

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN BY C. P. R.

In Both Toronto and McGill Universities — Believes in Education.

Three annual free scholarships to the value of \$500 each have been granted to Toronto University by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of inducing graduates of western colleges in Canada to pursue their post-graduate studies at the University of Toronto. It has for some time been felt that Canadian national unity would be very greatly fostered by some such move as this. The universities of Western Canada are growing fast, and their standard of instruction is high, the result being that a large and ever-growing class of their students show a desire to pursue graduate and professional careers beyond the stage which is at present offered in their provincial institutions. In the past American universities by reason of their comparative nearness and also because of scholarships which they have been able to offer, have attracted a large percentage of these students for post-graduate work. Many of the students attending the universities of the Canadian west have originally come from the United States, or even from Europe, and most of them know very little about Eastern Canada, the result being that if they obtain their advanced instruction in the United States they will, when they return to take up their work as leaders in the thought and action of western Canada, be even less inclined than formerly to become active factors in the welding together of the eastern and western sections of this country. The purpose of these three scholarships is to strengthen the intellectual, educational, religious and economic links between east and west, and it is intended by this means to enable a constant succession of the brightest and most ambitious of western university students to become familiar with methods of life and

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thought in eastern Canada. There is no doubt that the opportunity to get into first-hand touch with the older Canada that lies east of the Great Lakes will be eagerly taken advantage of. University authorities say there is no lack of advanced students eligible for such scholarships, and as is stated by E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in his letter to Sir Robert Falconer, president of Toronto University, announcing the granting of the three scholarships: "The movement is one that will obviously be of benefit, not only to the students, but also to the communities in which they will afterwards live."

(Montreal Gazette.) The announcement by Grant Hall that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has founded two free scholarships at McGill University is interesting and noteworthy, and goes to prove the high value placed on education by this progressive Canadian institution, which occupies such a distinguished place in commercial circles. The object of the policy is obvious, as indicating that the C. P. R. wishes to acquire and encourage for their highly organized undertaking specialized talent of the highest calibre. It is a unique opportunity to develop latent talent that is lurking in abundance amongst the employees. Such a scheme as this outlined by the C. P. R. for the benefit of their staff is far-seeing and very excellent, and is full of infinite possibilities, and might be copied by other Canadian institutions with advantage to themselves and their employees. But the C. P. R. have been doing this same good work in another direction for a long time. All their own cadets on the huge trans-Atlantic liners operated by this company have won scholarships of a substantial amount which enabled them to pursue two years' preliminary naval training before joining actual sea service on the company's own ships. Many of these lads have won R. N. R. decorations in addition, which is looked upon as the "blue ribbon" of the mercantile marine. It is apparent, therefore, that C. P. R. management is carved out on the line that, for their service, both on land and at sea, they require the pick of the various professions.

ELECTION PROTEST

Toronto, March 2—General Arthur Edward Ross, Conservative M. P. for Kingston, against whom the Liberals have lodged a protest, today filed a cross petition.

KIPLING'S LINES MAY BE FALSIFIED

East and West May Yet Meet Through the Bahai Movement.

(Montreal Gazette.)

That Kipling's lines, "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," will be falsified by the Bahai movement was the declaration made last night by Albert R. Vail of Chicago in a lecture given in the Mechanics' Institute on the Unity of Science and Religion. The lecturer told with enthusiasm of the way in which national and religious prejudices had melted away in the home of Abdul Bahai at Haifa, where Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists and Zoroastrians had all met in the utmost harmony and goodwill. After this recital he quoted Kipling's well-known lines and added: "The only place that you see them really meet is in the judgment seat of the Bahai, which is doing the impossible in uniting these two ends of humanity, the Occident and the Orient, in brotherhood. The way it works is through a great spiritual power behind a very clear and universal teaching."

In discussing the unity of science and religion, Mr. Vail first of all emphasized the tremendous strides made in science within the last seventy-five years, stating that everything had been made ready for the nations to come together from the east to the west and the north to the south so far as physical conditions were concerned; but the one thing that lacked was human kindness and readiness to abolish prejudice and so recognize the oneness of mankind. It was appalling to think that today the greatest brains were being used to devise destruction and that the great discoveries of chemistry were being directed to the manufacture of poisonous gases for the next war. Thus the question of uniting science and religion was not only theoretically desirable but absolutely imperative of the world was to be saved for civilization.

