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VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON ACTIVE SINKS A JAPANESE MERCHANTMAN

Three Russian Cruisers Entered the Harbor of Gensan and Frightened the Japs.

Tokio, April 25.—The Russian Vladivostock squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan on the coast of Korea this morning and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 600 tons.

A brief telegram received from Gensan to-day says three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor, and that they were still there when the telegram was sent. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan.

It is thought in Tokio that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troop ships. It is not believed the squadron will remain at Gensan long.

The Vladivostock squadron consists of the cruisers Rossia, Gromboi, Rurik and Bogatyr. The last is a protected cruiser and the others are armored cruisers, the four being among the most powerful in the Russian navy.

Gensan is about 350 miles southwest of Vladivostock.

The Russian cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi, a third cruiser not identified, and two torpedo boats participated in the attack on Gensan. The ships entered the harbor, ordered the crew of the steamer Goyo ashore, and then sank her. A detachment of marines was landed but was recalled, and the warships steamed outside of the harbor. The Japanese and many Koreans fled when the Russians approached. Late telegrams say that the Russian squadron remains off the harbor of Gensan.

IT IS ADMITTED.

London, April 25.—The Japanese legation this afternoon gave out the following despatches to-day from Tokio:

"The Japanese consul at Wonsan (Gensan), Korea, reports under to-day's date that two Russian torpedo boats entered that port and sank a small Japanese steamer the Goyo Maru. Her gross tonnage was 600, and she was built in 1884. The Russians immediately left."

This despatch is taken at the legation here to mean that the Vladivostock fleet is active.

KUROPATKIN GOING UP.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Kuropatkin, it is believed in highest military circles here, is destined to become commander-in-chief of all the emperor's forces, both military and naval, in the far east. Admiral Alexieff may remain there for some little time as viceroy, but his reign is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations, a way will be found to secure his elimination.

SKRY. FOR PATIENCE.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Capt. Glado, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's chief of staff, says Skrydloff, like Gen. Kuropatkin, counsels patience and coolness. "Russia's strength is on shore," said the captain to-day. "We have withdrawn every soldier in the way of the Japanese advance to the Yalu in order to entice them into Manchuria. Afloat our policy is to induce the Japanese to engage the squadron and the forts combined, rejecting the seduction to fight on the open sea until reinforcements arrive. Then Gen. Kuropatkin can advance on Korea and Vice-Admiral Skrydloff will go out to battle."

JAPS BUSY NEAR WIJU.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—A despatch from Port Arthur denies a report that 20,000 Japanese have landed at Dalny. The despatch states there is no change in the situation on the Liaotung Peninsula.

The emperor has received the following telegram from Gen. Kuropatkin:

"Gen. Sassulitch reports, under date of April 24, that during recent days the Japanese have been observed landing pontoon material and collecting boats in preparation for the construction of bridges in the neighborhood of Wiju, and also near the village of Sigou, ten miles farther up the river.

"April 23 a Japanese detachment, consisting of two companies of infantry and a small body of cavalry, crossed the Yalu ten miles below Siaopoussikhe. Gen. Sassulitch immediately reinforced the cordons on our front. Small parties of the enemy were seen preparing to cross elsewhere in that vicinity. All is quiet south of the Yalu."

THIRD JAP ARMY.

Berlin, April 26.—The Tokio correspondent of The Tageblatt announces the mobilization of a third Japanese army. He says it is now disclosed that a reserve brigade corresponding to each division of the active army has been mobilized therewith, and that consequently each army embraces nearly 100,000 men, instead of being the strength previously assumed.

CHINK WARSHIP ASHORE.

London, April 26.—A special despatch from Shanghai says the Chinese warship Hai Tien has gone ashore on the Elliott rocks, and is a wreck.

BALTIC SQUADRON.

Paris, April 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Echo de Paris says that the Baltic squadron will start for the far east Aug. 11. The correspondent also say that Vice-Admiral Chouaknin, commander of the naval academy and director of naval school at St. Petersburg, has been appointed to the command of the Black Sea fleet.

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POLITICS IN BRANTFORD.

