THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Red River Railroad.

Editor World: From time to time we see it stated in the newspapers that the conduct of the people in Manitoba in constructing the Red River Railroad notwithstanding the disallowance of its act of incorporation by the Governor-General is approved of and applauded by the people of Ontario and other provinces.

These statements are of course merely the opinions of the editors and some of their friends, and I think it is high time to protest against any such revolutionary notions being entertained by us. I have heard and read a great deal of what is said by the Manitobans and their abettors here, and what does it all amount to? Simply this, that the people of Manitoba, rightly or wrongly, believe that the proposed railroad will greatly benefit them pecuniarily, and will greatly assist in building up the province. Let this be granted. Now consider the other side of the question. Under the law of Canada, to which the Manitobans and we owe allegiance, the Governor-General is entrusted with the power to disallow any act of a Provincial Legislature.

In the case of the act in question the Governor-General has exercised this constitutional power.

Nor can it be said that he did so of mere caprice, for the majority of the House of Commons authorized and sustained his action, and voted against the building of the road.

The act under which the railroad was to have been built having been thus disallowed, the Manitobans proceed to build the road notwithstanding.

The question then arises, in what respect do persons acting thus differ from ordinary wrong-doers?

It is impossible to believe that the proposed railroad is a matter of such necessity that the Manitobans cannot do without it, for hitherto they have done without it; but if their reason for setting our law at defiance be that they could do much better with the railroad, then we can at least understand their position; and we can also point out many ways in which, by disregarding the law, other people could put money in their pockets. Long before the recent disallowance it was understood that the chances were that the act would be disallowed. Surely that was the time to try and secure the influence of the Queen in Council against the disallowance.

As matters stand now the building of the railroad is admittedly illegal, and it is difficult to see in what respect an appeal, on behalf of an illegal undertaking, could be entertained.

If the disallowance of a provincial act be a grievance, it is a grievance to which all the provinces have voluntarily submitted. Acts of our own Legislature in Ontario have frequently been disallowed; but while the parties injured thereby took every lawful means to obtain what they considered their rights, and in some cases succeeded in overcoming disallowance, it did not occur to them in the meanwhile to set the law at defiance.

No sensible man has yet contended that the right of disallowance is not a valuable and necessary principle of the Dominion Government. The newspapers that are loudest in condemning the Government for disallowing the Red River Railroad Act, are, in the same breath, calling upon the Government to disallow the Quebec Jesuit Act.

Sympathy with sufferers is one thing. Sympathy with wrong-doers is quite another.

The Dominion Government will probably take no action against the builders of the railroad—the illegality of the concern may prove its destruction. But when enthusiasts in Manitoba talk about taking arms to defend this railroad, they forget that they are only identifying themselves with the rescue mob that sometimes surrounds a law-breaker, and they have no more claim to the sympathy of law-abiding people than the members of such a mob. LEX.

Commercial Union and Green Fruit.

Editor World: What will assuredly happen under commercial union, in regard to all the products of Canadian farmers, may be inferred from what is happening to-day in regard to the article of green fruit. It is not generally known that the United States levies no duty on green fruit. It is a free article, while Canada retains a general duty of 20 per cent. In the article of peaches, for instance, no duty is levied in the States, while the Canadian duty is a stand-off, for the protection of our farmers. Now we do not export any peaches to the United States, although there is no duty on them there, while in spite of our cent a pound, equal to about 20 cents a basket, of protection in Canada, there are daily immense importations of American peaches into Toronto and other parts. Now consider this fact and tell me what would be the market value of Canadian peaches under commercial union. The American peaches, duty and all, still export largely to Canada. The 20 or 25 cents a basket given by protection to our farmers would be spent away and not a basket could we send to the States, no more than we do now, as with fruit, so with other farm products. Western prairie prices would drown the Canadian farmer as they did during the latter days of reciprocity, when we were only too glad of its repeal. F.P.

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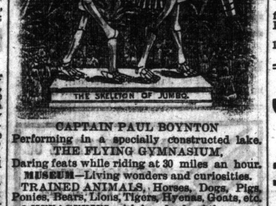

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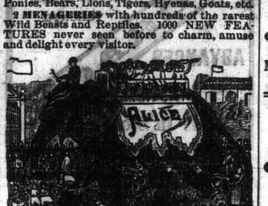

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