

LIBERAL CLUB BANQUET.

SIR WM. MULOCKS'S SPEECH ON TRANSPORTATION.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Geo. D. Grant and Andrew Pattullo Deliver Addresses at the Toronto Gathering.

Toronto, March 24.—The Liberal Club and the Laurier Club last night banqueted Sir William Mulock and Hon. Raymond Prefontaine.

Mr. F. S. Mearns, President of the Laurier Club, and Mr. Jas. McLaughlin, President of the Young Men's Liberal Club, presided. At the guests' table were the Hon. Sir William Mulock, M.P., the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, M.P., Hon. Senator Jones, Hon. Senator J. K. Kerr, K.C.; George D. Grant, M.P., the victor of North Ontario; Andrew Pattullo, M.P., Mayor of Uxbridge; H. M. Mowat, K.C., George Anderson, J. D. Allan.

Sir Wm. Mulock was most enthusiastically received, and after a few words of thanks for this reception, said:—

The mist that for ages hung over western Canada has suddenly lifted and revealed to the world an expanse of territory and an extent of natural wealth that are awakening the cupidity of the less fortunate citizens of other lands, and making Canada to-day, without an exception, the most attractive and progressive country upon earth. (Applause.) One-third of a century has elapsed since we acquired the Hudson Bay country, at that time a hunting preserve. Since then various Governments and Ministers have endeavored to attract people to that land, but so unsuccessful have been their efforts that when we took office in 1896 the population of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories scarcely exceeded one-quarter of a million of people. When forming his Government, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, realizing the supreme importance to peopling the northwest, to that end placed the portfolio of the Interior in the hands of Mr. Sifton, a gentleman of the greatest administrative capacity, and who by his energy and magnificent power of organization has promoted a larger immigration to Canada within the last five years than had taken place during the whole preceding thirty years. (Cheers.)

One is now confronted with the question, What avenues will be taken by the commerce of the million and a half of people that within the coming period of less than five years are to occupy our western country? If the existing railway systems have been unable to handle the traffic of less than three-quarters of a million of people, what is to become of the traffic of many times, or even double, that number? We must not shut our eyes to the fact that for many a year to come at best there will be a most sparse population between old Canada and the eastern limits of Manitoba. Until that hiatus is filled up the population of the country will increase in two distinct groups, one easterly and one westerly of this thousand mile intervening space. Are they to remain isolated commercially from each other, or shall we endeavor to bridge over this thousand mile separation, and thereby knit them together in the closest bonds of commercial and political union?

Contemplate the conditions to-day. Thousands are now flocking into the northwest. Some are from older Canada, others from Great Britain, but a vast number are citizens of foreign lands. United States railways are penetrating into the Northwest Territories or the purpose of establishing trade relations between the western States and western Canada. Are we to be indifferent to the political consequences likely to flow from the development of a community of interest between western Canada and the western States, or should we rather seek to promote a community of interest and sentiment between western and eastern Canada? If the latter is to be our object, how may we best attain it?

There are those who, forgetting that the progressive Canada of to-day is not the old unprogressive Canada of half a dozen years ago, think her affairs can be managed now as then. There are others who, for party purposes, would paralyze our action by endeavoring to deter us from having the courage to meet the altered conditions of to-day. Neither of these classes, I think, represents true Canada. There is a third, a more broad-minded, progressive, enterprising and patriotic section of the people, an "Onward, Canada" party in effect, who, recognizing the unparalleled progress our country is making to-day, demand that instead of checking the movement by inaction, we should take occasion by the hand and wisely and masterfully grapple with, and if possible successfully subvert, the elements growing out of Canada's great and unprecedented development. One of the most serious of these problems is the railway question, to which I have alluded. The wise solution of this problem, as for example, by direct railway connection between Manitoba and the City of Quebec, means much for Canada. Affording to Manitoba and the western country an eastern all-Canadian outlet, it would encourage railway extension in the west. It would exercise a controlling influence on the commercial relation between eastern and western Canada. It would aid in building up our St. Lawrence and Atlantic ports and our mercantile marine. It would assist us in the work of assimilating the foreign element now settling in the west, by promoting interchange of trade between them and eastern Canada, and in developing inter-Imperial trade, would strengthen not only Canadian but also Imperial sentiment.

Earthquakes on the Continent.

London, March 23.—Earthquake shocks were reported from the continent yesterday and to-day. At Cuneo, northern Italy, there was a slight shock this morning, while various points between Landau and Woerth, points Bavaria yesterday experienced shocks, which frightened the inhabitants but caused no damage.

A Berlin report says the C. P. R. has ordered twenty locomotives from a firm at Chemnitz, Germany.

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Operator Was Inexperienced.

