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THE INTERCOLONIAL

Upper Canadian papers, almost without exception, assert that the main object of the Maritime Province members in seeking to have control of the Intercolonial restored to the Minister of Railways, with head offices at Moncton, is simply to bring about the return of the patronage system. One would have thought that if the editorial writers of these papers ever trouble to read their Maritime Province contemporaries, they would have learned enough to make them know better than impute any such motives. The delegation which waited upon the members of the Government expressly disclaimed any desire whatever to restore the patronage system.

For instance, the London Free Press says:—

"With the Intercolonial again a Maritime Province railway, the Liberal members frankly admit their hope that it will mean a restoration of the old days of patronage. Before 1911 the Intercolonial was just an annex of the political machine. Hon. Frank Cochrane was the first minister with courage enough to try to put the Intercolonial on a business basis. He abolished patronage and took it out of politics. As usually happens here, and the Government of which he was a member, got no credit for the move, while he antagonized the party workers. If the Liberal members and he had their way at Ottawa and the Intercolonial is removed from the Canadian National system and the old methods restored, it will mean the first move towards complete ruination of the whole public-owned system."

Nobody in these provinces wants to undo such work as Mr. Cochrane did to put the Intercolonial on a business basis; but it is merely to try to undo some of the mischief that has arisen from the linking up of that railway with the other non-paying systems in Upper and Western Canada. The Maritime Provinces have never raised any objection to the expenditure of public money to improve the canal system of Ontario, a system that benefits Ontario alone, and yet they have to bear a share of that expenditure. Yet when their representatives ask for some concessions in connection with the railway which is of just as much importance to them as the canal are to Ontario, they are met with opposition on all sides.

Upper Canadian papers seem to think that the movement with regard to the Intercolonial is confined to the Liberal members from the Maritime Provinces. It will be found when the time for action arrives that the five Conservative members from New Brunswick will be equally insistent upon fair treatment being meted out to the people of these provinces in respect to their railway and transportation privileges.

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND

The story which our news columns tell this morning of incidents which have happened in Ireland during the last forty-eight hours is anything but reassuring. It shows that disregard for law and order is just as pronounced as it ever was among a certain class, and that the hopes for peace that were engendered when the English authorities withdrew from Dublin Castle and from the exercise of authority in the country, were premature, to say the least. Ireland is not pacified, nor is the view of many people, is it within sight of pacification; if her people have not the English to quarrel with, they will quarrel among themselves. It is as if there is a faction still in the ascendant which is quite proud to put itself in as perverse and unreasonable a position as possible. And under the circumstances, what can be more perverse than a continued playing with the weapons, not of fair warfare, but of assassination? What can be more insane than efforts are being put forth on all sides to bring about a peaceful understanding, than to choose a course that if persisted in cannot result otherwise than in most deplorable bloodshed, misery and destruction?

WEST INDIAN TRADE

It is very satisfactory to learn that a large and representative delegation drawn from all classes of Canadian manufacturing industries will make the proposed trip to the West Indies in the interests of trade expansion. It is generally believed that opportunities exist for a very large and profitable trade between this country and the Indies, which only needs to be looked after and taken advantage of to result in considerable benefit to both. It is more than usually the interest of the Maritime Provinces

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Fur Coat Weather. (New York Herald.)

Not until New York encounters a cold wave like the present does the weather-swifter what a large number of fur coats there are in the wardrobe. Let the mercury fall to ten degrees above zero two days in succession and out comes the benjamin, whose neck is lined with the skins of beasts. Some of the garments belonging to father, some to grand-father. Some of the shells are of broadcloth, some of gay-worsted. The collars, usually more pretentious than the lining, are of lamb, mink or beaver. The linings run all the way from sable to Russian dog. The fashions may be the barge style of the '90s or the snappy college cut of the day. Once to every man who lives in this climate comes a mad desire to own a fur coat. They have yet to have been drawing dividends the last few days.

A Provincial Income Tax.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)
The proposal of Hon. Edward Brown, the provincial treasurer, to impose a provincial income tax has nothing whatever to commend it. There are, on the other hand, many very solid reasons against such a tax.

An income tax is in its nature a federal tax in the first place. A province is not a sufficiently complete and separate entity for either the right or enjoyment of income, to make such a tax easily collected except from those who can least afford to pay it, and who are already feeling the burden of taxation very heavily.

We already have a federal income tax which yields a very large revenue. The bulk of it comes, not from the capitalist who has the income of investment, but from the hardest worked men in the community who earn every dollar they get, and the need charges on whose incomes are at once so heavy and so little capable of reduction that they are actually poor so far as possessing free money to spend. Provincial capital can do a provincial income tax even if necessary, by dodging the province in which it is imposed. The farmer, quite properly, is to be expressly exempt for the purpose of encouraging his production. But the wage-earner man, the individual business man and the salaried man, these are not an easy prey, and possessed of little resisting power, are the fish to be caught in the net.

Such a tax on the part of a province is obviously unfair and inequitable. It is simply an imposition of money of credit that seems to be in sight in the hands of part of the people of the province, without reference to any economic principle of revenue production except that the money is in sight, and that the taxgatherer can bring it down on the wing with a good shot. To the taxgatherer, the resources, upholding and service to his vast territory, of the city of Winnipeg, the consequences of such a tax imposed by the province of Manitoba, will be ultimately disastrous. Winnipeg is the goose that lays the golden egg for Manitoba. Its advantages as the metropolis of the West are enormous. But if people are to be kept in the province, the advantages by making Winnipeg the headquarters of their business, they will look before they leap.

Practically every consideration that has been in controversy with relation to the Far Eastern affairs has been adjusted, and war has been made as nearly impossible there as human accomplishment can make it.

