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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3.

THE THUNDER AND THE TREATY.

The London Times very maladroily reads Canada a lecture because of the protest, voiced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden, against the system which delays the publication of the terms of the Canadian-American treaty until the document has travelled across the Atlantic and back. The Times professes to see in the protest "a deep-seated historic sense of grievance against the imperial tie," and with amazing impolicy reminds this country that it lacks armed strength to give the diplomacy force and argument, thus taunting us because we pay no money to the British army or navy. The Canadian contention, it says, is based upon an "absolute misrepresentation of the facts," and "a misconception of the case," the very terms which may be applied to the comment of the Times itself.

The complaint registered by the party leaders and nearly all the newspapers of Canada was not inspired by any feeling of ill-will toward the mother country, much less by any "deep-seated historic sense of grievance against the imperial tie." It was merely a plea for a more sensible method of transacting international business, and one more consistent with Canada's dignity and importance. As soon as the treaty was signed at Washington by the British ambassador and the American Secretary of State, the latter laid it before the American Senate, where it has been under discussion for two weeks, while the Canadian Parliament is meanwhile refused a glimpse of it, because of red tape and sealing-wax. It has gone to England for the King's signature, and will be returned at the convenience of Downing Street. This may be etiquette, but it is not business. As the Imperial Parliament would not dream of sanctioning or enforcing the treaty against the will of the Canadian people, the King's signature anterior to the submission of the document to the Canadian Parliament is a mere formality, a constitutional fiction, which may be waived without any impairment of the royal prerogative.

The present situation is absurd, but not more so than the language of the Times, suggesting that a great constitutional principle is at stake, and that "the imperial tie" is involved. It cannot be imagined that the attitude of the Times corresponds with the British Government's point of view in this matter. The anomaly will surely be removed if the Parliament of Canada formally makes the request.

THE RAMMING OF THE REPUBLIC

There is to be thorough investigation into the sinking of the steamship Republic, with the view of fixing responsibility for the disaster. In this inquiry both English and United States courts will have a hand. The Republic was an English vessel, with Liverpool as its home port, and the Liverpool Board of Trade may be expected to sift the matter thoroughly. In addition, there will be an inquiry by the United States District Court in New York, the English company having filed a libel in New York against the Florida, claiming a million and a half dollars damage for the loss of the Republic, and an additional half-million for the passengers' effects. In this action it is charged that the Florida did not exercise due vigilance, that it did not observe the Republic's warnings, that it was out of its course, and going rapidly, and that when it was nearing the Republic, bow on, the wheel was shifted the wrong way. In short, it is charged that the commander of the Florida lost his head at close quarters, while the latter blames the Republic's captain for the calamity.

While the New York court will confine itself to deciding the question of responsibility, the Liverpool court, having wider scope, will doubtless take up the whole problem of safety at sea, and if possible discover some means of preventing a repetition of such a disaster. It is clear that if the Florida had been possessed of modern apparatus the ramming might have been avoided. The Republic was equipped with wireless telegraphy, and a submarine telephone, which carries the sound of a bell under water. Had the Florida been so equipped it would have heard and been able to answer the Republic's signals, and both would have been made aware of their proximity in the fog. If the investigation results in an international agreement

to compel all passenger-carrying vessels to be equipped with the wireless instruments, much good will come out of the catastrophe.

CANADA IN AMERICAN EYES.

One of the best-informed United States journals on Canada and Canadian affairs is the Boston Transcript, which has the good fortune to be represented in this country by a very able man and writer, E. W. Thomson. In a recent issue the Transcript gave its readers a pretty clear idea of the vast extent of this country by pointing out that "Canada is larger than the United States by 178,000 square miles, is extensive as 30 United Kingdoms, 18 Germany, and almost as large as the whole of Europe."

Canada's wonderful progress during recent years is described by the Transcript as follows:

"Twenty years ago the annual revenues of the Dominion were \$36,000,000, and her expenditures something beyond that. Last month her revenue was over \$7,000,000, the largest record in the history of the country. During that double decade Manitoba has grown from a sparsely-settled wilderness into a thriving agricultural region, while the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan have in an industrial and economic sense been practically discovered during that period, and last year in those three provinces there were under crop 9,500,000 acres that produced 235,000,000 bushels of grain. But while these results have accrued from less than 10,000,000 acres, there are at least 150,000,000 acres in that section suitable for this kind of agriculture. In these figures the land tributary to the new National Transcontinental Railway, which is every year opening up fresh reaches of new country, is not included. That is expected to more than meet the cost of the railway to the people."

