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The World's Telephone Call to us.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAR. 18 1886.

The Grand Trunk and the Separation.

The Grand Trunk has made a dead end of the interests of Toronto by trying to gobble the new proposed street that is to be built.

We were a genuine monopoly created then the street was to be built.

The committee of the legislature that no railway (the C. P. R.) shall have the right of way over the new proposed street until it has made terms with the occupants (the G. T. R.) of the present Esplanade.

John Bell is an old hand at this kind of business, and he is not likely to be out of his element at any point, and evidently can turn the committee and the legislature about his little finger.

Where were the city members and the mayor and the C. P. R. men that they allowed such an amendment to go through?

Does the Grand Trunk own the legislature and is bound to do Mr. Bell's bidding? Are Toronto's interests to be further sacrificed to a corporation that has stolen away and secured the most valuable land and privileges in Toronto from the city?

What are Ald. Walker and Ald. Baxter doing in the matter? Surely they do not propose to stand by and see the citizens robbed? And yet people will talk!

The day of monopoly is passing away. If Mr. Stewart is satisfied to do his duty, he will not support the Grand Trunk in its present hold on the city's front. He will, on the contrary, if he is wise, weaken its powers.

If he does not, the time certainly has come for Mr. Mackenzie's railway commission, which will be the best of the most wire-pulling advocates of railroads, members of the council who appear to have other than the interests of citizens at heart, and of a press that appears afraid to say that a monopoly is a monopoly.

Citizens may have noticed the name of ex-Mayor McMillan as figuring largely in this matter. Let them remember that it is as the paid solicitor of the Grand Trunk and as the able abettor of Mr. Bell that he takes part in the proceedings, and that it is not as an ex-mayor or as a loyal citizen, as a lawyer he has a right to follow his brief, and he is following it so well that he is in the front rank of the procession.

Mr. Howland has an opportunity in the circumstances.

Somebody says Mr. Howland has made practically the same recommendations as his predecessors for the improvement of the Canadian militia. Not to put too fine a point on the matter, these military gentlemen want to convert the militia into a standing army and nothing that can be said by Canadians will make them change their views.

Your ordinary citizen is to the most self-interested being on the face of the earth, which is why the great deal considering the utter contempt in which your German holds all mankind, who in 1870 having knocked the sense out of the Frenchman and made him a reasonable creature, but the ordinary citizen is not so much interested in the military one. He knows, bless you, all about it. He has just landed in the country and is ready to decide everything. He does not like volunteers at home, much less in "our colonies."

A regular Tommy Atkins, still clad in his old uniform, without education or intelligence in his head, he wants a regular Canadian army, no matter how small, of the British pattern, well drilled, dressed and officered and fringed with red tape, and of no use to tell him that two regiments of such men would run away with the whole annual vote for the Canadian militia and that thirty-seven thousand men scattered over the country, constantly renewed from the best class of the military one. He is fully more than two thousand regular soldiers. They will not believe it and you may as well let them alone, or better still, if they cannot learn to hold their tongue, put a Canadian at the head of the militia.

Until lately Canada had only two enemies to fear—the United States and the British empire. Our neighbors were to attack us, which no one regards as possible, or that we would be attacked, which is not true. But now we have a third enemy with a hundred thousand, still young, who had served with the volunteers and at least knew how to load and fire, and two hundred thousand more ready to fall into the ranks of the militia, and the British empire enrolled in their neighborhood, and the British empire to help us with officers who could defend our homes while the light went on at sea and settled the business. As to the British empire, it is a favorite notion of the great military that volunteers cannot be trusted to put down a riot. That is the remainder of the time when the people did not govern. It is the regular soldier who does not want to fire on a mob. He feels that he is a hireling. The citizen soldier, on the contrary, feels that he is a defender of his rights, defending himself, and the experience of the United States shows that he does his duty promptly and fearlessly.

As to the militia, the danger which it threatens us, but will not do so long as a small force must necessarily be kept on foot while it exists. There is no reason why the companies of regular infantry and the battalions of militia should not be stationed permanently in the Northwest, to aid the mounted police, if needed. They are not needed in Toronto or Quebec. Can Amoyt is not likely to have an insurrection, we suppose, and any domestic troubles in Toronto will be promptly dealt with by Ontario volunteers.

Perceiving the golden rule.

New York's comic paper, called Punch, is of opinion that "cheap labor" is a blessing to any country. Being in favor of Chinese immigration, it pictures the Chinese minister at Washington in discussion with Mr. Bayard, the secretary of state. The Chinese minister says that "Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, you do even so unto them, for this is the law and the prophets." To which the American replies: "Oh! that is the golden rule."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 17, 1886.

St. John's, Canada North-west 74 to 75. The books are now closed Canada North-west.

R. Cochran's Chicago dispatch reads: Wheat ruled heavily, and a general feeling of depression showed in the market.

Wheat, 100 bushels, 1885-86, 1.10. 100 bushels, 1886-87, 1.05. 100 bushels, 1887-88, 1.00.

Consols are 107-108.

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Sale at 11 Sharp. The whole must be cleared out.

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The undersigned have received instructions from E. G. Chisholm, Trustee, to offer for sale by Public Auction, at their Warehouses, No. 247 Dundas Street West, Toronto, on

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