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Forty Years

Forty years ago to-day the last spike was driven on the C. P. R. in British Columbia, and a band of steel was thus completed between the Atlantic and the Pacific. A magnificent dream had come true by reason of the vision, the courage and the enterprise of men who had faith in Canada and — without which no great thing is accomplished — in themselves as well. Through dark days, in the face of mighty obstacles, the Builders persevered until their track pierced the Rockies and spanned the Continent.

The work thus done constituted much more than the building of a railroad. It gave the previously separated British provinces the physical union which converted them into a real Dominion, crowning the legislative action by which they were joined. Afterwards, from that long line of steel, branches and connections were put forth, enabling the back country to be opened up. Then, not content with conquering the land, the guiding force of the C. P. R. launched, in due time, their ships upon both oceans, reaching Europe on the one hand and the Orient on the other. The days of doubt and discouragement were followed by a period of confidence and expansion, and results justified abundantly the hopes and ambitions of those early captains of transportation who ever looked to far horizons and saw ahead the Greater Canada of the future.

There is no physical achievement in Canada's history so great as the building and expansion of the C. P. R., a leader to-day among the world's transportation agencies. The history of its development has been largely the history of the development of the Dominion, in the building up of which it has ever been of immense constructive force. There is no limit to its future growth. That cannot be measured, any more than the development of Canada can be measured. Before the C. P. R., as before the Dominion, there are possibilities without limit, and the great railroad has ever kept a step in advance of the country's progress.

The spirit which animated Donald Smith and his associates has been kept alive in their successors; and that spirit, resolute, confident, optimistic, inspired by faith in the country, has been the chief factor in the success of the enterprise and the chief reason why in the later years of its existence it has commanded so great a measure of public appreciation and support.

The people of Canada to-day are confronted with grave railway problems, largely through the circumstances which led to so much new construction under private enterprise in the days when the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the Transcontinental were projected and carried to completion. A falling off of immigration and the depression caused by the war prevented Canada from enjoying the growth which might otherwise have justified much of the new railway mileage. As a result, the Canadian National system has been running behind financially at a ruinous pace, and that fact has caused thoughtful men to cast about for some means of cutting down these losses until the traffic demands of the country have overtaken our railway mileage.

Various plans have been suggested, including co-operation between the two great railway systems, and even their amalgamation, but as yet no conclusion has been reached. But in all the discussions of the problem there has been evident a public determination that the C. P. R. should not be sacrificed or subjected to destructive competition by the government-owned system, backed by the purse of the country. It has been rightly felt that no expedient resorted to in an effort to pull the C. P. R. out of the hole would be justified if it threatened the existence, or the reasonable prosperity, of the C. P. R.; and no matter what developments may follow, no doubt this spirit of sanity and fair play will rule.

The Winnipeg Conference

Following the Charlottetown conference, a matter which should command the immediate attention of every Board of Trade in the Maritime Provinces is the obvious need and importance of having a numerous and representative Maritime delegation at the forthcoming National Economic Conference in Winnipeg. Every section of the Maritimes should be represented at that meeting, and it is particularly essential that the Saint John and Halifax Boards of Trade should send a sufficient number of men who are thoroughly familiar with Maritime requirements as these are affected by federal action, and who are prepared to discuss the Maritime position with the knowledge and breadth requisite to produce the right impression upon delegates from the six provinces lying west of us.

elsewhere, and there is not the slightest doubt that this publicity has been of large benefit in concentrating Canadian thought upon our problems and paving the way for future action.

Winnipeg marks the next important step in the movement for Maritime betterment and for greater Canadian co-operation and unity. The delegation going from the Maritimes will be engaged in a mission of the most vital nature, and every Board of Trade in these provinces should be sharply awake to the importance of the occasion.

Stout confidence in the future of Canada marks the message of President Beatty in connection with the fortieth anniversary of the completion of the C. P. R. line to the coast. He says that the difficulties confronting Canada now are no greater than those it faced forty years ago, and that those who are worrying about the future should look back over those forty years and reflect upon what has been accomplished. Also, he expresses the belief that Canadians now are no less able to cope with the problems than they were in 1885, and he feels that they will not lack "courageous, wise leadership" if their leaders be accorded the sympathetic encouragement that is their due.

