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## THE SUBURBAN OUTRAGE

While every Conservative who patronizes the suburban service on the Intercolonial Railway is indignant because of the manner in which General Manager Gutelius has destroyed the efficiency of that service, all of the Conservatives, both in St. John and Kings counties, are asking themselves where the Hon. J. D. Hazen and Mr. George W. Fowler are at this critical time. It is true that Mr. Fowler has sent a telegram. It is also true that Mr. Hazen made some observations in parliament yesterday. After Mr. A. K. McLean of Halifax had set forth very clearly the gross injustice of the cancellation of the suburban service between Halifax and Bedford, Mr. Hazen rose to observe that he had received telegrams of complaint from St. John, and that he had communicated with the acting minister of railways. Mr. Borden also rose to say that he had received some communications from Halifax, and that he had also communicated with Hon. Dr. Reid, the acting minister of railways. Dr. Reid assured him that the general manager of the I. C. R. would be in Ottawa within a few days and that he would discuss the matter with him.

This will be rather cold comfort for the Renforth man who has to trudge into the city in the morning, or the Hampton man who finds it necessary to start the night before. The treatment of the people by the I. C. R. management in this matter is shameful, but not nearly so shameful as the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the men they sent to Ottawa to represent them and to guard their interests. Mr. Gutelius does not own the Intercolonial Railway. It is owned by the people. It should not be necessary to wait a few days, which may be a week or more, for Mr. Gutelius to turn up at Ottawa. Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen have it in their power to restore the suburban service and then discuss the matter with Mr. Gutelius. As a matter of fact the service should never have been cancelled. The service between Hampton and St. John, taking it the year round, has been profitable. Believing that they had a guarantee of a permanent service people have moved out from the city to points along the line, and now find themselves compelled, unless the service is restored, to move back to the city. The case of the people at Hampton, who sat in the suburban cars yesterday morning expecting to be brought to the city by the bus, and who saw that their train was away leaving their cars still standing on the track, is an illustration of bungling such as would never be heard of under efficient management.

There are to be more public meetings. It is amazing how often it is necessary to hold public meetings to remind the Hon. Mr. Hazen of his duty to his constituents. It is really surprising that his Conservative supporters have not invited him to prove himself a real representative, or the least concerned about the welfare of his constituents. St. John has ever sent to Ottawa, and the Liberals ever granted him the courtesy of an election by acclamation. In this matter of suburban service, however, justice must be done, whether with or without the help of Mr. Hazen.

## A DOLEFUL WALL

The sad state of the electorate of Canada has impressed itself very strongly upon the mind of the Ottawa correspondent of the Standard. The people, he says, "do not take their politics seriously." He makes an exception of some portions of the maritime provinces, but sadly reflects that even here, "it requires an election call to arouse many to action." Possibly Halifax would be regarded as one of the exceptions. The Halifax Herald in announcing a Conservative victory in a recent provincial by-election described the result thus:—"Moribund moss-backs frozen to death in Victoria." Also York county, N. B., might offer an exception worth noting by the Standard correspondent, since his own journal described the defeat of one Conservative candidate by another Conservative candidate there as one of the "greatest political victories in the annals of York county."

Exceptions aside, however, the Standard's correspondent finds the conditions very depressing. He says:—"Even the Transcontinental scandal, which has recently been revealed, showing a most shameful record of incompetence, bungling or corruption has so far failed to arouse general indignation to the degree that was expected as inevitable from the circumstances. The people, for some reason or other appear indifferent or else they have grown so accustomed to evidences of graft and misrule under the Laurier government that they regard the present illustration with the equality that comes from familiarity."

