,' it was a very difficult question."

A few words on immigration, which he thought was not flowing as fast as it might do, led him to pay a tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"Sir Wilfrid," he said, "is the greatest statesman in the British colonial empire. None has so clear an appreciation of things as a whole."

He did not think Canada lost anything by her connection with Great Britain. Rather, he thought she gained from being a federal part of a great confederation founded on a basis of liberty and law. Almost Mr. Stead's last words were:

"If you want an independent existence you may have it. Nobody in our country will prevent you."

IMMIGRATION AT FLOOD TIDE

The Edmonton Quarters for New Settlers Crowded to the Roof.

From Saturday's Daily.

The rush of immigrants into the Edmonton district is now at flood tide, and the energies of the officials are being taxed to the utmost to handle the flow. A Bulletin man visited the new hall near the G.N.R. depot yesterday and found it literally filled to the roof with beds, cots and baggage, not that they are mixed in helpless confusion, but every available inch of space is utilized to provide sleeping accommodation and store the personal belongings of the settler. Even the private offices of the officials have been turned into temporary bedrooms, and the ladies' waiting room is used as a baggage room. The record number at the hall any one day has been 183, and the average for the past two weeks has been 126 persons. A surprising thing was the cleanliness, tidiness and decorum evident in both the people themselves and the sleeping rooms. Every immigrant appears pleased to comply with the rules as interpreted by assistant officer Jcs. Brunelle.

The great need of the Immigration Hall is that of sewer connections, and perfect conditions cannot prevail until the water is turned on in the sewer mains.

Settlers are being rushed out as quickly as possible in order to provide room for those coming in, and the time limit of seven days has to be strictly adhered to. The new settlers are more than ordinarily well to do, and all appear to have more or less money.

MAYORALTY CONTEST.

In North Battleford a Hot One. Will Be Between Gregory and Simpson.

North Battleford, May 10. Interest in the mayoralty contest to choose the successor of the late Mayor E. F. Chisholm is at fever pitch. J. T. Simpson, who at the last meeting took the field in opposition to J. A. Gregory, Dominion Lands' agent, has developed surprising strength. The result will be close. Mr. Simpson has served on the council and has been vigilant in his duties. He was acting mayor during Mayor Chisholm's sickness and after his death. Mr. Gregory stands for a business administration. The larger property owners and merchants are supporting him. Both men addressed an exciting public meeting on Wednesday. The election comes Monday.

PRINCE ALBERT.

At a recent public meeting a combined railway and traffic bridge across the Saskatchewan was unanimously decided upon.

An old citizen passed away several days ago in the person of David Pollock.

Dan Elliott, logging supt. for the Prince Albert Lumber Co., left this week for the drive on Sturgeon Lake and river. John McBride will have charge of the Little Red and will have 120 men with him. There will be about 24,000,000 feet on Sturgeon Lake drive. All this is for the Prince Albert Lumber Co. On the Red there will be about 11,000,000 feet. Last year the drive began on April 1st.

C. W. Speers, chief colonization agent, has been in the city discussing the immigration question with regard to the large areas of rich farm lands in the Prince Albert district, of which twenty new townships are now being opened up by the Dominion Government.

Great difficulty is experienced in getting lumber in Prince Albert.

Frank Kennedy is taking a string of horses belonging to this city over to Battleford, where he will train them for taking in the Western Racing circuit. The string consists of some of the best horses in the West and includes Geo. Stalker's two pacing mares, Maggie S., 2:22 1/4, and Mattie Weaver, 2:22 1/4, and H. W. Hudson's trotter, Hugh Scott, 2:22 1/4 and J. B. Storton's trotter, Minnie P. Green.

Resume Aquatic Relations.

Boston, Mass., May 10.—Harvard and Columbia will resume aquatic relations tomorrow after a lapse of 20 years. The two varsity crews will race mile and seven-eighths on the Charles river.

AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW OF SITUATION

At Prince Rupert. G.T.P. Construction Work There is at a Stand Still.

From Saturday's Daily.

A letter has been received by F. A. Richardson of this city from a friend in Prince Rupert, which is of considerable interest. The letter says the situation at Prince Rupert is a puzzling one to the outsider, but the general opinion is that the whole question centers around the dispute between the two governments as to the lands held by the Indians. In the event of the dispute not being settled by some concessions to the railway, terminals may be located elsewhere. The bridge contractors and the G. T. P. are not pulling together well and bridge building has been discontinued, although work on the wharves and connections is still going on. There is a much better harbor and terminal facilities on the Indian Reserve than on lands purchased from the B. C. Government and it is improbable that Prince Rupert will get the terminals unless the railway gets the reserve. Most all have confidence in the place, but some are leaving. The weather is ideal. The G. T. P. is still using the town as its headquarters for offices and supplies, but a great feeling of uncertainty exists and the town may remain stationary for another year.