Dealing with the peopling of the Northwest and the development of the new provinces, which are estimated to have more than doubled the assets of the Dominion, the Transcript considers it wonderful that in the face of all that has been accomplished our public debt is less than \$300,000,000, and proceeds:

"A greatly increased revenue is received, the developing process is in full swing, and covers greatly increased returns from her fisheries as well as from agriculture. But twenty years ago the debt was \$234,000,000, with a large deficit facing the Government. If these most recent comparisons are dependable they demonstrate that Canada has made a great advance in economic conditions, with a very hopeful prospect before her."

That American capital and American muscle will aid in the further development of Canada's resources there is reason to believe. Many millions of money from the United States have been invested in Canada, and each year sees thousands of the best class of Americans cross the border to make their homes in the Dominion.

The election of a Conservative by acclamation in Carleton is as great a surprise as though Quebec East defeated Laurier.

Mr. Fielding was received by King Edward yesterday in private audience. Honors were even. Mr. Fielding met a clever Englishman and the King met a great Canadian.

The Canadian Courier says the Canadian who spells honor, favor, etc., without the "u" is an outlaw and an unpatriotic citizen, because the Privy Council uses the much-debated letter. If the Courier is not joking it is making a joke of itself.

It is reported that France will raise the duties on American imports by 20 per cent. This would mean a 20 per cent increase in Canada's benefits from the French treaty. Our big neighbor will learn some day that in international trade there must be give as well as take.

Members of the Ottawa civil service have agreed to testify against moneylenders if spared publicity. It is not recorded that civil servants elsewhere are the prey of the loan sharks more than any other class. Too many public servants in the capital are tempted to live beyond their means by social competition.

The Legislature of Oregon has passed a bill forbidding the marriage of anyone who has not a certificate of good health. Such legislation may be carried to a cruel extreme, as many a couple have "lived happily ever afterwards," who were not good insurance risks at the time of their marriage. At the same time there are certain transmissible diseases which should be a bar to matrimony in the interest of society and posterity.

LUCKY CALGARY.

[Calgary News.] One hardly realizes at first thought how much the "boosting" policy of the C. P. R. of its irrigated lands means for this city. Just think of 1,000 agents in Great Britain talking about the Calgary district every day of the year, and hundreds more scouring the Northwestern States with the same mission in view. Sir Wilfrid Laurier once said the C. P. R. would make Calgary the Granada of Canada, and doubtless his prediction will come true, probably in his own lifetime.

WORSE THAN DAWSON.

[Sarnia Observer.] Rev. John Pringle, who made himself prominent in the politics of the county calling attention to what he alleged was the shocking condition of Dawson City, through drunkenness and immorality, in the course of a sermon preached by him on Sunday in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, said: "I have seen more drunken men on Yonge street in the past three days than on the streets of Dawson in three months." And so the much-

maligned Dawson has a soberer and better conducted population than that "the good" Mr. Pringle's scandal thrills do not appear by this to have been very well founded.

ARE STAYERS.

[Toronto Telegram.] English sailors "stay with the job" until the water is up to their eyeballs, because they are built that way, not because the rewards of their heroism ever get into the pay envelopes.

FOOLHARDY.

[Chicago News.] "Darling," said the lovelorn youth, "can't you suggest some good deed of daring that will enable me to prove my love for you?" "Well," she replied, "you might speak to papa."

MADE A HIT WITH PA.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "I noticed, papa, that you seemed to like Mr. Frisbie very much, when he called last night." "Yes, he's the first beau you've had for a long time who didn't have yellow stains on his fingers."

PROVERBIAL.

[Indianapolis News.] The colder the morning, the greater the distance and the harder it is to travel between the inside of the bed and the outside.

A HINT TO BORROWERS.

