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HOPEFUL OF RUSSIA

A French economist, M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, in a survey of Russia's financial position, declares that if social, political and economic order has been fairly re-established by next spring or early summer, which he regards as probable, he thinks Russia's credit can be restored to the former position without great difficulties. In saying this, however, he makes it a condition that the government pursue a liberal, moderate course, introduce representative institutions, and avoid the extremes of reaction on the one hand, and a revolutionary policy on the other.

Regarding Russian assets, M. Leroy-Beaulieu points out that the government owns a very extensive railway system, which is an asset of great value. He estimates that the value of the Russian railway system is about \$1,200,000,000, while the total cost was about \$2,000,000,000, including loss of ships and supplies. This, he says, is about what the Franco-Russian war cost France. The increased yearly demands growing out of the war are estimated at \$100,000,000. This could be reduced by internal reforms, perhaps, to \$80,000,000, which the writer thinks by no means unbearable. He cites the example of two other poor countries, Italy and Spain, to prove that the Russian annual budget could be increased by ten per cent.

The French economist admits that it will be more difficult than formerly to issue a foreign loan at an early day, but after order has been restored it should not be absolutely impossible. In an extremely Russia could easily lease some of the railways, and western capitalists would be eager to pay millions for such a lease. From the review from which the above statements are taken, we may quote in conclusion:

"The present conditions prove nothing as to Russia's financial future. However, order must be restored in the first half of 1906. Then new taxes must be levied, and parasitical growths in the budget must be amputated. It must not be forgotten that Russia has immense resources in its soil, in its mineral deposits, in its growing population. Certain large undertakings, like the Siberian Railway, will prove capable of considerable financial development. With order restored, with a moderate, liberal government, there are excellent prospects for Russia's finances and credit. There is a self-healing power in the nations which soon close the deepest wounds, and brings new life and strength where incurable diseases seemed to exist."

THE SPRUCE MARKET

The British spruce market is not at present in a firm condition. There is some disposition to clear stocks at a reduction and there seems to be a wide range in quotations. It is an interesting fact that though Galatz spruce, from Black Sea ports, is not giving the best of satisfaction, it is nevertheless quite a keen competitor of Canadian spruce. We quote from London Timber of Jan. 26th:

"Spruce deals are reported to be in a somewhat 'wobbly' condition. No two of the regular operators appear to hold similar views, and a difference of 10s. per standard in sellers' quotations demonstrates at the moment the peculiarity of the position. There is a marked disposition on the part of one or two firms to meet the market and clear as much as possible of their yarded stocks as the new season begins. It is stated that a large shipment of about 2,000 standards of the 'SWAG' Eastern whitewood will shortly arrive in the Ship Canal to the east of Lunenburg, and Co. Complaints have matured as to the growing quantities of inferior qualities which have recently been included in Galatz spruce. It is feared that the mixing of 4th quality with ordinary 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade shipments will seriously prejudice several favorably-known shipping marks should this policy be continued. It is contended that the procedure adopted in other whitewoods, which is that of declaring and selling everything below first quality separately, should not be departed from even with respect to Black Sea goods."

IT WAS A SURPRISE

At the City Hall yesterday, Ald. Macneil sprang a little surprise on two members and an ex-member of the Canadian parliament. They were the Hon. A. G. Blair, Senator Thompson and Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., who appeared before the board of works in connection with the affairs of the New Brunswick Telephone Company.

After Mr. Blair had set forth the powers and privileges vested in the company by their act of incorporation, Ald. Macneil asked if one clause of the act had not been disallowed. Neither of the three gentlemen present had any knowledge of such action, and expressed the view that the act must have been mistaken. Ald. Macneil went out and returned with a government report showing that the clause had been disallowed in 1889, when Sir John Thompson was Minister of Justice.

It is true that the company has letters patent, and doubtless large powers, even if not under the act to which reference had been made. The gentlemen were speaking in perfectly good faith when they disputed Ald. Macneil's statement. Evidently the officials of the company in 1889 had either not been notified of the disallowance or had neglected to say anything about it, and these gentlemen at least were not informed of the fact. It was a singular situation, and a distinct surprise to the representatives of

the company. Whether it alters the status of the company in any way with regard to its powers in the city the Times does not know. The incident showed that Ald. Macneil has a keen eye for matters of this sort.

