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PORTLAND AGAIN.

To correct the Globe's statement of last night, but not acrimoniously, it might be explained that owing to the failure of the Grand Trunk and the appointment of a Board of Management composed of two members selected by the Government, two by the Grand Trunk and the fifth by the other four, there has been less traffic than formerly to Portland. In other words the policy of the late Government, forced perhaps by the bankruptcy of the Grand Trunk, had already created a diversion of traffic from Portland to St. John. Previously some traffic not originating in Grand Trunk territory and not specifically routed, has through the enterprise of Grand Trunk traffic promoters, found its way to Portland. Now this comes, and will come, to St. John. Will the new Government continue this policy? Until the Government is in full possession and ownership of the Grand Trunk, it will be as powerless as Hanna was to divert the whole trade.

For argument's sake we will assume that the Grand Trunk had made a success of its agreement with the Laurier Government in connection with the G. T. P. How much additional traffic would St. John and Halifax have got? What was the Grand Trunk connection with St. John? Where was its ocean terminal? Portland's capacity would have been overtaxed. Blair knew what would result.

W. M. Taff, the arbitrator appointed by the Grand Trunk, charged the association of the Grand Trunk and the G. T. P. as a railway tragedy. But as The Standard said: "It is all wind that blows nobody's way." The Grand Trunk failed. The Government took charge, but did not obtain full ownership. This misstep, coupled with the break down of the Canadian Northern, and the control of the G. T. P. and N. E. R. for the first time gave the Government of the country and will give the incoming Government the first real opportunity, as far as railways are concerned, to fulfill their pre-election promise of carrying out the policy of "Canadian Trade through Canadian Channels."

In the Globe editorial of last night there is something said about scrapping that portion of the Grand Trunk from Montreal to Portland and that cost \$10,000,000. From a national point of view and from a Maritime Province point of view it would pay to scrap it, if it cost \$50,000,000. Heligoland was scrapped. St. John and Halifax can do the business that Portland did. Canadian credit and Canadian money bought the railways, and St. John and Halifax as a result are entitled to the trade that the Grand Trunk took to Portland. It is a daily common sense, a matter of business and patriotism. Turn back the Grand Trunk with its Portland connection to private interests and St. John and Halifax will be where they were ten years ago. Take over the Grand Trunk as a Government road in the interests of Canada and Canadian ports and St. John and Halifax will get the trade that formerly under all Governments went to Portland. Hand over the Grand Trunk to private interests, make a broad guess who these private interests are; and what will St. John get in the way of traffic that they have not today? Is there not danger of their getting less? Let us forget who made the railway blunders.

We face a railway situation which meant a great deal to the Maritime Provinces and the Ports of St. John and Halifax. A true Canadian railway policy will not leave St. John and Halifax out of the solution. The solution we believe for the present, on account of the Portland end of it, is Government ownership and control. What does The Globe think?

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And again, who is this gentleman going to be, the Hon. William Pugsley, the Hon. Walter Foster or the Hon. Peter Veniot? Word comes from the North Shore that the latter is firmly of opinion that he is the one and only person at all fitted to hold down the job as New Brunswick's representative in the Government, whereas a good many of the people in his county are just as convinced that Mr. Targson better man for the place. It has generally been assumed that the Hon. William Pugsley would be the Minister from this Province, in case of his party got into power again, but the whole trouble lies in the fact that some one else has got to get out of the way for him, and what is to be the quid pro quo for the retirement?

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Notes on the Office Boy

I notice in the Globe that "On Tuesday last Mrs. [name] called on a number of her friends and her home on the [name] road. The time passed delightfully with [name] fancy work, conversation, etc. During the afternoon [name] refreshments were served. Wonder what the 'ole' stands for?"

I am glad to know I am living in fear and dread that her boss will succumb to the attractions of a gushing young widow who lives near him. She says she begins to think it very difficult to keep slywise weeds out of the garden of love.

I see that a Princeton professor says that wealth is a disease. I'd like to know where I can catch it.

An Irish paper says that Dhubh-sigh is the Gaelic spelling of Duffy. I conclude from this that simplified spelling has made some progress in Ireland at least. The movement for self government.

Getting down to brass tacks is all right. "Getting down" "getting down" doesn't mean "sitting down" on them.

With the Kaiser planning on getting married again, it looks as though he has cut up enough wood to start the home fires burning once more.

How's this for an ad. SITUATION WANTED— stenographer, corresp., desires to work for some one who does not scold his employees. I was in a Chicago paper. Great country, America!

The girl across the way says one way for men to make a woman is to marry a rich woman is to tell her he is sorry he did not meet her before it was too late. I'll remember this when I get older.

A chap advised me yesterday not to be in too big a hurry to buy Christmas presents. He says if you wait till Christmas Eve, there's always a lot of things left that others don't want that you can pick up cheap.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Good Digestion But No Pep. (Montreal Herald.) "We digest the invaders" is an old Chinese proverb and history proves it true. The foreign element located in China as permanent place of residence and not overwhelmed, absorbed and digested, by the ceaseless, natural breeding force of the Chinese people.

