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NO. 1.

Our I's and... Other Eyes.

Our I's are just as strong as they were fifty years ago, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising, and we are more than willing for you to see us through other eyes. This is how we look to S. F. Boyce, wholesale and retail druggist, Duluth, Minn., who after a quarter of a century of observation writes:

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GRAND TRUNK RY.

Financial Condition of the Line Shown in the Half Yearly Report Issued Yesterday.

The Directors Exceedingly Hopeful—Expected Surplus of £200,000.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Following is a special to the Evening Telegram, dated London, October 5th:

The half yearly report of the Grand Trunk railway was issued late yesterday afternoon. The gross receipts are shown to be £1,722,491; working expenses were £1,162,508, which is at the rate of 67.8 per cent., compared with 71.24 per cent. last year. The net traffic receipts were £555,982; the net revenue £654,394. Passenger receipts decreased 0.92 per cent., while mail and express receipts increased 4.53 per cent. Freight on live stock decreased 12,047 tons, but receipts therefor show an increase of 1.49 per cent. compared with 1896. The directors express no opinion as to the past, present or future of the company, neither do they say whether the accumulated deficits will be funded or gradually liquidated from the earnings of the road. An act lately obtained from the Dominion parliament is printed in full.

A resolution giving additional borrowing powers under the act referred to is proposed for the consideration of the directors at their next meeting. The directors are exceedingly hopeful. They expect a surplus of £200,000 at the close of the year. The question is being seriously discussed as to whether it would be advisable to pay dividends or debts. London financial journals commend the present management, and assert that the economy exercised accounts for the present prosperous condition of the Grand Trunk railway.

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Significant Preparations by the United States Navy Department.

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 5.—A special to the Evening News from Bridgeport, Conn., says: "That the government strongly anticipates serious trouble with Spain is shown by the notification sent secretly yesterday to the owners of a number of the largest steamships and steam yachts on the Atlantic coast asking immediate information as to the speed, capacity and fighting strength of their vessels, and other complete data with a view to their being enrolled as auxiliary cruisers in the navy."

"A further request was made, the Morning Union learns on good authority, for the owners to hold themselves in readiness to turn the vessels over to the government at a moment's notice, an intimation being given that they will be found for them shortly."

AMERICAN BRIEFS.

Ocean Springs, Miss., Oct. 4.—Surgeon Murray returned last night from Scranton, and reports between forty and fifty cases of fever there. There were three deaths yesterday. The medicine on hand is being depended upon for cholera, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take, and never fails to effect a cure. For sale by all druggists.

New York, Oct. 4.—Four men were drowned by the capsizing of a boat at Long Branch, N. J., to-day. Three other men of Long Branch were rescued with difficulty.

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Laurier at Toronto

Extensive Preparations Being Made to Welcome the Distinguished Liberal Leader.

A Grand Procession, Banquets and a Monster Reception at Massey Hall.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Arrangements for the Laurier reception to-night are as follows: Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrives on the 7 o'clock train, and will be met at Union station, when a procession will be formed, headed by mounted police, torch bearers and the Royal Grenadiers' band. Then comes the carriage with Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, Mayor Shaw and Alderman Scott, the chairman of the reception committee, followed by an escort of mounted police, the city council, citizens, Liberal clubs, etc.

The procession will march to Massey Hall, which is to be open to the public. Here addresses of welcome will be presented by the mayor on behalf of the city, followed by addresses from German and French citizens in their respective languages.

The proceedings will close at 10 o'clock, after which hour Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at dinner at the Queen's Hotel by the city council.

On Wednesday evening Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at a banquet at Massey Hall by the board of trade, and on Thursday afternoon at the convocation at the Toronto University, the premier will be invested with the honorary degree of LL.D.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Denver & Rio Grande Excursion Train Derailed.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 4.—One person was killed outright and another died soon after by a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande at Colopaki, west of Pueblo, caused by the breaking of a journal of an excursion train. The first section of the narrow-gauge train from Marshall Pass was shoving down to take the siding at Colorado Pass, when a journal on the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, the tourist car and the baggage car remained on the track. The cars were all crowded with excursionists for the festival of "The Mountain and Plain" at Denver.

There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running very slowly. The dead are Mrs. F. D. McIntyre and F. W. Scollar, of 2800 Carmony avenue, Cincinnati, O. The latter had his legs crushed and died on the way to the hospital.

SHE IS A FLYER

Another Remarkably Fast Kaiser Across Atlantic by the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse.

Makes the Run from New York to Plymouth in 5 Days 15 Hours and 15 Minutes.

