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C. P. R. FIGHTING FOR ENGLAND
WHY VASSON?

Reports of Dicker for B. & M. Stock Both Confirmed and Denied—Would Foil Harriman.

"Just a newspaper rumor, without any foundation," said E. B. Osler, M.P., last evening concerning a New Haven, Conn. report "confirming" another report that the C.P.R. were negotiating for a block of 150,000 shares of the capital stock of the Boston & Maine Railway, now held by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co. The despatch said: "The fact is confirmed here to-day, that the Canadian Pacific Railroad has made the offer to buy the shares of the Boston & Maine Railroad, which are held by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. It is understood also that the federal authorities at Washington have been consulted with regard to the offer, and do not regard the negotiations with favor."

A Montreal despatch says: "Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, declared absolutely to discuss the report that the C.P.R. was negotiating with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway for a controlling interest in the Boston & Maine Railway. Latest advice from Boston intimates that the report is looked upon in the nature of a bluff on the part of the New Haven investors, who are negotiating with the Massachusetts Legislature into leaving the matter alone, the outside control of the Boston & Maine having played a dominant part in New England politics for some time. President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine disavows any knowledge of the deal, while Vice-President Byrnes of the New Haven confirmed the report of President Mellen, given out yesterday, but declining to name the corporation negotiating."

"The C.P.R. connects with the Boston & Maine at several points in the United States and Canada, which is a disadvantage to the report that the Canadian Company is interested in the deal."

Is This a Motive?
Credence to the report that the C.P.R. would at least like the road in question is given in the fact that Edward H. Harriman, the man of the railway merger, was expected to leave some months ago to the fact that his transcontinental business is endangered by the project of establishing a fast line of steamships between England and Canada, and thence westward to the Pacific coast. This would mean the diversion of nearly all the express freight and passenger traffic from the line running into New York, since at the Canadian end of the steamship line would be the C.P.R., now master of the railway situation in the Dominion. Diversion of freight and passenger business to the railway would directly figure the American transcontinental roads, which Harriman controls. The latter, so it is understood, has been looking with covetous eyes upon the railway known as the New Brunswick, which runs from St. Stephen, just across the St. Croix River on the Canadian border from Calais, Me., to St. John, N.B., with the New Haven and the Boston and Maine there would thus be a route from New York to Calais, the Maine Central really being part of the Boston & Maine. With the New Brunswick Southern, Mr. Harriman would have a straight thru line from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific promises to develop into the greatest harbor on the coast. He would then have the whip hand of the C.P.R. in the Dominion, and would be in a position to have St. John as its eastern terminus and with express freight and passenger service to New York and the south and west, the line from Europe to New York and the south and west would be cut many hours. Thru the New York tunnel facilities, the Harriman lines could carry traffic thru to Chicago and St. Louis in such fast time that the C.P.R. could not cope with them.

C. P. R. Was After It.
Some months ago, the New Haven, while negotiating for control of the New Brunswick Southern, discovered that the C.P.R. was not only trying to get possession of this road, but was also after the Boston & Maine. The threatened invasion of New England by the C.P.R. was alarming, and Harriman then threw his personal weight into the matter.

Another Verbalton.
The New Haven began negotiations for the purchase of the Dominion & Atlantic Railway, running from Yarmouth, in Nova Scotia, to Digby, thence to Windsor, near Halifax, where it connects with the Intercolonial. Apart from the maritime business in connection with the Henry M. Whitney interests, the New Haven is not particularly concerned about the Dominion and Atlantic, but it would be as valuable as a defensive weapon, as is the Ontario & Western. As for the Boston & Maine, it is an essential part of the Harriman plan of cross-cutting from the Atlantic to New York and Albany.

Another Verbalton.
The New York Sun of yesterday said: "According to one report in the financial district the purchaser may be worth the Canadian Pacific. The Boston and Maine leases lines extending to Montreal, and has other con-

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Soap Not an Explosive

Odd Case at Welland in Which Crown Fails to Make Conviction.

