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A GOOD BEGINNING

The announcement is made on the authority of the deputy commissioner of agriculture, Mr. Ketchen...

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THE COUNTRY'S RAILWAYS

There is, perhaps, no surer barometer of a country's commercial prosperity and growth than that afforded by its railroads...

On Jan. 30, 1906, according to the blue book, there were in the country 21,518 miles of completed railway...

Mr. Ketchen is credited with the statement that the outlook is worse than ever and there is no doubt as to the awful truth he gave utterance to...

With the existing car shortage, now to so great an extent paralyzing the trade of the country...

THE CONFISCATION OF COAL

The action of the railway companies in confiscating coal consigned to dealers for use in moving their trains is only excusable when such coal is used to move coal trains...

Continued severity of the weather, with no immediate prospect of moderating...

The continued severity of the weather, with no immediate prospect of moderating, gives added reason why the transportation companies should face the issue...

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Regina has been better situated than most places in securing its fuel supply, but even Regina people must now exercise the most careful economy...

There is nothing stock! Then in the name of humanity cancel the passenger and freight traffic for a few days and give the people coal.

The plea of insufficient rolling stock does not justify the policy of the C.P.R. for one half a minute. Concessions and privileges unparalleled in history were given in return for a promise of an adequate service...

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And although the taking of law into their own hands is something we hope never to see done by people in Canada, who would be the really guilty party if it should come to this today?

The plea that the transportation companies would be subject to exacting fines for failure to deliver the mails in the event of suspension of ordinary traffic to relieve the coal situation may have some justification in fact, but it is specious after all. No government would dare interfere in the face of such a situation as now confronts the west.

Charles McGill, the defaulting Ontario Bank manager, was given five years in penitentiary for falsifying returns to the Government. He still faces the charges of theft from the bank. The punishment may not seem sufficiently severe in comparison with the loss inflicted on shareholders, but perhaps all things considered it will entail as heavy suffering on a man of McGill's stamp as a more lengthened term would on a professional crook.

The plea of insufficient rolling stock does not justify the policy of the C.P.R. for one half a minute. Concessions and privileges unparalleled in history were given in return for a promise of an adequate service. The Dominion Government should exact the terms of the contract to the limit.



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