Hurried on by his own emotions this correspondent continues:

"For a practical businesslike standpoint the situation in connection with the National Transcontinental is most serious. The waste has been colossal, and the corruption and mismanagement of the undertaking has reached such gigantic proportions that the usefulness of

the railway has been destroyed for all time, as far as it being an asset of the country is concerned. To such an extent has the cost been enhanced, so enormous will be the great charges that it will hardly be possible to pay operating expenses, interest on capital and wear and tear, and at the same time afford to the people of the country the reasonable rates they have reason to expect as not prohibitory and that could afford relief to the taxpayer. So terribly has the whole enterprise been bungled that it might have been better to have cast \$100,000,000 of the country's money and used it to light the fire with."

All this is very sad. It is worth noting, however, that the gloom which has settled down upon this writer has not fallen upon the people at large. The St. John Globe, for example, which is occasionally quoted by the Standard with much approval, does not at all share the views of this correspondent regarding the findings of the Gutelius commission. The Globe is not at all impressed, and does not believe that there has been "colossal waste and gigantic corruption and mismanagement." The truth is that the people of Canada, apart from those persons whose special business it is to discredit the Laurier government, know very well that the Gutelius commission was appointed for a partisan purpose, and that it pre-arranged and submitted a partisan report. That is why it has failed to arouse general indignation. The Times pointed out yesterday that the commission which was appointed to investigate the department over which the Hon. William Page presided cost the country over \$85,000, and failed to find a single instance of wrongdoing. The Gutelius report cost a great deal more, and all it has been able to show is that if a cheaper railway had been built it should have been built for less money, a fact so apparent to everybody that the information was really not worth the enormous amount the country paid for it. We in St. John know that a local Conservative lawyer presided in the last fiscal year over \$1700 as a commissioner to inquire into causes of alleged partisanship, and that the money might as well have been saved to make up, let us say, a part of the loss on the I. C. R. suburban service in January, which almost three General Manager Gutelius into convulsions.

Mr. Borden and his friends may as well cease their efforts to fix public attention upon what the Laurier government did or failed to do. The people now are devoting their attention to what Mr. Borden and his friends are doing or failing to do, and when they get an opportunity it is upon these gentlemen and their works the judgment will be rendered.

## MR. HAZEN ONCE MORE

Hon. Mr. Hazen has once more thrown the St. John Standard into paroxysms of joy. What the fearless representative of St. John did in parliament this time is thus described:—

"In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, brought (suburban) matter to the attention of the house and pointed out that he had already spoken to the acting minister of railways and had been assured that every effort would be made to have the service arranged satisfactorily. Mr. Hazen has taken a strong stand in Ottawa in the demand for justice for St. John and he has also interested Premier Borden in the matter, and there are now bright prospects of the trains being restored."

It is to be regretted, however, that the Ottawa correspondent of the Standard, who was on the spot, did not witness Mr. Hazen's great exploit. That correspondent tells a different story which can only be accounted for on the assumption that he does not know the difference between a man from Halifax and a man from St. John. His version of the affair is as follows:—

"Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24.—A. K. McLean of Halifax drew to the notice of the house today, what he described as the arbitrary destruction of the suburban train service into Halifax by the General Manager of the I. C. R."

After Mr. MacLean had pointed out very clearly the injustice of the cancellation of suburban services Mr. Hazen, according to the Standard's own correspondent, made his remarks telling of the telegrams he also had received, and what his constituents said to him about the cancellation of the St. John suburban service. Mr. Borden also spoke, and both Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen further assured the house that they had both spoken to the minister of railways, and the minister of railways had assured them that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Gutelius.

This is certainly a great achievement for Mr. Hazen, and will add great lustre to his name in these parts. Mentioning the walking between St. John and Renforth is excellent.

The loss of two lives in the fire in the Grand Union Hotel last night was a very shocking affair. It seems almost incredible that such a tragedy should have occurred so early in the evening, and that those who perished should not have been warned by the flames or in some way warned in time to make their escape. The property loss sinks into insignificance compared with the loss of human lives.

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## LIGHTER VEIN

Song of the Disconsolate Politician  
My passes they tell me are cancelled,  
No more transportation that's free;  
I cannot be happy without them—  
Oh, hand back my passes to me.  
Hand back, hand back,  
Oh, hand back by passes to me.

