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CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES.

The question of the development of trade between Canada and the West Indies and British Guiana is one to which Sir Daniel Morris, Imperial commissioner of agriculture, has been devoting considerable attention of late. During the past summer he paid Canada a visit, and his inquiries convinced him that there is a splendid opportunity for the Dominion and the colonies named to make trade arrangements that cannot but result in mutual advantage. Sir Daniel has been conducting an educational campaign along this line, and in a recent address before the business men of Georgetown, Demarara, he laid bare some interesting facts, naturally con-
fining himself to pointing out the advantages to the island from better trade relations with Canada. First in importance is the sugar trade. Of the 212,000 short tons of sugar imported into the Dominion in one year, the West Indies and British Guiana supplied 166,000 tons, which came in under the preferential tariff. This, with what came from the United Kingdom, and British possessions other than the West Indies, made up 90 per cent of Canada's total supply, all from British sources. Sir Daniel is of the belief that in a few years Canada will be able to take all the sugar the West Indies produce, so that notwithstanding that the United States markets are closed to them, the situation of the islanders is most favorable.

As it appears to Sir Daniel, the point is whether the people of the islands will be satisfied to let matters take their course or make overtures to the Dominion to enter into closer relations with the islands. When in this country Sir Daniel learned that Canada would not make the first advance in this matter, having in mind the rebuff which met such overtures made to Trinidad some years ago. The point which he desires to impress on the people of the islands is that if the West Indies are satisfied that it is to their interest to seek reciprocal relations with the Dominion, all of them should join in such a movement. His advice is that British Guiana, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad, and the northern islands, whose prosperity is so bound up in the success of the sugar industry, get together, discuss the situation, and if some representations along the lines suggested are made to the Canadian Government there is no doubt they will be met in the proper spirit.

If Sir Daniel Morris' advice is taken the West Indies will lose no time in making the necessary overtures, for Canada was never more favorably disposed towards the colonies than at present, and there is every reason to believe such advances would be favorably received. That Sir Daniel's proposal is popular is shown by the hearty expressions of approval heard on all sides, the prevailing opinion, however, being that what action is taken should come from all the governments interested, that a conference should be held to discuss the subject, and the government of Canada approached in a businesslike way.

That overtures from the British West Indies for better trade relations would be welcomed by the Dominion Government goes without saying. It is the policy of the party in power at Ottawa to cultivate reciprocal trade relations with the colonies of the empire, and any proposals with such an object in view are certain to be received in a most cordial spirit. It would be an easy matter for the West Indies to cultivate in Canada a market not only for their sugar, but for their rice, limes, coconuts and bananas, while in return there are many manufactures which the islanders would, no doubt, be glad to take from us.

ANOTHER TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY?

The report that English and United States capitalists are at the back of another transcontinental project in Canada has aroused not a little interest in the west.

The project, which is not an entirely new one, having received considerable attention after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, involves the construction of a line three hundred miles farther north than any other in existence or projected, running from Fort Churchill, on Hudson Bay, to Port Simpson, on the Pacific. The railway would be close on fifteen hundred miles in length, and would run south of Lake Athabasca, through the Fort William and Peace River country, which there is reason to believe is one of great fertility. Though

so far north, it is claimed that the climate of this region is milder and more equable than in the settled portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan; that the level land is swept by the chinook winds, the Japan current giving to the coast a sub-tropical warmth, and that a far less serious barrier to construction is offered by the mountains of that region than was encountered by the builders of the great transcontinental lines farther south. The British Columbia portion of the line would be through the three great divisions of Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar, believed to be rich in precious metals, coal and iron.

David B. May, a former special agent in Alaska of the United States Government, is one of the projectors of the road. He has spent sixteen years in the country investigating its resources, and claims that, besides the minerals in the country, such a railway might be expected to develop half a million square miles of the best wheat land in the world, farms yielding as high as forty bushels to the acre. Another and most important advantage claimed is that the projected line offers the prospect of an imperial highway of great value, as it would shorten by over two thousand miles the distance between Liverpool and Yokohama.

Of course, as the Montreal Herald points out, the feasibility of such a railway depends upon whether Hudson's Bay is navigable six months of the year, as many believe. That being satisfactorily demonstrated, the project will have much to commend it, as yet no charter has been applied for, but it may be taken for granted that whether the present promoters are in earnest or not, when the need for such a railway is demonstrated and its feasibility is established beyond all doubt, the means for constructing it will be found.

