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THEY MUST ANSWER

Mr. Hazen and Mr. Rogers are now with us, and the first question they should answer is that concerning the Guelph agreement and the mail steamships.

It is rumored about town that they will announce the sailing of the Royal steamships to this port, but two Royal steamships are not equal to two Empresses and the Canadian and Alsatian, which were scheduled to make St. John their port until "the grace of the I. C. R." made it profitable for the Canadian Pacific to transfer the business to Halifax.

The citizens of St. John have a right to ask why the Guelph agreement was not submitted to the railway commission or to other expert examination before it was permitted to go into effect. As a matter of fact, however, it should never have been necessary to submit such an agreement to any expert examination. A deal which induces a railway company to carry freight past its natural port, over the rails of another road, is clearly discriminatory, and certainly no government railway should thus be used to serve the designs, whatever they may be, of a great corporation like the Canadian Pacific.

This is not a petty rivalry between the cities of St. John and Halifax. It is claimed for St. John that passengers and mails through this port from Liverpool can be delivered in Western Canada faster than those by way of Halifax. If that is so, the whole of Canada was injured when the mail steamships were switched to the slower route, and the interests of the Intercolonial Railway sacrificed to make that possible.

The citizens do not lose sight of the fact that if the I. C. R. is permitted to give ruinous rates to the C. P. R., including that company to haul freight past its natural port, at least as favorable terms must be offered to the Grand Trunk Pacific between Montreal and Halifax. This fact was very clearly pointed out by Hon. William Pugsley at the recent meeting of the board of trade, and the great danger that confronts St. John is not only that it will lose C. P. R. traffic, but that it will lose Grand Trunk Pacific traffic, through an inequitable deal made by the government with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Whatever other subjects Mr. Hazen and Mr. Rogers may discuss while they are in St. John, the first should be this one of the mail steamships. The citizens also desire to know whether Mr. Hazen intends to resign if the Guelph agreement goes into effect. Mr. Rogers said at the first mass meeting that unless the matter of the Empress steamships was settled right, there would be a split in the Conservative party. Is Mr. Hazen to be the leader of the bolting Conservatives, or must they look to another?

The danger of course is that the ministers may get an erroneous idea of the feelings of the citizens. Several Conservative leaders, who will probably be closer to the ministers than any other persons during their stay in St. John, are openly saying that St. John cannot expect to get everything that Halifax must be recognized, and that mail steamships are of no particular value, and making other statements which could only be made by men who have for the time forgotten their duty to St. John in their eagerness to serve the interests of a political party. The more independent leaders of the Conservative party, who have no axe to grind and are not looking for special favors, should in the interests of St. John make it perfectly clear to the minister of public works and Mr. Hazen that the ministers do not express the feelings of the people at large.

Perhaps the ministers will say something on this subject at the conference with the board of trade this afternoon. If not, perhaps they will speak tonight. The government has been silent far too long, and the people's growing impatience is fully justified.

C. P. R. INFLUENCE

It is asserted with great confidence today that the ministers will announce at tonight's banquet that the Royal steamships will come to St. John this winter. If that should be done, how can it be explained? We are told that the other mail steamships are going to Halifax because they could not be accommodated here. How, then, can the steamships of the Royal Line be accommodated? Mr. D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian Northern, has repeatedly denied within the last few weeks that their line had any intention of coming to St. John. He said their port would be Halifax this winter as it had always been. Mr. Hanna made this statement in reply to a telegram from The Evening Times. He made it to the representative of the Canadian Press, and he made it more than once in reply to inquiries from Halifax. If, therefore, the Royal steamships should come to St. John, it will simply mean that the deal which the I. C. R. has given to the C. P. R. is so favorable to the latter that it in turn can pass on to the Canadian Northern a large enough share to induce that company to bring its steamers to St. John.

Instead of taking them, as in other years, to Halifax.

The great danger that confronts the people, not only of St. John, but of the maritime provinces and of the Dominion of Canada, at this moment is the growing influence of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the territory served by the government railway. The Canadian Pacific has long been eager to get control of the I. C. R. between St. John and Halifax. The Liberal government refused to accept its proposals seriously. With a Conservative government in power, the great corporation which lent valuable assistance to the Tory-Nationalist alliance appears to be in a fair way to get that which was denied by the Liberals, and which, in the interests of the people of Canada, especially the people of the maritime provinces, should never be granted by any government to any corporation.

