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THE TERRITORIAL REVENUE.

Mr. Robinson:—"If the present Government had not decreased the size of the saw logs cut upon Crown lands, they would be entitled to some measure of credit for the enlarged revenue from stumpage, but everyone knows that the increased value of the manufactured lumber and the ease with which the lumbermen can gather logs up to the present requirements are the chief factors which have stimulated the lumber business."

In the light of Mr. Robinson's statement, the following returns of trans-Atlantic lumber shipments from New Brunswick for the last four years are of particular interest:—

Year	Feet
1907	355,053,363
1908	306,445,056
1909	325,213,639
1910	327,519,421

It will be seen that the shipments during any one of the last three years have not equalled the shipments during 1907—the last year Mr. Robinson's Government were responsible for the collection of the stumpage. The average is about 40,000,000 feet less per annum. This would seem to be pretty convincing proof that an increase of \$173,000 in the revenue from this source in the last three years is due to more thorough and honest collection of the stumpage, and, not, as Mr. Robinson would have it believed, to the depletion of the forests. The Hazen Government are very clearly entitled to the credit.

A SHORT SIGHTED POLICY.

The gigantic blunder made by the Dominion Government in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific deal years ago, becomes even more apparent by the refusal of Sir Wilfrid to build and operate the Hudson Bay Railway as a Government enterprise. The situation would have been vastly different had sane methods been employed in making the bargain with the Grand Trunk.

It goes without saying that the traffic on the Hudson Bay line will be of a very limited and intermittent nature. During the wheat shipping season there will be a rush, and at other times little or nothing will be moving over the rails. Much rolling stock will be required during the busy season, which will be idle for the rest of the year unless utilized on other lines. This traffic could easily be handled by the Intercolonial—a line already owned and operated by the people of Canada—but unfortunately that road has no connection with the West.

Had the counsel of the Conservative party been followed this would not have been the case. An opportunity was offered the Government in 1903 to extend the Intercolonial to Georgian Bay, but Sir Wilfrid would not listen to this proposal. But this was not the greatest error made by the Government. It would naturally be supposed that when the Dominion agreed to build a line from Moncton to Winnipeg and hand it over to the Grand Trunk Pacific, common sense would have dictated the policy of stipulating that the Intercolonial should be allowed running rights over it. But no stipulation of this kind was made.

Here is the situation as it now presents itself:—The people of Canada are spending upwards of \$200,000,000 to build a road from Moncton to Winnipeg which will be turned over to a private corporation which will have it under complete control. The Intercolonial, owned by the people of Canada, will not be allowed to use this new line built with the people's money. The credit of the Dominion is further pledged to the extent of providing for seventy-five per cent. of the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to the coast. Connection could have been made with this line whereby the Government road could have handled the traffic to Hudson Bay. But this is now impossible.

With these facts in view it becomes abundantly plain that a gigantic blunder was made when the Government's one-sided bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific was forced upon the country in the teeth of the strenuous opposition advanced by the Conservatives in the House of Commons.

THE CANADIAN ARMY.

English military authorities continue to emphasize the lessons which Sir Frederick Borden's department would draw from the report of General Sir John French on the Canadian army. The military correspondent of the Naval and Military Record, after referring to the report as showing that blunt honesty in army matters is not confined to the Duke of Connaught, Lord Roberts and Kitchener, says it forms a trenchant exposure of the haphazard organization, imperfect training, and disregard of military obligations existing in the Canadian army, and is full of sound suggestions or radical reform.

"Canada should be thankful," he continues; "and the short-sighted partisans who seized upon Canadian successes at Blaisy (not always achieved by genuine Canadian soldiers, by the way) and the recent visit of Sir Henry Pellatt's regiment as an excuse for plunging into panegyrics about 'The Lady of the Snows'—nervous military spirit and organization, should be silenced. If the Canadian army is to take its proper place in the great Imperial Defence Scheme, then its organization, training, &c., must approximate as closely as possible to ours; and even in such matters as rifle

equipment, &c., Sir Henry Pellatt's men were found to differ materially.

