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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

THE application of the Canadian Northern was on Tuesday laid before Parliament, but the necessary facts have not accompanied the application, and before any sound judgment can be reached these facts must be ascertained. The Canadian Northern has become a great transcontinental railway, greater apparently than the proprietors of it can with the means within their power satisfactorily carry on. Funds and more funds are necessary in an ever-widening enterprise such as the Canadian Northern. The Government of Canada is appealed to, and it is fair to assume that the Government required all the information it deemed necessary to decide upon its course with reference to the application. It is not a question in which the rules that govern a loan by a banker can be applied, because if it were it would not be necessary to apply to the Government for aid.

The application has reached the next stage beyond the Government, Parliament itself, and Parliament should have all the facts upon which the Government acted laid before it, in order to determine whether the Government has acted rightly or not. The Government's decision is to guarantee the bonds of the company to the extent of \$45,000,000. The Government is to hold \$40,000,000 stock in the Canadian Northern, as security, which includes the \$7,000,000 already held by the Government, and in case of default on payment of the interest by the Canadian Northern the \$60,000,000 stock remaining would pass to the Government, and with it control of the Canadian Northern. This is to be further secured to the Government by a mortgage on the lines of the Canadian Northern in the three prairie provinces, amounting to about 5,000 miles of railway. The principal additional provision is that all the lines are placed under control of the Dominion Parliament, and on default of the Government can assume control of the roads, dismiss the directors of the Canadian Northern and appoint new directors in their places. The other provisions are of minor importance.

On the face of it, it is a tremendously large undertaking on the part of the country. If the road succeeds, the Canadian Northern shareholders get the benefit. If it fails the country will have on its hands the Canadian Northern Railway.

Whatever facts the Government has in its possession should now be laid before Parliament, and later before the people. No sound judgment can be reached without the facts. The people are vitally interested in reaching a wise decision. The fate of an extensive railway like the Canadian Northern cannot be viewed with indifference. The public becomes its bankers. Is it a wise transaction? Is it fairly safe? If it was absolutely safe, the company could get its required aid through the ordinary banking channels. It is only because the country benefits or suffers by what is decided on that the proposition is entertained. It opens up consideration of a very wide-reaching nature, questions similar to those which the Government of the United States is endeavoring to settle in dealing with monopolies and combines, which by government aid have grown too strong for government control.

The strict rules of banking need not therefore be applied to the proposition, but inasmuch as the benefits of such success as may be attained go to the private corporation, as the direct result of the endorsement of the country, whatever benefit and protection can be secured for the country should not be overlooked. Parliament should endeavor to look into the future as well as know the present facts, and then decide in accordance with the best interests of the country, and with particular reference to those parts of the country most served by the Canadian Northern.

EXTENDING THE INVESTIGATION.

WHEN the Government appointed Messrs. Gutelius and Staunton to investigate railway matters, the terms of their commission required them to take up everything relating to the construction of the National Transcontinental. To fulfil their duty properly they should have carried their inquiry up to the present. Instead of that, they stopped short with the advent of the Borden Government. It was quite evident that they were only intended to investigate what the Liberals had done. They were not told so publicly, but they were clearly told so privately, otherwise they would have gone further. Indeed, had they been honestly impartial, they would have gone on despite any private instructions, and would have given both parties the same treatment. But, "like master, like man." They were quite willing to do just what they were wanted to do.

However, the Liberals in the House are not disposed to have the railway investigation stop short if they can help it. They cannot get any such extensive inquiry as the Government got; nor can they get an impartial inquiry of any

kind. But they can bring out some things through the regular parliamentary committees. And they are doing it. One of the charges the commission made was that under the former regime contractors were getting too much money, and were robbing the public with the connivance of the Liberal Government and its officials. Had they carried their investigation into the operations of the present Government they would have found far more indefensible transactions.

Here is a sample of the Conservative methods of doing business: Mr. McArthur had the contract for several hundred miles of road between Winnipeg and Lake Superior. The old Transcontinental commission disputed his charges for excavation, and a board of expert engineers was appointed to investigate. They cut off \$983,000 from the contractor's bill. Not unnaturally, he protested, but expressed himself willing to throw off \$150,000. And these commissioners, inefficient and incompetent as the Tory politicians and press say they were, yet stood by their experts, and refused to give him any more than the engineers allowed. Then Mr. Borden came into power. The old commission was dismissed, and Major Leonard appointed with full charge. Mr. McArthur's protest was considered by his new employers, and his bill paid, less the amount he offered to throw off. In other words, the new rulers of affairs paid the contractor \$733,000 more than these old incompetent Liberals were willing to pay him.

