

THE GREATEST UNDERTAKING

Of Any Government is the G. T. P. Premier Laurier at St. Clet in Quebec.

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Greatest Undertaking Yet. "In the construction of the G. T. P. railway, the government has undertaken the greatest enterprise that has ever been undertaken by a government. This belt of rails will extend from the Pacific to the Atlantic, will cross all the provinces and will be entirely constructed on Canadian soil. Our forefathers were looking for a route to go to Asia, China and Japan, and if Champlain and La Verandrie were to come back today they would find their dream realized. This great enterprise, when completed, will bring into the country the commerce of these great countries.

There is another consideration for which the electors of this province and of Canada should support our government, and that is, the work which has been accomplished for the improvement of the route of the St. Lawrence. In so doing, we have brought the commerce of Europe, and even of the United States, into our country. And in considering these things, ask yourselves which is the government who will give you prosperity and welfare, and then support it with all your might. I have always found in my friends, Messrs. Beaubien and Boyer faithful and disinterested followers, and I ask you all to vote for them on the 26th. And I will not true that during the last twelve years the Liberal government has so administered the affairs of the country that you have had more prosperity than during all the time the Conservatives were in power? I see a great number of Conservatives here present. I want them to know that I respect the opinion of every one as long as one is sincere. All I ask of them is that they ask themselves in all sincerity if they are not more prosperous now than twelve years ago, and what are the causes of this prosperity. The Conservatives say that the merit of this prosperity is not due to the Liberal government, but to Providence, but I say this that Providence helps those who help themselves, and I glory that in saving the country we have done very much to help Providence, and that our policy has always been one of progress and prosperity.

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—Introduced to the Canadian Club by the president, Mr. Wilfrid Laurier gave a thoughtful and able address, receiving a regular ovation. Taking Imperialism as his theme, he declared himself an Imperialist, for offensive and defensive purposes, yet he based his argument for closer union of the Empire on the ground of the advantage it would be from the standpoint of peace to the various portions of Greater Britain.

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CREMATED IN A FIERY FURNACE

Catastrophe in Northern Michigan, Where Forest Fires Are Raging. Relief Train Derailed.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 16.—The most terrible catastrophe in the history of Northern Michigan occurred here early this morning when a relief train of box cars, carrying two hundred men, women and children from the town of Metz, which was wiped out by forest fires, derailed over an embankment, the rails spreading, owing to heat caused by the forest fires. Fourteen are known to be dead, nearly all of whom are women and children. All the wires are down and the reports are meagre. It is believed there has been an even greater loss of life. It is reported that the towns of Metz, Paliska, Millersburg and Peen have been totally destroyed.

After the relief train had been loaded with people and goods, fleeing from the burning town of Metz, it started north but was unable to get farther than Hawkes. At Newick station the fire had burned the ties, weakening the track and the rails spread, derailed the train. Trapped on all sides by the flames the people were cremated in a fiery furnace. Conductor Kinnis and Engineer Foster escaped by crawling on their hands and knees to a water tank, but was burned to death after being driven out when the water became too hot. Fifteen burned bodies were found in a steel gondola.

Winnipeg International Cup Over Continues Flight of 281 Miles.

Berlin, Oct. 16.—The British balloon Bantise was today officially declared the winner of the great international cup race. The British entrant came down at Hvidvig, Schleswig-Holstein 261 miles from the starting point. Two other balloons, the Helvetia, the Swiss entrant, and the German balloon, Bantise, made much longer flight, but were disqualified because they landed in water. The French balloon Condor, with the second prize, and the Belgian balloon, Belgica, the third prize. All contestants seem satisfied with the decision for the rules were obligatory that balloons must land on terra firma.

Women's Council at Toronto.

London, Oct. 16.—The international council of women is to meet in Toronto in June, 1909. The Countess of Aberdeen states that a new department of work for women is to be proposed at Toronto. Mrs. Plumptre, on behalf of Canada, gave to the British women an assurance of a hearty welcome.

Fire in Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 15.—Fire broke out at 11.30 last night in the old roller rink building at the south end of the city, occupied by J. Crittall & Sons as a lodging house for Italian laborers. Ten Italians asleep in the building were aroused and escaped with their belongings. Felix Crittall, 24 years of age, was killed by the falling roof. The loss is \$3,500; partly insured.