Whether one agrees with Mr. Bourassa or not, his contribution to the discussion on to-day's political situation is certainly interesting. He says that the Prime Minister, from a strictly constitutional point of view, is right in deciding to meet Parliament instead of resigning in Mr. Meighen's favor now, but he proceeds to maintain that all three leaders have been placed in a most difficult position because of the results of the polling coupled with their statements during the campaign. While Mr. Bourassa manifestly has no love for Mr. Meighen, he certainly is by no means blind to the difficulties confronting Mr. King, not to mention those which have fallen upon Mr. Forde.

Odds and Ends

Romance and the Sordid Fact

(Boston Transcript.)

The criminal known as "Dutch" Anderson is dead, shot down in his last desperate attempt to defy society. With the passing of this thief and murderer there is exploded another of the myths concerning the "master mind" in crime and the success of its possessor in outwitting the officers of the law.

Anderson, confederate of Gerald Chapman, under sentence of death in Connecticut, was forty-two years old. From the age of nineteen, much of his life in prison, and much of his time when he was at liberty, he was hunted from pillar to post. In recent years, he never had a waking moment when he could have felt safe. The readiness with which he used his pistol was evidence of fear rather than of courage. He fought like a rat in a corner.

It is a sordid story. There is nothing in the facts to justify the glamor that has been thrown around the careers of this man and Chapman "the Count of Gramercy Square." Anderson was depraved. The fate which overtook him was richly deserved. Chapman is equally bad. That the former knew several languages, and that both simulated a refinement they did not possess, does not alter the essential facts in the case.

The Good and the Clever. (Bystander in Toronto Globe.)

That biting little jingle about the good and the clever, which was quoted in this column some time ago, and which requested for the name of the author, has brought a reply from a Bowmanville reader, Mr. Allen, who writes: "Some time ago a verse, author unknown, was quoted by you. In case no one else has forwarded you the information, I enclose what is, I fancy, a complete copy of the poem, with the name of the author, Elizabeth Wordsworth, and it is taken from a little volume now out of print, entitled 'St. Christopher, and Other Poems'."

IF THE GOOD WERE CLEVER

If all the good people were clever,
And all the clever people were good,
The world would be no more than even.
We thought that it possibly could.

But somehow 'tis seldom or never
The two hit it off as they should.
The good are so harsh to the clever,
The clever so rude to the good.

So, friends, let it be our endeavor
To make each by each understood,
For few can be good like the clever,
Or clever, so well as the good.

This version varies slightly from the quotation of the first two verses, previously given, from The New York Times, but that may be owing to the use of memory in either case.

The Army Manoeuvres.

A good story is told of the army manoeuvres in Hampshire, concerning a Scottish soldier, who, during the most pitiless of the showers which fell in the early hours of one of the mornings, was dragging a reluctant mule across a bridge over the river Test, which bore a notice saying that it had been destroyed.

The rain was coming down in painful, and the soldier, dripping as if he were under a spout, was bending forward in an effort to get the mule over. An umpire galloped up and demanded, "Can't you see this bloomin' bridge is blown up?"

"Can't you see I'm bloomin' well swimming in it?" retorted the soldier.

Just Fun

FRANKNESS of the modern girl has at least accomplished one good work. We no longer hear women's underthings spoken of as unmentionables.

THE gardener trims the rose trees to improve the blooms; do you suppose we are trimmed for a similar reason?

"UNDERSTAND that Jones went out on a party the other day and got ptomaine poisoning."

"Do you suppose he left the food in the too long?"

"Well, it was laying in the back seat of his Ford all afternoon."

I Held Her Hand

I held her hand one night in June,
Beneath a silver lover's moon.
Upon the wave-washed sand,
Her eyes like diamonds looked in mine,
My heart was filled with love divine,
The while I held her hand.

I held her hand; I spoke the word,
That only waves and breezes heard,
And clouds of fleecy lace;
But there upon the beach's sand
I stole a kiss, and held her hand—
Or she'd have slapped my face.

