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## The Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Grand Trunk Pacific contract has been clinched by a deposit with the Government of one million pounds of Grand Trunk guaranteed stock. The contract called for cash or Government securities, and legislation will be required to confirm the change. Money is tight, and the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific, rather than pay the present excessive rates, have chosen to put up Grand Trunk guaranteed stock, which is gilt-edged security, being quoted above par. The credit of the Grand Trunk Railway Company was pledged to the new enterprise to some extent by a guarantee of the second mortgage bonds on the mountain division. This deposit means that Grand Trunk credit is pledged to the extent of $5,000,000 for the fulfillment of the entire contract. It is a matter for congratulation that the Grand Trunk system has placed its great power and resources behind the Grand Trunk Pacific. This moral and material support is an absolute assurance of the construction of the transcontinental road and its efficient operation. The opponents of the scheme will no longer be able to say, as they have been doing, that the Grand Trunk would assume no responsibility for the new road. The project will not be delayed by the necessity of new legislation to legalize the deposit. Surveying parties are active on the western section, and the work is being pushed with all dispatch.

## An Absurd Theory.

Few Canadians will dissent from the statement that any overtures for reciprocity must come from the United States. Canada has made the advances in the past and is no longer in a mood to ask favors which have been repeatedly refused and which she is now well able to renounce. She is in a stronger position than ever before, and can meet the United States on an equal footing in any negotiations for more liberal trade relations. Any commercial treaty with the United States, liable to be short-lived, is worth no concessions. To build up an export trade with that country, and to be suddenly cut off from the American market would seriously derange Canadian industry and commerce and force it to seek new outlets, which might not readily be found.

One can grant all this without sharing the view that trade with the United States is absolutely valueless. The proximity of such a powerful and aggressive neighbor has political and military disadvantages, but it is preposterous to say that it is an economic evil. One would infer from the language of some Canadian newspapers and politicians that the existence at our doors of 80,000,000 people, who are lavish spenders, enjoying the highest standard of living, is a positive curse to this country. According to this theory it would be better if Canada were unhitched from the North American continent and towed to some isolated spot in the ocean as far as possible from civilization. How should we like to change places with the Fiji Islands? We are told that no trade is profitable except in dissimilar products. The countries whose products are dissimilar from our own are in tropical and semi-tropical regions, where the majority of the people wear breechcloths and live on what nature provides gratis. We might sell them cotton and buy from them bananas and cocoanuts. Where would Great Britain be without the markets of the United States, France, Germany, Russia, Holland and Belgium? Yet she manufactures nothing which these countries do not.

The great currents of trade flow between the civilized and highly developed nations of the earth, not between the civilized and the semi-civilized. They flow between countries in the temperate zones, not across the tropic of Cancer. If any man says the neighborhood of 80,000,000 people, with the greatest consuming power in the world, is of no benefit to Canada, but rather a detriment, he is either insane, or, as Sir Richard Cartwright put it, he has some selfish object to serve. As well say that Michigan should sever herself from the Union because her products are similar to those of Ohio and Indiana. If the time ever comes when the United States wishes to deal fairly with the British Empire by opening its market permanently to British products, it is to be hoped no Canadian will be imbecile enough to oppose so beneficial an arrangement on the ground that there is no profit in trading with countries of similar products. Trade between the United States and Canada overleaps high tariff walls, and a policy of commercial estrangement is merely fighting against nature.

## The Australian Elections.

The second general election for the new Federal Parliament of Australia took place this week. The Labor candidates made large gains at the expense of the Government party or protectionists, who are left in a decided minority on both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The victory of the Labor party is attributed to the support of the women electors. This is the first experiment in female suffrage on a national scale, and the particulars will be awaited with great interest.

The Government of Sir Edmund Barton, the first Government of the new Commonwealth, brought in a tariff bill raising the level of the duties. The bill passed the House, but the free traders controlled the Senate (also an elective body), and insisted on modifications. In the present election the Government, now led by Mr. Alfred Deakin, stood for the present moderate protective tariff, and the Opposition, of which Mr. G. H. Read is the leader, for a low tariff. The Labor party decided to take no sides on the fiscal issue, but to oppose the old parties indiscriminately. In the last House the Laborites held the balance of power, and in the new one they greatly strengthen their control, and are now in a position to dictate to any government that may be formed. In the new Senate they are also the largest party. They are frankly Socialistic and have impressed their theories on legislation to a degree inconceivable in this country. Capital has taken alarm, and employers throughout the country have formed a federation to oppose the Labor policy, one feature of which is the discouragement of immigration. "Australia for the Australians" is the battle-cry of the Labor party.