THE ONTARIO HARVEST.

The November crop bulletin for Ontario is reassuring. It shows that as compared with 1906, which was a good year, there has not been so marked a falling off as was expected. The figures are as follows:

	1907.	1906.
Fall wheat, bu.	15,545,491	18,841,774
Spring wheat, bu.	2,475,651	3,267,009
Oats, bu.	83,524,301	108,341,455
Barley, bu.	21,718,332	25,253,011
Rye, bu.	1,081,706	1,327,582
Buckwheat, bu.	2,546,463	1,792,963
Beans, bu.	790,269	559,212
Peas, bu.	7,365,036	7,388,987
Potatoes, bu.	20,967,893	15,029,299
Turnips, bu.	48,295,605	57,060,151
Corn, for husking, 22,247,931	23,988,682	
Hay, tons	5,891,863	4,684,625
Corn, for forage, tons	2,029,547	2,149,413

This shows a reduction of about 4,000,000 bushels each in wheat and barley, 25,000,000 bushels in oats, nearly 2,000,000 bushels in corn, and 593,000 tons in hay. Turnips are nearly 9,000,000 bushels short, but the yield of potatoes is 5,000,000 bushels greater. The live stock figures are:

	1907.	1906.
Horses	725,666	688,147
Milch cows	1,152,071	1,129,047
Other cattle	1,774,165	1,834,571
Sheep	1,106,083	1,304,309
Hogs	2,049,666	1,819,778

The higher prices for cereals may be set against the crop shortage, so that on the average the Ontario farmer is in as good a position as a year ago.

Two weeks to Christmas. Have you done your shopping yet?

Mr. Borden's platform has resembled a pile of kindling wood since Sir Wilfrid Laurier got through with it.

The snowstorm today gives the season the requisite touch. A Canadian winter without snow is like soup without salt.

The Nobel prize for literature has gone to Kipling. As the Nobel fund is dedicated to peace, the committee must have forgiven Mr. Kipling's South African poems.

Mr. Aylesworth will be cordially welcomed back by his Liberal colleagues in the Commons. He is a fighter and a fair one, and a great asset to the Liberal party.

The London Electric Company is said to value its property in this city at \$600,000. The Niagara power bylaw is for \$235,000. If the citizens may set themselves up in the electrical distribution business, with a new and up-to-date system, for \$235,000, why should they be a supplant at the feet of a private company that has already stated plainly it is not ready to negotiate?—Free Press.

Who said the London Electric Company valued its plant at \$600,000? Who knows what the company would agree to sell out for? These are precisely the points upon which the rate-payers want information, and no attempt has been made to get it for them. Moreover, the \$235,000 is for only a partial plant, and it would not serve the great majority of people who now use electric light in their homes.

DISRAELI AND PRINCESS LOUISE.
(Toronto Mail.)
In the Duke of Argyll's new book, "Passages From the Past," there is a delightful letter from Mr. Disraeli, "with his humble duty" to Queen Victoria, offering his congratulations on the approaching marriage of Princess Louise with the Marquis of Sorne. Here is an extract: "The engaging demeanor of her

royal highness, her beauty, her sensibility and refined taste had always interested him in her career, and made him desirous that her lot should be worthy of a nature so full of sweetness and promise. What is about to happen seems to him as wise as it is romantic. Your majesty has decided, with deep discrimination, to terminate an etiquette which has become sterile, and the change will be effected under every circumstance that can command the sympathy of the country."

A WARNING.
(Smart Set.)
The fellow who marries in haste usually doesn't have any leisure.

COMPANIONS IN MISERY.
(Flegende Blatter.)
Master of the House—But, Mina, why are you so excited?
Maid—The mistress has dismissed me!
"I congratulate you!"

GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION.
(Chicago Record-Herald.)
"I wish," said the hard-hearted landlord, "that you would watch the tenants in 47 Union street. Be sure they pay promptly in advance."
"Very well," replied the clerk. "Have you heard anything to make you suspicious of them?"
"No, but they haven't asked for any repairs for nearly six weeks now. It doesn't look right."

UNINTERESTING PEOPLE.
(Maurice Brown Kirby.)
They live in a quiet sort of way.
In a quiet sort of a street.
They don't meet a great many people, nor impress the people they meet.
The newspapers never mention their names.
The world doesn't care what they do; they never go in for anything much.
And their intimate friends are few.

