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## RAILWAY MATTERS

To judge from the reports in the World and Gazette of the interview which the Chatham Board of Trade had with the Minister of Railways, it doesn't look as though they expected to attain very much in the way of concessions from that gentleman. To begin with, he appears to have given great offence because he did not approach, cap in hand, and make due and proper obeisance to the nabobs who had assembled to interview him. One cannot blame him if he adopted a somewhat "autocratic" demeanour; he knew that he was going to be bored to death for as long as he chose to stand it and the prospect wasn't inviting.

When one reads the report of what took place at the interview, it is not to be wondered at that the Minister should get somewhat "irascible and touchy" to quote the Gazette. He had not come all the way to Chatham to be told how the railway service could be run to the best advantage or what it was going to cost him to make the necessary alterations at Derby Junction. His mind was made up to discontinue, in the interests of economy and more efficient service, the operation of the road between Blackville and Chatham Junction, and his sole object in attending at Chatham was to give the people interested an opportunity of presenting any sufficient material reasons why his intention should not be carried out. Instead of this, about 21 that they gave him was a dissertation about breach of faith, vested interests and sentiment generally, all very good things in their way, but they don't cut much of a figure when the credit side of the Intercolonial balance sheet comes to be made up at the end of the year.

According to the World, Mr. Stewart pointed out to the Minister that it was not a question of building a railway, but only a question of continuing to operate one that has been built and operated for 26 years. Precisely; it is only a question of spending \$150,000 in order to be able to continue to operate a line of railway that is losing \$15,000 in operating expenses, while there is another line running parallel to and within 1 mile of it, that, as far as Chatham is concerned, provides precisely the same service and besides ministers to the wants of ten times as many people en route. The only marvel is that any body of people could be found foolish enough to entertain the notion that any business man would consider such a proposition for a minute.

In taking the attitude which The World says they do—if it be true of Nelson and Blackville—the people of these places at Chatham are standing in their own light as far as railway facilities are concerned. As the service is being run now, people not only in Newcastle, but Chatham and Nelson are put into direct communication with all the stations on the Indian town branch; and the simple fact that the passenger receipts at all these stations have increased ten fold since the alteration in the service, shows that it is appreciated and is being largely taken advantage of.

It is no earthly use appealing to Mr. Hazen, because in the first place he would have more sense than interfere in a matter with which he has no concern and which is outside his Department altogether, especially when it would be for people who have "no use for him either personally or politically," and secondly because being a business man himself, he would at once see the folly of continuing to drop \$15,000 a year to continue a service which isn't needed, seeing that the work it would do is already far more satisfactorily performed by another route.

## A NEEDLESS ASSERSION

The report which the Police Committee laid before the Town Council the other evening contains an assertion which we certainly think should not be allowed to pass unchallenged. It states that "it is a matter of common knowledge that there is very much drunkenness in Newcastle." With such a sweeping assertion we decidedly take issue. It is not only a slander on the town, but it grossly misrepresents conditions. There are very few places in the province where—considering the quantity of liquor sold—there are fewer drunken people to be found than in the case of Newcastle. To say that there is no drunkenness in the town, would be as far from the truth as the statement made by the Police Committee; but there is no sense in trying to make out the town to be worse than it really is.

Those cases of drunkenness which do occur are those of men who are generally recognized as persistent drinkers and their number is but few. If a system of licence prevailed here those men could be black listed and no one would sell them liquor. As it is, they get it without any trouble. With the differences which have arisen between the Police Committee and their Inspector, we have no concern. The latter's duties are not easy by any means and his task at the best is a thankless one. That liquor is illegally sold in the town, no one will venture to deny; but as the Inspector said, it is pretty hard to catch them at it, and it is no use laying informations unless backed up by substantial proof.

As we have said in these columns on previous occasions, the sale of liquor can be much more easily controlled than prevented, if people would only see it.

Hon. Frank Cochrane must have evidently suited his demeanour to his company to judge from the criticism of him in the Chatham papers. His treatment of the Newcastle delegation was all that could be desired and no one could have listened to their statements with greater courtesy or consideration than he did.

Mr. Beveridge will no doubt thoroughly appreciate the efforts of his fellow townsmen in seeking to belittle his industry, in order to gain their own selfish ends, by telling the Minister of Railways that the Pulp and Paper Company had so little to do that they were only running four days a week. Presumably their excuse will be that desperate needs require desperate remedies, and if you can't score your point by honest means, you must try the other kind.

It is no wonder that the Department officials at Ottawa look somewhat askance when interviewed by Chatham delegations. Their usual tactics seem to have been called into play when they waited on the Minister of Railways on Tuesday with the story that "there is nothing doing at Millerton, the pulp mill is only running four days a week and they are thinking of unloading on to Sinclair's." Fortunately there were four or five Millerton men on the delegation which waited on the Minister here and they were able to tell him a very different story. When this is the kind of yarn they pitch, one cannot blame the people at Ottawa, if, as one official put it, "we have to look out for gold bricks when people from Chatham come along here."