"But from the recruiting point of view, the Canadian militia system is, we may say, even less satisfactory than our Territorial. It is the men who rule. They have to be tempted into the ranks; they have to be coaxed to go to camp; their wishes have to be ascertained and studied to induce them to complete their three years' engagement; in one or two of the larger cities the local corps are greatly under strength (some, by the way, do no camp training at all), whilst the annual training of all others has to be crammed into twelve days! In condemning this, and pleading for at least 16 clear days under canvas, General French was unconsciously exposing our own defects, since a vast proportion of Territorials can still only be got to camp for eight days.

"But the farcical inadequacy of the Canadian training has always been felt most in regard to the cavalry, which, as we know, is a crude force to say the least, the men being ill-equipped and ill-disciplined, and the training decidedly elementary and obsolete—what there is of it. The artillery is fair—because it is largely staffed by British regulars—and the spirit of the men everywhere is admirable; but this will not avail in a crisis without sound training and the ingrained habit of discipline. To be of real value in the Imperial Army the force must more strictly adhere to our own rigid military methods and principles."

CHINA'S FUTURE.

Mr. Walter Kirton, one of the editors of The National Review, which is published at Shanghai, declares that China has awakened and that with England and the United States it must one day become one of the three great national factors in world affairs. "I don't mean," he adds, "in militarism. It is an unmilitary country; the people are peace-loving, law-abiding. Resources and population make strength."

Without attempting to apportion the amount of world power that will go to each nation, it may safely be assumed that present tendencies are distinctly favorable to Chinese progress. In a competition which does not include military rivalries the Chinese have qualities that are of the highest value. They are exceptionally industrious and thrifty. As merchants they have an excellent reputation both for business acumen and business honesty. They have made their way against all comers in the Dutch and English possessions of the Far East, they have established themselves under all flags in the islands of the Pacific; Chinese accountants are commonly employed in the cities of Japan.

This great industrial nation might be despoiled by armies, but nothing is more certain than that its people are exceptionally well equipped to attain success in an industrial and commercial age. Much is said, it is true, of the poverty of the crowded millions of the empire, but poverty has taught them frugality, and the country's productiveness will grow with the application of Western methods and Western inventions to their mining and their agriculture. With their instinct for saving, their unweariness industry, and an increase from the returns from their toil, with railroad development and beneficial political changes, we may expect that they will be able to make a profitable use of all the added wealth that comes to them.

They cannot be kept down unless they are to be punished for qualities that are considered virtues in other lands. The masses may, however, raise their standards of living slowly as conditions change and so allay the fear of the yellow peril while they are coming out of the contemptible isolation of centuries.

Current Comment

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

The elimination of William E. Corey from the presidency of the United States Steel Corporation is strictly in line with current tendencies in the highest financial circles. The demand today is that the men at the head of huge enterprises must enjoy the esteem and respect of the public. It is not now sufficient that the president of a large corporation knows the technical or financial side of the business; he must possess a character not open to attack, and his earlier record must be able to stand searching investigation. The banking interests now dominating the Steel Trust are apostles of this movement. George W. Perkins, though very clever in certain respects, did not quite measure up to the new standard in that his association with insurance disclosures brought him into public disfavor. Mr. Corey was an even more flagrant delinquent in respect to the public's susceptibilities, and accordingly his official head has fallen into the basket.

(Canadian Farm.)

The boy on the farm may have to work hard, he may not have the social advantages of the city chap, and may have to wear less attractive clothing—though it is our opinion that any well-regulated farming community today can show as well dressed a lot of young people as are to be found in the cities, leaving the very wealthy out of the reckoning—yet, he has this satisfaction of always having the farm at his back, a sure provider for old age and for the growing family.

(Guelph Herald.)