What remains now is the ratification by the different governments interested of the work of the Conference. In signing the different pacts to which they had agreed, the delegates solemnly pledged the honor of the nations they represented to the good faith of the settlements made. Any violation of this good faith is not to be conceived of. A nation or any government which sought to violate it would be committing against humanity a crime so black that the thought of it must cause living men to stand aghast with horror. All was not done at Washington which it had been hoped might be done. Some things were done which the individual or that individual, or this government or that, might wish to change. But what the Conference has accomplished has brought the world nearer to the goal of universal peace than it has ever approached before. It has brought hope to the heart of sorely distressed humanity where there had been despair, and it has lifted from its shoulders, in part at least, a burden it had thought never to be relieved of. To extinguish that hope, or to crowd back that burden, would be the crime of crimes, to rest for all eternity upon the souls of those responsible.

Several American and some Canadian papers are referring to Mrs. Asquith as "Margot." This is her name of course, but the use of it in the way it is being used, is in very questionable taste. Doubtless those who so use it, consider it smart and "snappy." Mrs. Asquith is a very clever woman; if not always a very discreet one; but that furnishes no excuse for journalists to put her in the same category as a music hall artiste, or a movie star.

If the United States will lower its tariffs and re-open its frontiers for the importation of the wines of France, Italy and Germany, says the Paris Temps, Europe will be able to pay its debts by sending over merchandise. Otherwise, "the indebted nations of Europe must buy as little as possible from the United States."

The Ottawa Journal fears that when Parliament meets there will be a deadly rivalry for publicity between Mr. T. L. Church, M. P., and Miss Agnes McPhail, M. P.; but the Toronto Star is hopeful that they may take a fancy to each other at first sight.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

We got a new setting from clock yesterday, being a big round one that plays a tune every 15 minutes so everybody can tell its 15 minutes later, and ma didn't say anything to pop about it so he would be surprised, and after supper he started to read the sporting page in the setting room and the clock played a tune, pop saying, Hello, what the dooce? Well, just then ma came in with her hat on waiting for Mrs. Hews to come and go to the movies with her, saying, Isent that bewtiffil, WILLYUM? I got that this morning with my tobacco kewpons, aren't you glad you saved them for me?

Its quite a clock, sed pop. And he started to read again, and pritty soon the clock played another tune, pop saying, Hello, the darn things out of order allready. It is not, certenly its not, Its supposed to do that every 15 minutes, thats wat you call the chimes, sed ma, and pop said, Do you meen to say I haff to lissen to them every 15 minutes? and ma sed, Certenly, theyre bewtiffil.

Theyre all rite, any wan yous heard them once you dont feel like hearing them agen 15 minuts later and so on indefinitely, sed pop, how am I going to keep my mind on wat Im reading? Now Wilyum dont be absurd, theyre the chimes, sed ma. Well I dont need any chimes, ringin' over me, Im not sick or anything, sed pop, and ma sed, Now Wilyum, thats a perfectly bewtiffil clock and theyre perfectly bewtiffil chimes and its certenly disappoining to have you carry on about them after I stood in that dreffil mob 3 hours to have my kewpons redeemed.

Im not saying anything, wat am I saying, the clock all rite, sed pop. And he got up and started to look at it close, saying, Hello, heers a little gimmick to make the chimes stop ringin', O thats a fine idee, thats swell, its a grate clock. Now Wilyum, dont you dese tamper with that clock, dont you touch it, youll have it out of order, sed ma, and pop sed, Who's touchin' it, Im not touchin' it, and he started to read agen and Mrs. Hews came and ma went out and the chimes rang 3 more times and then pop got up and turned them off and kepp on reading with a happy expression.

THE LAUGH LINE

The man who agrees with everything you say lies to others also.—Binghamton Sun.

It is difficult to get self-confidence and an empty purse to travel together.

A computer's life is full of outings and innings.

If some men possessed clear titles to mansions in the skies the first thing they would try to do would be to mortgage them.—Los Angeles Express.

Sweet Anticipation.
He (lingering in the hall)—And, dearest, we shall grow old together, you and I.
Her father's voice—Well, you needn't start doing it down here, need you?

Literal Interpretation.
Teacher—In this verse, what is meant by the line, "The shades of night were falling fast."
Bobby—It means that someone was pulling down the window blinds.

Defined.
Knicker—What is a merger?
Booker—When a lamb swallows a lamb to keep from being swallowed by a lion.

Synecopated Sheet Music.
Mrs. Newwood (shaking anoring husband)—Gracious goodness, Bob! I didn't know I had married a jazz band.—Boston Transcript.

How Could She!
Giri—Have you hair nets?
Clerk—Yes, ma'am.
Giri—Invisible?
Clerk—Yes, ma'am.
Giri—Let me see one.—Life.

Sticking to a Poor Story.
"You had a forty gas bill last month," said the dry agent.
"The wife has—er—been doing a little canning," said the home distiller.
"Hum, I want to sample some of the stuff."
"Wife," called the home distiller, in quavering tones, "open a can of salmon for the gentleman."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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HEARTBURN

A SEVERE CASE

Many people are troubled with heartburn who really do not realize just what it is.

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Funerals

The funeral of Blanche Fishery took place yesterday morning from her late residence, 26 Dixmouth street, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem by Rev. H. Ramage. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Andrew O. Lamoreaux took place yesterday afternoon from 220 Tower street, West End, to Cedar Hill. Rev. Mr. Freeman conducted service.

The funeral of Lawrence J. Donohue took place yesterday morning from his late residence, Goldbrook, to St. Joachim's church, Silver Falls, for high mass of requiem by Rev. C. F. Carleton. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives were pall-bearers. He received a large number of floral tributes.

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