New York, Oct. 4.—A cablegram from London this morning announces that the new North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was sighted passing Scilly Isles light at 10:35 this afternoon.

The Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse sailed from New York for Plymouth and Bremen on September 30th, clearing the bar at 6:32 a.m. and the lights 20 minutes later. Allowing four hours for the run from Scilly to Plymouth, she is due there at about 2:35 o'clock this afternoon.

This will make the time of the passage about 5 days 15 hours and 13 minutes. This is better by 18 hours and 11 minutes than the time of the Hamburg liner Faust Bismarck, which held the 24-month record of 6 days 9 hours and 24 minutes since August, 1896, and at this rate beats the Southampton record of the American liner St. Louis of six days and 14 minutes, made last month, by about 18 hours. For had she been going to Southampton she would have been there about 8:30 o'clock this evening.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED

Great Popular Demonstration at Toronto in Honor of Laurier.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—The reception to Premier Laurier here last evening was a huge success. He was met at the station at 7 o'clock by the mayor and council, Hon. Wm. Mulock and other prominent citizens, and escorted by a monster torchlight procession with fireworks by a circuitous route to Massey Hall. The procession was large and there was tremendous cheering.

The hall was packed to the doors an hour before the meeting began. The mayor presided and English, French and German addresses were presented. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied, saying that Canada was now a nation instead of a colony, and expressing pleasure that all nationalities are uniting to make Canada a unity.

Hon. Edward Blake being present, he was called upon by the audience, and gave a splendid speech, eulogistic of the leader. He said he was alleged sometimes to be a failure in politics, but at least he was a success in choosing a successor. An informal dinner followed the reception, Premier Laurier speaking briefly.

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Destructive Forest Fires Raging—Rev. Baldwin Resigns.

Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 5.—Rev. Baldwin, the rector of St. Paul's church, has resigned, owing to ill-health.

Destructive forest fires are reported in Blandford and Ellice townships, and on northwestern boundary of Woodstock, Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 6.—The board of trade yesterday decided to endorse the application of the T. H. & B. Ry. Co. to the Dominion government for a subsidy of \$3,300 per mile for a railway between Brantford and Welland, but it refrained from endorsing the statement in the petition of the company in regard to the cost of the proposed extension.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—The court stenographers' strike is still unsettled, and only one division of the superior court was able to sit to-day.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—A small fire occurred this morning in the office of the Graham Mill Works, adjoining the Central Prison, and evidently resulted from yesterday's conflagration. The office and fixtures were destroyed. Loss \$1,500.

Thomas Howard, the well known barrister, was arrested this morning charged with forging the name of John Somers to a note for \$100 on Sept. 29 last. Howard appeared in the police court, but deferred election as to trial.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—Sir William Van Horne, B. S. Clouston, manager of the Bank of Montreal; R. B. Angus and James Ross left for the Pacific Coast this morning by special train. They will go through by daylight tonight.

The increase in the earnings of the C.P.R. in the past nine days was \$255,000, the largest by \$100,000 over any similar period. For the next week it is expected to be larger. The earnings for the same period were only exceeded by two roads on the continent.

BRITAIN IS FIRM.

Maintains Her Determination to Exclude Russia and Japan from Sealing Conference.

This Strong Attitude Assumed at the Request of the Dominion of Canada.

London, Oct. 5.—The officials of the British foreign office have communicated with the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, the final decision of the government, to the effect that Great Britain must refuse to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan.

The British government asserts its willingness to consent with the United States alone, but insists that Russia and Japan are not interested in the Behring Sea seals to a degree entitling them to representation at the conference.

The British government does not suggest any date for the conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings, one between the United States, Russia and Japan, and the other between the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

It cannot be too strongly reiterated that the withdrawal of Great Britain from the Washington conference is due to Canada's insistence, and until Canadian officials informed the foreign office of Canada's objections to the meeting of representatives of Russia and Japan, Great Britain fully intended to enter the conference.

HOT IN CHICAGO

Unprecedentedly Warm Weather Being Experienced—All October Records Broken.

Dense Smoke from Forest Fires Add to the Discomfort—Danger to Navigation.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 5.—Extremely hot weather for the month of October is now prevailing in this section. During the past 24 hours the thermometer in this city went up to 86 degrees, and according to the signal service records this is the highest point that has been registered for the month of October in 27 years. A dense smoke aggravated the conditions.

