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THE INTERCOLONIAL

The Toronto Globe says it is surely obvious that the National Railway system must be run as a whole, but agrees that the claims of the maritime provinces for better treatment should receive sympathetic consideration. We quote:—
"The representations of the maritime members as to rates are entitled to every consideration. A very reasonable Nova Scotia member of parliament once pointed out the difference between the maritime situation and that of Ontario and Quebec. In this part of Canada there are canals, constructed at great expense, and maintained, not by tolls, but by public money raised by the taxation of Canadians everywhere. The maritime provinces have no such advantage. They depend entirely upon the railways and the sea. The cost of the canals is not charged up against Ontario and Quebec as flatly from the rest of Canada. There is justice in the contention that the first cost of the Intercolonial should not be charged up against the Atlantic provinces, and that railway rates should not be adjusted so as to bear that burden. The Intercolonial was one of the inducements held out to Nova Scotia and its neighbor to enter confederation, and we ought not to construe that agreement in any narrow or pedantic way. The Globe remarks that while we must endeavor to make the railways pay their way there must be regard for local interests, and says further:—
"The Intercolonial Railway was laid out largely with an eye to military defense and to political considerations of the larger kind; there are sections of it which cannot be run otherwise than at a loss, which must in fairness be borne by the whole Dominion."
Just so. The maritime provinces are not making unreasonable demands. They gave up their natural market and entered confederation with a distinct understanding that the Intercolonial would be built and that it would not be a barrier to prevent them from developing their own resources and reaching the markets west. There can be no comparison between the Intercolonial and any other railway in Canada. Whatever is done in relation to it must be done in the spirit of the confederation agreement. These provinces stand upon that platform and their position is unassailable except at the expense of the good faith which should mark the policy of the rest of Canada.

RELIGION AND THE POPE

A press despatch says that the new Pope is a man of liberal tendencies. It is his opportunity to serve to humanity as well as to the Roman Catholic church are great. Nothing is more needed in the world today than the removal of religious prejudices. The world's statesmen have been demonstrating in a most striking way the benefits of sympathetic co-operation. In the realm of religion there is still too much detachment, and too much insistence upon what in the light of human experience and present-day knowledge most men are disposed to regard as non-essential. In British Columbia the other day a Roman Catholic bishop joined in a reception to a Presbyterian minister. We read of Anglican bishops appearing in non-conformist churches. The barriers are breaking down. The nations are no longer isolated. The heathen is found on closer acquaintance to be not such a bad fellow, after all; and the suggestion that he may figure in the Divine plan somewhat differently from the interpretation familiar to older folk in their childhood days does not today cause any alarm in the devout but intelligent mind. Nor does this inspire a doubt about the superiority of Christian civilization, whose record stands unchallenged.
Yet, if men and nations are realizing more and more that the principle of brotherhood is of supreme value in purely material relations, how much stronger is the argument for a wider acceptance of the principle of real brotherhood in the spiritual realm.

A POSSIBLE LEADER

Mr. W. F. Nickle, the Conservative candidate, has been elected in the provincial by-election in Kingston, Ontario. He has been in the legislature before, and also in the house of commons, having resigned at the close of the war, holding that the Union government had finished its work. A writer in the Montreal Gazette says of him:—
"The Conservative party in Ontario suffered only less severely than did the Liberals from the development of the United Farmer and Labor parties. Many of its leaders were defeated, and the men to take their places have been slow in the developing. There are those who think Mr. Nickle has the capacity and the readiness to use it in lifting the party up to its old standard of strength, and activity shown under Sir James Whitney; and if he is elected there will be expectations of a new and more hopeful order being begun."

The Washington conference is over. It has shown the way to understanding and peace among the nations, and its results are not measured by the treaties signed. Its effect will be an ever accumulating force against war.

OUT FOR REFORM

Commodore Stewart is again at the helm of the Chatham World. His fellow journalists note that with satisfaction, for whether the Commodore agrees with them or figuratively tears them limb from limb they enjoy his method of doing it. Just now, however, his attention is being devoted to his fellow citizens in Chatham. Not that what he says has no wider application, for it has. He wants a town council that will do things. "Awake, arise," he says, "get out of the gutter," and with this invocation he proceeds as follows:—
"The Chatham citizens, with their eyes wide open to the results that have followed their conduct in standing back and refraining from taking part in civic elections, will surely get up and do something for the redemption of the town. They can't expect the town to run itself, nor can they afford to leave it to anybody who is willing to take it in hand for his own profit. Merchants and householders should get together, select wise and trustworthy and intelligent citizens, and then take off their coats and elect them by good majorities over self-seeking candidates who would be undesirable as members of the council. If the town hasn't learned its lesson already it must be incapable of learning. Wake up from your slumbers, solid men of Chatham, and secure honest and intelligent town management. If not, the town will soon be as deep a financial hole as the province. Elect a council that will collect the taxes and spend the money in such a way as to benefit the whole community and not a few persons on the inside."
Of course the Commodore must have a fling at the conduct of provincial affairs. It is his habit, and it gives him joy of which no good citizen would for a moment deprive him. But what he says about civic duty applies to towns in general as well as to Chatham. There is quite too much indifference on the part of the "solid men, and a town cannot "run itself." Let us all hope the Maritime reformer (if he will permit us so to designate him) will not be as a voice crying in the wilderness.

