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The news in yesterday's Times that the government will take over ten branches of the Intercolonial Railway in this province, and operate them as part of the government railway system, means much to the localities especially interested and to the whole province. It means that the government railway has entered upon an era of expansion which will lead to a development of local resources that was not so easy while these branches were operated by private companies. The policy now adopted has been advocated by Hon. Dr. Pugsley and others for some years. It will lead to improvement of the branch lines, a better train service, and more satisfactory rates and freight service. It will encourage the development of the sections traversed by these branch lines.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

It is pleasing to note that the civic and health authorities of St. John are giving attention to several matters which materially affect the social welfare. The anti-tuberculosis society is seeking to have a medical examination of the children of the schools. This should long have been provided for. St. John is behind many cities in this respect. The city has found that quite a number of children are affected with tuberculosis. An examination would doubtless show that quite a number of pupils in the schools are so affected. It should be possible in every such case to arrest or cure the disease, and it is not right that such children should attend school and receive no treatment at all. The school boards should co-operate with the society, and indeed provision should be made for systematic and regular medical inspection of the schools of St. John.

There is also the question of comfort stations, with sanitary conveniences, in different parts of the city. The proposal to place one of these in Market Square should be adopted by the city council and at once carried out. Others should be constructed at King Square, Haymarket Square, and at one or two other places about town. A beginning should be made now.

It is stated that in connection with the hard-labor squad in the jail, Coun. Donovan will bring to the attention of the municipal council the desirability of considering the question of establishing a prison farm. This could be done on farm land owned by the municipality. Perhaps the plan should be of broad enough scope to embrace the whole province, in which case the provincial government would co-operate or establish the farm. An intelligent committee, giving time and thought to the subject, would be able to prepare an illuminating report on this question, for the plan is not new. Ontario has a prison farm, and the city of Toronto proposes to have one of its own; and there are others in the United States. Coun. Donovan should move forward in this matter and make this a live question in St. John.

The board of health is to be commended for having during the past year compelled many landlords or owners and occupants of tenements to install patent closets and improve the sanitary condition of houses. There is, however, much yet to be done. The Times has been told of tenements where the sanitary conditions are not only disgraceful but a menace to the public health. The inspectors should be asked to make a thorough inspection of every tenement, and where the conditions are bad the owners should be notified to improve them within a stated time. Having given the notice, the inspector should stay on the job until his demands were satisfied. No landlord should be permitted to "stand in" with the inspector, or with the board. The public health demands that the board pursue the vigorous policy it has begun, and pursue it with greater vigor.

St. John, with a gravitation water supply of the best quality, and with the ties of the Bay of Fundy as scavengers, should be the cleanest and healthiest city in Canada. To ensure such a happy condition there is yet much to be done.

It is to be hoped the council may be able to see its way clear to provide an incinerator, and to inaugurate a system for the collection and destruction of all garbage. In the meantime a general clean-

up day in the city now would do more for the general health during the coming summer than many doctor's visits. It may be said that these various reforms involve the expenditure of money, but it could not be spent to better purpose than in conserving the health of the citizens. As a matter of fact, far too little attention has been paid in the past to matters which are of more general interest and value than even the condition of the streets or the ferry service.

BON VOYAGE

The good wishes of the people of New Brunswick go with Premier Hazen, who leaves the city tonight, en route to the coronation. Mr. Hazen possesses those personal qualifications which will make him a fitting representative of the province. By birth, education, training and ability he is qualified to represent a distinctly loyal province, and to acquit himself with credit on all occasions when he may appear in a representative capacity. He is both of Loyalist and pre-Loyalist descent, and familiar with the history of New Brunswick as well as with the sentiments of loyalty to the crown which today animate its people. He is able to give eloquent expression to those sentiments, and there can be no doubt about the heartiness of the reception to be accorded him on those occasions where he appears as the premier of this province and a representative Canadian. Mr. Hazen's political opponents join with his friends in saying "bon voyage," to him and to Mr. Hazen, and the members of their family who accompany them to London.

MURDER AND BORDEN

Despite the hoisting of Conservatives at Ottawa, the Victoria Colonist does not believe that Hon. Mr. McBride will come to the rescue of Mr. Borden. The Colonist is Conservative, and close to Mr. McBride, and it says:

"We think we have made Mr. McBride's position in respect to federal politics pretty clear. He is not seeking an entrance into the federal field. We doubt if he would contemplate such a course even if the signs pointed to the Conservatives coming into power at the next election, to quote a recent despatch. What has the federal arena to offer a British Columbia premier, who appreciates the opportunities for doing good work afforded by his own province? If Mr. McBride declines to commit himself to an expression of any desire to take a place at Ottawa, it was doubtless due to the fact that he feels no such desire."