THE FERRY COMMITTEE

Whatever the ferry committee has done or may do, it is to be credited with making the responsibility of heads of departments a live issue. It recommended that the ferry superintendent be given power to suspend or dismiss employees, and this principle will undoubtedly be adopted by all the boards. It had recommended a long way off until the ferry committee sent in its recommendation to the council. Of course the adoption of the principle will not produce the best results unless the heads of departments exercise their power intelligently and fearlessly. If they fail to do so the council will know where the responsibility lies, and will be able to apply a remedy.

With regard to the ferry committee, it is understood the members will continue their enquiry into the affairs of the department, with a view to further reform.

A PURCHASING AGENT

There is some talk of appointing a purchasing agent for the city, to do all the buying for all the departments, instead of having it done for each department by the director or superintendent. The view of the advocates of such a system is that it would simplify matters and enable the various directors and superintendents to do better work. It is pointed out that large corporations have not only a purchasing agent but a supply store.

Supt. Glasgow is reported to have said that about half of his time is given up to the selection and purchasing of supplies for the ferry. Director Cushing does the buying for his department in about an hour per day. The various directors are to be heard by the treasury board, and then it will be easier to decide whether in the case of this city it would be of any advantage to have a general purchasing agent. The question has come up incidentally in connection with the enquiry made by the ferry committee.

The city engineer claims to have discretionary power in determining what proportion of short timber may be used with the longitudinal in the crib work for the new wharf. The elasticity of the specifications in this regard appears to be one question at issue. It is admitted that short timber has been used, but with the engineer's approval, he claiming the right to interpret the specifications with regard to the proportion of long and short timber. The matter will be further considered by the board of works at its next meeting, when the inspector will be interrogated.

It was again stated yesterday, by the director of public works and the city engineer, that there would be no lack of water at the Allan berth when the turbine steamers come here. Such cleaning up as may be needed can be done without difficulty.

The civic board of works is ready to invest the director of the department with the powers of suspension and dismissal. The other boards will of course follow suit. It will then be necessary to observe closely whether the new order of things improves the service. If not the directors must be dealt with.

MILLIONS IN RAILWAYS

(The Standard.)

Increased railway construction in the Dominion is one of the best indications of the confidence which prevails in the development of the country. It is estimated that extensions have been undertaken which during the next three or five years will add 7,444 miles to the railways now in operation. The estimated expenditure of these extensions is \$1,842,000,000. Of this total the Canadian Pacific will construct 1,844 miles, at a cost of \$1,600,000,000; the Grand Trunk Pacific 3,720 miles, costing \$101,600,000; the Canadian Northern 1,280 miles, at a cost of \$20,000,000; the Northern Pacific 300 miles, at a cost of \$6,000,000, and the Grand Trunk 200 miles, at a cost of \$4,000,000. In electric railways, too, there will be large constructions. This will call for an immense supply of materials, labor and cars. The requirements of the Grand Trunk alone for renewing and strengthening bridges amounting to 30,000 tons. The expenditure of the large sums of money which these constructions will call for will add increased activity to our industrial institutions and will affect all branches of trade throughout the country. Under such circumstances we look for a more than usually busy and progressive year.

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J. A. Murdoch left last evening by the C. P. R. to return to Regina, after a visit of several weeks in St. John.

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Good Audience Enjoyed "The Point of View" Last Night

The Ellis Company presented The Point of View again last evening to an appreciative audience. The attendance was not so large as the production merited, owing probably to the number of counter attractions.

The characters were all well taken. Edward Ellis as James Stiles, the westerner, and Miss Brotherton as Marjorie Thornton, sharing the honors in the leading roles. The other members of the company looked after their parts in an efficient manner and contributed to the success of the evening. The songs between the acts by Mr. Ellis and Miss Brotherton were well received. The Point of View will be the bill this afternoon and evening.

The play for the last half of the week, commencing Thursday night, will be The Idler, a society drama in four acts, from the pen of C. Haddon Chambers. Mr. Chambers' name is a guarantee of the merits of the play, and in the hands of the Ellis Company the production will be looked after in the painstaking manner that characterizes all their presentations.

The scenes of the play are laid in England. The story deals with the efforts of Mark Cross, a young man of leisure, to induce Lady Harding to run away with him, she price she must pay Cross for saving the liberty of her husband, whom she dearly loves, and who is being pursued by the twin brother of the man he secretly killed in America before his marriage. It is a strong story, well relieved by comedy and should meet with a favorable reception.