The Government party before the election declared in favor of Chamberlain's policy. It proposed to grant a preference to the mother country by raising the duties against foreign countries, leaving the duties against Great Britain as they are. Mr. Read describes the Government's attitude in this scathing language:

"They wish to erect another tariff wall against the rest of the world, and leave the existing wall against the poor old mother country, without taking a brick out. The mother country is to be allowed inside the outer wall, but she will find an inner wall against her, and will be left to wander round this blind alley under the impression that she is getting the Australian markets."

Mr. Read himself, and many of his supporters are lukewarm towards Imperial preferential trade, which is not compatible with their free trade theories. Just what bearing the result of the election will have on the Chamberlain propaganda is doubtful at this time, but the English press regards it as a postponement of any movement toward an Imperial preference on the part of Australia. The London Chronicle sizes it up as follows:

"The Australian workingman willingly accepts the advantages our fiscal innovators offer, but there is no whisper of any return. Much the same moral is suggested by the undisguised reluctance of Canadian Conservatives to refrain from increasing the rigor of the regulations giving the Canadian manufacturers a monopoly in the colonial market."

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Now that the Grand Trunk Pacific has put up, will its opponents shut up?

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Bothwell is wiped out, and James Clancy, M. P., will try his luck in West Lambton. Dr. Johnston may be relied upon to give him his medicine.

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A cable dispatch says there is uneasiness in Korea over the attitude of Russia and Japan. What right has Korea to display any feeling in the matter?

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Mr. Chamberlain confesses that he had no idea the Canadian preference would be so beneficial to British trade. Canada is teaching British politicians a good many things.

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The Shorthorn breeders of Michigan have declared against reciprocity with Canada. They don't like the way in which Canada walks off with the prizes at all the stock shows.

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A New York baby has slept for 24 days, and the performance is described as a mystery. A certain party in Canada has been asleep since 1896, but there is no mystery about it.

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The oil producers and the oil refiners in the Petrolea district are divided over the proposition to reduce the duty on crude oil. As long as one man's finished product is another's raw material the tariff will be a bone of contention.

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We who have nationally given birth to this child, which has been adopted by Mr. Chamberlain, cannot afford to do anything else but stand at his back.—Hon. George E. Foster.

The child is the Canadian preferential tariff, and Mr. Foster wished to play Herod with it at one time.

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If Hamilton has difficulty with a system which transmits power from DeCew Falls, is London likely to have a better time when it is getting power from Niagara, where ice also abounds in winter?—Hamilton Herald.

We have not heard that the flow of water for power purposes at Niagara was ever interrupted by an ice jam. Engineering skill has provided against that.

### Uncle Ned's Life Insurance.

[From Lippincotts.]

Turner Tanksley, a representative of the Workingmen's Industrial Aid Insurance Company, called upon Edmund Grant, an elderly colored man, with a view of getting him to insure his life.

"Good morning, Uncle Ned," said Mr. Tanksley.

"Mawnin', Boss," said the old man, raising his hat and making a low courtsey.

"Uncle Ned, do you carry any insurance?" inquired the solicitor.

"Does a car'y what?" asked Uncle Ned, in great surprise.

"Do you carry any insurance? Is your life insured?" asked the solicitor, by way of explanation.

"Bless Gawd! yas, yas," replied the colored man, "long ago—long ago."

Then the solicitor asked: "In what company?"

Uncle Ned answered: "I'm a Baptis', sah; I'm a Baptis'—a deep-watah Baptis'."

### Business and Filial Duty.

[Exchange.]

Lady Curzon has many funny attempts at English which she has collected in India, among them this letter that two brothers sent out to their patrons on the death of their father, who had been the head of the firm:

"Gentlemen,—We have the pleasure to inform you that our respected father departed this life on the 10th inst. His business will be conducted by his beloved sons, whose names are given below. The opium market is quiet and mal, 1500 rupees per chest. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? We remain," etc.

### Why He Came Back

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]

Van Quiz—I heard you had concluded to live in England altogether, Mr. Chumppe?

Chumppson Chumppe—Aw, that was—aw—me intention, don't-ye-know? But awftah me visit in Lunnun I find that we're evah so much maw English in Amewica!

### Ode to a Furnace.

[Chicago News.]