On account of the drought for the last two months everything is dry as tinder, and forest and prairie fires are numerous. Lake Michigan has been almost unmanageable on account of the smoke and fog. Captains of incoming vessels have reported a most alarming state of affairs. Many have not slept for 48 hours on account of the watchfulness necessary. Boats picking their way through the Straits of Mackinaw are particularly hampered. Landmarks are obliterated and lights rendered indistinct at the distance of the length of a steamship.

Chicago southwards and the suburbs are surrounded by prairie fires, and a dense smoke overhangs a large part of the city lying south of 76th street. Hundreds of acres of prairie have been burned over and thousands of feet of sidewalk and fencing consumed. The firemen in this division of the city are completely exhausted with fighting prairie fires night and day. Most of the fires were started by fires from the locomotives, but not infrequently by mischievous boys, who set the grass on fire for excitement.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received a cablegram this morning to the effect that Mr. Peterson, the contractor for the proposed new fast Atlantic service, had made the required deposit.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Soo Canal Traffic—Proposed Fruit Station at Grimsby—Repairing Parliament Buildings.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The Soo canal traffic this year is well up to the figures of last season in the matter of freightage carried. Vessels to Sept. 30th numbered 3,470, against 4,265 for the same period last season.

Dominion horticulturists ask that the government should next season establish a station at Grimsby, where fruit can be suitably packed for export to the Old Country.

A large delegation from Cornwall have asked the government for a free site on the canal property there for the proposed roller iron mill.

The contract for a new roof on the western departmental building goes to a St. Hyacinthe firm named Paquet & Gobout. Hudson, Montreal, was the lowest tenderer and transferred the contract to them.

Minister Tarte, who arrived here to-day, will give full consent to the government subsidizing steamers from Canadian ports. He would build up our own ports even if a sacrifice at first is necessary on our own part. He thinks we have done enough for Portland, and would now take all subsidies from the American ports and give some assistance to our lines, even if the boats are slow and small at first.

Mr. McLane, M.P., Vancouver, is here attending the supreme court in the case of the Union Colliery Company against the province of British Columbia, which is testing the constitutionality of the act preventing Chinamen working underground in mines.

The Restigouche election appeal, which was before the supreme court, has been dropped, being settled out of court.

Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., commanding the 45th Battalion, has sent the following communication to the minister of militia: "With the object of assisting to uphold the British Empire and to strengthen the bonds uniting the motherland and colonies, and in full confidence that none would uphold the honor or bear the colors more bravely in the hour of danger, than the young men of the Victoria Militia District of Canada, I have the honor to tender to the Imperial government through you the services of the 45th or Victoria Militia regiment, and to request authority to increase the establishment of the corps to 1,000 men for active service in any part of the world."

Messrs. Bell and Low, of the geological survey, returned from Hudson's Straits yesterday. They say the straits are navigable for about three months in the year.

Ontario fruit growers apparently won't learn by experience. More fruit for England has reached Montreal in over-ripe condition. Prof. Robertson left for Grimsby last night to again emphasize the necessity for care in selection and packing.

MANITOBA'S CROPS.

B. E. Walker Interviewed Regarding the Outlook in the Prairie Province.

Farmers Will Benefit more From Present Than From Any Previous Wheat Crop.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—B. E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, being interviewed on return, says:

"As far as Manitoba is concerned, the yield of wheat this year is disappointing in the number of bushels per acre. The yield will not amount to more than fourteen or fifteen bushels to the acre on the average, but the quality of the wheat is of a higher grade than ever before; and with the high price it is generally admitted that the farmers will derive more from the present than from any previous wheat crop."

"Manitoba has been paying its debts very satisfactorily during last year. This is the third good crop the province has had, and in consequence it now occupies a very strong position financially."

"The improved condition of the farms and farm buildings, and the improvements of all kinds in Manitoba compared with five years ago, when I last visited the west, were such as to astonish me."

"The same signs of progress and prosperity were to be noticed in the various prairie towns springing up in Manitoba."

"As to the future of that province, I do not think there is any kind of a doubt about it. I feel that Manitoba is on as good a financial basis as any one of the other provinces."

"The day has passed for a discussion as to whether or not agriculture in that province is a success. Too many of the Manitoba agriculturists, however, are still purely wheat farmers, just as a few years ago in the south all were purely sheep growers. You do not yet see around the houses in Manitoba vegetable gardens and poultry and other accompaniments to farm life that are visible in Ontario."

A GRUESOME FIND.