WELLAND, Dec. 12.—(Special).—At the county court and general sessions this evening, Robert Pasquel was acquitted of the charge of carrying explosive substances. The substance was a cake of soap. The case has excited considerable interest, and the charge was laid on the authority of the attorney-general, Chief Mains of the frontier police and two other officers on Sept. 15 attempted to arrest three men at the Michigan Central station, Niagara Falls. One drew a gun and backing off got away. Pasquel and one Harding were arrested. They were found to have the necessary articles for the blowing up of a safe. Harding had the nitro-glycerine, and Pasquel had the soap. Harding was sent down for a year on the charge of carrying explosives, and Pasquel got three months for carrying concealed weapons. The police, it would appear, were not satisfied with Pasquel's sentence, and on the advice of the attorney-general endeavored to convict him of the more serious offence of carrying explosive substances. When the evidence had been heard, however, Judge Wells took the case from the jury and dismissed the charge on the ground that there was no evidence to show that Harding and Pasquel were acting in concert. Pasquel has held various responsible positions at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

MAJORITY RIVALS ON SAME PLATFORM

Conservative Club Cheer a Lot and Groan a Little Bit at Annual Smoker.

Five hundred human volcanoes in full eruption filled Victoria Hall last night at the Conservative Club smoker with an imitation of the ingenious period. Three mayoralty candidates and various other civic aspirants addressed the meeting and Lieut.-Col. Belcher, Southampton, and Major Currie, North Simcoe, contributed to the stream of oratory. Music and art and a pie-eating contest which ended in a draw enlivened the proceedings, which were very harmonious. As a gauge of the popularity of the would-be mayors little could be deduced, except that "Jokes" stock did not seem at a premium. Geary was hailed with loud cheers and two men on the platform and 30 in the hall stood up and waved articles of wearing apparel in honor of the candidate. Nesbitt also received cheers, as loud apparently in volume as those which greeted Geary, but these were mingled with groans and hisses from the Geary faction. But the doctor's speech stirred most enthusiasm.

President Worrell announced that the club was composed of Conservatives from all parts of the city. As an aldermanic candidate in Ward 1, he announced himself in favor of the power bylaw. Lieut.-Col. Belcher was glad that Whitney was a true George Washington. He had promised them a power scheme and he could not tell a lie, and now they were going to get it. He would need their help to handle the municipal questions. Nothing had been more mismanaged than the waterworks. The Don improvement, the city had not seen at a premium. Geary was a total failure. They had a revenue of \$430,000 a year and he took credit for having helped to make the agreement. Aid, Geary liked to be done with his friends in the club. When the flag dropped they would find him among the bunch passing under the wire and off to a good start.

President. And a good Jock up, too. (Laughter.) Mr. Geary underook, if elected, to serve the city faithfully. He had been a resident for twenty years, with fourteen years' business experience. He thought youth was a decided advantage in a candidate.

W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., in a brief speech supported the power bylaw, which should be carried by an overwhelming majority. The chairman asked for fair play for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt when he rose and faced a mixed demonstration of Conservatives giving me a fair hearing," he said, and reminded the club that he had secured Western representation on the Central Association. He was delighted to see so many young men present and coming into touch with the great historic party. The party would find men to take the place of their old leader, John A. Whatever their contents of trust there would be no little petty bitterness or animosity to stand in the way of party success in the approaching provincial and Dominion elections. He declared himself in favor of cheap power and pure water, and hoped they would abandon a village policy for the city.

Ex-Aid. Duinn, Controller Hubbard, Fred G. McBrien and A. W. Wright also spoke.

Among those on the platform were: Messrs. W. L. Purvis, J. W. Chesesebrough, Spruille Nesbitt, A. W. Wright, E. B. Ryckman, Strachan Cox, A. H. Foster, Aid. Church, Messrs. Hook, Gearing, Fairbairn, Davison, Hamburg, Leary and Owens.

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SPEED OF TRAINS LIMITED BY HOUSE

Lancaster's Bill for Crossing Protection Again Goes to Senate—Canada and Japan.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Mr. Lancaster's Railway Act amendment, limiting the speed of trains to 10 miles an hour over any highway in any thickly populated portion of any city, town or village, unless such highway is properly protected, passed all stages in the house to-day and was sent on to the senate, where a year ago it received its quietus. The new minister of railways, Mr. Graham, expressed concurrence with the principle of the bill, and the only other ministerial pronouncement was Mr. Fielding's suggestion of a doubt as to what would be considered a thickly populated portion of a city. The house adjourned at 6 o'clock. Sir Wilfrid will move to-morrow that the house rise on the 19th inst., for the holidays, and reassemble on Jan. 3.

