

BROTHERHOODS DEFENDED.

Editor of the Herald: Sir,—There appeared in the Atlantic Weekly of March 14th, an article referring particularly to one of the organizations of railway employes, and needlessly giving Hon. Mr. Blair a few pointers as to how the department over which he presides should be conducted.

The article stated in effect among other things: That part of the employes on this I. C. R. had formed themselves into a Brotherhood and had presumed to dictate to the minister of railways. That organization was "a new affair." "Only come into actual life since the election."

That it had been greatly assisted by some of the head officials at Moncton. That "this scheme has been sprung for purely political purposes." That their Brotherhood had lately sent a delegation to Ottawa and informed Mr. Blair that unless their demands were granted the whole force would strike.

It is needless to say that not one of these statements contained a particle of truth, but they show the remarkable fertility of the brain which originated them.

As a member of the O. R. T., I ventured to take exception to the article in the following letter:—

To the Editor of the Atlantic Weekly: Sir,—In your issue of the 6th instant there appeared an editorial, the statements contained in which are so much in variance with the truth, that I feel compelled to contradict them.

You do not specify which one of the organizations of railway employes is referred to, or perhaps you are unaware that there are several distinct orders or brotherhoods of railway employes, embracing all or nearly all the employes of the railway, station and track service on the I. C. R.

It is not true that any of these Orders are "new affairs." "Only come into actual life since the election." The youngest of them has been in existence for a number of years, and some as long as fifteen or sixteen years.

It is not true that any of these Orders have been greatly assisted by some of the head officials at Moncton. It is utterly untrue that any of these Orders have been brought into existence for political purposes. The membership embraces men of both political parties. Political subjects are never discussed in the meetings—in fact they are strictly prohibited.

It is not true to think that a delegation from any of these brotherhoods would be sent to interview the members of the Dominion Government, and intimate unless their requests were acceded to, a strike would be the result. Any assertion to the contrary is a reflection on the common sense of railway employes, and is too ridiculous to be repeated.

With respect to the references referred to in your article, the facts are as follows:— There is an institution known among the railway employes of Canada as the Dominion Legislative Board of Railway Employes, with headquarters at Ottawa. The object of this Board is to watch railway legislation, in the interests of railway employes. Of late years this Board has been able to accomplish a great deal of good by having secured from the Department measures tending to better salaries, the safety, rest of railway men, and the travelling public as well.

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THE HEAD LIGHT.

THE ELECTIONS.

The general provincial elections are now over. Nomination April 13th, polling, the 20th. The Dominion by-elections, this county takes place on the same day.

LOOKS THAT WAY.—Has the winter actually broken up? It really looks that way. Well, we can stand it.

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IT IS SETTLED.—The Manitoba school question is settled. Therefore the man who again sees fit to drag it into the political arena is unworthy the confidence and support of the electors of this country.

THINK OF IT.—Ontario with a population of over two millions has but 94 local members; Nova Scotia with a population of less than a half a million, has 58, 38 electors.

WE WOULD ADVISE ALL RAILWAY MEN to note especially that part of Mr. Forbes' letter, in which he quotes the definition of partnership as agreed upon between the Minister of Railways, the Hon. A. G. Blair, and the Canadian Board of Railway Employes.

HEADING POLICY.—There seems to be a general desire among the people of this province for a change of rules at Halifax. The people are ready to put the Conservative Government to the test, and are ready to adopt the right policy, that of rigid retroaction in legislation.

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