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## CANADIAN SENATE AND THE G.T.R.

Recently received dispatches from Ottawa convey the impression that there is a strong opposition developing in the Senate against Canada taking over the Grand Trunk Railway. Seeing that the members of the upper chamber are not responsible to the electors and generally reactionary in their views, the report will not cause astonishment.

It is obvious that the company cannot carry on, unless it receives loans of money from the Dominion. Canadians generally are opposed to making any further loans to railways, seeing that Canada has customarily to pay the interest if not the principal itself. Since it is not desirable to allow the G.T.R. and G.T.P. to go bankrupt, the public prefers to take them over. In either case the taxpayers will be called upon to settle its unpaid bills. Therefore it is preferable to own the system and link it up with the National Railways.

Should the Senate succeed in defeating the taking over of the G.T.R., it may only be for a session or two. The company cannot long navigate under its own steam. The consensus of opinion is that it will not give over or lease its system for 999 years, it should not be given any further public assistance.

Having acquired the Canadian Northern, it would be advantageous to lease or acquire the G.T.R., since it has many branch lines in the East, which the C.N.R. has not. The one would be the complement of the other.

There is the further consideration of Hydro radicals. It is planned to gridiron the province with municipally-owned electric railways. To avoid duplication of lines and needless competition, it is proposed, in event of the G.T.R. leasing its system to the Dominion to sublet its line from Toronto to London or Sarnia, and numerous branches to the Hydro Commission.

Should the Senate defeat the purpose, it will mean the construction of Hydro radicals in the busiest sections of the province and make the profitable operation of the G.T.R., as a private undertaking much more difficult.

The Hydro-Electric Commission has delayed actual work on its radicals pending the outcome of the country's negotiations with the G.T.R. The municipalities directly interested have already voted \$30,000,000 for radial railways and are pressing for action. They prefer wherever advantageous to utilize G.T.R. branches, but will, if a bargain cannot be struck, build their own lines.

To illustrate the Hydro Commission has completed its surveys and investigations for a line from Elmhurst to Dundas, via these two communities and Galt. It was proposed to lease the Galt-Elmhurst branch of the G.T.R. and electricity it. Were it prevented from doing this, it will construct a radial of its own, having satisfied itself that such a line would pay.

It is therefore unfortunate for the country that the Senate should consider itself the last defense line of the G.T.R. To do so will be to hamper its operation and augment its financial troubles.

## A WORD OF CAUTION

"Let us be forewarned" were the words of caution which went far and wide about a year ago when the epidemic of influenza cut a swath through Canada and brought suffering and distress and carried away tens of thousands of our loved ones. A timely word or two may not be out of place to health authorities and the public generally.

The benefits of fresh air, healthy living and the early medical attention to colds and catarrhs should not be forgotten as some of the preventive measures which should claim our personal attention.

Let each one of us, like a good scout, "Be prepared" against what may happen and the worst may never materialize.

## TO TUNNEL THE CHANNEL

There are good prospects of a tunnel being constructed under the English channel. This large undertaking was first proposed in 1876 but owing to fears of a military nature being held by the people of Britain and France, the proposition has hung fire.

The plan then put forward to construct a tunnel under the straits aimed to begin at Sangatte in France and extend to a point near Dover, known as "Shakespeare's Cliff". This may be adopted.

If the recommendations of the joint committee are definitely adopted, the tunnel will have two cylindrical galleries, 6 meters (19.6) in diameter. The interior of these galleries will be lined with loaded concrete, or concrete. Its length will be 53 kilometers (or 32.93 miles).

The choice of the modes of traction has been studied at length and the adoption of electric traction finally decided upon as this seems to present the greatest advantages and the fewest inconveniences.

In both countries a majority of parliamentary representatives are said to be in favor of proceeding with the big undertaking.

## PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON FIRE PREVENTION

Teachers in the primary schools are doing their share to reduce losses in Canada by teaching their pupils the dangers of fire; teaching them not to play with matches and impressing on their plastic minds the fact that every dollar lost by fire is gone forever and is therefore pure waste; and that fires increase the cost of living.

To encourage the children, one thousand goldplated and enamelled medals will be presented among the schools of Ontario for the best essays on "Prevention of fires in Home and Factory."

In addition, a solid gold medal and two silver medals will be given for the three best essays written by High School, College and University students.