The lecturer proceeded to expound

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Abdul Bahai's views as to the relations between science and religion. The prophet had insisted on the need of recognizing that the physical world could not be explained without God behind it; that there was a danger of science leading to materialism, and that, in any case, science could not explain ultimate causes. On the other hand, religion had a great deal of prejudice against it because it had so many things about it that the scientific mind regarded as impossible. Bahai held that both science and religion needed each other, and in religion he laid stress on the things that were clear, universal and of indubitable value to the human race. The fact that all the great prophets and their religious systems were agreed on the fundamentals of virtue and of wrong was stressed by Mr. Vail, who said that advance and moral progress was made in the world it was under the rule of one or more prophets. The Bahai movement had very pronouncedly influenced nations and individuals in the matter of better understanding of each other by teaching the abolition of hatred and the substitution of personal and international amity. W. S. Maxwell introduced the speaker. Mr. Vail will address another meeting tonight in the Church of the Messiah.

CARMEN'S SMOKER.

At an enjoyable smoker last evening in the Trades and Labor Council Hall, Prince William street, the chief speaker was Herbert Phillips, M. E. I. C., who told in concise form the benefits to be derived from municipal distribution of the hydro-electric power. He summarized the present deadlock and said that it was purely a business proposition with the people in the dark as to the moves

by City Hall and by the N. B. Power Company. Mr. Phillips' lucid address made a fine impression and his declaration that by united action the benefits would accrue to the citizens was received with loud applause. The smoker was held under the auspices of Division No. 63, A. A. S. R. E., with Percy Moore in the chair. Besides the chief speaker, the following made brief addresses: F. S. A. McMullin, Ira D. Farris, John A. Barry,

J. A. Sinclair and James L. Sugrue, both of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Thomas Killen, John McKinnon, Garrett Cowan, Albert Kirkpatrick and others. About 200 persons were present.

A new kind of influenza, with a complication of jaundice, has made its appearance in Poland.

The Nova Scotia legislature opened yesterday afternoon.

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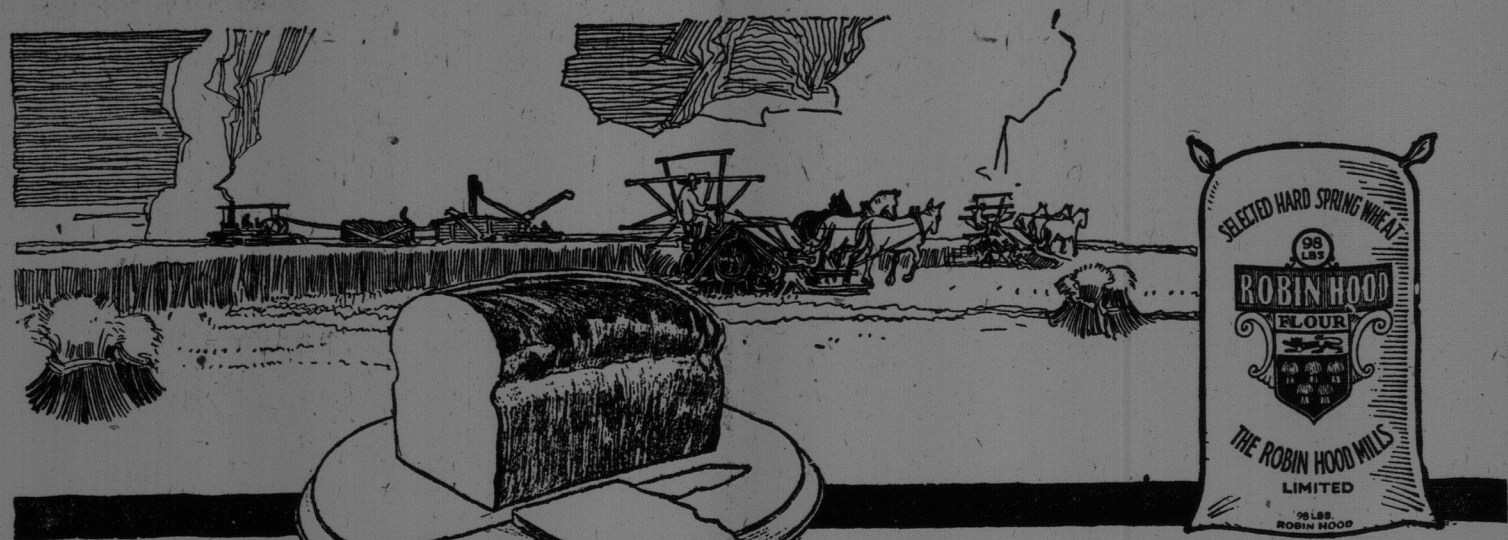
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