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Toronto Papers That Are Strangely Silent.

A few days ago The World ventured to ask why it was that so few newspapers in Canada were urging the prompt and vigorous co-ordination of the old Grand Trunk with the national railways.

It is a mere waste of time to talk about this or that "defect" on the National Railways. That defect could be materially reduced by tearing up the rails and ties of the National Transcontinental (eastern and western divisions) between Moncton and Prince Rupert.

That plan of public annual hand-outs we tried in Canada for years, and nobody wants to go back to it. Hence a general acquiescence in railway nationalization. The whole breakdown of our railway policy can be traced to the failure of the Laurier government to consolidate the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Railways.

In the meantime, Hon. Mr. Meighen must see that this is the most pressing of a number of pressing questions that confront him when he sits down to draft the speech from the throne for the opening of parliament a week from Monday.

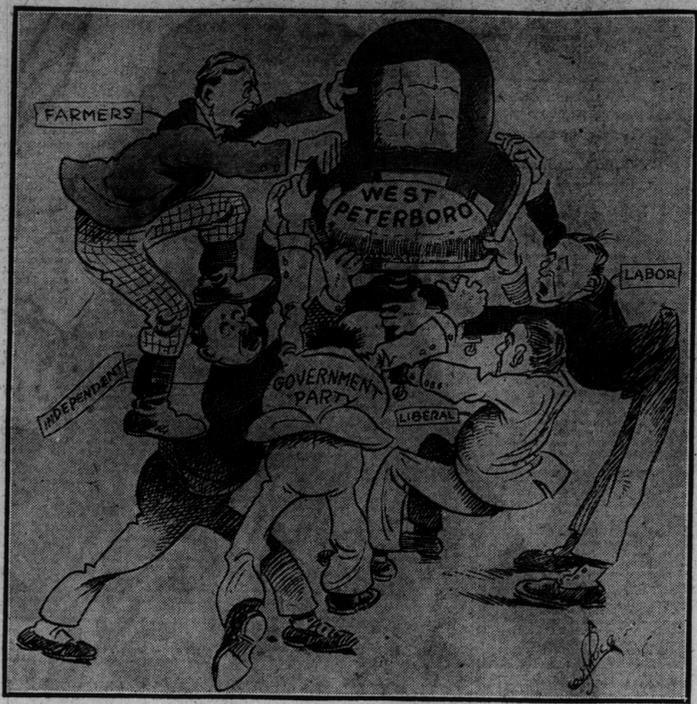
Public Ownership and Its Employes.

A board of conciliation have found in favor of the return to their former standing of certain employes of the National Railways, who were dismissed for running for legislative office. They were told that they could not be both servants of the service and lawmakers for and critics of it.

There are a lot of people busy discrediting public ownership these days. The men must have a care that they, too, do not help to discredit it. They have more to expect from a public service in the way of fair treatment. But the enemies and rivals of the public-owned roads may try to use a grievance of the man for the discredit of a public utility.

Parliament will soon be in session and parliament will have to take the responsibility of effecting a settlement. In the meantime it will be found not wise to encourage discord. As pointed out in another column, Canada's great need today is to bring about the consolidation of the various lines taken over by the government into one system, with loyalty and co-operation all through it. And just when that is about to be done, there are some

LET THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN TAKE HIS SEAT



enterprising enemies of public ownership ready to throw a monkey wrench into the machine!

Civic Buildings Wanted.

The suggestion of Mayor Church to put additional storeys on the registry office will not be taken seriously. This building was put up at a large cost for a safety deposit purpose, and in its architecture and construction this end was perhaps the main consideration.

Wall street and its special mouthpieces and some of the newspapers of New York have turned on Henry Ford, automobile millionaire, and are trying to rend him; and some Toronto papers are gladly joining in the hunt. Henry Ford has done one thing supremely well: he has given the world a cheap automobile, owned by hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people all over America and Europe, and has systematized the manufacture and especially the upkeep of motors in such a way as to make of service man in the highest sense. Ford has his faults; he is a man of a single idea, and a single purpose, and has hidden rough-shoulder about his way of giving the thought was his way of giving the public low motor charges, including trucks, tractors, plows. But he has served the public and himself at the same time in a big way. Wall street will smash him if it can.

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TO PREVENT SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR FROM CANADA

Detroit, Feb. 3.—Federal prohibition enforcement officers in the Detroit region will be doubled in number July 1 in an effort to prevent smuggling of liquor from Canada into Michigan, Frank D. Richardson, supervising special prohibition agent for the central division, said today upon arriving here from Chicago.

Price of American coal is fixed at 33 per ton on board at French Atlantic ports. Looks like it might be cheaper to live in France these days.

THE WORLD'S WEEKLY NOVEL

THE HERITAGE OF CAN

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Continued From Yesterday's World. The front door closed behind the re-creating form of Brent and York turned on the central electric light and picked up a book.

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SOCIALIST PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED

Allotment of Votes at International Conference in Vienna.

Innsbruck, Austria, Feb. 3.—The committee entrusted with the formulation of a program for the international Socialist conference which will meet in Vienna on February 23, has completed its work.

Rhyming Views On Daily News

By GEORGE H. DIXON. We thought that like old Caesar's wife, they were above reproach, and that no words truly perfect, and that their words were true, and that their words were true, and that their words were true.

Germany Will Not Attend Conference of Experts

Paris, Feb. 3.—The conference of experts which was to have been held in Brussels, has been postponed, it is officially announced today. This action was taken because Charles Bergmann, German under-secretary of state for the treasury and chief of the German mission to the reparations commission in Paris, informed the French foreign office that the German government would not send delegates to the conference in view of the changed circumstances.

CHARGES CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY

(Continued From Page 1.) logs were cut from mining locations and "veterans" claims.

Judge Makes Suggestion

As the company had to pay nothing out from mining locations, and had to pay quite a large sum comparatively as dues on the timber cut of the licensed territory," remarked Mr. Justice Latchford.

REMARKED IN PASSING.

Farmers who are out for free trade must not complain about a little thing like imports of Chinese eggs.

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New York State farmers are fighting to kill daylight saving. Nice to know they agree with Canadian farmers in one thing, also they differ from some of them in their liking for protection.

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