[Ottawa Citizen.] Any man at present paying more than 12 per cent on chattel mortgage Toronto wise, within the restrictions of the money-lenders' act, is justified in refusing to pay another cent, to the shark in whose power he may be until the matter has been adjusted and so regulated as to bring the interest to a legal rate.

WHAT IT MEANS.

[Buffalo Times.] "C. Q. D.," which has been made famous by Blinn, when interpreted, simply means "Come Quick, Danger."

HER LAST NEW DRESS.

[Houston Post.] "You were married in 1903, weren't you, dear?" "Yes, but how did you know?" "The dress you have on was 1903 style."

A DIFFERENCE.

[Exchange.] Maude—I'm a little uneasy in my mind. Ned asked me to marry him, and I told him I might some day. Now, would you call that a promise? Marie—No; I should call it a threat.

"WE STRIVE TO PLEASE."

[The Tatler.] Prospective Buyer—What I want is a nice, quiet, good-looking animal for myself and my dog. I don't want a dog, and which would mind being hitched on the lawn mower occasionally. Dealer—Yes, sir, and would you be wanting it to wait at table as well?

HIS MOTIVE.

[Washington Star.] "I compel my daughter to practice four hours a day," said Mr. Jones. "But you will make her hate music so that she will never want to go near a piano." "That's what I am hoping."

CHILDHOOD'S UNFAILING JOY.

[Loud College Chronicle.] As long as there are children in the world the golden and objectless occupation, namely, believe, will go on. The pursuit of delight itself, untrammelled by rules or purpose.

THE BLOOMING KING.

[M. A. P.] Notwithstanding the frequency of King Edward's appearance and the innumerable photographs of him seen everywhere, there are still some of his subjects who do not know him when they meet him face to face. Due to the King's recent visit to Brighton he took the long solitary walks which he enjoys so much every morning. It was on one of these occasions that a boy came up to him, saying, "Mister, can you tell me the time?" "Yes," said the King, taking out his watch. "The boy then remarked impatiently: 'Well, I've been waiting two hours to see the blooming King walk by, and I am not going to wait any longer.'"

"Neither shall I," said the King, genially, and the incident pleased him so much that he told it with greatest enjoyment.

AN OBSERVANT PUPIL.

[Exchange.] A new curate paid his first visit to the infant school. "Now, my dear little children," he said, "I don't suppose any of you have seen me before, have you?" "The majority of the children answered, 'No, sir,' but one knowing little fellow held up his hand till he gained the eye of his teacher. Asked what he wanted, the boy replied, 'Please, teacher, I seed him with his gal last night.'"

ROYALTY LEADS SIMPLE LIFE.

[Town and Country.] Court life in Norway is usually simple, almost to the point of being democratic. In summer one frequently meets the King and Queen, who then occupy their small but charming country house outside the city, driving along the country roads, while in winter it is by no means uncommon to meet them coasting down the hills upon skis, or else skiing of the country, or upon ski, joining in with the populace in the national winter sports.

BAD FOR THE BISHOP.

[Pall Mall Gazette.] Dr. King, the Bishop of Lincoln, who has just entered on his 80th year, tells the tale that one day he was sitting in a chair by the seashore, and on attempting to rise found that his legs were not so young as they were. While he was still struggling to gain the erect position a fisherman's little daughter came along and lent her aid.

"Thank you, little girl," said the bishop, when safely on his feet.

"Oh, it's nothing," said the girl, in reply. "I've helped father to get up many a time when he hasn't been near so sober as you."

FRANK FORRISTAL SUCCEEDS O. LABELLE

As Separate Schools Representative on the Library Board.

At a meeting of the separate school board, held in St. Peter's school, Trustee Frank Forristal was elected to take the place on the public library board made vacant by the resignation of Mr. O. Labelle, who was separate schools representative for some years.

Cooking Demonstration.

Women who desire to get closer to kitchen science will find it profitable to attend the cooking demonstrations now running at Duffield block, room 7, 3 to 4 p.m., each day. Mr. Smith, the demonstrator, is a thoroughly conversant with the culinary arts, and his hints on the preparation of special dishes will repay those who listen to the talk. Luncheon is served free each day and seats are provided for all.