Discovery of the Bodies of Fanatics Who Were Buried Alive.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 5.—Fresh excavations in Ternavsky, district of Tircaspt, not far from Odessa, the scene of the lying in state of a number of persons belonging to a religious sect known as Baskolniki, who had been walled up alive by Peodore Koraleff, in order that they might secure salvation by self-molation, has resulted in the discovery of six or more bodies of men, women and children. The search continues, and it is expected that about 30 more bodies will be unearthed.

CASELMAN IN FLAMES.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—A report has reached here that the village of Caselman is in flames. It is surrounded by bush fire, and the train here at noon from Montreal could not get past.

CROWD PROMPTLY CURED.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief. F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver.

CAPTAIN IRVING'S PLANS.

New York, Oct. 4.—Captain John Irving, of the Victoria & Sitka Steamship Company, commander of the steamer Islander, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Captain Irving, in an interview to-day, said:

"There will be a railroad over the passes and down the Yukon to the foot of the White Horse river before midsummer next. This enterprise is partially responsible for my visit to New York. It will be an overhead trolley, chiefly for freight, and will simplify the trip to Dawson City to such an extent that we shall carry goods down the Yukon instead of up the river from St. Michaels. My first trip to that port, early in June, I shall carry lumber for barges, which will be taken to the upper Yukon. After the railroad is built our boats will rarely descend below Fort Yukon. The barges will be floated or pushed down stream from the end of the carrying trolley and towed back. We shall be able to make several of these short trips per month. There will be no fear of provisions running short then."

"Will the building of that freight trolley be an expensive undertaking?" was asked.

"On the contrary, it will be very inexpensive," replied Capt. Irving. "Remember, it will not carry passengers. The system employed successfully for transporting ore will be used. The packages will be carried on an overhead wire, propelled by a series of endless cables. Elevations and trees along the route will be cut down, and the trolley will be on the ground. A large storehouse can be erected at the terminus and the goods shipped through all ordinary winter weather. This will do away with the hardships of the trip up, and any man can walk over the Chilkoot Pass as he is unencumbered. Twenty piles of climbing from Dyea takes him over that obstacle; then the lakes and rivers do the rest. We will undertake to deliver his supplies ahead of his arrival."

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FROM THE CAPITAL

Resignation of Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh to Take Effect on the First of January.

Many Aspirants to the Position of Senator—Forest Fires Delay Business.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The resignation of Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh of the Northwest Territories will take effect on the 1st of January.

The government is flooded with at least one dozen applications for the vacant senatorship to be vacated by Sir Oliver Mowat. All expect to get it and there must be a number of disappointed party men.

Forest fires on the line of the Canada Atlantic railway interfered with the sitting of the supreme court to-day, as the leading counsel were unable to get up to Ottawa. The court had to adjourn till to-morrow.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in here as to whether the government will receive any fairly favorable offer for the Atlantic mail service. The departmental advertisement states that the government are not under any obligation to accept any offer, and should the price asked be in excess of that now being paid, and the vessels of inferior class offered, it is not at all unlikely that the government will utilize the New York route for letters, and send the parcels from St. John by the Beaver and Furness lines. All steamship lines running services from St. John or Halifax to England may be compelled under this contract to carry mails without extra subsidy.

Mr. Blair, minister of railways, has returned from a trip over the Drummond County railway.

Mr. Pottinger accompanied him. The rails are now laid to Lewis, but considerable blasting is still to be done. It is expected that the new service will be inaugurated about November 1st.

Members of the Dominion police force who went to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary are returning to Ottawa, except two, after conveying eight of the more turbulent prisoners to Kingston.

EDWARD LANGTRY INSANE.

One of the Jersey Lily's Husbands Locked in a Madhouse.

London, Oct. 5.—Edward Langtry, the former husband of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, who, it is said, privately married Prince Paul Esterhazy, has been found wandering in a demented condition on the railway line near Chester, and has been sent to a lunatic asylum. His condition was the same this morning as when admitted yesterday into the asylum for the insane. The sudden breakdown in Langtry's health is strange and unexpected. Up to the present he has always enjoyed the best physical condition. He was an ardent sportsman, lived a great deal outdoors, and was temperate in his habits.

OVER THE DALTON TRAIL.

Tacoma, Oct. 6.—Henry Bratnaber, the celebrated mining expert, acting for the Rothschilds, of London, has reached Tacoma direct from Dawson City. He came over the Dalton trail, and made nearly the whole trip alone. Within a hundred miles of Lynn Canal he found the main carrier, who had lost his bearings, and then they came out the balance of the distance together.

Mr. Bratnaber left to-day for San Francisco. He refused to talk about his own business, but said that the amount of gold on the tributaries of the Yukon had not been exaggerated.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tried his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.