

that time, and, if he has actually made a sale, shall receive the full commission; (2) that no revocation shall be effective until the agent has been actually informed of it. For decisions precisely in point in the highest court of this State, see 74 N. Y. 599, 118 N. Y. 586, and 149 N. Y. 86."

#### PROMINENT TOPICS.

Sir William Van Horne's views on the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific are naturally unfavourable to that project. But, although his interests are so intimately bound up with the Canadian Pacific, Sir William has shown his ability to look on public questions strictly from the standpoint of a citizen without prejudices created by his personal connections. Speaking this week in Toronto he said:—"The Canadian Pacific Railway, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, or any other all-Canadian route will never voluntarily carry a carload of wheat by the all-railway route around the great lakes to an eastern Canadian port for shipment abroad, for the simple reason that it will never pay any road to do so. Nor will the transportation problems in the West ever be solved by the construction of an all-Canadian route from coast to coast."

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He affirmed that the Canadian Pacific Railway shipped every carload of wheat that it was possible to ship by their steamship line on the great lakes from Fort William to Owen Sound, and thence east by rail or else by way of Buffalo and the Erie canal. The long haul around the great lakes was dreaded, because it was unprofitable, and the bulk of the grain brought by that route was carried during the winter months, and used by the millers of Ontario to keep their mills in operation during the cold season. There was altogether too much talk of an all-Canadian route by people who were entirely ignorant of the situation.

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In discussing the all-Canadian route, said Sir William Van Horne, a great mass of the people seemed to forget what it cost to construct a road through such a country as that around Lakes Huron and Superior. They also seemed to forget that such an unprofitable piece of road had to be maintained, and kept in the best of order. Such a piece of construction was like a bridge; there was no profit in it, but it had to be constructed and maintained. The C.P.R. had been practically forced to expend their \$25,000,000 grant from Parliament in construction of their line through that rough country, and part of the money derived from the sales of their lands in addition.

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The King and Queen have returned to England, we do not say, "returned home," for they are at home in every part of the Kingdom. In Ireland

the King was everywhere given a royal welcome, and wherever he went his genial, manly, warm-hearted courtesy and sympathy roused the enthusiasm of His Irish subjects. Numerous incidents of his tour all display the King's wisdom; he did the right thing, and said the right word at the right time. He learnt more of the actual social and economic conditions of Ireland than is known to its great landowners. He has shown them that kindly sympathy personally manifested inspires grateful respect. Were the spirit of King Edward to dwell so richly in the upper classes of Ireland as to govern their actions, the land would be blessed by peace and social unity. "Come back to Erin" was sung before their Majesties at Cork—the invitation will we trust be accepted and annual visits paid to a portion of the realm that has been grievously neglected by its rulers and aristocracy.

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The death of Pope Leo XIII. and the election of his successor, who is to be known as Pius X. are events of profound interest to entire nations and many millions spread over the whole habitable globe. The influence of such a potentate spreads far away beyond the sphere over which he is the chief spiritual ruler. It is a matter for the most earnest thankfulness that the noble life led by the departed Pontiff, a life devoted to the highest aims possible to humanity, is likely to be lived also by his successor. The benediction upon peace-makers rested upon Leo XIII., it will be the crown of Pius X., and from the example of both these exalted personages the rulers and people of all nations, races and creeds may derive lessons and inspiration the observation and following of which will be for the good of the human race.

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The Northern Securities Company has secured a judgment that is some consolation for its condemnation by another Court. It will be remembered that the company was organized by Mr. J. J. Hill and other owners of Northern Pacific and Great Northern stock to buy up the stock of those roads in order to put them under single management. This was declared to be a breach of the Federal anti-trust law, which decision has been appealed to the Supreme Court. A suit of a similar nature was also brought by the State of Minnesota to prevent the two roads combining. The St. Paul Court has given judgment in favour of the Northern Securities Company, which also will be appealed, so that probably a year will elapse before the case is finally settled.

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The Aldermen have had quite a lively time over the erection of a new "Look-Out" on the mountain to replace the old shed that was in a dangerous condition. One alderman declared, "the structure was so unsightly he would not have it in his back-