Artist—This is my latest picture, "Builders At Work." It's quite realistic. Friend—But they are not at work! "Yes, that's the realism!"

WELL, America was slow to go to war, but she can't afford to be slow in coming across.

ANOTHER state governed by women is the state of matrimony.

NOTE from the Heckville Bugle: "Our distinguished citizen, Colonel Gussler, the Civil War Veteran, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage. The colonel tells some interesting stories of the great conflict."

A FARMER was accused of having slandered his neighbor.

"Did you call him a rogue and a liar?"

"Yes, I did!"

"And did you call him a thief?"

"No, I forgot that!"

A DOCTOR was examining a man who had come to him for the first time. Satisfied at last, the doctor looked at him gravely. "You are in bad shape," he said. "What you need is a sea voyage. Can you manage it?"

"Oh, yes," replied the patient. "I'm second mate on the Anna Marie, just in from Hongkong."

The First Man

A NEW YORK schoolboy was asked:

"Who was the first man?"

"George Washington," he replied.

"Nonsense," said the teacher. "What makes you say that?"

"Because," said the boy, repeating a well-known quotation, "he was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

"That may be," commented the teacher, "but nevertheless Adam was the first man."

"Oh," retorted the boy with fine contempt, "if you're talking about foreigners, that's different."

NOBODY gets old any more, because they just kid nature.

Be careful each and every day
Whatever you do or plan,
So men may point to you and say:
"He is a Safety Man."

THE world's best After-Dinner Speech: "Waiter, give me both checks."

"DUTCH" comes out flat footedly to see the doctor. The doctor says: "You wear one of those new yellow slickers."

SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

The "skeeter" now no longer sings—
The frost has stifled her buzzing wings.

And the house flies—how sick they're feeling,
Buzzing sickly on the ceiling.

In the case of scarlet fever, tested susceptibility is arrested susceptibility.

Making friends with the bookbush is good policy—you might want a job some day.

Only regulation of diet and habits will cure constipation—medicines are worse than useless.

Friend bought a planola, a victrola and a radiola—then his neighbor gave him variola.

Dinner Stories

AN IRISHMAN was going along a road, when an angry bull rushed upon him and with his horns tossed him over a fence. The Irishman, upon recovering from his fall, and looking up, saw the bull pawing and tearing at the ground, whereupon Pat, snailing at him, said:

"If it wasn't fer your bowing and scraping and your humble apologies, you brute, fairs, I should think you had thrown me over this fence on purpose."

SOME women visitors were going through a penitentiary under the escort of the superintendent. They came to a room where three women were sewing.

"Dear me," whispered one of the visitors, "what vicious looking creatures! Pray what are they here for?"

"Because they have no other home. This is our sitting room, and they are my wife and two daughters," blandly replied the superintendent.

A STORY is told of a teacher who recited to her pupils "The Landing of the Pilgrims," after which she requested each pupil to try and draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock. Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand.

"Well, Willie, what is it?" asked the teacher.

"Please, ma'am, do you want us to draw a hen or a rooster?"

Lloyd George Shows the Way



(Lloyd George is advocating a national "back to the land" movement.) From the Star, London.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

AT VARIANCE WITH THE KNOWN FACTS.

A COLLEGE PRESIDENT, speaking to students, says the trouble with the world is that it hasn't enough idealists.

It is more likely that the trouble with the world is that it has TOO MANY idealists.

Idealists believe in the power of the spirit, in the goodness which is in the heart of things, in the triumph which is in store for the great Moral Ideas of the race.

But this faith only too often leads to an optimism which is sadly and fatally at variance with actual results.

WE KNOW from history that it is the REALIST and not the idealist who generally is justified by events.

"We forget," opines Jan Christian Smuts, "that the human spirit of goodness and truth in the world is only an infant crying in the night, and that the struggle with darkness is as yet mostly an unequal struggle."

MOST of our idealists are young. Someone has said that idealism is the vice of youth.

Poems That Live

ALADDIN.