Bane of my life, peace destroyer, grimy disturber of joy,
Coal-eating care of my day,
Incubus grim of the night time, demon of dusty employ,
Filling my soul with dismay;
Contrary, cussed contraption, intricate, evil concern,
Of my fair household the curse;
As thou when heat we're not needing, so I will fierceness do burn,
While thy mean traits I rehearse.

Ay, when the mercury riseth, then wilt thou merrily blaze—
Mighty nigh roast us to death;
But when it slippeth down bulbward—such are thy devilish ways—
Icy thy registered breath.
Yet, warm or cold, thou consumest weekly my coal by the ton
(One and a half, just about),
Always excepting at zero—then just as sure as a gun,
Thou wilt die down and go out.

Dost thou not ever compel me, when it's especially raw,
Down to the basement to go,
Leaving my bed, half awakened, in thy insatiate maw
Shovels of fuel to throw?
Dost thou not clog up with clinkers, fill with thine ashes my hair,
Suffocate me with thy gas?
Furnace, device thrice accursed! Slave to whims, I despair,
Yet I must tend thee, alas!

### Problem for the Professor.

[Exchange.]

"What are you feeding to those hogs, my friend?" the professor asked.

"Corn, professor," the grizzled old farmer, who knew the learned gentleman by sight, replied.

"Are you feeding it wet or dry?"

"Dry."

"Don't you know if you feed it wet the hogs can digest it in one-half the time?"

The farmer gave him a quizzical look. "Now, see here, professor," he said, "how much do you calculate a hog's time is worth?"

### Answer to a Child's Question.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge.]

Do you ask what the birds say?
The sparrow, the dove,
The linnet and thrush say,
"I love, and I love!"
In the winter they're silent—
The wind is so strong.
What it says, I don't know,
But it sings a loud song.
But green leaves and blossoms,
And sunny warm weather,
And singing and loving,
All come back together.
But the lark is so brimful
Of gladness and love,
The green fields below him,
The blue sky above,
That he sings, and he sings,
And forever sings he,
"I love my love,
And my love loves me!"

### Pointed Paragraphs.

[Chicago News.]

The way of the world, Cordelia, is around the sun.

Of all the games of chance matrimony is the most hazardous.

When a man is his own worst enemy, he is apt to love his enemies.

Many a man is so cool in the hour of danger that he actually shivers.

When some people do good deeds there are extenuating circumstances.

The hat that suits a woman seldom has a price that suits her husband.

### The Ordinary Girl

[Washington Star.]

She talked about theosophy and transcendental lore,
She used a lot of words that you had never heard before,
She'd learned a wealth of phrases, and she always had them pat;
Her facts were "esoteric"—and you let it go at that.
Her mind was very active, but her hair was out of curl;
She always tried to be unlike the ordinary girl.

She couldn't make a biscuit, and she scorned the toothsome pie;
She didn't have a dimple, or a twinkle in her eye.
She took her whole existence in a very serious way,
And never deigned to smile upon the hero in the play.
And though her conversation set their senses in a whirl,
The girl the men all fancied was the ordinary girl.

When you stop to think that home-made tea biscuit cost but five cents a dozen, is there any reason for buying at the baker's?

Made with Cleveland's Baking Powder they will taste better and will be more wholesome and appetizing than any you can buy.


## WILL NOT AFFECT LONDON

### Anthracite Coal Mines of Pennsylvania To Shut Down.

### A Shortage of Chestnut, But Prices Locally Will Remain the Same.

For the past three weeks there has been somewhat of a scarcity of chestnut coal in this city, the local dealers finding it hard to buy that grade, because of the fact that the mine owners make more money out of the sale of large-sized coal, and mine as little as possible of the other. There has also been some difficulty experienced in securing cars to carry the coal to London, as since the close of navigation, the railroads have been very busy.

A dispatch from Wilkesbarre says that the anthracite mines are to close from Dec. 24 to Jan. 4, and that "the suspension will curtail the supply so much that it is expected the January schedule of prices will be raised. The present tidewater price is $4 85 a ton. The mine workers get 1 cent a ton increase for every 5 cents a ton of advance in price."

A local dealer was asked today if the suspension would affect coal prices in London, and his answer was that it would not. The shutdown is an annual affair, the miners refusing to work during the Christmas holidays, and though the supply of coal might be somewhat contracted, the price in this city would remain the same.