Brantford, April 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the city council here to-night Mayor Halloran lost the chairmanship of the railway committee. In view of important railway matters interesting the city, this committee is a most important one. The committee was appointed three weeks ago, with the mayor as chairman, but the motion was rescinded to-night. The Liberal element in the council are howling about the move being one to further the desires of the Conservative organization in this city.

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ALL HONORABLE MEN.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 26.—Premier Deakin of Australia has received intimation that the King has decided that every member of the first federal parliament shall enjoy the life title of honorable. The colonial office opposed the idea.

KUROPAT. DOING THINGS.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Gen. Kuropatkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy. A large portion of Gen. Rennenkampff's Cossack cavalry division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu, and a considerable force of cavalry, which crossed the Tumen some time ago, is moving down to the southwest to effect a juncture with it. Together with this force, which it is believed totals 2000 men, he will threaten Lieut. Inouye's flank when the Japanese are ready to cross lower down on the Yalu. Being composed of cavalry, with a few mountain guards, Rennenkampff's force is very mobile. Unless it is dislodged it will compel the Japanese to leave a very strong army to guard the communications, whereas if a Japanese force was sent to drive it out it would have to move directly away from the main army, while the Russian army, if compelled to fall back, can recross in the direction of the Russian troops concentrated in Manchuria.

C.M.A. WON'T STAND HIGHER RATES WILL INSURE WITH FOREIGN COS.

Joint Conference With Underwriters and Thoro Inquiry Into Insurance Proposed by Local Executive.

"Resolved, That the increase in the insurance rate being a more serious matter than the fire itself, we, as a body, refuse to submit to the terms of the Underwriters' Association."

There was no formal motion to the above effect put thru at the special meeting of the Toronto executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association held yesterday to consider the recent action of the underwriters, but it was the all-round sentiment of probably the largest gathering in the history of the body. Since the advanced schedule was first made public, members of the association have given independent expression to their feelings of indignation; now, as a unit, they are prepared to fight to the last ditch. So resolved, indeed, is the executive on a policy of no surrender, that it is ready to depart this once from the loyalty to institutions and things Canadian that makes up its first principle, since, should the underwriters refuse to lower their rates, members of the association will transfer their insurance to foreign companies, whether they be of German, French, Spanish or any other origin.

Joint Conference Proposed.

It was argued at the meeting that so radical an increase meant in some cases the annihilation of dividends, if not the absolute wiping out of business. In the face of this something must be done. The executive is, however, not disposed to act hastily, and is not proceeding on the assumption that satisfactory arrangements may not even yet be made with the underwriters. An invitation has been issued to the latter to meet the executive at 2 p.m. on Monday next, when a chance will be given for an explanation of why so big an advance was made.

What is more, a competent insurance expert will be engaged, by whose advice they will be largely guided, and the executive will take steps to have a New England authority on insurance affairs present at Monday's joint meeting, to deliver a lecture, which will include building construction hints.

Among the host of suggestions made that will be acted upon, is that of finding out what move the city is going to make respecting improved fire protection; also of ascertaining what steps have been taken in the past to see that the city carried out such plans, and what recommendations have been made that have not been acted upon.

Think Chief Was Injudicious.

Nor will the enquiry into civic management end here. The organization of the fire department will undergo scrutiny, as well as what they consider the injudicious action of Chief Thompson in exposing himself to the risk of injury, instead of generaling the campaign, and the committee will prosecute enquiry as to why only one man in Toronto is capable of handling dynamite. In addition to the above, investigation will be conducted along such lines may be deemed necessary for a thoro grasp of the situation.

While, as said, some hope is felt that the underwriters may make desired concessions, pending some satisfactory arrangement, the committee will lose no unnecessary time in making world-wide enquiry regarding insurance companies and their rates, with the view of placing local insurance with foreign concerns, should the Underwriters' Association stick to its high rates.

Should Be a Powerful Factor.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is the most influential commercial organization in Canada, being representative in part of the combined manufacturing interests of the Dominion from coast to coast, and including the cream of this city's enterprises, so that there would appear to be a rather formidable opposition to the underwriters looming up.

CANADA WOOLEN ASSIGNS? OFFICIALS DO NOT DENY

Statement Current That Issuance of Two Writs Has Resulted in Assignment of Big Company.