Toronto, March 24.—The inquest in regard to the head-on collision on the Canadian Pacific at Islington last Tuesday morning, when brakeman David Taylor and fireman Charles Winger were killed, was concluded last night by Coroner M. M. Crawford. Ernest Pennell, telegraph operator at Cooksville, repeated his story told to C. P. R. officials immediately after the wreck. The jury found that the accident happened as a result of the inexperience of Pennell. J. W. Curry, K. C., appeared for the Crown, Angus MacMurchy for the C.P.R. and T. C. Robinette, K. C., for Pennell.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Mr. John Wardlaw died at Galt. The report of a marriage between Mrs. Quirk and Jas. Toole is denied. Mr. Andrew A. Logan was elected Mayor of Morrisburg by two majorities over Mr. George L. Brown. The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador has been captured by a British warship for alleged piratical acts. Twenty new patrolmen are to be added to the Winnipeg police force, owing to the city's rapid development. Messrs. Geo. P. Graham and Thos. Crawford spoke in the Legislature. Mr. I. S. Duff moved the adjournment. The Hamilton Presbytery has decided that Rev. John Young shall continue as pastor of St. John's Church, Hamilton. A Government caucus has been called at Ottawa for Wednesday, when the general outlines of the redistribution bill will be submitted. The United States Secretary of War says the charges against Gen. Wood are without justification, and that no answer to them is required.

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Interesting Items.

Farmers in Sanpete County, Utah, are having "pin-shows," only they use grasshoppers instead of pins as tickets of admission. The crops last year were ruined by the grasshoppers. This year the farmers determined to destroy the pests, so they arranged for a series of entertainments to which only those might be admitted who brought half a bushel of grasshoppers with them. Seventy-five bushels were the receipts of the first entertainment. The grasshoppers were burned at the close of the evening's amusement.

The Eastern manager of the Pennsylvania Railway has issued an order forbidding passengers to exchange kisses with their friends in the Jersey City station. They must give such greetings and farewells where they will not obstruct traffic. The Western manager says this order will not be enforced on his side of the Allegheny Mountains. And there you have it—the broad, expansive, unobstructed freedom of the West pitted against the exclusiveness of the East!

In London a curious experiment was recently tried by a South American named Papuss. Having wrapped around his body three hundred and fifty yards of flannel he lay down in a sort of glass coffin, which was then hermetically closed and placed at the bottom of a large tank filled with water. By means of an electric ventilator and of a tube, one end of which passed into the coffin, a constant supply of fresh air was assured, and this air was the only nourishment which Papuss received during the eight days that the experiment lasted. An eight days' fast is not an extraordinary occurrence, but what is particularly interesting about the present case is that the faster did not consume any water.

The "Lancet" has unearthed the curious fact that nearly all the important events in the life of His Majesty King Edward VII. have happened on a Tuesday. He was born, baptized, and married on a Tuesday; on a Tuesday he was appointed a member of the Privy Council; on a Tuesday it was definitely ascertained that he had contracted typhoid fever, and it was on a Tuesday he attended the public thanksgiving service for his recovery. On a Tuesday he succeeded to the throne; on a Tuesday the Royal Standard was first hoisted at Marlborough House, and on a Tuesday His Majesty underwent an operation for perityphlitis. Students of "the occult" may be able to deduce something from this dominance of the day dedicated to the god of war in the life of the King, but without any such deduction the series of coincidences is a very remarkable one.

Not only the horses but the chroniclers of the law, says the London "Chronicle," are swift at Ascot, for the course has a special tribunal for the punishment of evildoers. No sooner is the pickpocket, welsheer, or ticket-snatcher arrested than he is standing before Sir Albert de Rutzen in a little room in the royal stand, where the evidence is heard and the verdict and sentence pronounced before the offender fully realizes that he is caught. Nowhere else does punishment so swiftly follow crime as at this court, which is decreed by clause 31 of the Indictable Offences Act of 1848. This race-course tribunal arose curiously in the eighteenth century from an assault upon a royal personage. In his indignation at the impossibility of instant punishment of the assailant, he ordered that in future a magistrate should always attend the royal race meeting. This has ever since been done, and by the above-mentioned act the chief magistrate of Bow street was constituted ex officio a justice of the peace of the County of Berks, in order to enable him to hold this court at Ascot.



Mama Dug—Look! children, Mt. Pelee is in eruption again!

A Letter From Burns.

A traveler in Ottawa who recently visited an old Scotch settler obtained the privilege of examining the contents of a musty leather trunk full of papers and letters. In a bundle of receipts from tradesmen, preserved with Scottish thrift among the family papers, he found an unpublished letter from Robert Burns. The New York "Sun" gives it as follows, and justly remarks that it shows the great poet at his best, a sympathetic, kindly man at heart.

Dear Sir: I send you by John Glover, carrier, the above amount for Mr. Turnbull, as I suppose you have his address. I would fain offer, my dear sir, a word of sympathy with your misfortunes, but it is a tender thing, and I know not how to touch it. It is easy to flourish a set of high-flown sentiments that would give great satisfaction to a breast quite at ease, but as one observes who was seldom mistaken in the theory of life, "The heart knoweth its own sorrows, and a stranger intermeddles not therewith." Among some distressful emergencies that I have experienced, I ever laid this down as my foundation of comfort, "that he who has lived the life of an honest man has by no means lived in vain."

With every wish for your welfare and future success, I am, my dear sir, sincerely yours, ROBERT BURNS. Ellersland, May 26, 1789. To Mr. James Hamilton, Grocer, Tron-gate, Glasgow.

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