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The Force of Circumstances.

Carlyle used to speak very sarcastically of what some people were wont to call "the force of circumstances." His ideal of statesmanship and national conduct was a policy carried on by born rulers of men, who were superior to circumstances, and able to control them. And it must be admitted that, on some few and ever memorable occasions, men who assert their power and control circumstances have appeared.

But, the sage of Ecclefechan, may have gone wrong a little after all. A storm is a very striking and impressive event, but it is not the regular, normal condition of the atmosphere. Cæsar and Cromwell were great men, but still it may be astonishing to realize how much of the world's work has been done by lesser men than they. That is to say, by men who adapt themselves to circumstances, instead of attempting wholly to control them. And it is remarkable, by the way, that one of Carlyle's heroes—Sir Robert Peel—surpassed all British statesmen before or since as an adapter of policy to circumstances.

What we wish to point out just now is that a certain force of circumstances is driving Canadian statesmen into a policy that they certainly did not take up of their own accord. That is, a national railway policy. But it is coming now, and that by the force of circumstances. Fifteen years ago leaders of both parties were agreed that the Pacific Railway must be built and operated by a company. The state could not do it, oh! no; it was almost high treason to suggest such a thing. Our statesmen of both parties were thoroughly saturated with the idea that the government should do nothing that a company could be got to do. The doctrines of Jeremy Bentham, promulgated in the time of George the Third, and re-enforced by Herbert Spencer in that of Queen Victoria, had permeated everywhere. On true principles of national policy the Pacific road, as well as the Intercolonial, should have been built and owned and wholly controlled by the government. But a mistaken public opinion said that the thing must be done by a company, and Sir John Macdonald wrecked himself trying to obey orders. Mr. Mackenzie afterwards found himself dominated by the same influence: he was obliged to do something in a certain way or not do it at all. There he missed the grand opportunity of his life: had he built the C. P. R. as a national work, and not through a company, he would have immortalized himself.

Sir John came into power again, but he, as well as Mr. Mackenzie, did not come up to the full idea of a national policy in railway matters. A company had to be got, to do what the nation should have done, without any company at all.

Now for the force of circumstances. The force aforesaid is rapidly making the C. P. R. a national work, spite of government, company and all. Whether the company gets aid to go on, or whether the government takes hold—this result follows, that the control of the work goes to the state, where it ought to have been all the time. The errors of our statesmen are being corrected by the force of circumstances. But there is nothing in this for Canadian liberals to be proud of. Their distinctive principle it was—of no government control—which put the country wrong in the first place. We are now getting right, by the force of circumstances.

The Opposition's Calibre.

Mail: No man on the government side equals Mr. Meredith as a lawyer, certainly not Mr. Mowat. He is head and shoulders over every man on the government side of the house as an earnest, eloquent dignified debater; and in point of personal standing and character his pre-eminence is not questioned. This session already it has been made clear that Mr. Mowat is weakening dreadfully. Mr. Mowat's influence is rapidly waning. When the liberal-conservatives come to form a government, as they will, the material for a cabinet will be forthcoming without fail.

We are willing to give Mr. Meredith credit for many of the merits the Mail attributes to him. His weakness is not personal—it is in his following. He has no men who can work up business, handle it, help him. Mr. Meredith does nine-tenths of the efficient work of the party; Creighton and Carnegie only offset any headway he may make.

The Mowat government may have to go much sooner perhaps than they have any idea of, but it will not be on the merits of the now opposition. The next legislature will see new men and new lines, and Mr. Meredith's chances will depend on how he attunes himself with the new order of things.

The Root of the Trouble.

There are people of the "goody-goody" sort who think that England has no business in the Soudan, and that she should have left the Arabs alone to do there as they please. But this is taking a very narrow view of a great subject. It might startle some of those who do take this view to be told that they are really promoters of the detestable crime of human slavery.