A matter of interest was Sir Wilfrid's declaration that Canada has no diplomatic status in Japan, and that the negotiations with the country regarding immigration are being conducted thru the British ambassador.

Tired of Delay.
In moving the second reading of his railway bill, Mr. Lancaster said it had been dealt with every session since the last general election. He showed that he had endeavored to meet the views of all parties and that the bill now before the house was drafted by the member for Westmoreland, the then minister of railways and canals. The law as it stands to-day was absolutely of no effect and the house of commons a year ago had unanimously adopted his amendment. The senate, however, had thrown it out. Mr. Lancaster advised sending the bill back till the gentlemen of the senate either adopted it or suggested something in its place.

Hon. Mr. Graham expressed amusement that some of those who, while in the house, wanted the speed of trains limited were the men who when on the road, always wanted to take the fastest train. He was not one of those who avowed hostility to railway corporations, but he agreed with the principle of the bill and would consent to the second reading without sending it to the railway committee. As the railway commission was to be enlarged, the safeguards placed in the bill would be looked after.

The bill then passed thru the committee stage and agreed to for final reading. It is the first piece of legislation of the session for the senate to deal with.

Early Closing Resolution.
Mr. Wright (Renfrew) spoke to his early closing resolution. He wants to fix the house adjournment, except on extraordinary occasions, at 10 o'clock. He wanted his leader (Sir Wilfrid) to have many more years of life, but he was afraid the long sittings would destroy his health and usefulness. Many of the legislative bodies of the old land did not sit at night.

Sir Wilfrid Hart made the present rule sit on to which reasonable exception could be taken, but he pointed out that the house, as in England, might have a total adjournment on the sittings should not be prolonged.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS.
Half-a-Dozen Professorships Allotted by Governors.

The following appointments were made by the board of governors of the University of Toronto, which met yesterday afternoon:
Assistant professor of philosophy—Dr. A. H. Abbott.
Professor of physical chemistry—Dr. W. Lash Miller.
Assistant professor of Latin—Dr. G. W. Johnston.
Associate professor of astro-physics—Dr. C. A. Chant.
Associate professor of botany—Dr. J. H. Faull.

PICARELLO JURY DISAGREE.
After Two Days No Verdict is Returned and Jurors Are Discharged.

Holding night sessions and sitting all Wednesday and Thursday, a jury failed to reach a verdict in the court of quarter sessions, where Amelio Picarello was on trial charged with attempting to utter a forged application for a deposit of \$100 in the Postoffice Savings Bank. The jury, which went out at 10 o'clock last night, disagreed, and were discharged at 12.45 o'clock this morning.

ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.
ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The jury to-day found two of the Beamsville raffie party guilty of gambling, and two not guilty, whereupon Judge Carman let the convicted parties off on suspended sentence, saying the others were just as guilty.

A TOUCHING APPEAL.



GENTLEMAN BELOW: You surely aren't distrustful of me, my dear?

NINE YEARS IN KINGSTON
ARTHUR JACKSON'S TERM

Two Years Added for Impertinence to the Court—Melodrama, Comedy and Pathos Crowded in Minute.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—The trial of Arthur Jackson, a quadrum, took place here to-day and lasted from 10 a.m. until 6.30 p.m. Jackson was defended by John Soper, McKay, and R. N. Bell, K.C., prosecuted.

The jury were out 20 minutes when a verdict of guilty was brought in. "Have you anything to say why I should not pass sentence?" asked Judge Finkle.

"As God sits upon his throne in heaven, as I firmly believe he does, I did not commit the crime I am accused of," was the prisoner's reply in dramatic tones.

"Then I sentence you to seven years at hard labor in Kingston Penitentiary."

"May I now say a few words, your honor?"

"You may not."

Jackson gritted his white teeth and with a smile he remarked: "When I get out, I will say something to the entire community."