A. W. Baird left last evening for Boston.

The Inglenook Philosopher of Kennebecasis Bay.

Two boys were passing by with a half dozen dead rabbits along over their shoulders.

"Poor fellows," said Pollard. "To whom do you refer?" said I. "To the boys," said Pollard. "They have got their first taste of innocent blood, and the thirst for innocent blood, like the appetite for morphine, increases with its gratification."

Pollard laid down his pipe. Said he, "We kill the man who puts our life in jeopardy and are justified in doing so; we steal a loaf of bread if we are on the verge of starvation and are without the means to buy and cannot borrow, and are justified in doing so. We kill the mosquito that makes a personal attack upon us and the potato bug that threatens our winter supply of potatoes, but we have no more right to shoot the robin that eats a few cherries or the rabbit that eats a few leaves of our clover than we have to shoot the boy who picks up one of our apples by the road side or the girl who gathers a few daisies in our pasture."

The reticent Pollard was growing loquacious. Said he, "Men in general are hand hunters like some of the Malays. Were it not for the law a good many would amuse themselves by going around popping off the lame, halt and blind, and anybody that was obnoxious to them, and call it fine sport."

Pollard continued: "A good many years ago, when I was in Virginia, the young sports of the neighborhood would ascend his once or twice a year and arrange for a head hunt. They would divide into two parties of, say 25 or 30 men each, to bring in at the end of a week the heads of all the animals and birds, not domesticated, that they could kill, and the party that killed the largest number was entertained at a sumptuous dinner by the defeated head hunters soon after. These men would soon have become human head hunters but for the penalties of the law. We have the right to protect our own lives at any cost, but he who sheds innocent blood shall be damned."

"That what would we do without flesh food?" said I. "The appetite for flesh food," answered Pollard, "is an artificial one, the same as the appetite for opium and tobacco." (Here he filled his pipe.) "We would be healthier, happier and wiser without it. Think of it," continued Pollard. "You have a sheep that supplies the wool from which your garments are made for five or six years. Then you cut its throat and eat it! You have a cow that provides the family with milk and butter for five or six years. Then you knock it on the head and eat it! You murder your servants—the members of your own household; you are a cannibal!"

Pollard lit his pipe and went out into the night without uttering another syllable.

INTERESTING PAPER

By Prof. W. F. Ganong, Read Before the Natural History Society Last Evening.

A paper by Prof. W. F. Ganong, recently read by title before the Natural History Society, deals with "The Recognition and Utilization of the Plateau Structure of Interior New Brunswick."

He says: "No doubt most people who know anything of interior and northern New Brunswick think of it as a hilly country only traversable along the valleys. Until recently this was evidently the idea of those whose business it was to lay out portage (lumbering) roads and to explore routes for projected railroads, for all the old portage roads in the interior cling to the valleys as do the earlier routes surveyed for railroads."

In reality, however, all interior and northern New Brunswick is a plateau into which the rivers have deeply cut, and it is only hilly where converging streams have carved the plateau to fragments, or where occasional masses of harder rocks have eroded somewhat more slowly than their surroundings.

This plateau structure is in recent years coming to be recognized in practice, for not only do all the newer portage roads in the interior mount from the valleys to the plateau, where they find a drier, more level, straighter and often shorter course than the earlier routes, but it is so understood it, by the utilization of the plateau, making crossings of the valleys on high bridges in their narrowest parts, that the Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors have been able to find a practicable, easy grade route across the plateau.

Last evening Wm. McIntosh delivered the second lecture in the elementary course of the Natural History Society in the society's rooms, before a large audience, his subject being, "Life on the Seashore."

A great variety of specimens from the collections of the society and the lecturer were used as illustrations and included the terebra clams, cockles, murex, scallops and oysters.

The great interest taken in the lecture was evidenced by the rapid attention of all present.

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Mr. Copp was in Vancouver at the time of the Valencia wreck and voyaged along the coast where the fearful disaster happened.

The mayor has a letter from Louis Davis, of 25 Villiers Street, N. M., Melbourne, Australia, asking if anything is known here of Hans Katsenman, of Bushach, Russia, aged between 40 and 45 years, and for eleven years a resident of Canada.

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