Mr. Stewart—"Chatham and Maryville men, aided by the people and subsidized by the province had built the road—"

Mr. Cochrane—"As a fog road."

Mr. Stewart—"No Sir. They built it as a passenger and freight road, equipped it as such and ran it successfully for several years."

It was no use trying to hoodwink the Minister. He knows all about it, and he is perfectly well aware that as long as Messrs Gibson and Snowball had logs to haul over the road, they made it pay running expenses, but when the logs dropped out, deficits began to pile up every year. If they were operating the road so successfully, why did they make such desperate efforts to sell it, and change its name in order that it should not be recognized as a road with a bankrupt reputation?

"The Sergeant's Secret" the best war drama ever shown here at the Happy Hour Friday and Saturday.

## STOLEN RELIC WORTH A FORTUNE

Sacred Persian "Mihrab" Now in Possession of London Collector—Cost a Human Life

Stolen almost tile by tile from the Mosque of the Market Place at Kashan, the greater part of a Persian Mihrab, to which every Mohammedan worshipper makes obeisance, has found a resting place in London.

Rectangular in shape, measuring 2 feet 4 inches by 6 feet, the antique consists principally of silver and gold lustre tiles for which the Persians were famous, and was built into the wall of the mosque, pointing directly towards Mecca.

The bulk of the Mihrab is in the hands of Mr. John Richard Preece, who was formerly Consul-General at Ispahan.

Mr. B. W. Stainton, who was associated with Mr. Preece in its collection, says that in 1879 this Mihrab was intact, but on inspecting it again a piece had disappeared. Portions continued to disappear mysteriously despite the presence of guards, until it was nearly all gone. Probably the watchmen were in league with the robbers. One special guard was killed mysteriously at his post, and three others were drugged.

"In the early eighties a servant in the Government employ offered Mr. Preece a beautiful tile, but refused to divulge the source from which it was obtained and how. Through a period of nearly twenty years similar relics were brought to him and purchased. Then one day, being in the mosque at Kashan, he discovered that his pieces had been picked from the wall, and the Mihrab so depleted that the authorities were induced to sell the remnants to him."

There are parts missing, and the collectors holding them refuse to sell, so rare and beautiful is the work. The Mihrab comprises over ninety pieces, and the value placed upon it is from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The design is of a door within a door, and inscriptions in blue from the Koran are in three languages—Kufic, Karmati, and Naskhi. It was executed in the thirteenth century by one Hassan, and the art is not practised now amongst the Persians.

## UNCANNY REMEDIES

Days When Viper Broth and Spider Pills Were in the Pharmacopoeia

Quaint medical remedies which were popular in bygone days were described at the City of London School by Dr. F. M. Sandwith, Gresham Professor of Physic, in a lecture on "Drugs Old and New."

After pointing out that herbs supplied the first drugs, the lecturer described how animal products were accepted as medicines, some even remaining in the first English pharmacopoeia published in 1618. Tiger's flesh and newborn puppies were among the old remedies. One book recommended a live spider to be rolled in butter and formed into a pill and then swallowed, as an antidote to jaundice. Vipers were held in high esteem, and a broth made from them was said to strengthen the sight. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries powdered mummies were prescribed.

In some of the older herbal works a striking fact was the constant recommendation of remedies for bruises, which gave some idea of the manners of the day. John Gerard, who was chief gardener of Lord Burleigh's garden in the Strand, and had a garden of his own in Holborn, published a book in 1597 which recommended "Solomon's seal" for taking away in one night the blackness of bruises caused by falls "or woman's wilfulness in tumbling upon their hasty husbands' fists, or such like."

**Peer Sells Big Estate**  
Lord Jolcey's Gregynog estate, Montgomeryshire, which comprises 16,000 acres, worth \$60,000 a year net, was privately sold for \$1,350,000. The timber alone is valued at \$240,000. This was the property on which Lord Sudeley spent a large fortune. Lord Jolcey also expended a very large sum upon the place after he acquired it. As a result it is one of the model estates in the kingdom, the 230 farms which it includes all being in excellent order. Although the property was disposed of, the tenants still have an opportunity of acquiring their holdings.

**Famous Agitation Recalled**  
A famous incident of the long conflict between Berwick fishermen and Tweed bailiffs is recalled by the death of Mr. William Patterson, Berwick, who was one of two men who were wounded by a shot fired from a Government gunboat. Deceased was one of the crew of a fishing boat which, on ignoring the gunboat's order to lie to, was fired at, and Patterson was wounded.

The first case of depredation of any sort requiring the attention of the I. C. R. police since the I. C. R. took over the N. B. section of the National Transcontinental Railway, occurred one day last week. A man named Oscar Roberts was arrested at Napadogan by the I. C. R. police, charged with raising a disturbance on the train. He was taken before a magistrate and fined \$20 or three months.