New Combination Wires.

The men of the city electrical department were engaged yesterday afternoon in placing the new combination wire with feeders from Second street to Fraser avenue. The old wires were all transferred to the new poles. Yesterday was chosen as it was a holiday and the electric power consequently shut off for some hours in the afternoon.

Prisoner Shot While Escaping.

Associated Press Despatch. Butte, Mont., May 10.—Patrolman Jackson tonight shot and killed Harry Cole as the latter was attempting to escape. Cole was arrested on suspicion of being one of the Northern Pacific train robbers. A mob of 2,000 persons besieged the city jail, led by Cole's brother, in an effort to lynch Detective McGarvey, who it was thought shot Cole.

BRANDON.

The International Gas Co., who have a franchise in Brandon and whose cheque for \$1,000 is now on deposit as a guarantee of good faith, expect to be well under way by July 1st.

Alderman Adolph is acting mayor of the city during the absence of Mayor Clement, who is in the East selling debentures in company with Alderman Jeffrey.

It is expected the population this year will reach the 12,000 mark and the assessment will show an increase of \$1,000,000.

LACOMBE.

A turf association has been formed here and a two days' race meet will be held on June 21st and 22d. Purses to the amount of \$1,500 will be hung up.

W. B. Freel of Woodstock, Ont., arrived in Lacombe on Saturday, with a couple of stallions which are hard to beat.

Senator Talbot has returned from Ottawa.

The C. P. R. has renovated the station here and will shortly add 50 feet to the freight sheds.

RED DEER.

A troop of the 15th Light Horse will be established here in command of Lieut. Gogarty.

Red Deer will have a Dominion Day celebration.

The Red Deer Brick Company employees are hard at work and will have 100,000 brick ready for the kiln by Saturday night.

John Forrester, who went to Edmonton with a car of horses some time ago, has returned. He found the market slow for a time. He realized fair prices and says the horses he took up, from here were the best bunch taken to that city for some time. He is looking around for more horses now.

TWO TOWNS ARE AFTER ASYLUM

Camrose and McLeod Both Want Provincial Building. Mr. Cushing Interviewed.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. R. L. Rushton and A. J. McNimara, who hold large interests in the growing town of Camrose, were in the city to-day. They interviewed the Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, for the purpose of securing the location of the provincial asylum in Camrose. The situation on the banks of Stony Creek, they consider would be an inducement to locate that institution there.

McLeod Wants It Too.

Camrose is to have opposition for the location of the provincial asylum. Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, M.P.P., for McLeod, was in the capital yesterday pressing the claims of the windy city of the south, and interviewed the minister of public works on the subject.

The decision of the government will not be made known for some days yet on this matter.

ONTARIO APPOINTS MINING ASSESSOR.

Toronto, May 10.—Order in council was passed at a meeting of the cabinet today appointing Professor G. K. Mickle, of the School of Practical Science, as mining assessor under the Mining Tax Act, which was put through during the last session of the legislature. Professor Mickle will leave in a few days for the North, where his first duty will be to assign districts to the eight new inspectors of mining claims whose appointment was announced a day or two ago.

The Act vests very wide powers in the mining assessor. If his decisions do not give satisfaction appeals may be taken to the Bureau of Mines, and these the Minister may refer to the Mining Commissioner for the Ontario Railway Board. Where the tax exceeds \$100,000 a further appeal may be carried to the Court of Appeal, and the decision of this court will be final.

WILL ORCHARD TELL HIS STORY

On the Stand at the Haywood Trial in Boise. The Case Hinges on his Story.

Boise, Idaho, May 10.—Several members of the Western Federation of Miners now in Boise watching the progress of the case do not join in the belief in some quarters that Orchard will refuse to testify. They believe he will make his statement on the stand. On all sides there is speculation as to how far Orchard will be allowed to go in his statement, which it is alleged, implicates Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone. It is around this evidence undoubtably that the whole case will move. A story printed today by the Chicago Journal, charging that one, Charles Moyer, was sentenced to one year in Joliet penitentiary in 1886, was printed here today and created much discussion. That Moyer the prisoner now in the jail here charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, is the same man, is denied by the prisoner and his counsel.

Considerable Seeding Done.

Winnipeg, May 10.—Reports were received today from representative points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, regarding the progress of seeding and the outlook for the season's crop. They indicate that about 15 per cent. of the crop in Manitoba and ten per cent. in Saskatchewan is sown, and with favorable weather a good crop is anticipated. Rough wheat area will be somewhat curtailed.

HIGH RIVER.

All the electric-light machinery has arrived and is being installed. The contractors state that all will be in readiness in about 90 days.

The report is current that the C. P. R. will construct a stone station at Fourth street.

Despite the recent cold spell and heavy fall of snow, winter wheat is looking up its many heads along with the green grass. Warmer days will make a great change.

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