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THE MELON A NATIONAL ISSUE.

The World is glad to find The Toronto Telegram an outspoken opponent of the proposed melon cutting by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. We reprint beside this The Telegram's editorial on the subject. A truly national transcontinental railway owned and operated by the government, as favored by our contemporary, would be a long step in the direction of the complete nationalization of all services of communication by rail and wire, which is the ideal towards which The World is pressing.

Against this proposed melon cutting and against all extortionate and discriminatory transportation rates the commanding argument is the national argument. The immigration figures just given out at Ottawa indicate that the prairie provinces are being largely populated by immigrants from continental Europe and the United States. If these provinces are to be persuaded that the west and the east are one, they must be taught by practical demonstration that the east is not indifferent to the needs of the west.

The World has long protested against the extortionate and discriminatory freight rates charged in the west by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and by other railway companies as well. It has insisted and still insists that parliament must deal with the question. The railway grievances of the west have been called to the attention of the house and of the country, over and over again, by Mr. W. F. Maclean, and he was the first public man in this country to condemn the financial melons for stockholders which invariably accompanied any increase of capital by the C. P. R.

His voice for a time was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness. But the west is now alive to its true interest, and The World to-day is in step with the united press of Western Canada in opposing further issues of capital by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, until the whole question of railway rates has been dealt with by parliament.

But where is The Toronto News? Is it for or against the west in this fight? Is it for or against the melon? Does it believe that the government should take action without consulting parliament? It cannot side-step the issue or change the subject, sooner or later it will have to come out from under the bed.

DEAD, YET SPEAKETH.

Great and greatly remarkable as has been the work accomplished by the late General William Booth, his very magnitude precludes the possibility of present estimate. An organization covering close on sixty countries with upwards of 15,000 commissioned officers and 50,000 local officers, with hosts of members, friends and adherents, all inspired into devoted and continuing effort for the uplifting of fallen humanity by the force of its founder's personality and living faith in the revelation of God in Christ is a truly extraordinary achievement within the compass of thirty-five years. For a few years General Booth commenced his independent labors as an evangelist and moral and social reformer, and by 1877 had succeeded in establishing his own missionary movement, which, only in the latter year that the Salvation Army assumed the title and the form which started it on its world conquering career. The name was indeed an inspiration, and it came with the sudden character of a divine revelation. Dictating to his secretary, Mr. Booth used the words, "The Christian mission is a volunteer army." On revision he struck out "volunteer" and wrote down "salvation," and in so doing wrote his own name large in the pages of religious history.

Standing at the base of a great mountain it becomes impossible to measure its height, to judge its rank among the rival summits that reach the upper air. It needs the perspective of distance to reveal its true proportion and its place of precedence. So it is in a measure with the great man that we know. But still the astonishing record of the lives and work of General Booth and those he inspired, in the darkest places of the world of cities, the number and magnitude of the agencies established for the rescue and reformation of thousands and tens of thousands of the homeless, the frenzied, the star-stricken, warrant the conviction that the verdict of posterity will confirm the voices that today offer tribute at his pier. Venerable the General Booth

was in years, he died in harness to the last. From his deathbed came messages of love and hope and cheer, calls to renewed, more earnest and more sustained effort, appeals that his passing might but add fresh courage and confidence to the ranks of his army, from his successor in command to the humblest of its soldiers. Being dead he will continue to speak in the hearts and minds of all who knew him, loved, honored and venerated him.

That irony of fate so frequently noted is seen again in the fact that sent William Booth out into the world an evangelist to the lowest of his lost brethren, John Wesley, the founder of the society derisively called Methodists, had himself been extruded from the Church of England under circumstances that anticipated those attending the refusal from the Methodist Church of the founder of the Salvation Army. In both cases the hour came when the churches regretted their mistake and would willingly have made amends. Possibly the Salvation Army may in time lose its pristine enthusiasm, its spirit of obedience and itself stand at the parting of the ways when called to pass upon some new movement that conflicts with its convictions and traditions. But while there are officers in command who have lived in the light of General Booth's spiritual vision and have felt the intensity of his devotion to the Gospel of the Master, the army will continue to wage its warfare against sin and to persevere in its endeavor to uplift the fallen. It will endure while it retains the simple creed of its founder and its practical issue in lives of self-abandonment and self-sacrifice.

GUESSING THE PRESIDENT.