We wonder what Messrs. Gutelius and Staunton would have said if they had been inquiring into matters under the present Government and found a transaction of this kind. Would they have mentioned it in their report? Probably not; or, if they did refer to it, they would have undertaken to prove that it was all right. They found nothing as bad as this while the Liberals were in power. But whatever they did find, they exaggerated to make it appear gross mismanagement of the public funds and robbery of the people for the benefit of contractors. Whether or not Mr. McArthur deserved what the Conservative Government gave him is aside from the main question just now. The point to be considered is that under a Conservative administration a contractor gets \$733,000 more than the Liberal Government, on the advice of its experts, was willing to give; and that the Tories have done better by contractors than the Liberals did. Nothing could show better the animus of the Gutelius commission. Nothing could prove more clearly that if the Liberals did anything deserving of censure the Conservatives have done worse.

MR. HANNA'S DENIALS.

HON. W. J. Hanna denied the Proudfoot charges, and the investigation was squelched when it began to get too warm for the Government. Mr. Proudfoot is still ready to prove them.

Hon. W. J. Hanna denied that the Imperial Oil Company of Canada had any connection with the Standard Oil Company of America, yet a suit is now pending in the state of Ohio to oust the Imperial Oil Company from that state, as a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company.

Hon. W. J. Hanna denied the Bowman charges, and his Government refused to allow an investigation. If the charges had been looked into and proven to be untrue, the result would have gone far to substantiate in the public mind the veracity of Mr. Hanna's denials in the other two cases. It would have gone far toward offsetting the effect of any future Liberal charges.

The refusal of the Government to permit an inquiry cannot be viewed in any other light than that Mr. Hanna dared not face the music.

The Provincial Secretary is convicted by the act of his colleagues, and future denials by Mr. Hanna will be no more effective from the public viewpoint than those of the past.

A LOVER OF WILD BIRDS.

HENRY FORD is a student of natural history, as well as of human nature. He recently brought a moving picture operator to Kingsville to catch the life of the wild geese that have made their home in that locality. Outside of the city of Detroit, Mr. Ford has a farm of 2,000 acres, where he has made conditions ideal as a home for any birds that visit that latitude.

Bird conservation of this sort has already proved successful and expedient. Mr. Ford's ample estate harbors the birds in winter as well as summer; some species, considered migratory in their habits, apparently being content to remain here, where peace and plenty abound, throughout the year. To increase the number of birds is an economic necessity. It is sound public policy viewed from any standpoint, as Our Dumb Animals points out.

Uncle Sam should look out for the serpent in any olive branch that Huerta extends.

Woodstock is refused city postal delivery until it has 12,000 population. Go after it, Woodstock!

To smile in the right way at the right time and at the right place is the quintessence of tact.

Evil gossip travels fast and, gathering as it goes, generally ends in outrageous and unfair libel.

British battleships are in Belfast Lough. This may put the Carsonites in the Slough of Despond.

The gyroscopic car has been perfected. Let's see; weren't we promised that for the London and Port Stanley Railway?

Those arbitration umpires may as well order Huerta out of the game, as he will never be able to solve Villa's shoots.

The activity of local educational officials in securing the transfer of the entrance examinations from the Collegiate Institute to the various public schools is to be commended. The greatest handicap

---and the Worst Is Yet to Come



—that of nervousness in strange surroundings—will be eliminated under this plan, and great things may be expected of the entrance class of 1914.

POEMS WORTH READING

RAINFALL.

From out the west where darkling stormclouds float,
 The wailing wind pipes soft its rising note.
 From out the west, o'erhanging with fringes gray,
 The wind preludes with sighs its roundelay.
 Then blowing, singing, piping, laughing loud,
 It hurries on before the gray storm-cloud.

Across the hollow and along the hill
 It whips and whirls among the maples till.
 With boughs unbent, and green of leaves blown wide,
 The silver shines upon their under-side.
 A gusty freshening of humid air,
 With showers laden, and with fragrance rare;
 And now a little sprinkle, with a dash
 Of great cool drops that fall with sudden splash;
 Then over field and hollow, grass and grain,
 The loud, crisp whiteness of the near-
 ing rain.

—E. Pauline Johnson.

WOMANLY SYMPATHY.

[Boston Transcript.]
 Ethel—Jack tried to kiss me.
 Marie—How impudent!
 Ethel—But he was interrupted.
 Marie—How annoying!

MERELY A SUGGESTION.

[Chicago News.]
 Perhaps it is carrying the efficiency idea a bit too far to ask amateur golf players to plant corn in the holes they dig while hitting at the ball.

GRAY HAIRS A HANDICAP

Tendency of Modern Business is To Favor the Young Man.
 This is the young man's age. Everywhere you find the big jobs in the hands of young men. The appearance of age discredits your ability. Youth and efficiency are first cousins in the eyes of businessmen.

Don't let a few gray hairs spoil your chances when it's so easy to prevent or cure them.
 Hay's Hair Health restores the natural color to gray hair and no one will know you use it.

It is not a dye. It is a hair tonic that re-invigorates the hair roots and the scalp, supplies new nourishment, a new lease of life for your hair, thus bringing back its natural color and luxuriance. It removes dandruff.

We guarantee it to do this. Your money will be refunded if it fails after a fair trial.
 \$1.00, 50c, 25c. Get it at our store. Sold and recommended by Catron & Lawrence Druggists, London, Ont.