COMET LOST ITS TAIL

The Appendage Disappeared in a Single Night.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The sudden disappearance this week of the tail of the Morehouse and Obrelli comet has astonished astronomers. Observatories are searching in vain for the lost member of the heavenly body. Guillaume Bigourdan, one of the most prominent French astronomers, in discussing the matter, said: "It is quite true that the comet discovered Sept. 1st, 1908, lost its tail in one night. The tail was twenty minutes long, one half the diameter of the sun. The comet should find itself at a minimum distance from the sun at the end of the year. If the comet had behaved in the ordinary manner the tail should have been in brilliancy as well as in dimensions.

It is difficult to explain this. However, one theory is generally admitted. This comet in the future without the tail is like all its sisters—a star in decomposition. It threw out a great amount of gas. There has been an arrest in the production of gas, and the burning mass formerly visible behind the nucleus of the comet has naturally disappeared. If the comet emits no more gas, naturally we shall see no more tail. On the day when it starts emitting gas the tail will reappear."

To Fight White Plague.

Montreal Man Subscribes To Dispensary For Tuberculosis League.

Montreal, Oct. 16.—Jeffery H. Burdand, of Montreal, to-day notified the tuberculosis league that he would equip a dispensary at a cost of \$7,000 as a present to the league, if the organization succeeded in collecting another \$30,000 as an endowment. Col. Burdand makes the contribution to the honor of his father and mother. The dispensary is to serve as headquarters for fighting the white plague in the Province of Quebec.

French Educator Suicides.

New York, Oct. 16.—Antoine Jules Caesar Venesiale Ermanigilde Muzarrelli, one of the most distinguished French educators, an author of world-wide reputation, a journalist known wherever newspapers are read, and French war hero and politician, whose name once resounded over France as the colleague of Gambetta, shot himself in the right temple while seated in his library on the top floor of an apartment house here today. Dependancy is the only cause known.

Some Details of the Solution of a Difficult Problem.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—Owing to the absence from the city of W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, it is not possible to get much more than the bare confirmation of the report that the British, Indian and Canadian governments will solve the Hindu problem on the Pacific coast by having the Hindus shipped to the British Honduras. In fact some of the details

FORE-WARNED IS FORE-ARMED

Opposition Roorbacks to be Sprung Before Election Already in the Hands of Liberals.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The Opposition plan of campaign by means of affidavits, fake telegraphic dispatches and misrepresentations of all kinds, which has developed rapidly this week, will culminate next week in the issuing of more campaign roorbacks, similar to the "Mayer" affidavit and the charges in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway, issued yesterday. These latter two were exploded so promptly and effectively that further opposition bombshells are being held back till the last moment in the hope that the time will not be given before polling to refute the slanders.

Information to this effect has leaked out of the Tory campaign headquarters, and some sample roorbacks, intended to be issued next week, are now known in advance by Liberal organizers. The attack on the National Transcontinental will be continued next week by the issuing of a poster by Chas. J. Smith, of the firm of Smith & Fenible, contractors of Winnipeg. The poster is covered with photos, cartoons, affidavits, etc., assailing the Laurier government as a "sneak government" and appealing for the support of the labor vote on the National Transcontinental are inadequately paid, and their interests are not protected by the labor department. Mr. Smith has sent out a circular letter to the Conservative candidates and others, in which he warns them that he does not want the posters "distributed until Monday, 19th inst., except in lumber or railway camps where they can be posted or distributed on Friday or Saturday, 16th or 17th inst., as I anticipate they will cause a furor among working men of the country, and if made public too soon, it will give the press a chance to counteract the effect by some misrepresentation, which has always characterized their methods, and remember the influence of the subsidized press. We only need the labor vote to win."

HINDU TRANSPORTATION.

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TENDERS FOR G.T.P. SHOPS.

Awards Will Not Be Made For Several Days.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—Tenders were opened by National Transcontinental railway Commission yesterday for the construction of car shops, roundhouses, etc., at the Winnipeg terminals. Four tenders were received for the complete works, with several other tenders for heating plant, etc. The successful tenders will not be announced for a week or so, yet, pending examination of each tender by the commission's engineers.