EAST AND WEST TRADE

In an article on the Canadian Northern Railway, which will eventually bring its trains over the Intercolonial rails to St. John, the Montreal Shareholder says:—"The building of a third transcontinental railway will mean much to Canada. It is only a quarter of a century since the first railroad across the continent was completed, and men high in the councils of the nation claimed that the road would never earn sufficient to pay for the axle grease for the wheels. Today that corporation has gross earnings of over \$100,000,000 a year, and two other transcontinental systems are nearing completion. In another quarter of a century when the story is written of Canada's progress, it will probably be recorded that the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways have attained to the position now held by the C. P. R."

The Shareholder, though a financial journal, has no fear that reciprocity will interfere with the east and west trade of Canada. On the contrary it anticipates an enormous increase in that trade within the next quarter of a century. This is the view of all journals which are not playing the political game of the Conservatives or the highly protected interests.

Tomorrow is Loyalist Day. It is fitting that the citizens unfurl their flags to the breeze, in honor of the founders of the city.

The senators from Halifax do not like the St. John valley railway. From their speeches in parliament yesterday one would infer that they fear it will bring trade to St. John. This would be a rather selfish view, such as one would not expect to discover in the senate. However, Senator Thompson was there to reply to these gentlemen, and he had no difficulty in answering their objections.

The tariff reform party will not derive much comfort from the Lloyd-George budget. There is a great surplus, no fresh taxation is proposed, and the chancellor has \$7,500,000 to devote to the fight against the white plague. There has been a large decrease in the national debt. The outlook for the future is excellent. The Liberal government has every reason to congratulate itself and the country on the showing made.

The St. John Standard, with a fine appreciation of the amenities of journalism, gives editorial prominence to the following paragraph from a western sheet concerning the Hon. Frank Oliver:—"Yesterday a blaring, blatant, bombastic, belligerent fire-eater whose swagger and swing was a wash-buckling boast that he could look every man in the eye and tell him to go to hell. Today a cringing, skulking, hypocritical, snuff-faced coward, taking refuge behind the rotten sophistry that it is nobody's business but his own where a public man gets money." Comment would appear to be superfluous.

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I met her coming home from church,
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So fresh and pure and beautiful,
Just like the young white rose she wore.

In fact I mentioned it to her,
Before we parted at her door.
She stroked the rosebud tenderly,
And smiling in her girlish way,

Made answer, "Yes, I wear this rose
Instead of any bouquet gay
In honor of my mother dear
Because, you know, it's Mother's Day."

"And where is mother now?" I asked.
With thoughtful gaze upon the rose,
"Throned high and decked in gala garb,
Receiving homage, I suppose."

For one glad day absorbed from all
A mother's toils and cares and woes!
I raised my eyes for her reply.
The maiden blushed and hung her head.

Her dainty fingers sought the rose,
And plucked the petals as she said:
"Well—no—she's getting dinner now,
There's seven of us to be fed."

Ah, heart and hand that never cease
To smooth the path of life's rough way,
So hard at work from morn to night
—And off from night to morning's ray.

From tearful eyes have sorrow sprung,
Ah, throbbing, anxious, love-worn soul,
How little have you known of rest!
It's always, always Mother's Day.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



WHILE HE WAITED.
Kind Gentlemen—Why, my boy! did you fall into that open coal hole?

Kid—No, of course not. I was in here when they built the pavement around it.

NOT LOST.
The Masker—Aren't you waiting a good deal of that steak in trimming it?

The Butcher—"No, ma'am; I weighed it first."—London Opinion.

WHAT ANGERED SYLVIA.
Young Poetess—"I have some more poems I can bring."

Editor—"It's awfully kind of you, but we burn coal here."

IT WORKED.
"I can't see 'ow these 'ere Christian Scientists cure people by laying on hands."

"Well, that's 'ow I cured my little boy of telling lies."—London Opinion.

"I'm sorry to hear your mother is ill, Lola," said the neighbor. "Is she sick in bed?"

"Oh, no!" replied small Lola. "She's just sick in a rocking chair!"

The teacher had offered a prize for the best essay, the subject to be "The Reward of Laziness."

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A committee has been appointed by the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to interview the school board and arrange if possible an examination of the school children in the city.

In cases where they have tuberculosis, the association will try and make arrangements for their proper treatment. Mrs. Jordan was present at the last meeting of the association.

At the regular meeting of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the nurse's report for the month of April was handed in, as follows: Number of patients, 22 adults, 18 children; new patients during the month, 15, five of whom were children; number of patients visiting dispensary, 22 adults, 23 children; number of days dispensary was open, 12, eight of these were for adults and four for children. Six patients were discharged, four of whom were children. Five of these were found not to be suffering from tuberculosis, and one was referred to the family physician. During the month the nurse paid 58 visits to the homes of patients, 15 of which were for co-operation of the total number of patients attending the dispensary, fifteen have been diagnosed as having pulmonary tuberculosis; four of these are children. The remaining number of these patients are under observation, as they have either latent tuberculosis or are liable to contract the disease in some way.

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(The Scientific American, New York)
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