He never has had a favorite club. Though somebody said he might. For a little fat nose on the window pane awaits him every night.
And eight little fingers and two little thumbs.
Under the work of the comb, as he sits in the quietest sort of a way in his quietest sort of a home.

She doesn't belong to a woman's club. She hasn't a single fan.
She spends her time with a blue-eyed lass And a mischievous little lad.
She never unraveled a problem of life; She doesn't know lots of things; She plays with the "kids" and works all day.

And most of the time she sings.
He isn't like most other husbands at all. She isn't like most other wives.
And they never attempt to make a change.
In the course of their quiet lives. But once in a while they dress the "kids" And go to spend the day In a nice little quiet country spot.
In a nice little quiet way.

A NEW PATENT.

(Chicago Tribune.)
"Dear me!" exclaimed a young lady in the big furniture store. "What a queer-looking sofa! Why, it has such short legs!"
"Yes, Miss," replied the polite salesman. "That is a consignment sofa. Little brothers can't squeeze under it."

THE NEW VERSION.

(Baltimore American.)
Mary had a little lamb,
'Twas Persian lamb, you know,
And everywhere that Mary went
Her coat was all the go.

A CHANCE FOR SIR WILFRID.

(Toronto Star.)
Sir Wilfrid Laurier declares that he feels like spanking a cigarette smoker whenever he claps eyes on one. That being the case, why doesn't he get to work on the Younger Set in the House of Commons?

IRONY OF FATE.

(Harper's Weekly.)
Hewitt—I see that Grunt, the life insurance agent, is married.
Jewett—Yes, and his marriage is a case of the irony of fate.
Hewitt—How is that?
Jewett—He didn't know until after he was married that the woman in the case carried a lot of life insurance, and now he will have to keep up the premiums on her policies.

TOO POPULAR.

(Washington Herald.)
"Why didn't you vote for my friend?" asked the politician. "He's the most popular man in the state."
"That's the reason," answered Farmer Courtessell. "I never yet see a man that made a business of being popular who had much of a liking for real hard work."

PROBABLY.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)
A French actress declares it to be impossible for a woman with refined tastes to dress on less than \$300 a year. It may be, however, that she has the wrong definition of "refined."

NOT WITH WATER.

(Tit-Bits.)
Constable—Come along; you've got to have a bath.
"Tramp—A bath? What, wiv water?
Constable—No, wiv soap.
Tramp—Couldn't you manage it wiv one o' them vacuum cleaners?"

AMENDMENT KILLED BY 103 TO 54

Rural Mail Delivery Debated—An Attempt To Draw Mr. Pugsley Fails.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—An attempt was made yesterday by Mr. Armstrong to draw the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Kemp, led the way, the intention apparently being to draw the new minister and so provide reply, but if this was the object it signally failed. The Minister of Public Works met the jeers of the Opposition with a smile, preferring to bide his own time.

As showing the insincerity of the Opposition campaign in favor of rural mail delivery, it was a matter of comment that throughout the whole discussion the only reference on their side to Mr. Armstrong's amendment on the subject was by Mr. Paquet, who voted with the Government. The amendment was defeated by 103 to 49. Mr. Borden laid himself open to a hint in regard to the Opposition's ob-

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Ladies' Felt Slippers, with leather soles; a warm slipper. Per pair. 33c	Misses' Felt Slippers, leather soles. Per pair. 30c	Men's Figured Chenille Everette Slippers. Per pair. 75c	Brown, Black and Red Juliets, with leather heels and soles. Bargain at \$1.00
Ladies' Red and Brown Fur-bound Slippers, with rubber soles. Per pair. 48c	Children's Felt Slippers, leather soles; also Children's and Misses' Carpet Slippers. Per pair. 25c	Infants' Genuine Buckskin Moccasins; sizes 1 to 4. Special. 25c	Men's Brown and Black Vici Everette Slipper. \$1.25

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Boys' and Youths' Rubbers, bargain prices, extra special.....48c and 58c
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structive tactics by the Prime Minister, who, in reply to a question, stated that it had never been the practice of the House to organize committees until after the conclusion of the debate on the address.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth was in the House for the first time this session. Before the orders of the day were called on, Hon. W. S. Fielding, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, expressed the regret of the Government side at the death of the late Benjamin B. Gunn, South Huron, and extended sympathy to the members of the deceased's family.

