



A General View at the Canadian Henley, St. Catharines, Ont., during the week ending August 3rd.

The Vindication of Mr. Bryce

AMBASSADOR BRYCE, the worthy and able representative of Great Britain in the United States, has recently been the victim of a somewhat absurd attempt to involve him in difficulties with the Washington authorities. The indefatigable news reports declared one day that he had "completely endorsed" the constitution of Oklahoma, which would have been a highly improper proceeding because the Oklahoma constitution had not been accepted at that time by the President and consequently Oklahoma was not a full-fledged State. Mr. Bryce had taken a little trip to Oklahoma and while there, by way of literary recreation, had read the new constitution and made a few public remarks thereon. He said in the course of a speech in a town possessed of the respectable Scotch name of Guthrie that the constitution seemed to have a

great many experiments in it and that some of them had been tried and were in use in Switzerland, which he regarded as the greatest democracy on earth. But "Canny James" wisely added:

"The forbidden field of politics does not permit my telling you what ones have been tried successfully and what ones unsuccessfully in the Swiss republic."

That sentence saved the situation and showed how precipitate were the young reporters who tried to bring diplomatic confusion upon the honourable head of the British Ambassador. It is a charming sentence from the standpoint of non-committalness and might have been delivered by the man who wrote "The Lady or the Tiger." The incident has closed happily, President Roosevelt is free to return to his criticism of writers of animal stories, the British lion is taking an afternoon nap, while New York "Life" remarks anent Mr. Bryce.

"Such a cheering thing it is to see from time to time a man who understands his business and minds it."



A Typical St. Lawrence River Passenger Boat.

This photograph was taken at Brockville, when Prince Fushimi was leaving for a trip through the Thousand Islands—Courtesy Grand Trunk Railway System.