"Government by Guelph, or Halifax, or both, is a great deal of nothing," said the Standard will publish, possibly giving the first installment tomorrow or next day.

An increase in the salaries of school teachers, as recommended by a committee of the board of school trustees, will find very few hostile critics among the people of St. John. Teachers' salaries in this city are lower than in other cities, and very much lower than in the cities and towns of the west.

The Liberals won a great victory in the by-election in the Kitchener Division of West Yorkshire yesterday, in a three-cornered fight. The United Press, which said that a Liberal defeat in the three-cornered fight in Reading should make the government abandon Home Rule, will now have some difficulty in explaining the result in Yorkshire.

Mr. Turgeson, M. P., writes from Bathurst to Hon. William Pugsley that the situation in St. John is being followed with great interest in other parts of the province. The people do not approve of the use of the people's railway by the government for the benefit of a private corporation, as is done under the Guelph agreement.

St. John led all other cities in Canada in October and in the ten months ending October 31 in the percentage of increase in the value of building permits issued, in comparison with the corresponding periods last year. The Financial Post of Canada regards it as a notable fact that the eastern part of Canada is holding its own much better in this respect than is the west. And St. John leads the east.

The young Liberals of St. John have elected officers for the coming year, and it is stated that an interesting program for the winter is under consideration. As the Times observed the other day, Liberals everywhere should organize and carry on an educational campaign during the winter months. The young Liberals of St. John should hold a series of meetings for the discussion of public questions. They would find a more sympathetic feeling among the citizens now than at any other time in the history of the organization.

The Canadian Club was fortunate in extending an invitation to Mr. Joseph A. Chisholm, K.C., of Halifax, to address the members on Joseph Howe. Mr. Chisholm has made a very careful study of the life of that statesman, and in the course of his address he brought out very clearly the strong points in Joseph Howe's character, and the important part he played in a most interesting period in the history of Nova Scotia. Beyond some deductions, Mr. Chisholm did not devote much time to the expression of his own views, but let the great Nova Scotian speak for himself. The address was heard with intense interest by the large audience of club members, and Mr. Chisholm made it perfectly clear that it is not always necessary to go outside of the maritime provinces to secure speakers for club luncheons, who have something interesting to say, and who say it in a very interesting manner.

Lulu Glaser III

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 12.—Lulu Glaser, actress, is seriously ill of peritonitis and her engagements at Stockton, Sacramento and Los Angeles were cancelled. The actress collapsed during her vaudeville performance here last Friday, but the news was suppressed. The doctors say that she will probably recover.

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Charles R. Hosmer, one of Montreal's prominent financiers, was born at Coteau Landing on Nov. 12, 1851. He started life as a telegrapher and rose to be manager of the C. P. R. telegraph system in 1886. Ultimately he took an interest in other industrial and financial undertakings and is now one of the wealthiest men in Canada.

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"Do you have as much trouble finding your cut and collar buttons as you used to?" "No, I always find 'em in one place now!"

"Indeed?"

"Yes, I go to the vacuum cleaner."

Finding a lady reading "Twelfth Night," a facetious doctor asked: "When Shakespeare wrote about 'Patience on a monument' did he mean doctors' patients?"

"No," said the lady. "You will find them under the monument, not on them."

The village cobbler was in the witness box.

"You have told the court two different stories about this case," thundered the lawyer. "Now, which are we to believe?"

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

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Non-union men have been brought to Portland, Me., to take the places of the longshoremen who have gone out on strike for five cents an hour increase in wages.

The ninth annual banquet of the New York Canadian Club was held last evening in the Plaza hotel in that city with over four hundred men and women in attendance. Hon. G. E. Foster and Hon. L. P. Pelletier were among the speakers.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in his address, said that the question of reciprocity between the states and Canada would probably never be entirely settled, but what really counted was reciprocity in ideas, language and literature. There was a reciprocity in immigration, too, he said, for Canada's young men had helped in the expansion and growth of the United States, and now men of brain and brawn are coming across the border to help build up the great plains of the Canadian west.

The Manchester Guardian (England), in commenting upon the matter of Commissioner Drayton's inquiry into ocean freight rates, said yesterday that the large milling industries in the old country would have suffered severely if his efforts to enforce the same rates for flour and grain had been successful.

Hon. Donald Morrison, twice defeated in Northumberland on the Conservative ticket, has received his reward by being appointed fishery overseer for the North Shore. The salary has been increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year.

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