Some idea may be gained of how difficult it is to accurately forecast the result of the presidential race from the recent announcement that no less than five million electors will vote for the first time at the coming election. This formidable lot of new voters at the election includes nearly two million women and many citizens recently enfranchised by naturalization. The total vote cast might easily reach the stupendous figure of twenty-seven million, but owing to the strong objection to too many Republican votes being cast in the black belt and other causes, it is not anticipated that much over twenty million votes will be actually cast and counted.

When we consider the vast area of the United States, its huge population and the many diverse elements of citizenship, we cannot but be surprised at the solidarity of sentiment displayed throughout the country in many past elections. Indeed, were the contest this year one between the two old parties with Roosevelt and Wilson, for example, as their nominees, one might safely prophesy the result. As it is, the triangular contest entirely upsets the old lines of political forecasting.

No one can tell in advance what cyclical results may attend upon the stunning tour of Theodore Roosevelt, Rev. Byron H. Stauffer of Toronto, intimated in an interview the other day that there was a Protestant or perhaps anti-Catholic agitation against the re-election of President Taft. A propaganda like this is not usually attended with the brass band by the organization of the "Sons of Liberty," and various articles in the newspapers and magazines, show that the movement is regarded as important. Wilson, as the Democratic nominee, would naturally poll almost the entire Roman Catholic vote and could hardly be disadvantaged by the movement, which may in the end draw a number of votes from both Taft and Wilson to Roosevelt.

Then there is the race issue. Taft counting upon the big Hebrew vote as a unit, and Wilson sadly embarrassed by slighting references in his history to the Foles, Hungarians and other peoples of Southeastern Europe. The governor has established "a race and creed bureau" which is distributing literature to prove that he is all things to all men. The other candidates will in time have to meet all kinds of charges from favoring a monarchy to wearing trousers without the union label.

Gen. Sherman was one of the few big Americans who never had the presidential honor. He is a house and was frankly amused by the many failures of his brother John to secure the Republican nomination. "If I were nominated for president," he declared, "I know that the newspapers would say that I had poisoned my grandmother, and what's worse, they would prove it."

ASSESSMENT ANOMALIES AND REFORM.

It is evident that something is doing in the assessment department, and the production of the report of the commissioner yesterday, showing the inconsistencies in the present system, is every case bearing most heavily on the small owner, indicates that a reform is contemplated.

The World has contended for some years that a grave injustice has been done to the small owners, and that the rich men have been bearing much less than their due share of the municipal burdens. We have been repeatedly told by the assessment department that no unfairness could be found, but the facts have been too many for the situation to be prolonged. There has been a belief that the assessment rating has been seventy-five per cent. of the actual value.

The facts in a general way are that the small owner is assessed from 50 to



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Who Pressed the Button?

The World yesterday quoted from The Peterboro Review its condemnation of the proposed melon-cutting by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Since then The Review has been converted as suddenly as was Saul on his way to Damascus. Was pressure brought to bear upon The Review, and if so, did it come from Ottawa or from Montreal? The subjoined editorials reprinted from recent issues of The Review indicate a remarkable change of heart.

(Peterboro Review, Aug. 12, 1912.)
On the proposition to increase its capital by \$500,000 the C. P. R. has presented its side of the case in the form of an editorial opinion, without regard to fact, but with a large measure of truth. The latest move on the part of the railway corporation is a small trick for it is taken for granted that the new capital would not be used in the improvement of the system, but would be divided among the stockholders. The division of so desirable a melon is not the only object that the company has in view. The Dominion Railway Board has the matter of C. P. R. freight rates under advisement and is about ready to decide that it is time for the company to give the public and especially the farmers of the west, a reduction of rates.

Whether the company succeeds or not depends upon the action of the government. The company has asked for an order in council, but the application will probably be held up until the meeting of parliament.

NOT GIVEN A CHANCE

Young Man Who Wanted to Do Right Thing Was Discharged.

A young man in a local hotel was given a sentence in the police court for theft from his employer some time ago. Eventually he was discharged from jail and got another job. He was doing all right in the job when his former employer walked into the place, and seeing the young man, told his present employer of his former misdeed. The employer thanked the hotel proprietor, and then dismissed the man. Crown Attorney Corley is looking after the young fellow, who is married, and anyone wishing to note him another chance can get in communication with the youth by writing to or seeing the crown attorney. There was no possible excuse for the hotel proprietor's action. The youth had expiated his misdemeanor and was doing good work where he was at the time of his dismissal.