## Expected Soon

Customer—Have you the new edition of Pegg's Diary?  
Assistant—Oh no, sir; next year's diaries have not come in yet.

## No Resemblance

At a church fair recently a solemn-looking elderly gentleman remarked to a young man, "I never attend a church fair like this without thinking of the money changers in the temple."  
"I don't see the resemblance, sir," replied the young man. "There's no money changing here; what you give 'em keep."

## And Then Accepts It?

Foot—What makes him so successful as a theatrical manager?  
Snow—He knows a bad thing when he sees it.

Thackeray tells of a peasant woman begging alms from him, who, seeing him putting his hands in his pockets, said:  
"May the blessing of Providence follow you, but when you only put out your snuffbox she immediately added, 'and never overtake you.'"

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Playwright—You are mistaken, sir. My hero borrows money from his friends in almost every act."

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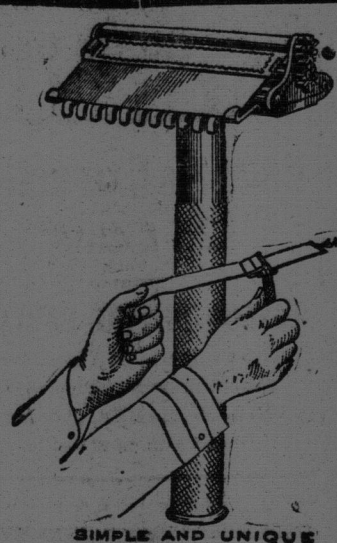
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Provincial Legislature entitled "An Act to Amend 'An Act to provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission,' 2 George V., Chapter 42."

The objects desired to be obtained by this Bill, are:  
(1) To provide for filling a vacancy in the office of Commissioner should such vacancy occur within three calendar months before a biennial election.  
(2) To authorize the Common Council from time to time to redistribute the service mentioned in sub-section (1) of Section 14 of said Act.

Dated Saint John, N. B., 17th February, A. D. 1914.  
HERBERT E. WARDROP, Common Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill entitled an ACT PROVIDING FOR BALCONIES AT GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN SAINT JOHN will be presented at next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for enactment. The object of the bill is to issue bonds to pay for erection of balconies to said hospital. Dated 26th day of January, A. D. 1914.

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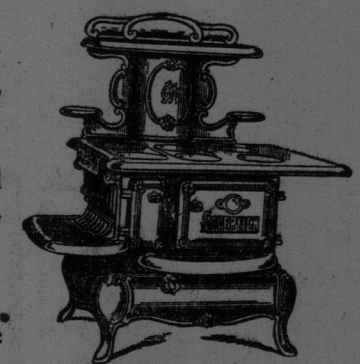
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Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed; nostrils closed, hawking and blowing. Catarrh or a cold, with its running nose, foamy mucus dripping into the throat, and raw dryness is distressing but truly needless.

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## THE COST OF LIVING

New York Official Submits \$1,079 as Lowest Possible For Family of Five

Washington, Feb. 24.—The struggles of the average government employee to make both ends meet were described to the house committee on reform in the civil service by Daniel Goldschmidt, a \$1,400 a year clerk in the New York city post office.

Mr. Goldschmidt said he had not had an increase in nine years and had not been able to save a cent in ten years. He presented what he said was a conservative statement of living costs, his figures representing what he said were the absolutely lowest possible cost of living in New York City for a government clerk. These figures yearly are: Rent, \$20.25, food, \$173.73, clothing, \$158.04, fuel, \$116.42, lunches, \$82.40, dues, \$27.82, medicines, \$28.83, ice, \$18.25, car fare, \$28, household supplies, \$38.21, all other miscellaneous \$38.40.

This totalled \$1,079.07 and represents the meagre requirements for a family of five.

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