Ontario's revenue from motor cars and trucks for the year 1921 will total almost three million dollars. This money is spent for road building or to pay the interest on bonds for road-building, outside of the limits of the cities. The farmers as well as the motorists get the benefit of this as well as of the federal government grant. Ontario should soon be a province noted for the excellence of its highways, from which the farmer population should gain great advantage in conducting their operations and marketing their products.

Canada would have liked to welcome Mr. Baifour before he returns to England, but he is unable to spare the time. As Britain's chief representative at the Washington conference his wise counsel and far-seeing statesmanship were of the utmost value, and the relations between the United States and Britain will be the more cordial hereafter because of the personal contact of the big men of both countries, inspired by the same ideals, and embracing the same faith.

Sir Robert Borden is returning to Ottawa. As a Canadian at the Washington conference he upheld the dignity of Canada and rendered notable service to the Empire and the cause of peace. Those who were his opponents in politics in this country will as heartily pay tribute to his services as will those of his own party. Nor is his usefulness as a distinguished citizen of Canada near its end.

The appeal of the Federation of British Industries to manufacturers to firm the United Kingdom to sell their goods in Canada through Canadian instead of American houses ought to bring results. It cannot be argued successfully that Canadian houses are not competent to do the business, and if inter-empire trade is to be encouraged this is one obvious method of doing it.

Mr. Ross may be the only man qualified to tell the truth about hydro, and Mr. Phillips and the members of the Hardware Clerks' Association may be guilty of the crime of youth and vigor—but what would it cost the city of St. John to put in a distribution plant? That is what the citizens really want to know.

Toronto Globe—"Shareholders of the Merchants Bank who want to know how the eight million dollars taken from the reserve fund to make good bad debts putting the directors on the gridiron. There should be a full disclosure of the facts."

A London cable says it is generally believed the session of parliament which opens today will be the last held before a general election. Mr. Lloyd George has made a remarkable record of achievement since he became prime minister, and is still by far the foremost figure in British politics.

One wonders how the Soviet delegates to the Genoa conference will explain the horrible conditions that prevail in Russia.

AN APPRECIATION

(To the St. John Community Chorus)

Dear Joe—We've bin t' a picnic place,
Marriette an' me an' Billie;
An' the things we seen, an' the things we hear,
Wouldn't night about knok y' silly.
Fust off I never plan t' go
T' theaters an' such places,
But Bill's cum home, an' he paid the shot,
An' put as through our paces.
Wall! we got in, an' seen the stage
Was filled with cheers an' acclime!
An' so, thinks I, there's a picnic here,
An' this is where they're eatin'.
But when they shows us picnic one,
Down dropped a big black curtain,
An' when it's up, without no light,
Thinks I, there'll be some firin'!
At this e'er picnic that's t' be,
When didn't there come from heaven.
Or somewhere else, a talled light
Thet shined all straight an' even.
On one pore gal, a-standin' there,
An' 'fore I guessed what's cumin',
I heard a sound out from them cheers,
"At sounded just like hummin'."
"So, this is Bill's surprise," sez I,
An' looked at him an' mother
A-sittin' all so happy like,
An' then I gets another.
Fur, as I live, the lights cum on,
An' seated there a-fore us,
All dolled up in pink an' blue,
Was the hull Community Chorus.
An' sing! Wall, didn't they whop'er-up,
By heck, 'twas well worth hearin'!
With Auld Lang Syne, and the Viking's Song,
I swan, it was real cheerin'!
An' talk about the singin' schools
We had down in the Valley!
Why, they want nuthin' when compar'ed
To the hull Community Chorus.
T' Sally, pretty Sally,
Or Sweet an' Low, or Home Sweet Home,
Or Down in Old Virginia;
Got so at last I hed t' cry,
Or sing some very priny.
An' the way they closed the thing was cute.
Fust cum a high soprano,
An' sung a verse all by herself,
An' then—My Great Hoaner!
The hull blained chorus joined right in,
"Bout Look for the Silver Linin'
When troubles come, fer after all,
The sun will soon be shinin'!"
I'll tell you, Joe, it was elegant,
An' cum next Tuesday's meetin'
You'll find Sid Silas right in line,
An' he'll git a hearty greetin'.
Fur, Joe! there ain't nuthin' in this 'ere town,
'Gin I git started, kin sing me down,
If I'm feelin' in t' mood,
Gimme come where the Lilies or Old Dundee,
An' I'll down the hull bunch with my big business."
Fur she used t' be some ring-snorter.

