

The Planet.

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RAILWAYS AND POLITICS.

In the August number of Tom Watson's magazine J. A. Edgerton discusses the subject of government ownership of railways. Mr. Edgerton is an idealist, and is perhaps apt to take too much for granted. One of the chief arguments urged against government ownership is that it would give the administration too great political power—that it would put the railways in politics. Not so, says Mr. Edgerton:

As a matter of fact it would have the very opposite effect, as is shown by the history of all other nations that have adopted the system. The railways are now in politics, and very much in it at that. They absolutely control many of the states; they maintain their lobby at Washington, their literary bureaus to influence public opinion, their congressmen and senators, their political leaders and pass dispensers. They charge the government exorbitant prices for carrying its mails. One of the chief objects of government ownership is to take the railroads out of politics. Now the employees are forced to vote, in many instances, as the management dictates. Under government operation they would be under a civil service system that would leave them free. No administration would dare attempt to use them for political purposes. If it did the cry of "federal brigade" would be raised as never before, and that administration would be deluged under a tide of adverse votes that would discourage any further efforts in that direction.

Unfortunately, we in Canada know that government ownership of railways does not necessarily bring about the ideal conditions that Mr. Edgerton describes. We know that government ownership in Canada has not "taken the railroads out of politics," and that no administration has been "deluged under a tide of adverse votes" for doing that same. In fact Canadian public opinion is so callous and indifferent on the subject that it has come to be regarded as quite natural and inevitable that the government railway system should be exploited for party advantage by the government in power.

For all that, Mr. Edgerton's ideal is a good and great ideal—practicable, too, and one worth striving for. It will be noticed that he assumes as a matter of course, that when government ownership comes it will be accompanied by an independent civil service system. That means that the operation of the government railways would be made a matter of business wholly and that the political element would be eliminated. If that course were followed in the management of our Canadian system of government railways, we would hear no more complaints about the extravagance and inefficiency of that system—but a great object lesson to the discredit of the government ownership principal would be spoiled.

MATRIMONIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED.

Brooklyn Life.

A bashful young man who was about to be married was very nervous, and while asking for information as to how he must act, put the question: "Is it customary to cuss the bride?"

HAULTAIN'S CRIME.

Toronto News.

All the geese of the party organs are necessarily swans. During the next few weeks two great statements will appear in the west, and in the east we shall in consequence have earth tremors. The two new premises are the hitherto undetected geniuses. Neither of them was thought able enough to be minister of the Interior by Sir Wilfrid Laurier a few weeks ago, but as provincial premiers they are considered by the faithful to outrank Mr. Haultain, whose sole merit was being chosen year after year by the people who knew him best. Mr. Haultain's crime was serious enough. He failed to discover in ten minutes by the clock that the public school system is a blot on civilization, and the sinister source of all evils that afflict the body politic from house-breaking to appendicitis.

THE CANADIAN WINTER.

Ottawa Journal.

The London Tatler makes a joke. It pictures Lady Minto and her children in the furs which they wore during their Canadian winters and it gives the picture the legend, From Greenland's Icy Mountains to India's Coral Strand.

Doubtless some Canadians will be much angered at this and their opin-

TELEPHONE TALKS.

TO TELEPHONE USERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Speaking of the long distance telephone in England one witness said "The service is universally conceded to be the worst in the world," and this statement was not questioned by a single person throughout the enquiry.

The Chairman of the Committee said "I do not think there is any worse place than England for a Telephone system. That is my experience."

This is the undisputed comment on Government operation of the telephone in Great Britain.

The Chairman examining an expert witness from London as to the reason for England being so far behind the United States in telephone matters, obtained the following statement: "Broadly speaking the fundamental reason is Government monopoly. No one can establish a telephone system without a license from the Postmaster-General, and the Postmaster-General will only issue a license for a limited period. To my mind the whole point is the limited license. No company with a limited license can properly develop a business which requires a continuous expenditure of new capital like the telephone business does. You cannot raise money to carry on a business when the right to do business is going to expire in seven or eight years and exists on totally uncertain conditions."

The financial results of Government operation are startling. The financial statement of the Postal Department for 1904, covering telegraphs and telephones, shows a deficit on working expenses of £983,681. If interest on capital invested is included, the deficit for last year is raised to £1,282,560—upwards of six and a quarter millions of dollars; or the deficit for the year amounted to one-third of the gross revenue from both telegraphs and telephones. The Government has not been able from earnings to pay interest on capital invested since 1872.