The British Premier. Probably the former man has faced so many complicated problems as Lloyd George. His life has been a constant turmoil. He has been so assailed that, as his biographer says, he has a "cloud of trouble" in the nature of a "rest." Energizing the British people to win the war, opposing an entrenched machine that resisted any local change from the front and by the Northcliffe press from the rear; at one hour and the next eluding its opponents into accepting settlements; wrangling with Wilson and then with Briand; distrusted by the dominant, social elements of Great Britain, and all the while compelled, on an issue of national importance, to take the lead in the office of Commons—here is indeed an exemplification of the strenuous life. To come through this, even though battered, is amazing.

Let Us All Hope. (Ottawa Herald.) The settlement will usher into political existence the Irish Free State. Whether the powers with which it is to be endowed will prove sufficient to satisfy the Irish people, or whether the time has come to write the epitaph of Robert Emmet—is as yet uncertain. But if the settlement will bring permanent peace to Ireland with order and obedience to law and security for human life and property, it will prove a great boon to the Irish people. And if it marks the beginning of a new and brighter era in the history of Anglo-Irish relations—an era of better understanding and real friendship and co-operation, it will prove to be one of the great landmarks in the history of the British Isles and of the British Empire.

Some Post-Election Reflections. (Ottawa Journal.) Many Conservatives who have gone down in the late election will think their defeat due to the woman's vote and attribute it to the fascination which the bargain counter has for womankind. They poked from the political bargain counter Mr. King, because he gave promise of being all that was eliminated for him. When they realize his real value, doubtless they will insist on an exchange. From the bargain-hunting intellects. Those who have chosen him because he had every appearance of being all free trade and was guaranteed to be unshrinkable, will find that he is of the old Laurier brand, which made such a fair showing on the bargain counter in 1896, promising free trade as they had it in England at that time. The Conservatives preferred to be not what they wanted and thought they were getting, but the old reliable National Policy the value of which they had found to appreciate, they are likely to find the incoming Government equally recalcitrant to the principles they have been professing in opposition.

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Hay, look at her now, if you start to get fresh I'll rite to Stella O'aks and tell him not to bring you a darn thing, and he'll do wat I tell him, tor; he's a friend of mine, now are you going to stay here? sid Bert.

No I aint, Im going were you go, sid Bert.

Wats you think of that darn kid, sid Sid, now mind, Bert, I'll tell papa on you wen he comes home and he'll make me to bed erly again tonite like he did last nite, do you want me to tell papa on you?

Yes, wat do I care? sid Bert.

Holey smoke wat do you know about that darn kid, sid Sid, now look at her, Bert, she's a compiny and she's a crowd, aint you got sense enuf to know wen youre not wanted?

No, sid Bert.

Wats he aint, and I sid, Aw wats the use of treating him so ruff, maybe he dont understand we dont really want him. And I sid, Hay Bert, lesson to reason, wat you, me and Sid will be back pritty soon and we aint going ennywere special ennyways, and if I catch you trying to tello us Im going to give you a good swift kick in the pants, do you understand?

Aw, who wants to follo you? sid Bert. And he didnt.

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From the first "Bif, Ring, Bang," of the opening number, which showed scenes in the trenches, ending with the coming of a messenger proclaiming the Armistice and the transformation scene into a dance number, to the riot of fun, "The Duchess Entertains," the audience knew not one dull moment. They were filled with amazement and admiration for the cleverness of the characterizations, the surprising sweetness of the man's voices, the grace of the "dishes" and the party and artistic presentation of the entire programme.

Ross Hamilton as "Marjorie" seemed of more attractive than ever and "her" delightfully flirtatious ways and very charming singing, brought round of applause. In the skit "Behind the Lines," Charles Maclean gave a most amusing impersonation of the grasping, self-important and the transformation scene into a dance number, to the riot of fun, "The Duchess Entertains," the audience knew not one dull moment. They were filled with amazement and admiration for the cleverness of the characterizations, the surprising sweetness of the man's voices, the grace of the "dishes" and the party and artistic presentation of the entire programme.

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THE MINISTER FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

A dispatch from the Liberal headquarters at Ottawa dealing with the probable make-up of the Mackenzie King Cabinet, gives the names of likely members from the various provinces; but it is somewhat significant that in the case of New Brunswick the dispatch reads "a member to be chosen from outside the elected representatives." This is a very nasty job for Messrs. Coyp, Lager, Morrison, Targson and Michaud who apparently are not regarded at headquarters as suitable Cabinet timber at all. This is in accord with the view we expressed in these columns a day or two ago, but coming from a newspaper supporting the other side of politics, it might not be taken very seriously by the gentlemen concerned. However, when the same opinion is voiced by the powers that be at their own headquarters, they cannot so readily disregard it. The main question is, which of them is best to choose for the

THE VARIOUS PARTIES.

It appears to be pretty well accepted that Hon. Mackenzie King's following in the new House of Commons will not exceed 118, which when the Speaker is chosen from among them, will leave the Government and non-Government forces at 117 each. Mr. King will probably feel a certain amount of consolation in the fact that his opponents are divided into two groups, which having practically nothing in common are not likely to unite to upset his government. The course which the Conservative wing of the opposition will take is of course clear enough. Their policies are well known, and there will be no difficulty in forecasting the lines they will follow in dealing with Mr. King's proposals.

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