LIGHTER VEIN

His Sucker List Material.

Mr. Edison's test questions for college graduates, ridiculous as some of them may seem, are the best yet put together. There was a time when colleges turned out graduates who, in the arts, but shallow in practical subjects.
Indicative of this tendency was the answer of the student who asked how he obtained his victim.
"From my sucker list."
"And where did you get the names for the sucker list?"
"Oh, preachers and college graduates."

Breaking It Gently.

A New York silk merchant went to the bank to get his money renewed.
"I don't want to trouble you," said the banker, "but it will be absolutely impossible for me to renew your note."
The silk merchant's face paled. After a moment of thought he looked up at the banker and said:
"Now you're in the silk business?"
"Why, of course not," said the banker.
"Well, you're in it now," said the silk merchant, as he picked up his hat and went out.

Disappointment.

Mr. McDougal (to the minister, his guest during the festive season)—Are you married?
Minister—Well, no—not strict.
Mr. McDougal—Ah, then, you'll be no wantin' lemons and ginger beer or such-like rubbish; but you'll just take what you eat—plain water—Punch.

Slightly Dazed.

Speaking of white mules, two rustic fellows were uncertainly averting their way home from the county seat.
"Bill," said Henry, "I wancha to be very careful. First thing y' know you'll have us in a ditch."
"Me?" said Bill in astonishment.
"Why, I thought you was drivin'."—Minneapolis Journal.

MAY BE THE BODY OF TORONTO MAN

Find Decomposed Remains in a Barn Near Brantford.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 7.—It is believed that the body of an unknown man, found in a barn on Oak Park Farm, is that of H. Stratton, who had been assigned to work at Bow Park Farm some months ago by the local employment bureau. It appeared that Stratton came from Toronto and was an Irishman. Stratton went out to the farm some months ago in the morning, and it is reported that he has not been seen or heard of since. At the time the authorities at Bow Park thought that he had applied to the Employment Bureau. Mr. Stratton journeyed up from Toronto to see if the employment officials of this city knew of his whereabouts, but as there was no information to be gleaned, he returned to Toronto. The body was stumbled upon by three men, employed upon the farm, Charlie Phillips, William Copeland and J. Jenkinson. They had gone down to the barn to look for some straw, when one of them found a shoe in the straw. Subsequent investigation brought them to such an extent that the bones were nearly bare in places. The suit was of the peppercorn suit variety, and the pockets contained among other things two Toronto baggage checks and a young girl's photograph. There were no signs of foul play.

A demonstration of a fire hydrant thumper was given yesterday afternoon in King square before the mayor, Commissioner Jones, Chief Blake and other citizens. Commissioner Jones said last night that it worked very satisfactorily.

The representatives of the American Lumber Company, which held the demonstration, left last night for Halifax.

RECORD SEASON FOR THE SMELT FISHERY

More Than a Million Dollars Worth Taken in Northern Coast Counties.

(Chatham World).
This year's smelt fishery has been the greatest ever! Northumberland gets the lion's share of the million dollars coming to New Brunswick coastal counties from this important industry.

The World is able to announce on undoubted authority, that the smelt fishery industry for 1921-22, in the northern and eastern coastal counties of New Brunswick, will be the most successful in the whole history of that important trade.

The season does not close 'till the 15th inst. and so far the counties of Northumberland, Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent and Westmorland have realized more than a million dollars from their smelt fishing—about six hundred thousand dollars of the vast sum coming to Northumberland County fishermen.

These statements are made on the authority of a prominent smelt shipper who among other things told The World:—
"The volume of shipments of smelt for this season has been the greatest in the history of the industry, and on the whole has been highly remunerative to the fishermen. The great bulk of our smelts has gone to the United States; but we have had fair trade with Quebec and Ontario, as well as finding quite a good market in the Maritime Provinces. Prices in the American market were fair—very good one might say—early in the season, but our very large shipments to that market caused a reduction in price. Our fishermen realized on an average about seven cents a pound, and I am glad to believe that many of them made good money as a result of their hard work."

The great success of the smelt industry has added very materially to the export trade of the Province, fully one million dollars having come to the northern counties from this item so far this season; and I think you would be safe in saying that about sixty per cent. of that amount has come to the fishermen of Northumberland County.

Besides the amount paid directly to the fishermen, quite a large sum is spent in hauling, collecting and packing the fish.

"The phenomenal success this year of this important industry has been a God-send to these northern counties, particularly Northumberland, as they have been all affected by the stagnation of the lumber business."

I. O. D. E. CHAPTERS ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings of a number of the primary chapters of the International Order of the Daughters of the Empire were held last night and each heard reports of a busy and successful year.