## MEETINGS ARE WANTED

### Real Estate Owners Will Hold One Each Night.

### They Approve of Mr. Chamberlain's Fiscal Policy.

The Real Estate Owners' Association will be heard from during the municipal campaign, if present indications count for anything. At a meeting of the association last night, the members expressed the opinion that public meetings should be held in the week of the elections, and it was decided to ask the council for the use of the city hall and the East End Hall on alternate nights, to hear the public questions discussed.

The Chamberlain fiscal policy was also brought up, and a resolution passed, expressing the belief that it would promote the interests of the motherland and colonies, and was therefore entitled to the support of the people in all parts of the empire.

The telephone question and the Chipman water report, were not discussed, being deferred for a future meeting.

## PEOPLE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO VOTE ON WATER SUPPLY QUESTION

### Commissioners Will Ask Council to Submit Matter to the Ratepayers.

It would appear that the water commissioners regard the increase of London's water supply as a matter of the utmost urgency, for the commissioners have had caused to be drafted a resolution, which it is proposed to lay before the city council Monday night, asking the council to have a vote taken upon the question. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas it is deemed expedient in the interests of the citizens, and necessary for the protection of their interests, that immediate action be taken to extend and improve the waterworks system of the city of London, and, whereas, it has been ascertained by the reports of competent expert engineers that there are different methods by which the same may be accomplished;

"Therefore be it resolved that the water commissioners of the city of London request, and they do hereby request, the corporation of the city of London to submit such different schemes as may be deemed feasible, to a vote of the ratepayers of the said city, in order to obtain an expression of their opinion as to the most desirable scheme of effecting the proposed extension and improvement, the said vote to be taken at a time other than of the general municipal elections."

"And it is further resolved that the water commissioners of the city of London do hereby request the confirmation of the city of London to provide funds by the issue and sale of debentures or otherwise, sufficient for the purpose aforesaid of extending and improving the waterworks system in accordance with the demands of the ratepayers, as expressed by the before-mentioned vote."

Mayor Beck was asked about the matter today, and he said that for his part, he thought it was a matter for next year's council to deal with.

### THE FIRE LIMITS BYLAW.

All who know the facts concerning the recent prosecutions of two well-known business men for infringements of the fire limit bylaw, agree that No. 2 committee did what was right Friday night, when they ordered that the prosecutions be dropped, and that the defendants be allowed to sheet their buildings with iron, as originally intended. It seems that when the defendants began the erection of their buildings they were under the impression that if a wooden shell within the fire limits was sheeted with iron, the building would be within the bylaw, but it seems, according to the opinion of the city solicitor that such is not the case. True it is that buildings have been put up time and again of wood covered with iron, and no obection was raised by the city, but it now appears that each and every building so put up was an infringement of the fire limit bylaw.

As the law reads now, within the fire limits district only brick, brick veneer and iron buildings may be erected, and though the defendants have been allowed to go ahead with their buildings in the present instance, the city engineer and fire chief have been instructed to see that in the future the law is rigidly enforced, and all offenders prosecuted. In order that the public mind may be made clear on the matter, it is proposed to publish the fire limits bylaw, together with such explanations as may be necessary as to what constitutes a fire proof building, and it is also proposed to pass a bylaw providing a penalty for those who do not take out building permits before commencing the erection of buildings in London.

At the committee meeting Friday night it was brought out that the taking out of building permits at present were merely a farce. In many cases no permits were obtained, in others the permits were taken out after the buildings were erected, and in all cases the information supplied the engineer's department was neither specific nor full, as to the class of building about to be erected.

It is likely that this matter will engage the minds of the 1904 council the first of the year.

City Engineer Graydon has written a letter to the council, in which he asks that in order to make his instructions effective he be given power to tear down and remove any building that is not constructed in accordance with the provisions of the bylaw, after having first given the owner 30 days' notice in writing, the cost of tearing down and removing to be charged against the property.

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LOTT—STIMOR.

On Wednesday last the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bell, of Seaforth, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Lena Stimor, sister of Mrs. Bell, to Mr. Harry Lott, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Elder R. C. Evans, of London, and it was witnessed by friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses, while the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Smith, also of Seaforth, was attired in white and carried white carnations. Mr. Chas. Stimor, brother of the bride, was best man. The ceremony was followed by the wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Lott, who received many useful gifts, will reside at 72 Caroline street, West London.


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There are forty veterans of the civil war who lost both feet in battle. It is as one of these that Corporal Tanner's pension was increased to $100 a month, which is the same as that for the loss of both hands.


**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.**


An English-Irish syndicate has been formed for the purpose of removing one of the worst evils with which Irish industrial development is afflicted, viz., dear coal.