135 per cent. of his value, while the large owner gets off with 50 to 60 per cent. The result is that the less able members of the community are bearing a load of taxation quite out of proportion to their means.

The remedy is to tax all property up to its full value, as the act requires, and make no exceptions to the rule. There would be a larger sum raised on the general taxation, while the tax rate would be lower if this plan were carried out. The plea that properties would be over-assessed could safely be left to the court of revision.

A good deal has been said about the assessment commissioner going to investigate the working of the single tax in the west. It would be well to remember that there is no single tax in operation in the west. Single tax is probably a very long way off if it ever comes to our highly civilized posterity. But a measure of taxation by which the incidence is on the land and the value inhere in the land and the improvements which give the land its value has been meeting with much favor in up-to-date municipalities. The result of the adoption of this system in Toronto would be to restrain the booming of real estate which some of our contemporaries deplore. We are heartily in favor of the remedy, and trust that they are sufficiently in earnest to give it their support.

DIED SUDDENLY

A. G. Lee Was Stricken With Heart Trouble on Street Car.

A. G. Lee of 3 Maitland-place fell from a Bloor car at the corner of Bay and King-streets yesterday afternoon shortly after 12 o'clock, and was dead when picked up. Doctors were called and said that death was caused from heart failure, not from injuries received in his fall. Mr. Lee was an employee of the Copp-Clark Company, West Front-street and was an ex-major of the Q.O.R. of Toronto. He was in his fifth year, and is survived by a family.

Leading Specialists Convene.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The seventeenth annual convention of the American Society of Ophthalmology and Otorhinology at the Clifton Hotel is being attended by leading specialists from all over the continent. Among those who are most famous in their profession at the convention are Dr. Rutlin, Austria, and Prof. Anton Elsching, Prague.

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CANADA'S PUBLIC LIFE ONCE MORE PROSTRATE UNDER THE FEET OF THE C. P. R.

Toronto Telegram:
Laurierism in office was a rubber stamp in the hands of the C. P. R.
Bordenism in office is likely to be no better.

The C. P. R. now demands statutory power to increase its capital by \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000.

The demand seems to be unaccompanied by restrictions on the price at which the new stock is to be placed on the market.

The first protest against the melon-cutting tendencies of C. P. R. finance was printed in these columns. The Telegram, World and Winnipeg Tribune were denounced as anarchists for standing out almost alone among the newspapers of Canada in opposition to the stock-selling tactics which rest upon the over-capitalization of the west and its customers, between the west and its market.

The protest stimulated the growth of a public opinion which may make it healthy for the C. P. R. to refrain from giving its shareholders a call on \$6,000,000 worth of new stock at par.

The C. P. R. made \$15 the price of one issue of new stock and \$150 the price of a later issue. The issue for which authorization is now sought may be put on the market at \$175. Assume that \$50,000,000 is the face value of the new stock issue and the proposed transaction will work out somewhat as follows:

A \$50,000,000 issue of new stock at \$175 brings into the treasury of the company \$8,750,000,000.
A \$50,000,000 issue of new stock at the stock market price of \$270 puts in the pockets of the shareholders \$13,500,000,000.
The C. P. R. could build and equip up to 2,000 miles of railway with a realization of \$105,000,000 from stock having a par value of \$50,000,000.

The C. P. R. shareholders could build and equip up to 2,000 miles of railway with a realization of \$105,000,000 from stock having a par value of \$50,000,000.

It is the traffic that makes the value of the C. P. R. stock, and the people who supply that traffic must carry the burdens of every bonus to C. P. R. shareholders.

The C. P. R. is becoming more and more a stock-ticker railway. The company is so loaded with obligations to the stock market that it cannot fulfill its obligations to the country. The stock market is Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's master.

"And to his own master he stands," or failed to stand.

The country that wants low freight rates and good service is necessarily in opposition to the stock market. The country that wants high dividends and lucrative "rights."

There is less than nothing in the assertion that so long as the C.P.R. has only to pay dividends on the \$100 par value of its stock, the \$270 selling value of that stock is a matter of no importance to the country.

The \$270 selling value of C. P. R. stock is of supreme importance to the country whose freight and passenger traffic is burdened with obligations to pay interest on the difference between the \$270 that is paid for the stock and the \$175 that goes into the railway.

Canada's freight and passenger traffic must carry burdens which the country is not prepared to carry so long as the C.P.R. must offer the stock market a bonus of \$500,000 on every \$1,000,000 of stock market value in the C.P.R. system.

