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Comments on the Cartoon.



AFTER THE FIGHT.—The answer of the Supreme Court to the question submitted by the Dominion Minister of Railways involving the point in dispute between the C.P. Railway Co. and the Government of Manitoba, was given more promptly than was generally anticipated, though it came too late for the extended notice it deserved in GRIP, a matter which we are sure their Lordships deeply regret. The judges were unanimous in replying to the effect that the position taken by the manager of the C.P.R. is not tenable, and that the Provincial road has an unquestionable right to cross the track of the other, upon complying with the usual formality of asking permission from the Railway

Committee of Parliament, and obtaining from that body the requisite directions as to the method of making the crossing. This decision is regarded as another brilliant victory for that game little legal bird, the Attorney-General of Ontario, who was the leading counsel for the Manitoba Government. In this case he proved more than a match for that hitherto unconquered forensic fighter, the Hon. E. Blake—which ought to be consoling to that badly licked constitutional rooster, Sir John. Of course Mr. Greenway and his colleagues are jubilant over the result, and additional zest has been given to the Christmas festivities all over Manitoba. Mr. Van Horne, on the other hand, is bitterly disappointed. It would be too much to expect the manager of the Syndicate Railway to bow to the decision of a mere Supreme Court, however, and give up a monopoly which he never legally possessed, but which he was paid to relinquish. Such an idea has not occurred to Mr. Van Horne. He proposes to go right on with the fight and carry the question to the Privy Council. It is a moral certainty that he will be again routed, but meantime the hated rival road will be kept at a standstill—which is apparently the chief object at present in view.

DR. GRANT'S RETURN.—Rev. Principal Grant was enthusiastically welcomed by his fellow-citizens of Kingston on his return from his tour round the world last week, and the event was one in which an interest was felt throughout the whole country, for Principal Grant is one of the best known and most respected of Canadian "men of the day." It is fitting that, through her own special organ, Miss Canada should extend her congratulations to the distinguished gentleman on his safe home-coming and the restoration of his health; hence the little sketch on our front page. It is a grand thing for this Dominion to have a man of Dr. Grant's character at the head of a great educational institution, where his influence upon large numbers of young men is so direct, for no one can come under that influence without having his patriotism quickened and his mind enlarged.



HIS is No. 1 of VOLUME THIRTY-TWO, and in honor of the auspicious occasion GRIP appears in a new outfit. Upward and onward is our motto, and we think we look prettier to-day than we have ever looked before, even if we do say it ourselves. But the newness does

not go beyond our title, type and jokes, it will be observed. The great moral principles and profound political truths upon which GRIP has always stood, remain as before. Being above all trivial human weaknesses, a new suit will not make us proud, nor take our minds off the important business we are doing for our country. Upon the threshold of a new year GRIP is not called upon to turn over a new leaf, or make resolutions of amendment in any respect. He is willing to confess his shortcomings—such there no doubt have been—but there is no need for a better programme than that which he has endeavored to carry out in the past—to wit: Humor without coarseness; pleasantry without personalities; and politics without partiality. GRIP belongs to no party but the party of Facts. It is a tribute to his fairness that to-day he is denounced by some Tories as a Grit, and by some Grits as a Tory organ. He hopes so to conduct himself in the future as to maintain this admirable balance of opinion. This he will endeavor to do by representing the Facts of each case as it comes up. It is for the parties to make the Facts. If they wish to avoid adverse criticism let them make their Facts accordingly.

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THE *Empire* sees in Mr. Ross' energetic action in the direction of technical education some indications that that minister is a believer in Protection. This is a poor reward for his efforts, surely. Mr. Ross has a right to regard the intended compliment as amounting to an allegation that he is a shallow fellow who believes the whole population can be benefited by putting money in the pockets of a few. The Government organ goes on to encourage the new departure, as the establishment of technical schools in Ontario will put this Province in the forefront of the Dominion as a manufacturing community. This looks as if our brother had lost all faith himself in N.P. philosophy. Why does he advocate expensive