There is no excuse at all for being in doubt as to the fact. Slavery is the root of the whole trouble in the Soudan. It is not that the Mohammedan faith has been interfered with, for, as far as British authority has obtained, that has been very severely let alone, in Africa as well as in Asia. But British influence threatens death to the slave trade, and the Arabs know it. They are, and have been, the principal parties engaged in that trade in the north and east of Africa, just as the Spaniards and Portuguese were in the west of the same dark continent. Human slavery—"the sum of all villanies"—is their trade. It is a highly profitable trade, too. By it such men as Zobehr Pasha, the mehdi, and others of their fraternity, have grown immensely wealthy, and have been able to raise armies and defy governments. So great is the influence of the accursed slave trade in eastern Africa that even Gordon himself appears to have thought best to temporize with it. And no doubt he might have done almost as he pleased in the Soudan had he been able to promise the slave traders that their business would not be interfered with. But this he could not do, because, though such talk might have sounded well enough at Cairo or Khartoum, it would have been fatal in London to any one proposing it.

A present conclusion is that the peace-at-any-price men are virtually aiders and abettors of human slavery. But for their influence in England an expedition powerful enough to have smashed the mehdi the first time of trying would have been despatched more than two years ago; and Gordon would have lived to do some greater work than he has done. But the talk of peace! peace! and no jingo policy was so loud in the press and on the platform that the government was "cowed," and did not dare to do the right thing at the right time.

We see the result of it all now, that is, as far as at present appears. An expedition has to be sent in 1885 to accomplish at tremendous cost what could have been done at very small cost in 1882 or 1883. For all this extra war, and money expense, and sacrifice of human life, the peace-at-any-price men are responsible. They sought for peace, but they went the wrong way to secure it. What they would not allow to be done two or three years ago has to be done at last. And now this startling phenomenon is presented to the world, that the Exeter hall philanthropists and peace men have proved themselves the most powerful promoters of human slavery since Abraham Lincoln's proclamation abolished it in the United States of America. They have little reason to be proud of their work.

Faster Trains Wanted.

From Union station, Toronto, to Bonaventure station, Montreal, by the Grand Trunk is 333 miles, run by the two express trains in 12 hours, a speed of 27¾ miles an hour.

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Now there is no reason why the Grand Trunk ought not to adopt the speed of the C. P. and do the distance in 10½ hours. And if it had a double track from here east there is no reason why the speed of 33 miles (run by the same trains west of Toronto) ought not to be made, doing the journey in ten hours.

As for the Canadian Pacific when it has built an air line from Smith's Falls to Montreal, and the distance from Montreal to Toronto is the same over that road as by the Grand Trunk, the journey will easily be made within ten hours.

There has been great improvement in the running of our trains of late years; but we still commend to Mr. Hickson and Mr. Van Horne the desirability of doing the distance between Montreal and Toronto in ten hours.

America is profiting at the expense of free trade England by protecting its own industries. Not only are our neighbors supplying considerable quantities of munitions required for prosecuting the Soudan war, but a leading Pennsylvania oil man is to lay all the iron water pipes from Suakim across the desert, and he is just about to sail, taking with him six experts in laying pipe lines. Probably Americans will also furnish the iron pipes. In Parliament the other night a howl of indignation was heard over the fact that a United States firm had secured the contract for furnishing the pumps that will supply water along the projected railroad from Suakim to Berber. In explanation, the surveyor general of ordnance, Mr. Brand, said that fresh tenders for pumps would soon be invited, adding, however, that he should be greatly astonished if English makers would undertake work as quickly as the Americans had agreed to do. A firm at Middletown, Ct., furnishes all Europe and many other parts of the world with pumps. It is further stated that many million cartridges are now being made in the United States for England.

Our contemporary, the Buffalo News, thinks that the following advertisement, which recently appeared in the Globe, indicates that brains are cheap in Canada:—

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

TUESDAY, March 17.

There were 36 failures in Canada reported to Bradstreet's during last week, against 38 in the preceding week, and 38, 42 and 5 in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883 and 1882 respectively. In the United States there were 250 failures reported to Bradstreet's during the week, as compared with 222 in the preceding week, and with 186, 233 and 140 in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883 and 1882. About 90 per cent. were those of small traders whose capital was less than $5000.

The Local Markets.

