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## A CANADIAN RAILWAY.

Mr. Tarte recently spoke at a Board of Trade banquet in Brantford, and the ex-minister got a great reception. He told his hearers frankly that he left the Government because he could not agree with his colleagues on the fiscal policy of the country, and their railway policy with regard to the Northwest.

In speaking of the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific railway across the continent Mr. Tarte said that he would support the subsidizing of the new road upon condition that it was a purely Canadian road.

This sentiment will find a responsive echo in most Canadian minds, so long as the subsidies granted are shown to be necessary and so long as they are not excessive.

Canadians have no objection to helping a national road in which they have a personal interest when help is really required. But they are not disposed to grant huge subsidies to any road which may be gobbled up by any capitalistic clique hostile to Canadian interests.

## VOTING MACHINES.

The town of Orangeville enjoys the distinction of having been the first municipality to test a voting machine. One was used there on Jan. 5th and gave entire satisfaction. Immediately upon the closing of the polls, the deputies were able to announce the results. Dr. Farwell, of Ottawa, is the inventor of the machine used. It is claimed for it that it is absolutely secret, obviates spoiled ballots, prevents fraud, counts as it goes, and would reduce the cost of elections by twenty-five per cent. The Orangeville Post describes the invention as follows:

This machine in its entirety is a composite one, and consists essentially of a case having three rows of push bars projecting from its face, one for the election of mayor and voting on by-laws, one for the election of councilmen and one for the election of School Trustees, there being one push-bar for each candidate. At the back of the machine, and concealed within it, are a number of registers corresponding to the number of push-bars. Mechanism is interposed between these which determines the operation of the machine. There is also on its face, and fully in sight of the electors when voting, a sum total or verifying register. The machine is so constructed that the elector can vote for only the number of candidates to be elected, and for them only once, irrespective of the number in the field. By a simple device the machine can be changed from allowing an elector to vote for any given number of candidates to any other given number. This change can be made in a few minutes by any person who has ever seen the mechanism.

When an elector wishes to vote he presents himself to the Deputy Returning Officer as usual. The poll clerk having ascertained his right to vote he passes behind the customary screen, and standing in front of the machine, places his thumb on the push bar opposite the candidate's name for whom he wishes to vote, and presses it in, when it becomes locked, and after he has repeated this for the different candidates for whom he is entitled to vote, the remaining push bars become locked. The vote is recorded on the individual registers. If he votes for four candidates there will be four added to the verifying register and one each to the four individual registers. This ensures a perfect check on any accident that might happen to the individual registers, for the verifying register must show the sum total of all the individual registers.

On leaving the polling booth the voter passes through a turnstile, which completes the registering of the vote, unlocks the push bars, when they resume their original position and the machine is ready for the next one. It will thus be seen that the votes can be recorded very rapidly, and when the electors become acquainted with this form of voting there can be polled 100 votes per hour with perfect ease in each machine.

The machines are made out of hardened steel, which makes them practically indestructible, and nickel plate, which insures them against destruction by rust.

The machine can be adjusted (by the proper officials in charge of the election) in less than ten seconds, so as to permit each voter to record the full number of votes which he is privileged to poll at any given election. If there are, say 5 members to be elected from 20 candidates, the machine is adjusted so that each voter may record not more than five votes in all and not more than one vote for any one candidate.

**Marriages Without Money.**  
The poet and divine, John Donne, who became dean of St. Paul's in 1621, married a daughter of Sir George Moore without the consent of her parents. He was told by his father-in-law that he was not to expect any money from him. The bridegroom went home and wrote this witty note: "John Donne, Anne Donne, undone," which he sent to the angry father, and this had the effect of restoring them to favor. They were very poor at first, but things soon got brighter, and they lived most happily together.

Sir Joshua Reynolds after Flaxman had married told him that this would ruin him as an artist. When the husband related this to his wife, she resolved that marriage should make and not mar her husband and to this end further resolved that he should study at Rome and do everything that he might have done without matrimonial responsibilities. "But how?" asked Flaxman. "Work and economize," rejoined the brave woman. So well did they do this that he found that "wedlock is for an artist's good, rather than his harm," and they both discovered that they were made for each other.