The Loyall's Chapters reviewed a year of great success. The treasurer reported the finances in a satisfactory manner and the secretary reported much work completed and great strides made along educational lines.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Regent, Mrs. Heber Vroom; first vice-regent, Mrs. J. R. Thompson; second vice-regent, Miss Muriel Sadler; recording secretary, Miss K. Sturdee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. L. Houlbert; treasurer, Miss M. White; Echoes secretary, Mrs. Gordon Sanctor; educational secretary, Mrs. Frank Foster; standard-bearer, Miss M. Ford; councillors, Mrs. J. L. McAvity, Miss C. Schofield, Mrs. Hugh Bruce, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. McAvity.

The annual meeting of Brunswick chapter progress was reported. The finances were reported in good shape and much educational work done. The membership of the chapter increased some what. Much relief work had been done during the winter.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Regent, Mrs. Herbert W. Wetmore; first vice-regent, Mrs. Harold Mayes; second vice-regent, Mrs. J. Boyle; recording secretary, Mrs. William Hart; treasurer, Miss Jennie Clark; educational secretary, Mrs. W. L. Penton; Echoes secretary, Mrs. L. Sime; standard-bearer, Mrs. Frank H. Thompson; councillors, Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. R. Dole.

The annual reports of Valcartier chapter showed a successful year. The finances of the year were directed toward child welfare work. Much local relief was also done.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Regent, Mrs. F. R. Taylor; first vice-regent, Mrs. K. Campbell; second vice-regent, Mrs. Barbara Jack; recording secretary, Mrs. Audrey McLeod; educational secretary, Mrs. Doug. Lare; standard-bearer, Mrs. P. L. Bonnell; councillors, Miss Isabelle-Jack, Mrs. Koffelt, Mrs. Cammell Mackay, Mrs. George Miller and Miss Gertrude Fleming.

The annual report, presented at the meeting of Royal Arms chapter last night showed much relief work done and also work done among the schools and hospitals.

The officers elected were as follows: Regent, Mrs. W. H. Taylor; first vice-regent, Mrs. R. W. Wigmore; second vice-regent, Mrs. Norman N. Gregory; secretary, Mrs. Fred Z. Fowler; treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Stephenson; educational secretary, Mrs. E. F. Stephenson; Echoes secretary, Mrs. James Patterson; standard-bearer, Mrs. William Taylor; auditors, Mrs. L. M. Curran and Mrs. H. N. Nyer; councillors, Mrs. W. B. McVey, Mrs. John McConnell, Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Mrs. Harold Grouse; treasurer of the Lest-We-Forget fund, Miss Muriel Carter.

FINE SUCCESS OF DALHOUSIE REVIEW

(Halifax Chronicle).
Just a year ago it was decided that Halifax should undertake to publish a literary magazine which would take its place worthily beside any of the old Quarterlies. Members of the faculties of Dalhousie University and other gentlemen of well known literary ability volunteered to edit the magazine. The duties and some sixty or seventy business and professional men were willing to subscribe for one or more shares in the Review Publishing Company Limited, to give the enterprise backing and furnish the business management.

In the Board of Trade rooms yesterday a number of these gentlemen met to receive the first annual report of the directors, which showed gratifying results. Four issues of "The Dalhousie Review" were made in the year, three of 1,500 copies and one of 2,000 copies. The receipts from subscriptions and advertising

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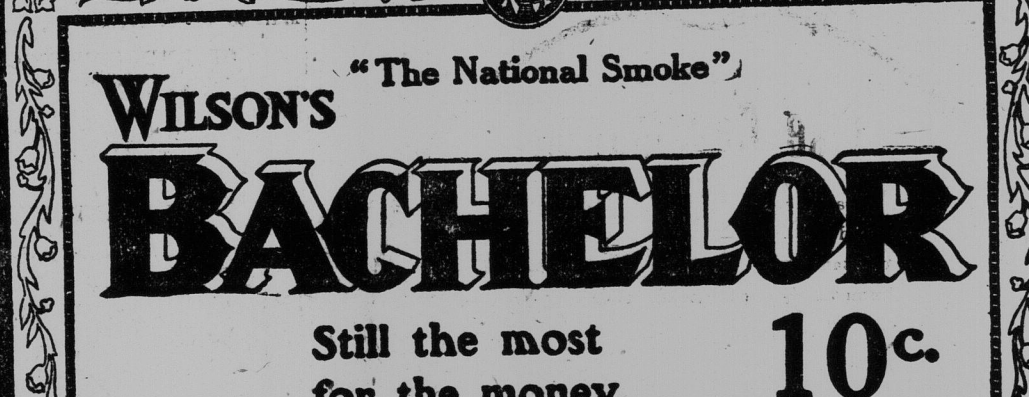
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