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## The Road to Confederation.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to see that so little comment is being made on that report of Sir George Bury, which, if acted upon by the Government, will mean the destruction of our independence as a self-governing country. It is not apparent to you, Sir, that the granting of \$1,500,000 to the railroad company is a bold move to railroad us into the arms of Canada? It would be bad enough for us to take this step as a choice of evils, but when our own money is taken from us, and used as a whip to scourge us every step of the way, we are being treated worse than the slaves of old. You spoke truly in one of your recent editorials when you said, "we are a gullible lot," and we are if we allow this, the latest and most momentous coup d'etat to be pulled off on the people of this country. Every scheme known to corrupt capitalists and politicians in Canada and Newfoundland has been used to try and force us under the yoke of Canadian greed, but up to this time every effort has failed, because they did not understand the proper means to bring about their designs. Now they have seized the economic weapon in the way of paying railroad losses—which may never occur—to force us to bow to the will of Canada—the country where the people are so free that they can only import such books as are prescribed by the rulers of that country.

The Government must be stark crazy to enter into an agreement to pay the railroad the sum of \$1,500,000. If you tried to make the road cost this amount you could not do so. Of course, it is a very easy matter to so manipulate figures as to show a greater loss than the above mentioned sum. The American roads are past masters in this kind of business, and with your permission, I will, at a later date, show how the railroad magnates of that country juggle their figures in order to show big deficits, while at the same time they have made billions out of the American Government. My reason for wishing to publish this is because I think it would serve to open the eyes of some others and put us all on guard. With this gift of \$1,500,000, together with the reduction in operating expenses, the railroad company is to clean up \$1,500,000 clear profit. If they cannot do so they should take up cabbage planting.

The Government should have had a complete and detailed financial statement of every activity, local and foreign, of the Company since the first hour it began to function in this country. The mere statement of the cost of coal, oil, wages and the receipts for passengers and freight is not good enough and affords the Government no sound data on which to determine the actual status of the road. The Government should know and the people want to know, and will know—who owns the stocks, when they were issued and to what extent. The watering of stock may at first blush not seem to fall within the scope of these comments, but on a little closer examination we shall see that it directly affects every one in any country where this is done. Every one should know how this chicanery is operated. Let us explain it briefly: Suppose, for instance, a certain concern is capitalized at \$50,000,000. To water its stock the controlling capitalists, on the pretext of improving the property, issue, say, another \$50,000,000 of stock. Thus the burden of the industry is doubled. Thereafter it has to pay dividends upon \$100,000,000 instead of \$50,000,000. The advantage to the engineers of this hobnobbing is many. For one thing they are enabled to steal millions at a blow; and another is that the resultant cutting of the dividend rate puts the road in the position of being poverty-stricken and furnishes an excellent excuse for beating down wages and screwing up passengers

and freight rates. When, however, through wage-cutting, rate-raising and the natural increase in business, the dividend rate rises on the watered stock, then the manipulators inspect more water and the whole process is gone over again. By means of this watered stock swindle, many railroads have been used as instruments of extortion and robbery. Dozens of railroads have had their equipment ruined and themselves thrown into bankruptcy because of it. Sir George Bury says that he thinks the Government would be willing to go to any length rather than take over the road, and that is his reason for suggesting such lengths as the gift of \$1,500,000 to the road. Just why the Government is not willing to take over the road and save, at least, \$1,500,000 a year is hard to explain. If the Government cannot run the road as cheaply under government control seeing that the money is coming out of their own pockets (people's), how can it expect others to run it with a view to economy when they know that the Government is footing the bill? There is no form of Government control that can act so disastrously upon the people of this country as the present form. In a few years the road will suck the last dollar out of the people and leave the country in economic ruin which will mean that we will have to go on our knees to Canada for a crust to eat. The granting of this \$1,500,000 is the beginning of the forging of the weapon which is to drive us into submission to the will of Canadian capitalists, who will exploit us as they see fit, and under whose yoke we will perish like cattle on a sandy desert. For be it remembered, confederation in Newfoundland is not the same thing as confederation in Canada.

Yours truly,

W. L. BUTLER.

Shoal Harbor.

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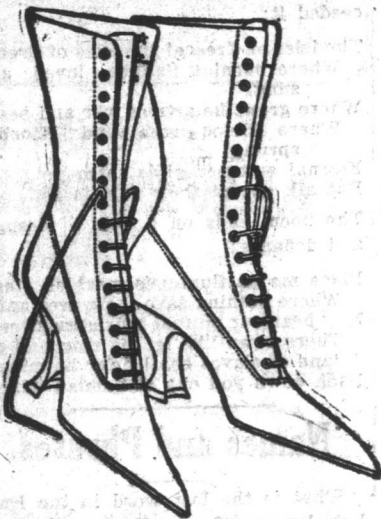
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