"Ha, ha, my lad, then I will tack two more years on your term, and you will serve nine years with hard labor in Kingston Penitentiary," replied his honor, hily. A grin could be heard drop in the court room. The handcuffs clinked as they were placed on the prisoner's wrists and he was led back to his cell.

Alex. Green, who was arrested on the same charge as Jackson, of holding up C.P.R. Operator Walcott on the 9th of October last, was allowed out on bail, and will appear next week.

PREVENT GAS EXPORT.
Welland Deputation Will See Government About It.

WELLAND, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The sentiment throughout the County of Welland is that the government should at once take steps to prevent the exportation of gas to the United States. The City of Buffalo is largely supplied from the Welland field and the largely increased use of gas for industrial purposes in the district has emphasized the conclusion that a stop should be put to the export. Welland Board of Trade has appointed A. O. Beatty and J. Gill Gardner to go to Ottawa to urge these views upon the government.

In Welland last month one firm alone used 7,000,000 in smelting, which is more than the entire consumption in Welland for domestic purposes.

CENTRE YORK.
R. R. Garney, M.L.A., and Capt. Tom Wallace will speak at Islington this (Friday) evening.

To-morrow night they will speak at Malvern.

On Monday night at Markham, Hon. Adam Beck and Capt. Wallace will speak in the town hall.

At the nomination meeting at Thornhill on Monday afternoon, Hon. G. E. Foster and R. R. Garney will be among the speakers, and will also address a meeting at Richmond Hill in the evening.

JUDGE CRITICIZES JURY WHO ACQUIT PRISONER

Man on Trial for Murder at Soo Found Not Guilty—History of Shooting.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Thomas McFarlane, on trial for the murder of William Dixon at Iron Bridge, was to-night acquitted.

He appeared in his own defence this morning and told an entirely new story. He had been feeding a dog, Dixon was intoxicated and took down a gun from the wall and shot the dog. The two men had grappled and in the mix-up the gun went off and Dixon fell.

The prisoner then attempted to commit suicide under the stress of excitement, but the gun missed fire. He then left the house, returning in the morning, when he knelt down beside the body of Dixon and made a vow to his Maker that he would give himself up.

The judge's charge was against the prisoner, who was greatly affected in court.

During the argument of counsel this afternoon the prisoner was dejected and kept his face concealed below the dock.

The judge said he could not conceive of the jury arriving at such a verdict on the evidence given. As the verdict was announced a fervent "Thank God" escaped the prisoner, who immediately left the building.

DEATH ENDS HIS STRUGGLE
Unemployed Englishman Takes His Own Life at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—To-day at noon a tragic suicide marked the close of a life that had for two weeks been a struggle to get work to support a wife and one child.

An Englishman named John F. Booth, who has been in this country but two years, and in Ottawa, it is understood, not very long, took cyanide of potassium. Booth was a chemist when in England.

3750 MILES BY WIRELESS.
Station at Kiev, Russia, Picks Up Glace Bay Messages.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The K-ey station of the wireless telegraphy line which the Russian government is constructing to connect Sebastopol with St. Petersburg has succeeded in picking up Marconi transatlantic messages, including a number of press despatches, sent from the American side. Messages transmitted from Paris and Casablanca also have been picked up.

The distance from Glace Bay, Cape Breton, the point at which the Marconi wireless messages are started for Ireland, to Kiev, is approximately 3750 miles. Stray wireless messages have previously been picked up at a distance of 2500 miles from their point of origin.

WINTER SPORT AGAIN.
On Grenadier's Pond last night there was a large crowd skating and tobogganing. The ice was in splendid condition and so were the toboggan slides.

THEY GOT THEIR REWARD THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN

List of Former Members of Parliament Who Were Given Other Places.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The following members and ex-members of parliament have been appointed by the present government to the senate or to offices of emolument under the crown, since July 11, 1896, according to a return laid on the table by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day:

Fourteen members of commons appointed to the senate.

Hon. Messrs. Richard, King, Fleet, Yeo, Ellis, Garbutt, Dechenes, Lewis, Edwards, Riley, Talbot, Costigan, Belcourt and Campbell.

Twenty-five ex-members of the commons appointed to the senate.

