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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The relations of the Borden government with great railway corporations is giving the people of the maritime provinces a good deal of concern. They are asking what is to be the future relation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for example, to the traffic of these provinces. The government secured as general manager of the Intercolonial Railway Mr. Guellet, an employee of the Canadian Pacific, who, as the minister of railways put it, was "loaned to the government for two years." Mr. Guellet was also engaged by the government, along with Mr. Lynch-Staunton, to prepare a partisan report on the National Transcontinental Railway, which report it is alleged was made more partisan at the instigation of a member of the government after it had left their hands. Mr. Guellet as general manager of the Intercolonial Railway has not only done a good deal to make government control unpopular in these provinces, but he has enabled the Canadian Pacific to get from the government railway specially favorable terms between Halifax and St. John, which had previously under a Liberal government been denied. Local patrons of the Intercolonial were compelled to submit to an increase in freight and passenger rates, and to a curtailment of suburban services; but the Canadian Pacific was enabled to get its traffic hauled between Halifax and St. John at extremely low rates, and what the general public is convinced are not profitable rates for the government railway. The citizens of St. John tried months ago to get a copy of the agreement which Mr. Guellet made with the C. P. R., but though they were promised a copy of the agreement by Mr. Borden, and also by Mr. Hazen, they have not got it. As soon as parliament met, Hon. Mr. Emmerson brought up the question and tried to get the necessary information. He also has failed, and when he brought the matter up again yesterday in the house, all he got in reply was a statement from Mr. Borden that he would direct Hon. Mr. Cochrane's attention to the matter.

Aside from the manner in which the government has played into the hands of the Canadian Pacific in the maritime provinces, what is the explanation of the course it has pursued in relation to the Grand Trunk Pacific? Why has it materially changed the character of that road, by accepting heavier grades, sharper curves and generally cheapening its construction? Is there a disposition on the part of the government to play the game of the Canadian Pacific in connection with the new Transcontinental? The people are asking these questions. The feeling is steadily growing that the government is not in this country attaining too great proportions; and in this matter of railway transportation nothing could be more unfortunate than for the government of the country to play into the hands of any great railway company. The people of the maritime provinces should be especially jealous of their rights in this matter. The government railway is their safe-guard. Whatever is done to discredit government ownership strikes directly at the vital interests of the people.

WHERE'S THE EMERGENCY

Considerable time has elapsed since we heard from our old friend the naval emergency. Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes and the military estimates have taken the front of the stage, and he is asking for eleven million dollars for general militia purposes, two and one-half million for armaments and the like, with supplementary estimates yet to come. In order to meet all the demands of the war minister and provide Hon. Robert Rogers with the sinews of war for his department, as well as to provide the other ministers with sufficient funds to reward the faithful, it may be necessary to forget about that thirty-five million dollars which was to be used to fatten the profits of shipbuilding firms in the old country. At all events the emergency has lately failed to emerge, and the relations between Britain and Germany continue to grow more and more cordial. No doubt our war minister contributed something to this last happy result when he visited Germany last summer. The military advisors of the German government must have been impressed by the warlike mien of Col. Hughes, Col. McLeod and the other colonels who spent that seven thousand dollars for the hire of automobiles to discover the strategic points and familiarize themselves with the earliest approach to Berlin with an army from Canada. Mr. Borden and his naval minister are thrust into the background for the time being by Col. Hughes, and it may be a long time before they can get enough life into the emergency to make it present the fearsome appearance of its lusty youth. In the meantime the survey for those concrete wharves at Fredrickton goes on apace, improved mail services are promised the people of York county, and the St. John suburban line bound for Roversay is assured that the walking is excellent.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Professor J. F. McCurdy, of the University of Toronto, who is celebrating his sixty-seventh birthday today, is an oriental scholar of international reputation. He was born in Chatham, N. B., the son of a Presbyterian minister, and has been professor of oriental languages in Toronto since 1888. A signal honor was conferred on him three years ago when he was appointed to take charge of the School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem for a year. Despite his fondness for delving into ancient history, he is a very keen supporter of the modern game of football, and is a faithful reader at all the "Varsity" games. He accompanies the team frequently on his trips about the country, is in daily attendance at the practices, and has the science of the game down to a fine point.

LIGHTER VEIN

Uplifting Drama

It ought not to be very difficult to elevate the stage. It has wings and flies—Christian Register.

Some Use For Him

Mr. Bell Hall—Good afternoon, Miss Radcliffe. Going for a walk? I hope I may accompany you?

Miss Radcliffe—Yes, Dr. Sargent says we must always walk with some object, and I suppose you will answer the purpose—Harvard Lampoon.

The Wedding Gift

(Pittsburg Post)

Observe the sweet and blushing bride; She contemplates her gifts with pride. She has 1 clock, and on the side 2 bowls, 3 handkerchiefs, 4 spoons, 5 pickle forks.

Of useless gifts she has a host; In fact a trifle more than most. And here arrive by parcel-post 6 Pie knives, 7 Fern dishes, 11 carving sets.

Observe the wife; she seeks a store With funny forks and knives galore. She seeks to trade the outfit for 1 wash tub, 1 frying pan, 1 clothes wringer.

THE SKIN TROUBLES OF CHILDHOOD

School Records Show Much Time Lost From Eczema.

Chafing and skin irritation, whether from changing temperature, rough winds, strong soap or the action of the clothing, naturally develop into eczema, spread over the body and defy ordinary treatment.

Most doctors do not give much attention to skin diseases, and consequently, it is necessary for parents to select some treatment which has proven a cure for such ailments. If records of cures count for anything, then you can turn to Dr. Chase's Ointment with fullest assurance that in this you will have the means of controlling skin troubles.

By affording prompt relief from the terrible itching, Dr. Chase's Ointment puts an end to suffering, and removes the cause of scratching. As the fires of eczema die away the ointment sets up the process of healing, and brings about thorough and lasting cure. As a treatment for the skin troubles of children nothing has ever proven so satisfactory as Dr. Chase's Ointment.

At a special meeting of the R. L. Brown Club last evening W. L. Brown, William J. Hill, C. E. Fairweather, J. A. Wickham, H. Lester Smith, J. B. Jones and J. W. Dobbin were added to the executive. A pool tournament was started with games between J. Starr, Tait and Charles Wansmaker and J. W. Dobbin and F. R. Fairweather.

Why Not Take It to Gundry!

Have you a watch from which some bolt has stolen the tick?

Why Not Take It to Gundry!

Gundry was brought up in the watch business, for years was one of the highest salaried workmen in Canada. If you want good work done

You Will Have To Hand It to Gundry!

79 King St.

Diamonds Watches Jewelry

The Bread Buyer's Guarantee

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