## A NEWSY SURVEY OF BRITISH ISLES

Airman's Last Wish

In accordance with the last written wish of Mr. Graham Gilmour, who was killed while flying over Richmond Park, a model aeroplane has been placed over his grave at Mickleham.

Depredations by Foxes

Foxes are making their presence severely felt along the slopes of the Killyth and Campsie Hills in Scotland. Within a week one flockmaster had no fewer than eighteen lambs devoured by the foxes.

School Children's Religious Strike

As a protest against the employment of a teacher of the Roman Catholic faith a number of children at their parents' request absented themselves from a school in the Springburn district of Glasgow.

Parents Demand Inquiry

As a protest against the refusal of the Board of Education to grant an inquiry, parents at Batlock's Heath, near Netley, kept their children from school. Seventy children were withdrawn in a week.

Burglars Oblige a Vicar

Burglars earned the undying gratitude of the Rev. H. G. Hills, vicar of All Saints, Battersea, by carrying away "fifty of the most abominable cigars I have ever known," but leaving a considerable sum of money intact.

Vicar of St. Michael's

The Rev. John H. J. Ellison, vicar of Windsor, son of a former vicar and brother-in-law of the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been appointed to the living of St. Michael, Cornhill, the gross income of which is stated to be \$6,500.

Rise for Grave-diggers

Owing to the increased cost of food the grave-diggers employed at the Hammermith Borough Council cemetery petitioned for increased wages, and the council has granted them an increase of 75 cents a week, from \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Too Many Guns

At a meeting of the Irish Game Protection Association in Dublin the Earl of Mayo proposed a resolution protesting against the apathy of the authorities in allowing a vast and increasing number of guns to be indiscriminately sold in Ireland.

The Common Drinking Cup

To abolish the risk of infection through the use of a common cup for drinking purposes, a new system has been introduced at the new elementary schools of the Croydon Corporation at Norbury. A button is pressed and a small jet of water rises, to which the mouth is applied direct.

Arriving Our Liners

The precedent set by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company in placing two guns upon their vessel, the Aragon, will be followed in the case of other ships ordered from Messrs. Harland and Wolff. It is probable that on one or two new vessels provision will be made for mounting four guns, instead of two.

A Lady Professor

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, appointed Miss Olive Constance Purser, M.A., as temporary lecturer in English literature. Miss Purser, who is a niece of Dr. Purser, Junior bursar of Trinity, was the first lady to obtain a scholarship in Trinity after the passing of the Act for the admission of women in 1907.

A company of the Cameron Highlanders visited the site of the skirmish at Preston, marching in the direction taken by the Highlanders, and going over all the principal lines of the fight to Banton (Gardiner's house), and returning to Edinburgh by the route followed by Prince Charles.

Badger-baiting Not Sport

At Ystrad, Wales, ten men were charged with cruelty by baiting a badger. A policeman saw the defendants with others on the mountain near Clydach Vale. There were a number of dogs and they badly mawled a badger which was carried about in a box. The magistrate said this was not sport but cruelty, and fined the defendants.

Gift For Street Garden

Mr. C. H. Master, formerly High Sheriff of Surrey, gave \$10,000 to the town of Guildford for the laying out as a garden a site until recently occupied by a number of business premises and known as Ram Corner in High street. The spot had for many years been the narrowest point on the main road between London and Portsmouth.

Girl Who Will Not Grow

The Smallburgh, Norfolk, Guardians received an intimation that a girl, aged thirteen, has not grown for some years. The county medical officer advised that she should have thyroid extract to make her grow, but the district medical officer refused to supply the extract at his own cost, as he did not contract to increase the stature of any Poor Law patient.

At the York sitting of the King's Bench division of the Supreme Court Tuesday morning, Mr. Justice White presiding, the grand jury found a true bill in the case against Joel Scott, an aged man, charged with assault on a girl under fourteen years of age. Scott pleaded not guilty, and the trial is now going on. R. B. Hanson is conducting the prosecution for the crown and P. A. Guthrie is the prisoner's counsel.

## SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed: "Tender for Supplying Coal for the Dominion Buildings," will be received at this office until 4.00 P. M., on Monday, July 14, 1913, for the supply of coal for the Public Buildings throughout the Dominion.

Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application at this office and from the caretakers of the different Dominion Buildings.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the contract. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 14, 1913.

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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed: "Tender for Draining, Little Black River and Miramichi River, N. B.," will be received until 4.00 P. M., on Tuesday, July 8, 1913, for draining required on the N. W. Miramichi River, on the S. W. Miramichi River, and at Little Black River, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa. Tenders must include the towing of the plant to and from the work. Drifts and tugs not owned and registered in Canada shall not be employed in the performance of the work contracted for. Contractors must be ready to begin work within thirty days after the date they have been notified of the acceptance of their tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 19, 1913.

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