THE TEACHERS MUST CONTRIBUTE

Toward the Cost of Banquet To Be Given Them By Board.

AMUSING DEBATE AT MEETING TUESDAY

Trustee Teasdale Was in Fine Fettle and There Was Some Fun at the Session.

The board of education spent an hour yesterday afternoon in debating what sort of an entertainment would be given the teachers and officials of the board on the evening of Feb. 22.

At a recent meeting Trustee Graham suggested that a social evening be tendered the teachers of the city, and the matter was referred to No. 1 committee.

That body dealt with the matter, and decided that it was not fair that the board should pay the expenses of the entertainment out of the money for school purposes, and a compromise was effected. By this arrangement the Male Teachers' Association should assist, each member contributing \$1 and the board of education should personally bear the cost of the expense.

Trustee Objects.

When this arrangement was brought before the board yesterday afternoon, Trustee Graham objected, saying that the board themselves should do the entertaining, not the Male Teachers' Association.

"It is a paltry thing, and I do not think the teachers should be called upon to contribute," said Trustee Graham.

"The male teachers contribute the money, and their wives bake the cakes, and then invite themselves to eat it," said Trustee Teasdale.

Trustee Wyckoff also grew sarcastic over the arrangement.

Trustee Weekes chided Dr. Teasdale with not attending the meetings of the committee, nor of the Male Teachers' Association. Had he been there, he would not have made the remarks that he had.

Trustee Graham thought the whole matter should be dropped, as some of the teachers were belittling the affair on the streets.

The Small Men.

"The small men in this affair are those trustees or teachers who belittle the entertainment," said Trustee Hamilton. "It is not in accordance with the male teachers, and they all seemed heartily in sympathy with the idea. It seemed strange that they should go out and tell such things now. It appeared like a thoroughly satisfactory agreement."

Trustee Weekes said that it was not within the province of the board to spend public money for a social reunion. Under the present arrangement the city paid nothing, and that was as it should be.

Dr. Wyckoff made the charge that the teachers had been coerced, but this was most emphatically denied by Dr. Weekes and the other members of No. 1 committee.

"It seems unfortunate that some of these male teachers had not the courage to state at the meeting what they so glibly say on the streets," said Trustee Hamilton.

The motion was put, and it was decided to have the entertainment as outlined by Trustee Weekes.

Lorne Avenue School.

It was decided to have an official opening of Lorne avenue school on Feb. 22, at which Inspector Jas. L. Huchey will be present.

Dr. Teasdale was in facetious mood, and asked who would pay the expenses.

"The board, of course," answered Chairman Westervelt. "Why not?" "According to the policy you have just laid down, is it?" asked Trustee Teasdale.

"I think so," reported the chairman. "It is not a social evening, is it?"

Joke on Trustee Graham.

There was a joke on Trustee Graham. He came forward with a circular, announcing that an entertainment would be given in the city hall, at which the public school children would take part. He wanted to know by whose authority the entertainment had been endorsed.

Chairman Westervelt stated that he knew nothing of it.

"As soon as I heard of it, I made inquiries," said Inspector Edwards. "I was told that the concert had been sanctioned by the chairman of last year."

The laugh was on Trustee Graham, but he retorted that he had not given any such information, and that he knew nothing whatever of it until he had seen the circular.

Chairman Westervelt announced that the concert was not under the authority of the board, nor had they anything to do with it. The teachers had nothing to do with it at all. The board will take no notice whatever of it.

Inspector's Report.

Inspector Edwards reported that the attendance in the public schools for January, 1909, shows an enrollment of 5,734, an increase of 10 over the corresponding month last year. The average attendance is 358 greater than for January, 1908.

He recommended that Miss Flora Carson be appointed on the kindergarten staff, that an afternoon kindergarten be opened in Chesley avenue, that work-pads be supplied to the pupils in grades I and II, and that large lead pencils be supplied for grade I pupils. The report was adopted.

The Collegiate Institute.

Principal McCutcheon reported that the attendance for January was as follows: Upper School, on roll 59, average 56; Middle School, on roll 149, average 144; Lower School, on roll 508, average 477; Commercial School, on roll 131, average 121.