Hon. David Mills, Sir Richard Cartwright, and Hon. Messrs. Lovitt, Carmichael, Wm. Kerr, Watson, Burpee, Gilmore, Wood, McHugh, Landerkin, Church, Gibson, McMullin, Frost, Domville, Wilson, Davis, Ross, Choquette, Wm. Ross, George W. Ross, Beth and Derbyshire, Bostock.

Thirty members appointed to offices other than senate.

Hon. M. C. Cameron, Sir Henri Joly, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. M. E. Bernier, Hon. George Carroll, Sir L. H. Davies, Sir William Mulock, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, and Messrs. Forbes, C. R. Devlin, Joseph Lavergne, Langelier, Lister, P. A. Choquette, J. C. Rinfret, Beausoleil, Desmarais, Butten, T. Fortin, Flint, Madore, Treser, Wade, Morrison, Malvern, McIsaac, D. S. McKenzie, E. M. Demers, A. A. Bruneau and Lawrence.

Nineteen of the above were appointed to judgeships.

Four members of the senate were appointed lieutenant-governors, viz., Hon. A. R. McLean, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. T. R. McInnes, and Hon. J. B. Snowball.

Hon. David Mills and Sir C. A. P. Pelletier were appointed to the bench.

LOOKING A BIT AHEAD.
In consideration of all this talk of financial depression, the thoughtful citizens will think of what use a present is going to be to the recipient before purchasing. Costly but almost useless articles are all right for a day or so, but a present such as a fur garment is something that will look nice and give comfort for long time. Furs are the most sensible and seasonable presents. Dineen's, at Yonge and Temperance streets, is the oldest and best fur house in Canada. You can get exactly what you want at a reasonable price and feel positive that it is as represented if Dineen's sold it to you.

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CELEBRATION APPROVED BY THE KING

Who Gives 100 Guineas to Champlain Tercentenary Fund—Earl Grey Wants Statue.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—(Special).—In an address before the newly-organized Women's Canadian Club to-day, Earl Grey made a strong appeal for the preservation of the Canadian battlefields. He applauded the sentiment which prompted the formation of the club, and expressed the hope that it would be instrumental in removing barriers which prevent fusion of French and English peoples of a community. He quoted Premier Whitney as saying he wished every young Ontario man could spend two years in Quebec after leaving Toronto University, so that he might enrich his own and consolidate the national life.

The governor-general declared the Canadian winter was the best asset of the country, and thought the people of Montreal did not act chivalrously in refusing to hold winter carnivals.

After an appeal to ladies not to rest until "that polluting gas" had been removed from the Plains of Abraham, Earl Grey suggested raising a fund of a million dollars for the reclamation of the historic spot, and the erection of a colossal statue of the Angel of Peace, with arms outstretched, on the front of Quebec, in tribute to a Canadian on a steamer coming up the St. Lawrence.

Continuing, he said: "The privilege of contributing to a fund to honor the 300th birthday of Canada, and of sacred ground where the foundation of Greater Britain was laid with, I am confident, appeal to thousands in all parts of the world."

Earl Grey concluded by reading the following cable from Sir Dighton Probyn: "The King commands me to telegraph his approval of the scheme for the celebration of the Champlain tercentenary, and to say that his majesty will gladly subscribe 100 guineas towards the fund you are raising for this good object."

INTERESTS LONDON.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
LONDON, Dec. 12.—All the papers give Earl Grey's speech re the Quebec memorial prominence and The Morning Post says the Women's Canadian Club could not begin its career in a better way than by associating itself vigorously with a cause which necessarily concerns the national fame of the Dominion.

KUROPATKIN A WITNESS.
Evidence He Gives is Favorable to Stoesel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—Gen. Kuropatkin testified to-day at the trial by court-martial of Lieut.-Gen. Stoesel and other army officers, charged with needlessly surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese, that the Japanese could have taken Port Arthur by assault in the early days of the war. The defenses were then so incomplete, Gen. Kuropatkin went on, that the fortress must have fallen at the first vigorous attack. But the slowness of the Japanese and the resistance made by the army in the field gave the Russians time to improvise defensive works, which had withstood the Japanese for six months. Gen. Kuropatkin's evidence was favorable to Gen. Stoesel.

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