Escaped Prisoner Uncaptured.

Calgary, October 16.—Since six o'clock yesterday until late in the night the Mounted Police have conducted an intellectual search for Oscar Bye, a colored man, who made a break for liberty after serving half of a six months' term for stealing a watch. It is believed he is hiding in the city, as his departure would be immediately known.

Prosecuting an Alleged Combine.

Toronto, October 16.—The milk section of the Retail Merchants' Association today decided to press for the prosecution of the producers' combine on a charge of an illegal combine in restraint of trade following the recent "strike" for winter rates.

ROBLIN SNEERS AT IMMIGRANTS

At Calgary He Addressed 600 People and Gives Speech Filled With Slander.

Calgary, Oct. 16.—About nine hundred people filled the theatre to-night and heard R. P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba. He was not nearly as cocksure here as he had been in Eastern Canada, and did not mention the Crow's Nest Pass railway, which he well knew had done much for Calgary. He made a sneering attack on the Donkohobors, Gaiicians, Jews and other foreigners who have come to Canada. He distated on the Liberal 1883 platform saying that they had kept one single plank except the re-arrangement of constituencies. He dealt with the tariff on agricultural implements, saying the agricultural implement manufacturers were never so happy as to-day, enjoying a higher tariff than they ever did. The tariff is at the pleasure of the minister of customs, who could make it as high as he liked.

He also condemned the bounties paid and said the government had introduced the most pernicious features of protection. He said the Liberals had given everything away, nothing being left for them to do that he knew of except to take money direct from the treasury. The hon. gentleman on continuing his discourse on the stereotyped graft charges, also attacked Mr. McCreary's duties, privileges and the timber limit statute. He did not for a moment rise above the level of the back townships of the States, where Justice Cassels, whose mission he said was to destroy the report presented to Parliament by the Courtney commission. He was going up down the country, not to get evidence of wrong, but evidence to suppress truth.

The speaker gave his distinguished approval to a policy of restitution. He deprecated that Canadians were not as honest as Americans, and said that if the Liberals in the States, would be in the penitentiary. He digressed on the G. T. P., repeating the exploded charges that another company is to take it over, probably from Burrows and Sifton. The Hudson Bay railway was being built, he said, to let persons of great wealth to be established on the market.

In a bid for railwaymen's votes he charged the government with violating the labor law to help the C. P. R. fight the striking mechanics, and also let the C. P. R. bring in wages. He said he could name one hundred Winnipeg Liberals, who are going to vote Conservative.

THREE TRAINS WRECKED.

Freight and Switch Trains Collide and Passenger Dashed Into Them.

Buffalo, N.Y., October 15.—Three trains were wrecked in the New York Central yards near the Black Rock station last night. A yard engine with a string of cars attached, a freight train coming into the city, and a Michigan Central passenger train were in the mix-up, which resulted in the fatal injury of only one man, John W. Kinney, engineer of the switch engine, was caught between the tender and boiler, and probably fatally injured. None of the passengers were hurt.

Another Hunting Tragedy in Sable River, N.S.

Halifax, Oct. 15.—John Richardson, Sable River, aged 80 years, who was shot by John Chivers, of that settlement, died yesterday in intense agony. Richardson had gone into the underbrush to gather firewood, and was returning slowly with a log on his shoulder, when Chivers, who was hunting, mistaking him for a moose, fired three shots. The first two lodged in the log, which Chivers supposed was the horns and, finding they took no effect, he aimed lower. This shot took effect, and Richardson fell to the ground groaning. Chivers ran over, expecting to find a moose, and was horrified at his discovery. Crazed with fear, he was unnerfed for a time, but finally regaining his reason, he sought help for Richardson, who died soon after he reached home.

No Notification of Tariff.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The deputy minister of trade and commerce when seen with respect to a despatch from Washington stating that the proposed protective tariff adopted by the legislative council of Barbados in favor of Canada is not likely to become effective owing to the failure of Canada to act, said that that department had no knowledge of such a proposal on the part of Barbados. It will be time to take action when the Barbados protective tariff is officially in the meantime the Barbados enjoy Canadian preferential tariff on sugar and other products.



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