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TENDER AND CONTRACT

There was an interesting discussion in the city council yesterday on the question of the work, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, that is necessary in connection with the Clark & Adams wharf. The proposal was to have this done by the present contractors, apparently without tender for either the material needed or the work to be done. It was pointed out that Mr. D. C. Clark got a very much larger contract of additional work without tender, and there might also be difficulty in having two firms of contractors on what is practically one job. Still, these matters are worth looking into very carefully, and the principle of having work done by tender should not be departed from without sound reasons. The work done by Clark & Adams has been well done, and Ald. Baxter points out that they have done it much cheaper than the late director of public works said it could be done. However, nothing can be lost and something may be gained by having the board of works look carefully again into this matter and see if the work can not be done for less than the amount named at yesterday's meeting. The experience with dredging without tender in this harbor is a lasting illustration of what may be accomplished in the way of making enormous profits when there is no competition.

FARM LABOR

The question of skilled farm-labor is giving much trouble to the farmers in Ontario as well as to those in New Brunswick. Readers of the Times will be interested in the following article on the subject, quoted from the agricultural page of the Toronto World:

"One farmer who quit his big farm last year told The World that the reason he was leaving was that he was tired of paying all his returns out to laborers who really were not efficient, besides being a provocation because of their carelessness and lack of skill. And there seems much in the charge that many of our Canadian farm helpers are inefficient. They think they know how, but in reality make for loss every time. The old-time servant who knew how to dig a ditch, plow a field or cradle a swath well seems to have left no legitimate successor. However, there seems some justification for the charge against the often-met-with hired man who covets big wages, short hours, a dashing horse and buggy and a sparsely equipped brain-box. Against this charge, the system seems to be at fault. The conditions prevailing on many farms have rendered to this weakness and produced in a measure the undesirable hireling. Married labor should be employed where possible and cottages erected for their keep. The great question should be studied out by the farmer and regular hours for all services established. Contracts should be drawn up and the engaging parties governed entirely thereby. A man wants certain hours to himself and he should have them without damaging his employer's business. The great question has been worked out by some, but the many as yet are silent sufferers. To the farmer who succeeds in establishing a better custom will be due the thanks of the farmers and especially the farmers' wives. There is now too much unskilled farm labor asking skilled labor prices."

THE ALL-RED LINE

Federal government organs endeavor to create the impression that Mr. R. L. Borden and his supporters are opposed to the principle of an All-Red Line. The Montreal Star (Independent), is a better authority on this point. In its issue of Friday last it says:

"Parliament yesterday voted in practical unanimity for the principle of the All-Red Line. The Opposition only showed a natural unwillingness to trust the government to conduct the negotiations; and desired to bind them to submit any proposals to parliament before committing the country."

In commendation of the course of the opposition the Star further says:

"This suggestion, though voted down as a party amendment, should, of course, guide the policy of the government. The All-Red Line scheme may be a costly as well as a patriotic project, and Canada ought not to be committed to any detailed development of it without the full parliamentary discussion. Not only should parliament be consulted, but the debate in the house will give an opportunity for an informal consultation of all the interests in the country which may be concerned."

Alluding to the fact that Laval University has conferred upon Father Burke, of Alberton, P. E. I., the degree of Doctor of Divinity, the Toronto News pays this tribute to that worthy Canadian citizen:—"Indefatigable in his own calling, Dr. Burke is a big enough man to work patriotically for the material advancement of his own section of country. He has figured prominently on deputations to Ottawa from the Island Province, and has been one of the foremost promoters of the tunnel to connect Prince Edward Island with the mainland. He takes an interest in fruit growing and forestry, and is an active temperance worker, and a zealous leader in fraternal and benevolent organizations."