The only way to get good men on the council board is to go after them, and once they can be got to enter the field see that they are elected. Provided good men are placed in nomination the rest is not difficult—the electors are observant to their own interests and invariably elect the best that is offering. The regrettable instances where they have failed to do so are not at all numerous.

(London Free Press.)

Ottawa patronage flourishes in so many corners that cases are continually cropping up. The collector of customs at Vancouver testified before the commission on Chinese immigration that he had to choose watchmen for the vessels in the harbor from lists sent him from Ottawa. The men who were forced upon him in this way he would never have hired himself, as they were drunken and inefficient, but he had no power to discharge them.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Mr. Pugsley, down at St. John, N. B., has been prophesying that the new Nationalist movement in Quebec will not last. In this case Mr. Pugsley's wish is probably the inspiration of his thought. The old Nationalist movement lasted Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley's party through four general elections. Mr. Bourassa is a livelier leader than Sir Wilfrid Laurier ever was.

(Hamilton Times.)

A Chicago doctor now comes forward with the theory that graft is a disease. Perhaps; but we notice that the grafters exhibit no anxiety to be cured.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Quebec politicians ought to turn Nationalists as speedily as possible. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is giving \$6,000 a year jobs to Nationalists in order to silence them. These plums do not fall to the Liberals who are afraid to kick.

FREDERICTON COMIC OPERA INVESTIGATION.

To the Editor of The Standard.
Sir—Can anyone imagine anything more ludicrous than the investigation now going on in Fredericton into the vital question of whether Special Policeman Gunter patronized or recommended a certain Ontario mail order house? Under the circumstances excuse the spasm:

In New Brunswick's leading city, Where our legislators wily Sit and cogitate on problems for the province's renown, There's a special kind of "peeler," Not a bum or party healer, But a "cop" whose reputation never suffered by a frown.

Yet, he has a sorry falling, Of his conduct we're bewailing. For his orders he's been mailing to a house in Toronto. From a sausage to a reaper Everything is so much cheaper. That his "stocking" two feet deeper by the cash he's saving so.

So said Smith-Jones-Brown the tailor, To the mayor and the jailer. "We must get this copper or car city sure is doomed. 'Not content with buying 'trousers,' 'Next thing he'll be buying houses.' 'And have 'em sent in sections from this firm that he's bought.'"

And besides," said Scragg the meat man, "This confounded special beat man 'Has been telling all his neighbors that they do not weigh the bones.'"

"Let us bang him," cried the milk man, "Let us HANG him!" screamed the silk man. "And have him drawn and quartered," muttered the undertaker, Jones.

So they held investigation, And with eloquent oration With "disloyalty" they charged him. (How he shivered in his boots.) And he found that through a rain-storm, He'd got "mailing order brainstorm." So they banished him to Musquash, there condemned to live on roots.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 7, 1911.
[The Standard does not agree with the sentiments expressed by P. D., but gives publicity to his "spasm" on its merits.—Ed. Standard.]

WATERBOROUGH.

Waterborough, Q. C., Jan. 4.—George Robinson, of Sympies Cove, Q. C. sustained a stroke of paralysis on Sunday morning while watering his cattle. It was some time before he was discovered by his family, who carried him to his home. His condition was improved but very little.

Miss Hilda Inch, of Jerusalem, Q. C. has been engaged to teach in school district No. 10 for the ensuing term.

Arch Ferri, of The King Lumber Co., Chipman, and Miss Branscombe, of the same place, spent Sunday with Mr. Ferri's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ferris, here.

Miss Ethel Wasson, who spent her holidays here, left yesterday for Bon Accord, N. B., where she will teach school this term.

Everett Wasson, Lay Reader in St. Luke's church, St. John, who has been home for his holidays, went down on yesterday's train to St. John.

James McLaughlin, of Mill Cove, who has been in ill health for some time, is improving.

Miss C. Z. Earle went to St. John for a few days visit with relatives.