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**Dr. Agnew's Ointment Cures Eczema. 35c.**

Sold by C. McCallum & Co. 35

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# KINGSMILL'S


## STILL AT ODDS IN THE FAR EAST

### But Russia Keeps Strengthening Her Forces,

### AND NOW THE U. S. COMES IN

### Insists Upon the Opening of Wiju Which Would Be Playing Japan's Game.

Bizerta, Tunis, Dec. 19. — The Russian naval forces now anchored here, consisting of a battleship (name not given), the armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, of 5,882 tons displacement; the turret ship Oslabya, of 12,675 tons displacement; the cruiser Aurora, of 6,630 tons displacement, and five torpedo boats, commanding by Admiral Wirenius, will be reinforced in a few days by six torpedo boats and proceed hence to the far east.

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The situation here today is more unfavorable than yesterday. The publication in the principal papers here of the letter of Mrs. Anita Neecomb McGee, president of the association of Spanish-American war nurses, offering to the Government of Japan, through the Japanese minister at Washington, their services of trained nurses in the event of war with Russia, has produced an excellent impression and is warmly appreciated as a mark of the traditional American friendship of Japan.

Seoul, Dec. 18.—The attitude of Russian here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Korea. The radicals insist that Japan in possession of Korea would be a constant menace. The Emperor still studiously avoids an answer to the questions of United States Minister Allen in regard to Wiju. The latter is now pressing the matter, and has asked for another audience. The Russians are inclined to resent American activity concerning Wiju, and say that the Americans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria, but assert that the opening of Yongampho and Wiju might lead to the admittance of Japanese. They say that Americans now enjoy a large trade with Manchuria, which, except in the matter of flour, will largely increase in the future, and insist that the present attitude of America only injures a friendly customer and favors a manufacturing rival.

London, Dec. 19.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the rumors that a fleet of warships and a large body of troops were going to Korea have been officially denied.

Paris, Dec. 19. — Russia has made another move toward avoiding a rupture with Japan, and there is reason to believe that it will be followed in a few days by the submission of a second proposition tending to ameliorate the present strained situation.

### HENSALL.

Hensall, Dec. 18.—On Monday about 7:30 p.m., a fire was seen about two miles south on the London road and it proved to be Mr. W. White's driving shed. The building was new last summer, and was destroyed, and a new buggy and other things that were stored away upstairs. The strong wind blew the fire away from the barn, which was close at hand, and by great effort the fire was confined to the driving shed.

The freight train missed a trip each way this week. It is about time that we had a train each way everyday, and then it would not be necessary for the engine to leave the train at Kippen, go down to Exeter for water and back again, and hold the express at Kippen most of this time as it did recently.

The London wholesale houses should bring pressure on the G. T. R. to give us a better service.

For a week or more it has been said that the oatmeal trust have made Mr. D. Urquhart a good offer, so that they can close his mill. This is one of the largest in the province, and greatly improved this last summer. For the sake of this community it is to be hoped that he will not accept.

At 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, in Carmel Church, Miss Kate McEwen became the wife of Mr. Conley, of Winnipeg. Rev. Mr. Sawers was the officiating clergyman.

On Sunday the communion will be administered in Carmel Church. The preparatory service will be conducted on Friday by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Londesboro.

This week, as a rule, the passenger Sutherland is very obliging, and opens trains are over an hour late. Postmaster the office in the evening, after the 6:18 train arrives.

The anniversary of the Methodist Church will take place on Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. Dr. Mood, will take the services. The trustees are asking for at least $150 to be put on the plate.

At the council meeting on Tuesday a deputation from the public library board asked the council to assume the library and make it free.

The tax collector reported that he had collected $3,295 99, and that only $20 remained uncollected. A good showing.

On Saturday night Professor Alexander, of New York, will lecture on "Love, Courtship, Marriage and Jealousy." It is a rare thing for the professor to visit a place as small as this.

On Thursday evening the curlers' concert was very well attended, and, as usual, McGregor and Cameron delighted the audience. Miss Keizer, vocalist and teacher, assisted.

We now have the electric light for about two hours in the morning, but it goes out at 11 o'clock in place of at midnight.


## MUNYON CURES NEIL O'NEIL

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### Delarey the Eloquent.

Bombay, Dec. 19. — Gen. Delarey made a speech to the Boer prisoners at Admadnager yesterday and succeeded in persuading all but ten of them to sign the oath of allegiance to Great Britain. Gen. Delarey spoke for five hours.