The Government returns show that the accumulated deficit from 1870 to 1904 of the Postal Department on the working of telegraphs and telephones, to meet interest and working expenses, amounts to £12,113,560—a total loss in thirty-four years of \$60,000,000.

The Government in their reports do not separate the telephone from the telegraph but it is noted that the annual deficits have largely increased since they took over the long distance telephone lines.

The conditions of the telephone in Great Britain under Government control are indisputable,—the worst service in the world and a series of annual deficits that are astounding.

Yet experts say that the same service under such administration as a company would give, would result in greatly improved service, tremendous development, and a business profitable to the investors.

Canadians can read the lesson for themselves.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA.

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Hyomei the Only Cure—Gives Change of Climate in Your Own Home.

Fifty years ago hay fever had not been named, but undoubtedly people suffered then as now, with watery eyes, excessive running at the nose.

The direct causes appear to be heat, dust, and the pollen of flowers, and the only treatment that physicians recommended prior to the discovery of Hyomei was a change of climate.

Now by using Hyomei you can save an expensive trip to the mountains and escape weeks of suffering. This remarkable treatment kills the germs of the disease and soothes and heals the irritated mucous membrane. It really gives you in your own home a change of climate, and hay fever sufferers know from past experience that this is the only thing that has afforded them relief. By breathing Hyomei a few times daily you can save the expense of a trip to the mountains and avoid the dangerous hay fever.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1, extra bottles, 50 cents, and consists of a neat pocket inhaler, through which Hyomei is breathed, and which will last a life-time, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. The Central Drug Store offers to refund the money if Hyomei does not do all that is claimed for it.

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CALL OF DEATH

There passed away on August 5, after a short illness, Caroline, wife of John Hamby, of Cedar Springs. Deceased was 67 years of age and a former resident of Whitby, Ont. There she was married at the age of 23. She came with her husband to Cedar Springs in 1858, where for the most part they have lived until the time of her death. Naturally of a cheerful and hopeful disposition, she invariably extended to all her friends and acquaintances a warm and hearty welcome, and made her home what it was, the seat of the seat of the good and true old English hospitality for those who came; and the remembrance of her acts of kindness will linger with the community from time to time for many a day.

Mrs. Hamby was born the 24th of February, 1838 at St. Tossel, in the County of Cornwall, England.

There is left to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate wife and mother, besides the husband, two sons and two daughters, Richard G., J. Edmund, Grace and Emma, all living at home.

Also the following four sisters and one brother, as follows: Mrs. Thomas Symons, of Shelburne, Mrs. Thomas Bartley, Kent Bridge, Miss Adeline Pengelly, of Toronto, Mrs. Alfred Claus and Mr. John Pengelly, of Cedar Springs.

The funeral took place on Monday the 7th, at 2 o'clock, to the Crawford Cemetery, the services being conducted at the house by the Rev. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Kennedy, of Cedar Springs.

A large and sympathetic cortege followed the remains to their last resting place.

FALL FAIRS

Amherstburg—Oct. 3-4.
Blenheim—Oct. 12-13.
Comber—Oct. 2-3.
Chatham—Sept. 26-27-28.
Dresden—Oct. 5-6.
Essex—Sept. 26-27-28.
Florence—Oct. 5-6.
Guelph—Sept. 26-27.
Highgate—Oct. 13-14.
Ridgeway—Oct. 16-17-18.
Rodney—Oct. 6-7.
Thamesville—Oct. 3-4.
Wallaceburg—Oct. 3-4.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

TILBURY

Aug. 30.—Miss Lou Reynolds, of Detroit, is visiting her parents in Tilbury East.

Wm. Jardine, who has been visiting at his home here, left on Monday to visit friends in Chatham, after which he returns to resume his duties in the Merchants' Bank at Chesley.

Dr. Sharp was in London a few days this week.

Margaret Richardson, who has been visiting relatives here, returned last night to her home in Detroit.

Mrs. H. Johnston and daughter Myrtle have returned from a week's visit at the lighthouse.

LIGHTHOUSE FLASHES.

Miss Nellie Radley, of Chatham, was the guest of Miss Rena Knott last week.

E. Tiffin has returned to Detroit, after spending a few days with Mrs. W. A. Johnson.

Messrs. McDonald, Marshall and families, of Chatham, spent Tuesday here.