THE FARMERS' MARKET.—The receipts of grain on the street to-day were fair and prices steady. About 400 bushels of wheat offered and sold at 80c to 81c for spring and fall, and 65c to 67c for goose. Barley steady, with sales of 200 bushels at 65c to 67c; No. 1 would bring 71c to 72c. Oats firm, 300 bushels selling at 39c. Peas steady, with sales of 100 bushels at 58c. Rye nominal, at 59c. Hay in moderate supply and prices firm, twenty-five loads sold at $8 to $11 for clover, and at $13 to $17.50 for timothy. Straw easier, ten loads selling at $9 to $10 a ton for bundled, and at $6 to $7 for loose. Hogs unchanged, at $5.75 to $6. Beef $4.50 to $5 for forequarters, and $6.50 to $8 for hindquarters. Mutton, carcase, $6 to $7.25. Lamb, $7 to $8.50.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.—This market was very quiet to-day and prices were uncharged. We quote: Beef, roast, 11c to 14c; sirloin steak, 12c to 14c; round steak, 11c to 12c; mutton, legs and chops, 10c to 12c; inferior cuts, 7c to 8c; lamb, per pound, 12c to 13c; forequarters, 7c to 8c; veal, best joints, 10c to 13c; inferior cuts 7c to 8c; pork, chops and roast, 9c to 10c; butter, pound rolls, 20c to 23c; large rolls, 15c to 17c; cooking, 14c to 16c; lard, 11c to 12c; cheese, 14c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 12c; eggs, 20c to 23c; turkeys, $1 to $2; chickens, per pair, 60c to 70c; geese, 85c to $1; ducks, 80c to $1; potatoes, per bag, 40c to 45c; cabbages, per doz., 40c to 50c; onions, per bushel, 75c to 80c; apples, per barrel, $1.50 to $2.25; beets, per bag, 50c to 55c; carrots, per bag, 30c to 35c; turnips, per bag, 25c to 30c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Cotton steady; midling uplands 11 5-16c, Orleans 11 9-16c. Flour—Receipts 26,000 bbls., dull; sales 13,000 bbls.; extra St. Louis $3.10 to $5 25, Minn. extra $4.75 to $5 50, rest unchanged. Rye flour and cornmeal firm and unchanged. Wheat—Receipts 37,000 bush.; spot dull; ½c to 1c lower; options unsettled, sales 2,688,000 bush. future; 95,000 bush. spot; exports 27,000 bush.; No. 2 spring 87¾c, No. 2 red March 87¾c, May 89½c. No. 1 red state 96½c, No. 1 white 90c. Rye, barley and malt unchanged. Corn—Receipts 235,000 bush.; spot ¼c to 1c lower; options opened ½c to ¾c lower, closing decline, partly recovered; sales 1,144,000 bush. future, 240,000 bush. spot; exports 214,000 bush.; No. 2 49c to 49¼c for cash, 49½c March, 49⅝c May. Oats—Receipts 204,000 bush., steady; sales 580,000 bush. future, 160,000 bush. spot; No. 2 36½c to 36¾c for cash, 36¾c May, mixed western 35c to 37c, white state 38c to 40c. Hay, hops, coffee, sugar, molasses, rice and petroleum unchanged. Tallow easier at 6½c. Potatoes unchanged. Eggs steadier, state 20½c to 21c. Pork, beef, cut meats and middles unchanged. Lard dull at $7.20 to $7.22½. Butter and cheese unchanged.

Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat shade lower; March closed at 73⅜c, April 74c, May 79c, No. 2 spring 73⅜c to 75⅝c. Corn weaker; cash 37⅜c to 39½c, March closed at 37¾c, April 37½c May 41⅜c. Oats lower; cash 27⅜c to 30c, March and April 27⅜c, May 30⅜c to 30¾c. Rye and barley unchanged. Pork weaker; cash $12.30 to $12 35, April $12.32½ to $12 35, May $12 42½ to $12.45. Lard quiet; cash and March $6.82½ to $6 85, April $6.87½ to $6.90, May $6 95 to $6 97½. Boxed meats steady, unchanged. Whisky firm. Receipts—Flour 32,000 bbls, wheat 56,000 bush, corn 172,000 bush, oats 112,000 bush, rye 4000 bush., barley 52,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 40,000 bbls, wheat 30,000 bush., corn 198,000 bush., oats 160,000 bush, rye 2000 bush, barley 43,000 bush. Afternoon board—Wheat closed ⅛c to ¼c higher.

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