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BORDEN AND THE I. C. R. Conservative newspapers have been trying to make it appear that there was no serious trouble in regard to the management of the Intercolonial Railway, and that there would be no protest from Conservative members of parliament against the manner in which the freight rates have been increased, and all feeling aroused among the employes as well as the patrons of the road by their methods. The fact is, however, that several Conservative members are now in Ottawa to give Mr. Borden and Mr. Cochrane an expression of views that can hardly be palatable, at least to the minister of railways.

absurd contention. Australia is constructing a navy because she does not believe in a policy of centralization. Canada, with Mr. Borden's hearty approval, adopted in 1909 the same policy as Australia, and would today be carrying it out but for the alliance between Mr. Borden and the Nationalists of the province of Quebec. The Standard may as well look the facts in the face and cheerfully admit what it is useless to deny.

The building record in St. John continues to be very satisfactory and a conclusive evidence of substantial progress. Machinery has arrived at Sussex to bore for oil and gas. We shall soon know whether the confidence of the people that oil and gas exist there is well founded or not.

Are the authorities in St. John taking advantage of the cabinet meeting in Ottawa, to press for additional facilities which must be provided at this port before January if the port is not to suffer a serious loss of business? The Moncton Transcript advises the business men of that city to telegraph and rush orders for supplies which they have given. Apparently the Transcript believes from what it learns in railway circles that business on the Intercolonial is likely to be tied up.

Who will take the initiative to provide a more satisfactory service on the St. John River in summer, for the great number of citizens who would gladly have their children spend a part of the summer months along the lower reaches of the river, if it were possible for the head of the family to get in and out of town morning and evening at a convenient hour? The announcement that President Wilson of the United States will not recognize the Huerta government in Mexico complicates matters a good deal, since the Huerta government appears to be in power in Mexico, and to be as powerful as any faction that may be arrayed against it. The situation is certainly a very interesting one.

THE AUTOMOBILE The members of the Automobile Association will on Saturday repair the highway between St. John and Hampton. In Halifax the Automobile Association has done considerable repair work on roads out of that city. While thus in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the owners of automobiles give more practical proof of their desire for good roads than the owners of horses and carriages have shown, the farmers of Prince Edward Island continue most vigorously to protest against the use of the automobile in that province. Since permission has been given, however, to use the motor car in the immediate neighborhood of Charlottetown three days each week, it is fair to assume that despite the adverse vote of the people when the question was submitted to them recently, the use of the machine will gradually extend over a wider area until all the people realize, as they do in every other province and country, that the automobile is a convenience the people cannot afford to be without.

THE BORDEN POLICY The St. John Standard yesterday in the course of an article on the naval question, said that the Borden proposals are not inconsistent with the development of a Canadian unit of the British fleet, should the Canadian people desire at any time in the future to establish it. This is merely an attempt to deceive the people. There is, not, nor has there been any emergency calling for an emergency policy. Mr. Borden when he introduced his Dreadnought proposals had evidently made up his mind to support the policy of centralization which the Admiralty advocated in 1902, but rejected in 1909. Here is what the Saturday Review said about Mr. Borden and his policy, in an article in which it criticized the attitude of Mr. Arthur Hawkes. We quote: "There is an article in The Nineteenth Century by Mr. Arthur Hawkes, of Toronto, which hardly makes pleasant reading, because whilst its loyalty to the Empire is unchallengeable, it lends support to the idea of the Little Canadian Navy, as opposed to the policy embodied in Mr. Borden's direct contribution to Imperial defence. Mr. Hawkes forgets that Mr. Borden adopted the policy embodied in the bill which the Senate refused to pass only after long and anxious investigation and consultation with the Admiralty. Mr. Borden has taken an Imperial line because he saw that a Canadian navy would be a mere naval futility. If Canada's idea of nationhood within the Empire is not entirely compatible with Mr. Borden's naval propositions the sooner she and Mr. Hawkes study the matter from the larger point of view the better."

Thus the Saturday Review credits Mr. Borden with having adopted a centralizing policy of contribution "because he saw that a Canadian navy would be a mere naval futility." If Mr. Borden has since changed his mind he certainly has not made the fact clear to the people of this country. The Standard attempts to show that the position of Canada differs from that of Australia, and that there are reasons for an Australian navy which do not apply in the case of Canada. This is an

VERY PARTICULAR Lady—Are your antiques all genuine? Clerk—Yes, madam, and we so guarantee them. Lady—Well, all our furniture is antique, and I wish to get a genuine antique Louis XIV carpet sweeper—New York Weekly.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 The Hon. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, ex-speaker of the Dominion Senate celebrates his seventy-second birthday today. Senator Kerr was born near Guelph. He has long been one of the leaders of the bar in Toronto, of which city he is one of the most prominent residents. He is a distinguished Freemason and has been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

William Albert Sherwood, who has painted the portraits of many eminent Canadians, is fifty-four today. He was born at Ormeau, Ontario and began portrait-painting when he was fifteen years of age. He has exhibited work at all the principal art displays in Canada, England and the United States.

Lieut.-Col. F. M. Cole, prominent military man of Montreal, who commanded the Canadian Boy Scouts at the coronation of King George and who has taken a leading place in Canadian military circles, was born on August 1st, 1860, at Montreal.

A SONG FOR AUGUST (Thoms A. Daly in August Canada Monthly) Here's the year on the wane, There are signs in the sky, In the woods, on the plain, That its noon has gone by, But the harvest to gain, And the cool nights are nigh, When the year's on the wane. Here's the year on the wane, There's a hawk in the blue; In the wheat a red stain, Where the poppy peeps through. But there's bread in the grain, And there's warmth of love, too, When the year's on the wane. Here's the year on the wane, Front the wind a whistling shrill, Comes the katydid's strain, And the wind's whistle shrill. But the spring's music still, When the year's on the wane.

LIGHTER VEIN "Then you have explained to your finance that you will bring no dowry?" "Certainly." "What did he say to that?" "He swore that it was a matter of indifference to him." "And how has he conducted himself since?" "I don't know. He has never come back."

Sec. Bryan was listening with an inscrutable smile to the praises of a financial magnate, and a senator was slinging at a dinner. "He's the architect of his own fortune," said Secretary Bryan, "it's a lucky thing for him, but the architect didn't come round while the operation was going on."

"Well, my dear," said Mr. Wiggins on the night of election day, "did you vote this morning?" "I did, indeed!" replied Mrs. Wiggins. "I not only voted, but I wrote out my reasons for voting as I did on the back of the ballot and signed my name. You men may feel the need of a secret ballot, but I do not intend to have anybody know how I voted or why."—Magazine of Fun.

John Butts—I want to leave my property to my two sons. One-tenth to my youngest son, John Butts, and nine-tenths to my eldest son, Royal Chester-Chancey De Peyer Butts. Family Lawyer—H'm! Do you think that's quite fair? John Butts, Sr.—Yes, I want to make some reparations to Royal for allowing his mother to give him such a fool name!

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London, Aug. 1.—The Daily Telegraph correspondents with the Greeks at Saloniki describe the recent battle between the Greeks and Bulgarians in the Djumra district as the most hotly contested and sanguinary of the entire war. The Bulgarians, the correspondents say, reinforced by 20,000 men who had been withdrawn from the Serbian frontier, made an unexpected attack on the Greek left wing. The fight raged for two days with varying success, but victory finally rested with the Greeks, who captured again their lost positions. The Greek losses were 2,000 men killed, including many officers bearing historic names, and between 6,000 and 7,000 wounded.

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