A statement was current last night that the Canada Woolen Mills Company, Limited, assigned during the day. While this statement could not be verified thru any of the officials of the company, credence was lent to the assertion by the fact that a writ was issued against the company yesterday by the executors of the late E. T. Carter for some $29,000. This is the second one this month. The first was issued by Long & Bisbie for $81,998 on April 23. At that time, it is said, the management made the statement that if they were further pressed they would assign.

The cause of assignment, while presumably the result of running at a loss and an inability to meet obligations, would be due to other reasons, in the opinion of some of those in touch with the matter. The failure would affect the entire woolen industry of the country, and over a million of money. About two weeks ago it was announced that tariff troubles was necessitating the closing down of the mills situated at Hespeler, Waterloo and two at Carleton Place.

It is stated positively that the assets far exceed any liabilities, and instead of a deficit, a profit will be shown by winding up proceedings. W. R. Brock, M. P., president of the Canada Woolen Mills Company, was interviewed by The World as to the truth of the rumor that an assignment had been made yesterday. He declared that he would neither deny nor affirm the story. He had nothing to say regarding the matter whatever, he said.

George Davidson, secretary-treasurer of the company, when seen, was equally reticent. "I will say absolutely nothing about the matter. I will not deny that the company has assigned, nor will I say that it has," was his answer to the several questions asked.

It is also stated that a city bank is creditor to the extent of $600,000.

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DENIES 'PHONE FLIRTATION.

St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—Mrs. Joseph Legg, who was married on April 17, 1888, at Middlesex, Ont., to-day filed a petition for divorce. In the course of her pleadings she denies having conducted flirtations over the telephone, and which it is alleged were overheard by parties other than those for whom they were intended.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Ronald, 48 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg. Chartered Accountants.

KILLED AT LONDON.

London, April 25.—Jas. O'Byrnes, 67 years of age, was instantly killed this evening at the Colborne-street crossing of the Grand Trunk. His body was completely cut in half at the waist. The unfortunate man is survived by a wife and a family of small children.

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TO GET CANADA EASTERN IS EMMERSON'S MISSION

Its Acquisition But a Forerunner of the I.C.R. Absorbing All Other Feeders East.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Staff Special.)—It is understood that Hon. H. R. Emmerson's mission to the Maritime Provinces is to advance negotiations for the acquisition of the Canada Eastern Railway. Mr. Blair, while minister of railways, was anxious to put thru this deal, Mr. Gibson, the owner, having strong claims upon the Liberal party. He was blocked by the hostility of cabinet colleagues who were not willing that Mr. Blair should increase his prestige in New Brunswick in this way. They knew that the acquisition of the Canada Eastern Railway would be the certain forerunner of the absorption by the government railway of all the other feeders in New Brunswick, which are now controlled by private corporations.

These feeders include the Kent Northern, Buctouche Railway, Albert Railway, Albert Southern Railway, Elgin & Petitcodiac Central Railway, Upham & St. Martin's Railway, and Restigouche & Victoria Railway. Ministers who were jealous of Mr. Blair's strength and ambitions, and, in consequence, fought a proposition which would consolidate the entire railway system of New Brunswick under his administration, have no reason to fear Hon. H. R. Emmerson. They know that Mr. Emmerson is weak in New Brunswick, and they are willing that he shall strengthen himself by taking over the Canada Eastern for the Intercolonial Railway.

Whatever may be said against acquiring these feeders, there can be no doubt that the people served by them would warmly welcome the move. It would mean a better service and probably lower rates. Incidentally, the taking over of the Canada Eastern would ensure the Gibson influence to the Liberal party and give Mr. Emmerson a somewhat sure foothold in New Brunswick.

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REFORM WITHOUT RESOLUTION.

Montreal, April 25.—Hon. Sidney Fisher spoke this evening before the Mackenzie Club on free trade organization. The minister said the efforts of the Laurier government would be directed towards lowering the tariff without injuring the country's industries. It was in a word reform without resolution.

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MANY RETURNS.

Dr. John S. King, April 26, born in Georgetown. He was up home last week after an absence of several years, to renew the memories of his youth.

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KING OFF TO IRELAND.

London, April 25.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Princess Victoria and their suites started to-day on their visit to Ireland.