"The next five or six weeks," says the Ottawa Citizen, "will be a period of great interest and possibly a little anxiety to a large section of the people of Canada. The harvesting will then be in progress, and on the output of this year depends more than usual. Up to the present nothing has yet occurred to dim the expectation that the harvest will be the greatest ever garnered in Canada. Even if unfavorable weather came now it could not seriously effect the crop, though the product might not reach the expectation of 125,000,000 bushels of wheat in the Northwest. The trade and commerce of the country are on a sound basis."

"It is a sure precursor of an election between this and the next session," said Dr. Roche, M.P., in the house of commons yesterday, discussing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution respecting the extension of provincial boundaries. The opposition members charge that the government is proceeding by resolution rather than by the introduction of a bill in order to avoid the vexed question of separate schools in the new territories to be annexed to existing provinces.

The Victoria Colonist mildly observes: "When we pick up one of our Halifax exchanges, with its editorials in letters of several sizes and news items in colored ink, and reflect that no one is quite sure there is going to be an election this year, we wonder what is the matter down in that usually placid city on the shore of the sounding Atlantic."

The Montreal Gazette says: "The majority of the House of Commons, at the instance of the Government, has voted to first approve of the All-Red Line scheme and then to find out what is called Under Sir Wilfrid Laurier what is called politics gets farther and farther away all the time from what people know as business."

The Laurier Government, says an exchange, spent \$108,000,000 last year and are asking leave to spend \$29,000,000 this year. Before they came into power governments got along by spending about \$40,000,000 a year, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier complained that it was too much.

In Ontario active steps are to be taken to re-stock the forests. If the present careless methods of forest protection in New Brunswick continue there will be a fine field here for similar enterprise.

The protest of maritime province members of parliament against any reduction in the relative representation of these provinces in the house is timely and will doubtless have the desired effect.

Before the Fredericton city council and police commission are through with their little dispute about the police some peaceably disposed member may feel constrained to summon the police.

NO EXTORTIONATE RATES SAYS MR. HAM

Members of the Oldest Families Are Now Rehearsing For the Pageant.

(Montreal Herald.)

Mr. Geo. H. Ham, of the C. P. R., who has just returned from Quebec, where he has been looking into the arrangements for the housing and feeding of guests during the tercentenary celebrations, says the manager of the information bureau informs him that apart from the Tent city there will be lodging accommodation for about 20,000 persons in the city and suburbs.

Mr. Ham also says that the proprietors of the principal houses of accommodation are very indignant at the reports which have been in circulation that no accommodation will be available during the pageant at less than from \$3 to \$5 per day. There will be no difficulty in obtaining accommodation at \$3 per day, meals included, and rooms at \$1.00 per day.

Mr. Ham also announces that 3,000 persons, nearly all local, will participate in the pageants and amongst these participants will be members of the very best families.

The first dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday next—a week before the commencement of the pageants—and there will be in the caste representatives of families who have been in the land since the days of Champlain.

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Shall we not take the ebb who had the flow? Life was our friend. Now, if it be our foe—though it spoil and break us—used we care?

What is to come?

Let the great winds their worst and wildest blow. Or the cold winter round us mellow slow: We have fulfilled ourselves, and we can dare. And we can conquer, though we may not share. In the rich quiet of the afterglow, What is to come.

—William E. Henley.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER? (Chicago News.)

Why is it that a small boy whose ways are hard to trace Will swim all day—cry because He is made to wash his face?

A DELICATE SYMPATHIZER.

Widow Hennessy—"Ah! Mr. O'Flaherty, when me old man died it left a big hole in my heart."

O'Flaherty—"Mrs. Hennessy, would ye mind patchin' it wid a bit o' mine?"

FINANCIAL ITEM.

Merchant—"Yes, we are in need of a porter. Where were you employed last?"

Applicant—"In a bank, sir."

Merchant—"Did ye clean it out?"

Applicant—"No, sir. The cashier did that."

NOT DEMANDING PROOPS.

(Washington Star.)

"Do you regard wealth as essential to happiness?"

No, answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "I admit that people can be happy without it. But it is a point on which I am perfectly willing to accept heavy evidence."

BOBBIE'S PREFERENCE.

(Delhiester.)

One morning, just before starting to school, little Bobbie, aged six years, was watching his mamma put up his noon lunch. Suddenly he said: "Mamma, I wish you'd let Katie put up my lunch instead of doing it herself."

"It's no trouble, my dear."

"Then why—"

"Because, mamma, she's got a better appetite than you, an' she puts more in."

HER HUSBAND'S BAD CONDITION.

(The Green Bag.)

Attorney for the Defence (to the witness): "You say that on the night of the attempted murder, the moon shone so brightly that you could plainly see the burglar in the room. Was your husband awake at the time?"

Witness: "I don't know."

Attorney: "Was his face turned toward you or not?"

Witness: "I don't know."

Attorney: "What? You don't know whether his face was turned to you or toward the wall?"

Witness: "No."

Attorney: "Your Honor and gentlemen of the jury, you hear what this witness says. Was lying in bed, waiting for the burglar who were in the room, and yet she is unable to state in which direction her husband was lying in bed? Well (to the witness), how is it you don't know?"

Witness: "I could never see."

Attorney: "His, ha! Just what I thought. You could not see. You were so positive in your recognition of the accused and yet could not see which way his face was turned. Explain that if you can."

Witness: "Certainly, your Honor. My husband is so bald that in a dim light I am unable to distinguish his face from the back of his head."

UNVEIL MONUMENT TO WAR'S VICTIMS

The Japanese Unveil Structure Erected to Mark Graves of the Russian Dead.

(Victoria Colonist.)

Advices were received from the Orient by the Empress of India that the ceremony of unveiling the monument to the Russian dead took place on the 10th inst., at Port Arthur. When the monument was unveiled it was seen that one face bore the inscription in Russian already translated in these columns; another face carried the words "Erected by the Japanese Government"; on the third face was carved the inscription in Japanese "Monument to the memory of the Russian officers and soldiers who fell at Port Arthur," and on the rear face there was a long inscription in Japanese and composed by General Viscount Oshima. Its gist was that death levels all distinctions of friend and enemy, above all when those formerly stood in the arena as combatants have now joined hands in hearty amity. It added that the Japanese government was anxious to do honor to the memory of the Russian heroes, had collected their remains from the various parts of the field where they had fought so nobly, and re-interring them at one place, had erected this monument to mark the spot. Within the enclosure where the monument constitutes the central object, 12 tombstones of granite are arranged on either side of the monument. These are to mark the places of interment of the men who fell in the twelve principal sections of the defence. The total thus buried is 14,631, out of which number the terrible 203-meter hill stands for 6,530. There are, further, within the enclosure 38 iron monuments, erected to the memory of the officers whose account separate graves had been prepared by the Russians at various parts of the beleaguered fortress. It had been originally intended to hold a Japanese religious ceremony as well as a Russian, but this idea was strongly opposed by the priests of the Greek church who had come from Peking, and in deference to his objection the service was entirely in accordance with the Russian ritual. After the religious rites, however, the principal Japanese and Russian generals proceeded to Pehyushan and General Gellingos placed an aluminum wreath of laurels and a quantity of flowers before the monument of the Japanese dead. At a banquet given at the Army Club at Port Arthur General Nogi is quoted as having said that at the time of the capitulation he asked General Stoesel whether the latter had any wishes to express with regard to the sepulture of the brave men who had fallen fighting for their country. To this the Russian general replied that he hoped for nothing more than that the temporary graves in which his comrades had been buried should be converted into permanent sepulchres. General Nogi expressed the wish that an account of the day's proceedings should be conveyed to General Stoesel. It is related that among the Russian officers present on the occasion there was a captain who had been wounded in 44 places at the siege of Port Arthur and had been treated in a Japanese hospital. His meeting with General Nogi is said to have been very demonstrative on both sides.

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