When I was a beggarly boy,
And lived in a cellar damp,
I had not a friend nor a toy.
But I had Aladdin's lamp;
When I could not sleep for the cold,<
I had fire enough in my brain,
And bulged with roofs of gold
My beautiful castles in Spain!

Since then I have toiled day and night,
I have money and power good store,
But I'd give all my lamps of silver bright
For the one that is mine no more;
Take, Fortune, whatever you choose—
You gave and may snatch again;
I have nothing 'twould pain me to lose,
For I own no more castles in Spain!
—James Russell Lowell.

Other Views

GO TO CHURCH.

(Collier's.)

The arguments against going are many and of force. But the arguments for going are of greater number and of greater force. Within the church walls, worldly though we may be, something stirs within us, some small voice speaks, as nowhere else. Within that church we learn much of the Sermon on the Mount, and we feel more. Of course, you recognize Christ's Sermon on the Mount as the best of all guides through this life of ours—that it points the one right path. Get back of that minister or priest by being a worker with him from inside the wall. Help him through your knowledge of the outside world to understand this modern day and generation and its needs.

HOW SHALL MEN DRESS?

(Kingston Standard.)

It is refreshing to see that all the orders about dress are not confined to the fair sex. A press dispatch from Vancouver says that the Burnaby school principals have been instructed to inform their staffs that women teachers must dress modestly, and that the men must uphold the dignity of their profession in their appearance. We should like to hear how the men were to dress in order to uphold their dignity.

CHANGING MEDICINE.

(Vancouver Sun.)

"Diet is the most important factor in health." Coming from Dr. Milton Rosenau, Harvard professor, and accepted by the Inter-state Post-graduate Assembly of America, now meeting in

Chicago Daily News: It's a wise woman who can smile at a compliment and immediately forget it.

Sault Star: The sun's age is put at about five million years, but then it goes to bed every night.

Hamilton Spectator: Players participating in the world's series will divide \$38,644.35, some of them with their wives.

Brockville Recorder: While we may not hope for an open winter, there is no harm wishing for an open fall.

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Timely Views

On World Topics

THE signing of the treaties at Locarno seems to me the most important and hopeful event since the war, and any optimism created by general report of the treaties is only increased by a careful study of all the documents," so said Pierrepont B. Noyes, American industrialist and expert on European problems in an article in the New York World.

"The two outstanding accomplishments of Locarno are: First—the ending of a dangerous division of Europe. One hundred million culprits, temporarily helpless, living under the hostile measures and more hostile threats of one hundred and fifty million rather nervous avengers, is a line-up breeding fear, increased armaments, and in the end, war."

"Second—An immense strengthening and vitalizing of the League of Nations as a power for peace."

Supernaturalist Era Closed.

"The era of supernaturalism," he continues, "which unexpectedly followed the great war, seems closed. Inquiries inspired by individual ambition or fear must now face a united, peace-determined Europe. Germany may no longer question the boundaries between herself and France, while France has put it out of her own power to decree another Ruhr invasion."

Scores Occupation of Rhine.

"Another thing which makes me more optimistic than at any time since the United States refused to assist in the settlement of the war is the probability (which I read between the lines) that the Rhineland occupation, at least as an occupation of one nation by its recent enemy, will soon come to an end."

"The Rhineland occupation, as I have frequently said, is 'continuing war.' Until that is done away with, there is war and unknown dangers of more war in the very heart of our western civilization."

Fear French Nationalists.

"One point alone prevents my feeling an unreserved optimism regarding the future of Europe. The recent accession to power of the liberal element in France is responsible for the Locarno agreement. If that element remains in power Locarno is, I feel confident, only the first step in development of a new and better internationalism, which will later become too powerful to be defied."

"If, on the other hand, those French nationalists which dictated the Treaty of Versailles and the Ruhr invasion shall come to rule France before such new order is firmly established I shall lose that confidence."

Another Limerick.

(Granta Limericks, Cambridge.)

A young lady from Samarkand
Attempted to dance in the Strand;
The policeman said to her, "No, no, no!"
Said, "No, me proud beauty,
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