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PROMPTNESS WATCHWORD ALL ALONG THE FIRE LINE

Insurance Men Ready for Quick Settlements and There is Healthy Hustle Evident Everywhere.

The task of the general committee appointed to work on the adjustment of losses is now reduced to straight routine. Good progress has already been made, one of the staff yesterday afternoon remarking in all seriousness that as much had been accomplished in that time as in the first three weeks of the underwriters' endeavors following the Baltimore conflagration. Insurance companies are legally entitled to withhold payment of claims for sixty days from the date of the first report upon the loss, but the opinion is freely expressed that all companies interested will make prompt settlement, because of the favorable impression created by such action. A month or six weeks should finish the work of the adjustment committee. Its scope was thus defined yesterday afternoon by Secretary E. F. Garrow:

"We are here to gather all the information available in the interests of those concerned," he said, "both companies and the assured. We obtain a list of the insurance policies in force from all companies, and upon receiving a statement from the assured that he is ready to take up the matter of adjusting the loss, committees are appointed to handle them. The committee has not settled any loss yet."

First Claim Settled.

The claim of Nisbet and Auld, woollen merchants, whose stock was damaged by smoke, was satisfied yesterday, being dealt with independently of the committee. One-tenth of the amount of insurance was allowed.

Practically all the companies have now sent in individual statements of loss for tabulation. Secretary McCuaig of the Toronto board remarked that the increased rates so far from checking insurance appeared to have lent it impetus. Merchants were loading up with more. Another outcome was a ceaseless siege of inquiries directed at himself from agents respecting the changes.

The inspection staff is being kept so busy keeping a line on premises altered from a rating standpoint by the occupancy of firms thrown out by the fire that it will probably be temporarily added to.

Meanwhile the dynamiter is still engaged on the gaunt walls at the ruins. Yesterday morning a portion of the Hart, Riddell wall fell of its own accord, but luckily no one was close by. In the afternoon a charge of the explosive didn't respond to the battery, and the man in charge had to perform the ticklish task of climbing back and investigating the reason why. It went off on the second attempt.

Much salvage is being recovered from various places, contrary to expectation, tho the losses will not be appreciably relieved.

The New Building Bylaw.

The city architect is busily engaged in preparing a building bylaw that will apply to the down-town district. This is a proposition that requires very careful attention, and takes a lot of hard labor. There are no two cities to which the same regulations for building would be applicable, and it is necessary to study the provisions embodied in the various bylaws and select what would best suit local needs. Mr. McCallum has decided on a number of innovations. Among these are iron shutters, standpipes and fireproof roofing. There is also being considered the thickness of the walls and the quality of the materials in regard to which he is now figuring out a comparative table showing what weight can be sustained by walls of varying thicknesses and the ductile strength of certain material, such as concrete.

The architect has ready for the mayor a tentative draft of the bylaw, upon which will be based the permits granted to persons rebuilding in the burned district. At present the architect will not have the right to insist upon the adoption of his recommendations not provided for in the present bylaw, but he will insist on the regulations being observed and the council may easily amend the ordinance so far as it may be necessary at any time.

Nearly two thousand workmen are engaged at present on the ruins, and when all the firms who have decided to rebuild commence there will easily be upwards of three thousand laborers and mechanics within the area. The firms who intend to establish themselves in new premises on the same sites as before are as yet difficult to ascertain, due to the fact that many did not own the building in which they were and that many of the properties are changing hands. These uncertain conditions are likely to last for some time.

Gordon, Mackay & Co., from indications, will be the first to have their building under way. One hundred men were engaged yesterday clearing the cellar of debris. It is expected that to-morrow things will admit of the masons starting work. W. R. Brock & Co. will have a factory adjoining the warehouse they will build on the old site. They have purchased the property occupied by Rolph, Smith & Company to the west on Wellington-street. Brown Bros. have not yet made public their intentions. They state, however, that they are filling all orders. Their temporary address is 90 Yonge-street. The the street railway wires and poles were almost totally destroyed and the tracks ruined, cars are expected to be running along Front-street before the week is over.

The temporary address of the Allcock, Laight and Westwood Company is at 9 Toronto-street.