Those pupils attending the Public and Separate schools and have third and fourth class standing, may compete for the other medals.

The essays must not exceed 500 words in length and be only written on one side of the paper. They must be in the hands of the principals of the schools not later than November 1st, next.

This contest has been arranged by the Ontario Fire Prevention League. There will be 7 medals awarded in our city and 3 medals in Waterloo, to pupils in the Third and Fourth forms.

It is to be hoped that the pupils of the Twin City will compete in this worthwhile contest.

## BY THE WAY

The United Farmers have placed 75 candidates in the Ontario election field and are hopeful of good results.

Life Insurance companies claim that Western Canadian men, owing to their life in the open, are better risks than are the menfolk of Eastern Canada.

Mr. Brown, one of the aviators who made the first nonstop flight across the big pond, has expressed the opinion that within a period of five years an airship service across the Atlantic, with a 48-hour run, ought to be possible.

Ottawa has a population of 107,732, not counting the legislators who spend a considerable portion of the year in the capital. Like the Bostonese, every Ottawa inhabitant is as important as two other Ontarians.

## Extracts of Exchange

### Attorney-General Lucas

Guelph Mercury:—It would be unfair, and it is unnecessary, to charge the Attorney-General of Ontario with gross dereliction in the discharge of his official duties on the strength of accusations made against him in a House of Commons debate. But Mr. Lucas may as well understand that he must meet and refute these accusations before election day, if he is to be safe against a rapidly rising tide of popular indignation.

On Monday last Mr. D.D. McKenzie, on a motion for papers, stated as a matter of common knowledge that the Dominion Canners Company had a contract with the Government to supply eighty million cans of preserved foods for soldiers, and he read letters which alleged that gross frauds had been perpetrated by the company's employees in the fulfillment of this contract. Some of these allegations are so monstrous as to be well nigh incredible unless substantiated by sworn testimony. For example, it is said that pebbles had been found in many cans to such an extent that their aggregate bulk might have amounted to "ear loads." Far worse still than that: accusations are made to the effect that cans of "pork and beans" were found to contain no pork and only rotten beans, and that some of the soldiers were made sick by eating the stuff.

Here is where Mr. Lucas comes in: Mr. MacKenzie said he had been informed that "material for evidence had been laid by some of the officers of the Government with the Attorney-General of Ontario," that "even officials of the British Government had reported to the Department of Justice, complaining about the matter, that from the Department of Justice the complaints had passed to the Attorney-General at Toronto, and that nothing had been done." Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, admitted that "complaints had been made as to the manner of fulfillment of the contract, that there had been a very considerable inquiry into the matter, but that the complaints were as to the quantity furnished."

Of course, Mr. Lucas has no responsibility for the failure of contractors to live up to their undertakings, but he must answer to the people, and at once, for his own failure to prosecute the accused company. He cannot afford to remain silent under so disgraceful a charge.

## HEARST BIG LOSS

Farmers' Sun:—The open declaration of independence by Adam Beck takes the one piece of strong foundation timber from beneath the Hearst Government.

## WAIT A MINUTE

### FROM HERE AND THERE

South Africa has more than 32,000,000 sheep, producing over 170,000 pounds of wool annually.

The longest mile is the Norwegian, which contains twelve thousand one hundred and eighty-two yards. Throughout Belgium generally the birth-rate declined during the war by 50 per cent, and the population is now about the same as in 1910.

The significance of an agate stone, worn as a brooch, is that it is supposed to quench thirst and to protect the wearer against lightning.

Billiards originally could not be called the "green-table sport", since the early billiard tables were covered with blue cloth and not green.

The Duke of Westminster is the largest individual owner of property in London. His 400 acres in Pimlico yield a yearly rent of over \$15,000,000.

Hay is being sold for as much as \$80 a ton in the north of England. The average price before the war was \$20 a ton, but now even the poorer quality is easily sold at \$60.

Instances of extraordinary longevity are not always above suspicion, but Thomas Parr, who was buried in Westminster Abbey, seems to have lived for 152 years. That is the inscription on his tombstone. The average number of microbes in the teaspoonful of milk kept under the most sanitary conditions is 6,000,000. Some of them are probably doing useful work, whilst others are decidedly pernicious.