Railway finance is on a rotten basis when even the C.P.R. creates a security for its investors can sell for \$1,500,000 for every \$1,000,000 that investors offer to the C.P.R.

The C.P.R. dooms itself to disappointment during the past few years, and the investors who look for high dividends and lucrative "rights."

The tendencies of C.P.R. finance lead straight towards interprovincial disunity and national disaster.

The C. P. R., which should be an agency for uniting the country by low freight rates, becomes an instrumentality for dividing the country by high freight rates.

The relationship of the C.P.R. to the stock market is becoming more and more apparent. The C.P.R. cannot fulfill its obligations to the country.

The entangling alliances between the C. P. R. and the stock market must increase and multiply.

The country has not in relation to C. P. R. questions, a man of brains and backbone in the Borden Government. More than that the country had such a man in the Laurier Government. The west would have been represented in the solution of the problems of railway finance by a patriot and a prophet. The west has contributed its R. P. Robin, its Robert Rogers, its Frank Oliver, its Clifford Sifton, its Walter Scott, and such like. The sum of their statecraft works out in a railway situation that is worse and more hopeless than the present time, than at any previous moment in the history of Canada.

Everybody realizes that the C. P. R. has great rivals.

Everybody desires that in conflict with such rivals the C. P. R. should be in a position to finance a fulfillment of its ambitions.

But what about the country's just ambitions?

The minute that the C. P. R. is threatened with a reduction of freight rates, the C. P. R. applies for power to issue new stock on terms that may create a new set of widows and orphans with vested interests that may operate as an obstacle to the reduction of C. P. R. rates.

A pass-carrying, favor-seeking parliament, cabinet ministers and politicians who ride round in private cars by courtesy of the C. P. R. form the elements of the C. P. R. system which must ultimately decide how much of the C. P. R. application

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.
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Motions set down for trial at court for Thursday, 22nd inst., at 10 a.m.:
1. Tarwright v. Wharton.
2. Buhner v. Crown Portland Cement Co.
3. Veir v. Stewart.
4. Spitz v. Leitch.
5. Shaw v. Grand Trunk Railway.
6. Hays v. Hays.
7. B. F. Finn Estate.
8. Hayes v. Carrick.
9. Webb v. Bailey.
Judge's chambers will be held immediately on conclusion of court.

Ward Seven
The marriage took place yesterday of Miss Lucy Giles of Mimico to Mr. Bernadine of 1875 Dundas-street. Rev. Mr. Tremayne of Mimico performed the ceremony, and the couple left immediately afterward for Buffalo, Detroit, and other American cities. On their return they will reside in Ward Seven. The Runnymede Public Library Board held their annual at home last evening at the residence of the chairman, Mr. Nathaniel Schunk on Runnymede-road. Mr. Murray, provincial inspector of libraries, was present and spoke of the progress made among the smaller institutions during the past few years, and Dr. Dale, president of the York County Institute, spoke briefly on the educational and economic value of the public library to mankind in general. Mr. H. Wadson also addressed the gathering, and in a brief homely speech rebuked the work of the Runnymede board since its genesis four years ago. The meeting was marked by the burning of the mortgage on the library building, which is now entirely free of debt. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Schunk by his colleagues of a handsome set of Thompson's works.

Judges' Chambers.
The King v. Blansy—J. P. MacGregor for defendant. Motion by defendant for judgment for writ of certiorari to remove the papers into the high court. Order granted.
Before Falconbridge, C.J.K.B.
Re Runnymede Laboratories Limited—C. P. Smith for provisional liquidator. Application on behalf of provisional liquidator to lead to institute action against certain parties to recover certain lands and goods. Order granted.
Single Court.
Before Britton, J.
Ireton v. Hot Timber Co.—E. B. Ryckman, K.C. for defendants. Application by defendants for an order rescinding, dissolving or varying the injunction granted by Hon. Mr. Justice Brien on 16th inst. W. G. Thurston, K.C. and S. W. Burns for plaintiff. Contra. Injunction dissolved. Costs reserved to trial. Action to be tried within two weeks if judge will take it. Plaintiff to file statement of claim by Friday next and defendant statement of defence by Monday. Defendant to have five days' notice of trial.

Exhibition Tickets.
The exhibition "six-for-a-dollar" tickets are sold out as far as the city is concerned, but these tickets can still be had from A. P. Webster & Co., corner King and Yonge-sts.

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