While a number of cattle were being driven to the station at Young's Cove Road for shipment, the other day, two steers broke away from the driver and ran into the woods and to date have not been captured. They were owned by Geo. Slocum of St. John.

Miss Snodgrass of St. John, who spent New Year's with relatives here, returned by train Monday.

Alex. Gale had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse. It died very suddenly from some unknown cause. Alex. Gale has been looking for the horse with neuralgia in his head and neck, but is a little better.

S. M. Starkey, surveyor, of Cody's, Q. C., is running lines for Frank Clark, A. W. Smith and George H. Gale.

E. Slocum is doing a large lumbering business at Pickett's Cove.

Gordon Clark had the misfortune to cut one of his knees the other day and is obliged to remain in the house.

Miss Cora Kennedy intends to go to the Northwest in a few days and she will teach school.

THE HOTELS

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J. C. G. Bradley, Richmond, Va.; S. W. Miller, Newcastle; F. A. Audette, Toronto; F. W. Singer, Montreal; G. M. Binas, Toronto; A. McCarrison, Belfast; I. J. Tall, Bristol; W. L. McLeod, A. I. Slant, Summerdale; J. J. Taylor, J. W. Pettie, F. W. Campbell, G. McElwaine, Montreal; A. E. Harris, Wolfville; H. V. Turnwall, Toronto; McGregor, Capt. L. Murphy, Yarmouth; J. W. Fenton, Montreal; J. E. Gratton, Ottawa; F. H. Buffum, Providence; C. B. Russell, Halifax; C. Archibald, New York; G. Smith, Boston; L. J. Clarke, Toronto; W. G. Golding, St. Catharines, Ont.

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W. A. Palmer, Dorchester; A. M. Hatheway, Boston; W. T. Ruggles, Dec. \$5,588,900; specie inc. \$873,100; legal tenders inc. \$1,262,600; deposits inc. \$1,903,600; circulation dec. \$309,400. Bank statement is favorable.

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The Standard's Old Reporter

"One thing we need in this city as much as a Board of Commissioners is a civic budget exhibit such as they have in New York," remarked Uncle Hiram. "New York's budget exhibit is a school for taxpayers. All of the facts about civic expenditure are presented, not in staggering rows of figures, but in physical form and tagged with purchase price and cost of maintenance, from a fire horse which has served the city 21 years to the strapful of books necessary to start a boy or girl in the public schools.

"Models of the old style disease, breeding tendencies are shown, with the death rates; also models of the new, being figures showing the lowered death-rate. The exhibit shows a picture of progress—of how it becomes necessary for the city to subordinate business considerations to life, health and public convenience. Civic economy is a poor policy at the present time; we have to rectify the mistakes of the past and build for the future.

"Undoubtedly we need a commission for administrative purposes, but we don't want an administration conducted on business lines, because business is war, and war is hides. "Our friends of the booster's club say the commission removed from the influence of the council, would run the city's affairs on business principles. If that is so we had better think twice before abolishing the aldermen; a council at any rate would serve to keep the human element in the foreground, and to prevent the commission losing sight of the fact that there are more important considerations than economy."

5 KILLED IN SPANISH MINE

Huelva, Spain, Jan. 7.—The roof of a tunnel in a copper mine at Rio Tinto, fell today, burying many of the workers. Soon afterwards five lifeless bodies were recovered, and five injured men were taken out.

Children Entertained.

Rev. W. LeB. McKel, pastor of the Church of England, Fairville, had a supper and entertainment for the children Friday evening. After the supper recitations were given by some of the members of the Sunday school. After the recitations a number of selections were given on the phonograph. Santa Claus then appeared and from a large Christmas tree selected presents for every member of the Sunday school. The parents and friends of the children were present and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

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Funeral on Tuesday, from 11 Ailes, 302 De Tucker—At her death, St. John, Al 58th year of Funeral on Monday from St. J service begin

MURDER

Roma, Nev. men entered Quilley at Island owner