**A Dumas Story.**  
The younger Dumas once went to Villers Cotterets, his father's native village, to the unveiling of a statue to the creator of "The Three Musketeers." At the banquet in the evening the younger Dumas sat next to one of the oldest inhabitants who, in perfect good nature, but without any fact, began to tell a story of Dumas pere.

"Ah," said he, "he was a gay soul, your father! How we loved him. He was so kind hearted and generous. The last time he came to Villers Cotterets he gave a banquet in the Hotel de Ville. He forgot for some time after to pay the bill. See that fat man over there? He was the butcher who furnished the feast. I should not be surprised if the meat were still owing to him. But that is nothing. He is proud to this day of being the purveyor to Alexandre Dumas."

The story was an ironical commentary on the set speeches of the afternoon. The son was anxious then and there to settle his father's score.

**Lamb Gourd of Samara.**  
In a book called "The Duke of Holstein's Travels into Persia and Muscovy," published in 1638, there is an account of a curious vine product called the "lamb gourd," which runs as follows: "In the neighborhood of Samara, Russia, there grows a gourd which closely resembles a lamb in all its members. It changes place in growing as far as the stalk will reach, and whosoever it turns the grass withers and dies. This change of the gourd plant the Muscovites call 'feeding.' They further say that when it ripens the stalk withers and that the outward rind of the gourd is then covered with a sort of wool, which they use instead of fur."

Scalliger also makes mention of the lamb gourd and says that it grows until the grass falls and that it then dies for want of nourishment. He also says that the wolf is the only animal that will feed upon it.

**An Interesting Animal.**  
Proprietor of Menagerie—Walk up, ladies and gentlemen, and see our famous lion, Mustapha. He is as sensible as any human being. A French sergeant once pulled out of his foot a thorn on which he had stepped. What do you think the noble creature did? It devoured, one by one, in order of rank, all the superior officers of our sergeant until the latter found himself promoted to the grade of colonel. Walk in, gentlemen. Only a penny.—From the German.

**The Hopping Rheumatism.**  
"Yes," said the old man, "peared lak he wuz give over inter de han's er Satan, en Satan 'flicted him wid de hoppin' rheumatism. Fust it wuz in one place, en den it wuz another, but he went ter prayin' ter be relieve' of it, en one day, whilst it wuz a hoppin' fume one f'int ter another, it hopped into his wooden leg, an' he pulled off de leg an' 'thowed it in de fire, en it en de rheumatism wuz teetotally consumed."

**A Generous Empress.**  
It is said that one morning at breakfast a general related to the emperor the misfortunes of a brother officer who "because he had not 15,000 francs must be dishonored." While the emperor questioned further particulars Eugene flew to her room and, returning with a package of banknotes, said, "Take them, general, and never tell me his name." And his name the generous empress never knew.

**Forethought.**  
"Right here," said the surveyor, "will be a good place for your saw-mill. The county line will run exactly through the middle of it."

"Not much," said the pioneer. "We'll have it all on one side or the other. When a man gets sawed in two, I don't want no two coroners' inquests over him."

**An Ingersoll Story.**  
John W. Mackay once invited Robert G. Ingersoll to visit the Comstock mines. As the cage descended to the furnace heat at the bottom of the shaft of one of the mines Mr. Ingersoll said, gasping for air, "Privately I always believed there was a hades somewhere, but I never dreamed it could be so hot."

**A Coveted Receipt.**  
Agent—Here, sir, is a book that should be in every family. It contains a receipt for everything, sir—everything.  
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## SUICIDE AT LONDON.

**J. H. Hargrave Dies From Taking Carbolic Acid.**

London, Ont., Jan. 19.—John H. Hargrave, a commission agent, 63 years of age, died from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid, which he took at a late hour on Friday night. He suffered intense agony for upwards of three hours. The case was evidently one of suicide. He went to the kitchen at 11 o'clock, securely fastened the doors leading to the room, and refused to admit his wife, and when she returned with a neighbor whom she called in she discovered her husband lying on the floor of the sitting-room in a semi-conscious condition. Dr. Hogg was called, but the man was beyond the help of a physician. Mr. Hargrave is supposed to have been driven to the rash act through losses incurred in speculations. The deceased at one time conducted a hair goods factory, accumulating considerable wealth. Lately he had been in the commission business. A wife, to whom he was married two or three years since, survives.

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