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Northumberland Old Boys, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Wycliffe College Convocation, 8 p.m.
Yorkshire Society, Arlington Hotel, 8 p.m.
Strolling Players' Concert, 8 p.m.
City Council, special meeting, 8 p.m.
Girls' Branches, Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Redeemer, 8 p.m.
Grand, "The Professor's Love Story," 8 p.m.
Majestic, "For His Brother's Crime," 2 and 8 p.m.
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NOT THE EGG SCARCITY THAT WAS EXPECTED.

OLD MAN ONTARIO: Well, he got all the aigs he wanted and filled his cases and two over, didn't he?

WILL LEAVE TORONTO.

Brantford, April 25.—(Special.)—It is not likely the Barber-Ellis Company, who were burned out recently in Toronto, will rebuild in that city. Representatives of the company were present at to-night's meeting of the city council, and the council granted them a fixed assessment on the old Bicycle Supply Company's works, which the Barber-Ellis people have purchased. This adds a thriving industry to the telephone city.

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODED BUT CATASTROPHE AVERTED

Had Not William McFarland Exercized Rare Presence of Mind Disaster Would Have Followed.

Port Arthur, April 25.—(Special.)—An explosion of Ontario Powder Company's magazine, about three miles from here, this afternoon, shook the whole town and did considerable damage in Fort William, breaking plate glass in business places, and all the windows in the public school.

In the afternoon Wm. McFarland, who owns a farm near at hand, saw a fire approaching the building in which dynamite was stored. He hurried over to the magazine and carried out forty cases and threw them in a hole filled with water and then hurried away, his family fleeing for shelter.

He had not gone far when there was a terrible explosion, and three powder buildings were demolished and a hole blown in the ground measuring forty cubic feet. The buildings later caught fire and were soon consumed. McFarland's residence, which is situated about 500 feet from the powder house, was badly wrecked, doors being blown off hinges and windows being blown out.

PASTOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Rev. E. E. Scott, Late of Toronto, Meets Painful Accident.

Brantford, April 25.—(Special.)—While making an inspection of the Y. M. C. A. building here to-day, Rev. E. E. Scott, a Methodist minister from Galt, fell down a dark stairway, sustaining rather serious injuries. The reverend gentleman's thigh was slightly fractured, his side bruised and arm and wrist sprained, besides he sustained a severe nervous shock and was unconscious for some time. His athletic training and presence of mind saved him from a worse accident. The suffering much pain, Rev. Mr. Scott lectured in Sydenham-street Church to-night.

Rev. Mr. Scott was pastor of St. Paul's Church, on Avenue-road, until he left, some six years ago, for the Pacific coast, returning east again about two years ago to the Galt pastorate.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

BIRTHS.

DUNCAN—At 44 Brunswick-avenue, Sunday, April 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Duncan, a son.

DEATHS.

SOMERS—On Monday, April 25, 1904, George L. Somers, aged 9 years, 2 months and 23 days. Funeral on Wednesday, April 27th, at 3 p.m., from his father's residence, 107 Agnes-street, to St. James Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

BEAMISH—At 32 Arnold-avenue, on Monday, April 25th, 1904, Mary Beamish, widow of the late Richard Beamish, aged 65 years. Funeral notice later.

JOHNSTON—At the residence, 201 Lisgar-street, April 25th, Mary Ann Johnston, widow of the late Henry Johnston, printer, in her 90th year. Funeral at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, 27th, to the Necropolis. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SELBY—At his late residence, 408 Huron-street, of heart failure, on Saturday, April 23rd, Thomas Selby, in his eightieth year.

Funeral from St. Thomas' Church, at 12 o'clock, noon, Tuesday, April 26th, thence to Newmarket cemetery, by 1.45 p.m. train. No flowers.

KINGDON UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Things Look Alarming in Hungary Owing to Labor Troubles.

Vienna, April 25.—The Hungarian situation here is regarded as alarming. The Socialists threaten to proclaim a general strike thruout the country, and in such an event it is stated in political circles, Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, will put the whole kingdom under martial law.

Popular excitement appears to be reaching a dangerous point, and the critical condition of affairs is further intensified by the near approach of Labor Day.

Following the tragic event at the market town of Elesd, near Gross-Wardein, yesterday, a general strike has broken out at Gross-Wardein. Even the schools are closed.