Ball games were first played by the ancient Greeks and Romans, and consisted merely of throwing and catching the ball. This was found to be an excellent method of strengthening the figure and keeping the body healthy.

Over a million dollars is made every year from apricot stones in California. Nearly 7,000 tons of stone are obtained from the fruit and from these the chemist extracts two oils, one known as bitter oil of almonds, the other a new substitute for olive oil. A ton of stones produces materials worth about \$200.

A new style of goggles specially designed to prevent the automobile driver from becoming dazzled has the right-hand side of each lens colored. When blinding headlights come along the driver has only to turn his head slightly to the left and his eyes are at once protected from the dazzling glare while he still has the clear part of the goggles to keep an eye on the road.

In the island of Jersey there is a species of cabbage called the cow-cabbage, which is grown for 'catties' feed. It attains gigantic proportions, and the stalks are frequently from twelve to sixteen feet in height. These are used as fence rails, while the shorter ones are made into canes umbrella handles, and other souvenirs which are highly prized by the visitors and tourists.

## TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1858—First overland mail reached San Francisco from St. Louis.

1894—Sir John Astley, celebrated English sportsman, died in London. Born in Rome in 1828.

1902—The Colombian Government formally protested against the refusal of Admiral Casey to permit the transportation of soldiers across the Isthmus of Panama.

1910—Loss by forest fires along the Minnesota-Canadian border reached 342 lives and \$100,000,000 in property.

1911—In California amendments to the Constitution including one for woman suffrage, were adopted by popular vote.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Prince Charles, second son of the King of the Belgians, born in Brussels, 16 years ago today.

Lord Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England and Late High Commissioner to the United States, born in London, 50 years ago today.



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## MUSK RAT FOUND ONLY IN AMERICA.

The musk rat, as its name would indicate, is a species of rat. Its body is shaped like that of the ordinary rat, but instead of the short, close hair of the land species, it is covered by a thick reddish-brown fur, and because it lives much in the water it has webbed toes. Although very awkward on land, it is a lively swimmer and diver. The home of the musk rat is generally a hole dug in the bank of the lake or stream, though sometimes on marshy lands they build domeshaped houses very much like the beaver's home. When the home is on the edge of a stream or lake it is built above high water line, and forms a sort of long gallery, where six or eight of them may dwell together. There are always two holes leading from this gallery to the outside world, one being under water and one above.

The hole below water is the animal's vent frequently used is that of setting traps where their paths are found. Since the animal ventures out on

land only in search of food, attempting bit of apple or carrot is more than apt to lure this unsuspecting vegetarian into the jaws of the trap. There is another method frequently employed in the early winter, before snow has covered the frozen surface of the streams and lakes. The musk rat is a great swimmer and diver, and though it can swim for a remarkable distance without air, it eventually comes up to breathe against the bottom surface of the ice. When a trapper has sighted a musk rat swimming below the surface of the ice he follows until it comes up to breathe and then hits the ice a heavy blow with an ax, which stuns the animal. Then he chaps a hole in the ice and drags his prize forth.

But the seasoned trapper, who travels far from home in order to find a prolific trapping ground, is not the only one who is engaged in trapping the musk rat. Many farmers and ranchers and homesteaders have been busy setting traps in the vicinity of their homes this winter. A few hundred rat skins will supply the farmer to buy some coveted piece of farm machinery which will help toward greater production during the summer.

These are several methods used in catching the musk rat. A method of the steamship department of the C.P.R. that one of their liners will be berthed at Windsor for hotel purposes.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Centenary of the birth of Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, in the '60s.

King Ferdinand of Roumania today celebrates the fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Today is observed as a general holiday in Cuba, marking the anniversary of the beginning of the ten years' war (1868-78).

China keeps a holiday today in celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of the republic.

R.H.H. The Prince of Wales and his party are scheduled to pay brief visits today to the Manitoba cities of Brandon and Portage la Prairie. The annual national reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Atlanta will be brought to a virtual close today with the parade of the old soldiers.

The formal ceremonies in celebration of the centennial of Colgate University will be held today with Dr. E.B. Bryan, president of the university presiding.

Norwich University at Norwich Vt., the oldest American military college outside of West Point, in

whose halls QAdmiral George Dewey and Gen. Grenville H. Dodge were trained, today will begin a four-day celebration of the centennial of its founding.

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