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Month-End Housecleaning

**Today
 Friday
 Saturday**

This is the time of year when we, like all good housekeepers, get into odd corners and turn out the contents of every drawer, shelf and box to find the oddments and leftovers—goods which no longer belong to regular lines.

The numerous sales held this spring have left us with a good crop of these odds and ends, so the housecleaning broom is at work in every department.

Three days of this week—Today, Friday and Saturday—will be cleanup days. Get an idea of the bargains from the following list, and remember these are not old goods, but simply odds and ends of seasonable goods.

Handbags, 49c

2 DOZEN HANDBAGS, in suede and finished leather; black, tan and other colors. Balance of travellers' sample lines. Regular 75c, and \$1.00 values. To clear, each 49c

Cashmere Hose, 39c

3½ dozen pairs of manufacturers' sample Cashmere Hose, for women and children; plain cashmere and 1x1 rib; finest grades of 50c and 60c Hose, to clear at, pair 39c

Lisle Hose, 29c

Sample pairs of Women's Lisle Hose; regular 50c qualities. A small lot, but good choosing at, per pair 29c

Handkerchiefs, 10c

15 DOZEN FANCY LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS; very dainty styles, with shadow border and corner embroidery, hemstitched; all white or colored; regular 15c and 18c. To clear, each... 10c

Dress Shields, 10c

4 DOZEN WASHABLE DRESS SHIELDS—Best American make; sizes 2 and 3. Regular 15c each. To clear, each 10c

Boys' Balbriggan

Undershirts, 25c

3 DOZEN BOYS' BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS—Long sleeves; sizes 24 to 32. Regular 35c. To clear at, per garment 25c

Alarm Clocks, 49c

2 dozen Nickel Alarm Clocks, reliable timekeepers, sold elsewhere at 75c. To clear at each 49c

Hose Supports, 21c

5 dozen Women's Pad Hose Supporters, black only; lisle elastic and best patent clasp. Regular 25c, at, each 21c

Children's Elastic

Hose Supports

Ages 1 to 12 years, in black or white; were 15c. To clear at, per pair 5c

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS

AT HALF PRICE

Included are remnants of Dress Goods, Suitings and Coatings, recent accumulations of short lengths. Come early if you would share in this bargain. All lengths are exactly half the regular selling price.

A Rack of Women's Suits Your Choice, \$7.49

The price will tell you what a bargain this is in Women's Tailored Suits. There are whipcords, two-toned tweeds, lightweight gray worsteds, some blues and black. Not the extremely new styles, but very desirable for travelling, driving and auto wear. Suits for general good service. Thirty and 36-inch coats, neatly designed skirts, high waist effect. Sizes 34 to 38. Worth \$16.00 in the regular way. Choice of this rack of odd suits at \$7.49

Women's Serge Skirts, \$3.19

14 Only, Women's All-Wool Serge Skirts, in high waist or natural waist band. Choice of blue or black. Worth \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00. To clear at \$3.19

Women's Serge Dresses, \$2.98

In the Three Days' Housecleaning Sale we offer Women's Serge Dresses, in navy, blue or brown. Worth \$5.00. Sizes 34 to 36. To clear at \$2.98

Serge and Vicuna Skirts, \$1.98

10 Only, Women's Separate Skirts, in navy and black. Made of serge or vicuna. Worth up to \$3.50. To clear, today, Friday and Saturday \$1.98

Women's Norfolk Dresses, \$2.69

Navy Blue Serge Dresses, Norfolk style. Sizes for misses of 14, 16 and 18 years. In the Clean-Up Sale at \$2.69

Children's Serge Dresses, \$2.98

Fine All-Wool Serge Dresses for girls of 12 and 14 years. Made in one-piece Balkan or gored skirt style, neatly trimmed. Regular price \$3.75 and \$4.00. In the Clean-Up Sale, at \$2.98

On Sale in Ready-to-Wear Department on Second Floor.

BIBLES AT SPECIAL PRICES

TEACHERS' BIBLES, well bound in French morocco, printed in clear type, with references and other helps for Sunday school teachers. This Bible also contains family record. Red under gold edges and yapped. Sizes 5x7½. Regular \$1.25. Three days' special, each 98c

SCHOLARS' BIBLES, bound in French morocco, yapped edges, red under gold, with head band and marker. References and scholars' helps are contained in this Bible. Regular 75c, at, each 50c

Book Department on Second Floor.

READY-MADE SHEETS, \$1.49

Size 72x90 inches. Ready-made sheets, made of good strong cotton, linned ready to use. In the 3-days' sale at \$1.49 per pair

Silver-Bleached Tabling

ON SALE AT 37½¢ YARD.
 60 inches wide, a good wearing union linen tabling. Regular price 50c. In the 3-days' sale at 37½¢ per yard

Remnants of Lawn, 6½c Yard

Yard-wide White Lawn. Some are 39 inches wide. In remnant ends only, at 6½¢ yard

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