Miss Gertrude Sager has returned to San Juanita, after visiting friends in Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, their son Edwin and daughters Mary and Laura, of the C. P. R. Hotel, Chatham, spent Tuesday here.

D. Johnson, of Detroit, spent Friday with his brother, W. A. Johnson.

Mr. Cartier gave a yachting party Thursday evening in honor of his guests, Mrs. Jewett, of Chatham, and Mrs. H. Johnson, of Tilbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Tilbury, spent Sunday with Mr. Cartier.

Mr. and Mrs. Scarff and Mr. and Mrs. Mallory, of Tilbury, were light-house visitors Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Lamere, of Tilbury, spent Sunday with Miss Fennell Johnson.

A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

Too much care cannot be used with small children during the hot weather of the summer months to guard against bowel troubles. As a rule it is only necessary to give the child a dose of castor oil to correct any disorder of the bowels. Do not use any substitute, but give the old-fashioned castor oil, and see that it is fresh, as rancid oil nauseates and has a tendency to gripe. If this does not check the bowels give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and then a dose of castor oil, and the disease may be checked in its incipient stage and all danger avoided. The castor oil and this remedy should be procured at once and kept ready for instant use as soon as the first indication of any bowel trouble appears. This is the most successful treatment known and may be relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale by all druggists.

An Easy Way to Test Flour.

Every housewife knows that some flour will make good bread, while other flour will not. If you want to find out for yourself whether it is a good bread flour, test it in the following way: In the first place, see that it is white with a faint yellow tinge. Then take some of it up in your hand and press it; it will fall apart loosely, not in lumps. Rub some of it between your fingers; it will not feel entirely smooth and powdery, but you will be able faintly to distinguish the different particles. Put a little of it between your teeth and chew; it will crunch a little, and the taste will be sweet and nutty without any acidity—that is, it is a good bread flour it will do all these things.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

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TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 12, Dover, until Jan. 1st, 1906. Duties to commence Oct. 1st. State salary and experience. Address Geo. Davidson, C. Sec., Chatham.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 8, Raleigh; male or female, parties applying to state salary, qualifications or experience. Apply to Fred. Bennett, Sec. Treas., Charing Cross, Ont.

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WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Apply at this office.

GIRL WANTED—Apply at once to Mrs. E. Northwood, William St., near Tecumseh Park.

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HOUSE FOR SALE—A house on Grant street, and house and lot on Victoria avenue. For particulars apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block.

DESIRABLE APARTMENTS TO RENT—A flat containing seven convenient rooms, with modern conveniences, including bath room. Apply to the Chatham Loan & Savings Company.

HOUSE TO RENT—In North Chatham, on Lydian Avenue, a comfortable house. Apply to J. O. Fleming, Harrison Hall, or at residence, Victoria Avenue.

HOUSE TO RENT—Hotel at Fargo, partly furnished, good stabling; renter can get a large number of boarders. For full particulars apply to Mrs. Caughill, on the premises, or address Fargo P. O.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Sideboard that cost \$125, smaller sideboard, cooking range, walnut extension dining room table, and a cozy corner cost \$35 that was only in use a few months. Apply at this office.

FARM FOR SALE—75 acres of best land in Harwich, with handsome buildings and all kinds of fruit, 3 1-2 miles from Chatham; also several small farms from ten acres and upwards, all on easy terms. Apply to N. H. McGarvin, Chatham, or at McGarvin's stables.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT—S. W. half Lot 20, West Communication Road, Harwich, 100 acres, 8 miles from Chatham and 4 from Blenheim. Frame house and barn; two wells and abundance of water. Will be sold on reasonable terms. Address, W. R. Leverton, Fargo.

FARM FOR SALE—75 acres in Dover, N. E. quarter of lot 7 in concession 8, and the southwest of the N. W. quarter of lot 8 in the 8th concession. On the farm there is a barn and good buildings and plenty of water. Soil partly clay. Close to church and school. Address Albert Emery, River Rouge, Michigan.

FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Forty acres of first class land, part of Lot 12, Centre Line, Harwich, near station at Vossburg, on the G. T. R. The buildings are all new, including fine new brick house and new barn; the fences are all in good condition. It is only five minutes' walk to the public school and not half mile to separate school. For further particulars address M. Minard, Van Horne P. O., or call on the owner on the premises.

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