Five thousand teamsters at Budapest, 16,000 workmen at Debraczin, the chief town of the Haiduck district, and a large number at Szhogedin, the capital of the County of Czongrad, are now on strike.

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IS CARBIDE OF CALCIUM LIGHTING DANGEROUS?

At a lecture delivered at the Glasgow East End Exhibition recently, which was attended by representatives of the North British and Mercantile, Alliance, Law Union & Crown, London & Lancashire and National of Great Britain Insurance companies, and Mr. John Walker, fire assessor; Mr. Edward G. Peynton gave the following striking figures as evidence that bi-carburet of hydrogen, the gas generated by the best apparatus from carbide of calcium and water, need no longer be looked upon as dangerous. During 1896-7, out of every thousand generators in use, thirty-two exploded. In 1898 only seventeen or a little more than half the rate for the preceding years. In 1899 only 5.4, and in 1900 the percentage fell to .22 or 2 1-5 per thousand. During the last three years explosions could only be calculated in decimals, with a tendency to diminish to a vanishing point. These low percentages, Mr. Peynton said, were remarkable in view of the following statistics. In 1897 there were 500 plants in use; in 1898 520; in 1899, 3000; in 1900, 5000, and at the present time 10,000. This immunity from explosions was due to the weeding out of faulty and amateurishly made generators. With a properly constructed plant there was, the lecturer contended, less danger than was the case from coal gas, owing to bi-carburet of hydrogen being non-poisonous, and an escape being easily located.

It may be mentioned that the SICHE GAS COMPANY, 81 York-street, Toronto, is the only company in Canada at present selling apparatus built to supply bi-carburet of hydrogen in its purest commercial form. The new spring catalog (1904) will be ready in about a fortnight, and will contain very full information as to the Siche system.

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LET PUBLIC OWN RAILWAY SAY ALL CLASSES IN WEST

Public Ownership Only Way to Secure Fair Freight Treatment and Needed Transportation Improvement.

Winnipeg, April 25.—(Staff Correspondence.)—The evolution of the principles of public ownership in the west is one of the curiously interesting studies this part of the Dominion presents. That a policy regarded a few years ago as too socialistic to be mentioned in the caucuses of the great parties should have grown in favor so rapidly as to be practically adopted by the Conservative leaders illustrates a measure of progress seldom accorded radical innovations. Where a few years ago only the very thoughtful men of the west advocated the ownership of great public utilities by the people, the subject to-day is regarded as one of the real live forces that have been injected into the affairs of the country.

R. L. Richardson, ex-M.P., of Winnipeg, in talking with The World today commented entertainingly upon the firm hold public ownership had secured in the confidence of the west. He characterized it as one of the healthy indications of the period. He did not think it a sentiment that could be satisfied with anything less than actual accomplishment of its cardinal principles.

"A year ago I recall that at a meeting of some 600 farmers at Edmonton I addressed we adopted a resolution unanimously favoring the government construction of the proposed transcontinental line," said Mr. Richardson. "It is a great triumph for the policy that it is to-day assuming the proportions of a party principle. Little can be accomplished except thru great party movements. Of course it was the conviction of Conservative leaders of the soundness of the theory and its popularity with the people that urged them to accept public ownership as applied to the proposed transcontinental road. It may have no bearing upon the actual construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific system, for the government is committed, but it may guide future legislation."

Will Shape the Future.

A. B. Bethune of Winnipeg is a wholesale clothing manufacturer. He is one of the well-known men of the west and glories in the thought that he is one, if not the first, man in Western Canada to seriously advocate the construction of a transcontinental line by the government. Like Mr. Richardson he thought the only correct solution of the problem of transportation would be found in an extension of the Intercolonial Railway thru to the granary of the Dominion and then on to the coast.

In conversation with The World Mr. Bethune expressed his conviction this sentiment would assert so much influence in Canada that it would in the near future force the leaders of both parties to adopt it. To his mind it is the policy that will shape the future transportation construction of the west, in spite of the attitude of the Liberal party to-day. Premier Roblin, Sanford Evans, ex-Mayor A. J. Andrews and other leading men of Winnipeg, in different spheres of commer-

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Neapolitan P.	New York	Naples and Palermo
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Masaba	New York	London (Nantucket)
Haverford	Philadelphia	Liverpool and Queenstown
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