Mr. Kemp resumed the debate on the address. He wondered why, with so much talk of bribery and corruption, the Attorneys-General of the Maritime Provinces had not taken action, as was now done in Ontario, under the criminal law to put those practices down. He had never before had the pleasure of meeting in the House any gentleman who could answer that question with authority. Now, however, there was such an one. Hon. Dr. Pugsley had been attorney-general in New Brunswick, and no doubt that gentleman would take advantage of the occasion to throw light upon it. Mr. Kemp dealt in some detail with what he described as the most spectacular event that took place on the evening of the general elections of 1904—an excursion from St. John to Montreal, run by Mr. David Russell, and the banquet in the latter city to the now Minister of Public Works. Mr. Kemp read from a number of newspaper reports of these events, dwelling upon them to support his contention as to the intimate associations between Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Russell. They were intimate in newspaper and land deals.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said the statement was incorrect.

Mr. Kemp said he understood the honorable gentleman owned the St. John Gazette.

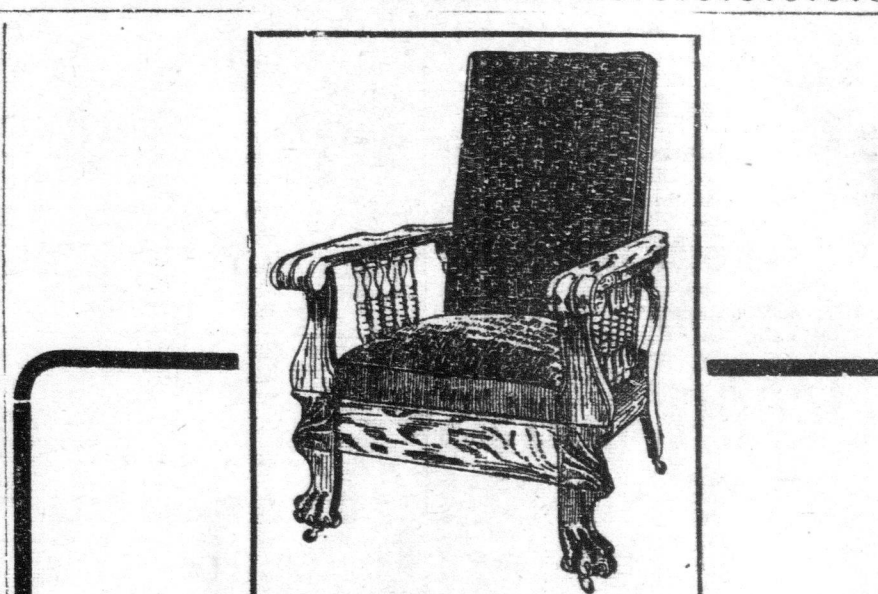
Hon. Mr. Pugsley replied that the only transaction he had with regard to that paper was when, as one of the proprietors, he sold his interest to Mr. Russell.

Mr. Kemp, continuing, was of opinion that when Mr. Pugsley claimed to know the size of the Conservative campaign fund he was wiser than any one.

Mr. Pugsley—Don't deceive yourself; many others know it. (Government cheers.)
Mr. Kemp challenged the minister to repeat on the floor of the house his statement regarding the Conservatives, or stand convicted as saying something he knew was not true. "He sat in the House like a whipped spaniel all the week," declared Mr. Kemp. "He is now before the bar of public opinion; let him choose his court." (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona) then rose. The Opposition seemed to be nonplussed. "Oh, oh," they cried, and then to Hon. Mr. Pugsley, "Speak now, speak now."

The Minister of Public Works smiled,



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FUNERAL OF LATE B. B. GUNN.
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The House took recess yesterday to enable the members to pay their last tribute of respect to their late colleague, Mr. B. B. Gunn, member for South Huron. A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Richardson, of McLeod Street Methodist Church. Speaker Sutherland, Deputy Speaker Macell, Mr. R. L. Borden, Hon. Mr. Fielding, Hon. Mr. Patterson, Hon. Mr. Foster, Chief Whip Taylor, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Monk, and nearly one hundred other members and officials of the House were present. The remains were dispatched to Seaforth by the Grand Trunk train. Mrs. Gunn and her two sons, and Mr. E. N. Lewis, M. P.,

accompanying them. A beautiful wreath from the Opposition members rested on the casket.

A NEW MANAGER

D. C. Moon Takes Control of Lake Shore and M. S. R.
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made yesterday that D. C. Moon has been appointed general manager of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, to succeed the late E. A. Handy. Mr. Moon began his railroad work 36 years ago as a telegraph operator on the New York Central lines and rose rapidly to positions of trust.

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