Total on roll 847, average 788.4. Trustee Officer Weir reported that

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he had visited all the schools twice, and had sent out five notices, and summoned one to the police court.

The Coal Supply.

Trustee Strong is determined that the coal supply of the city will be properly checked this year, and will ask that when the duties of the trustee officer are defined, he will be asked to inspect all coal received at the schools, and examine vouchers and checks.

Trustees Strong, Weekes, Westervelt, Graham, Wyckoff, Teasdale and Gunn were appointed a committee to revise the bylaws of the board.

Pianos for Schools.

There was a debate also on the question of pianos for the schools. An application was received from Principal McRoberts, of the Aberdeen school, asking for the privilege of taking up a collection for a piano.

Trustee Wyckoff objected to collections being levied on the pupils of the schools.

Trustee Teasdale also thought this whole matter should be looked into. He did not think that when he supported a grant to St. George's school that all the schools would be affected the same way.

"If a piano is necessary for the education of the pupils, this board and the city are rich enough to buy them," said Dr. Teasdale. "It is time this matter were looked into. We have two or three applications in now, and we should have the whole matter investigated and a report made on it."

No. 2 committee will take the whole question up, and report on the advisability of making grants to

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The Empress Avenue Mothers' Club asked for the use of Empress avenue school for Feb. 13, and it was granted.

Some of the lady teachers wanted the use of a room in the Simcoe

schools for the purchase of pianos.

Other Matters.

Miss S. B. Brown resigned from the staff, and her resignation was accepted. Mr. G. R. Theobald applied for a position on the entrance board of examiners, and his application was sent to No. 1 committee.

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street school for physical culture classes, and their request was granted.

These present were Chairman Westervelt, Trustees Strong, Gammage, Hamilton, Teasdale, Wyckoff, Graham, Gunn, Weekes, Inspector Edwards, Principal McCutcheon, Trustee Officer Weir, and Secretary McElhannon.

For over fifty-one years an Innate of the Royal Hospital for incurables, Putney Heath, Miss Sarah Jones, has just celebrated her 75th birthday.

THE NORTHERN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting of the Company, Held February 1, 1909.

The Directors beg leave to submit their report of the business of the Company for the year 1908, together with the duly audited balance sheet. Each year since the incorporation of the Company the business has shown the anticipated progress, and during the year 1908 a similar result is apparent.

The following important facts are noted:

The amount of Insurance written in any year..... \$1,478,265 00
Being the largest amount written in any year.....
Insurance in force is..... 6,086,871 00
Being an increase of..... 532,172 00

The Paid-Up Capital is..... \$302,865 56
Being an increase of..... 21,116 59

The Net Insurance Reserve is..... 928,673 83
Being an increase of..... 111,429 26

The Total Assets amount to..... \$1,018,288 99
Being an increase of..... \$128,831 02

After paying All Expenses, Death Claims and adding to the Reserve the sum of \$111,429 26, there remained a surplus of \$36,236 48, out of which two half-yearly dividends were paid at the rate of six per cent per annum, still leaving a surplus over capital of \$15,744 66.

The Company has a loyal and efficient staff in the field, to whose efforts much of the success attained is due, and the success of the past is the best assurance for the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MILNE, Managing Director.
T. H. PURDOM, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME. EXPENDITURE.
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1908..... \$66,760 70
Received on capital stock..... 21,116 59
Premium income..... \$189,080 89
Interest income..... 45,193 96
Stock premium income..... 3,299 82
Total business income..... \$237,574 67

Death claims, endowments, and surrenders values..... \$38,742 56
Taxes, professional and municipal..... 2,666 58
Commissions, salaries, and advertising..... 64,865 34
Medical fees, rents, printing, etc..... 11,565 31
Total..... \$117,839 79

Increased investments and expenses thereon..... 157,304 03
Dividends to policyholders and shareholders..... 20,687 97
Cash in banks and office..... 29,620 17
Total..... \$325,451 96

ASSETS. LIABILITIES.
Loans on mortgages, debentures, etc..... \$894,675 37
Premiums under collection and deferred..... 72,381 91
Interest due and accrued..... 13,919 22
Other assets..... 17,792 32
Cash in banks and office..... 29,620 17
Total..... \$1,018,288 99