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HAMILTON'S GIBSONIZED PRESS. The Hamilton papers as usual have all gone into the service of the Cataract Power Co.

Increasing attention is being paid in the United States to the evils of over-capitalization, more particularly in the case of public monopolies.

Politicians of the stamp of the Dominion minister of justice profess a real or assumed conviction that public service corporations are entitled to extract all they can from the people.

In the course of an article in The Journal of Political Economy, A. W. Spenser, speaking of the various methods of stock watering, says that "a policy which permits high dividends in effect a sanction of undue profits."

Summing up the situation as regards public service corporations, Mr. Spenser concludes: "The private monopoly which is morally entitled to profits which, simply because it is a monopoly, swell to large proportions."

THE RAILWAYS AND THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

Seventh Article. It has been stated that the two things essentially necessary to the progress and development of the country are cheap power and transportation at the minimum of cost.

The power to operate the industrial forces of the country is drawn from two sources, viz., steam and electricity. While tremendous strides have been made in the development of electric power, the cost at which power will be sold will be based upon the cost of producing steam power, consequently we should use every endeavor to have the cost of the production of steam power reduced to the minimum price.

For countless ages a beneficent Providence has been storing away vast quantities of power-producing material awaiting the time when it would be required to operate the industrial forces of the world. All that man had to do was to dig down into the bowels of the earth and take advantage of the almost inexhaustible stores of coal provided for our use.

We made the statement that the district served by the so-called American lines received relatively lower rates than any other portion of the country, and we now propose to give a few illustrations of this fact.

The rate on coal from Detroit to Tillsonburg, a distance of 165 miles, is 66 cents per ton. This rate was originally put into effect by the Michigan Central Railway, and for a considerable time the Grand Trunk Railway refused to meet the competition.

From Port Stanley to Toronto the Pere Marquette Railway publishes a rate of 60 cents per ton, and to meet this competition the Canadian Pacific Railway made a similar rate for Port Burwell, but to intermediate points such as St. Mary's, Stratford, Berlin, Waterloo, Guelph, Galt, etc., the rate is 90 cents per ton.

In the face of these facts, will the Canadian railways undertake to say that competition does not have the effect of reducing the cost of transportation? It has certainly reduced the cost of producing steam power at London and Toronto, but the policy of making low rates to competitive points has been building up a few favored places at the expense of other portions of the country, and is prejudicial to the best interests of the people of Canada.

When a railway company for any reason whatever establishes a low rate from one point to another, that rate should be made the maximum toll per ton to intermediate points should be arranged on a proportionate basis.

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As for what Mr. Maclean wants, that is a long story. He has made up his mind to perform the duty of premier, especially the railway and telegraph corporations, have grown suddenly and offensively rich, and he wants to grind the faces of the poor and others. To hear Mr. Maclean talk about the Grand Trunk Railway, he seems to be disposed to think that the old hard luck stories about the Grand Trunk must ante-date the Grand Trunk, and that the fact of the youngest voter is perfectly familiar with the story of the Englishman who deserted a traveling companion in the hills on his way to the country which, as every Englishman knew, had beggared England by building and running the Grand Trunk.

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John Max Rushing alleged he was held up by footpads in the vicinity of Jarvis and Lombard-streets the other night, and at the point of a revolver compelled to shed his overcoat and \$15 cash. He described the footpads as being of the style and quality of the overcoat and the denomination of the money.

When finally locked up he confessed. He had given his story to The Globe in order that his father, who is an hotel-keeper in Clear Creek, Ont., might see it and send along some cash.

Rushing has been living in Toronto for some months and in that time has done little work. His chief haunts have been poolrooms. He claimed he worked a couple of days for an express company and a guarantee company.

Rushing had in his possession a certificate for five shares, valued at \$5 a share, in the Tresthewey Cobalt mine. He admits having forged the name of F. W. Black, the secretary of the company, to the document.

Sergt. Duncan is indignant over the incident and a guarantee company reflects on the vigilance of the police. He intends to prosecute Rushing under section 128 of the criminal code, which makes it an offence to forge a document, and liable to one year's imprisonment, who willfully publishes any false news or tale whereby injury or mischief is likely to be occasioned to any public interest.

Editor World: As your paper goes into all the houses on Sherbourne-street, might I use it to ask some three residents, on the east side, above Wellesley, whose lots run thru, if they wish their Bleeker-street neighbors to shovel off their sidewalks on that much used thoroughfare? They would sooner do it, or pay a boy, than waste up to their knees, as in former winters. These disgraceful walks are the only ill-kept ones on Bleeker-street.

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The Liberals Hitching Up Their Pants

A Montreal Paper Decries That There Are No Radical Liberals, and a Toronto Paper Says That a Progressive Organization is Under Way in Ontario.

SNAPSHOTS AT PARLIAMENT. Staff Correspondence of The Montreal Herald.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Why is happening in the case of Mr. W. P. Maclean suggests to thoughtful Liberals the question whether there is nothing to be done on the skirmishing line when a party happens to be in power.

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With the official appointment of Hon. George W. Ross to the senate, probably only a few hours distant, active preparations are under way for the future direction of provincial Liberalism.

Several important conferences have been held this week, in which officers of the central and provincial organizations took counsel. It is understood, with Hon. Mr. Ross and several members of the legislature.

A careful canvass has been made of all the Liberal membership by those interesting themselves in the reorganization proceedings. Among the names that have been before them are Messrs. E. B. Fennie of Kingston, John A. Auld of North Essex, Samuel Clarke of West Northumberland, and G. S. May of Ottawa.

Gradually, The News learns, the trend of informal deliberations is towards compromise on a new man. It is anticipated that a new man, if chosen, would run in the Middlesex constituency made vacant by Mr. Ross' resignation.

Immediately following Hon. Mr. Ross' translation to the senate the members of the executive of the central association of Ontario will meet with the members of the legislature.

The general convention will, in any event, have the determination of a platform. Present indications are that this will be of a very advanced—not to say radical—character.

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TIME IS MONEY. The merits of the present system for banking pennies by public school scholars will be investigated on Monday morning by Trustees Parkinson, Kent and Levee, the special committee appointed. They will start at Church-street school at 9 a. m. to inspect the manner in which the children make

their deposits, with a view to ascertaining whether an undue amount of time is taken up, as has been claimed. The opening of seven new branches is advised by Inspector Hughes.

An Honest Youngster. A purse containing over \$65 was picked up by a 15-year-old boy, Richard Sheppard, 184 Cumberland-street, and turned over to Constable Riddell.

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