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CANADA'S DEVI-FISH

The syndicate was called into existence to build a railway from the Ontario system to the Pacific. The people never imagined—parliament that created it never imagined—that it would develop into a devil-fish monster, absorbing the entire system of Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces, and covering all Canada.

The resemblance to the devil-fish is complete: the public lands of the Northwest form the body, and the lines to the seaboard those terrible tentacles which the monster sends out to crush its prey.

With very little more protraction and the people will talk of repudiation. The people are above those who make the laws and have an inalienable right to step in and remove abuses however much they may be hedged in by acts of parliament.

With the Northwest lands in the hands of the Pacific syndicate, the Hudson Bay company, and a number of little land-grabbing corporations, and the department of the interior presided over by Sir Charles Tupper, with the entire railway system of Canada controlled by a cabal of monopolists, and permission to build competing lines refused point-blank—with such a state of affairs, to which we appear to be fast hastening, is it at all unlikely that the people will rise in their indignation and hurl the monopolists from the strongholds behind which they are entrenching themselves.

A struggle between the people and monopoly for supremacy comes on apace.

THE PRESS ON THE OCTOPIUS

The present position of the Credit Valley railway and its relations with the Great Western are causing considerable discussion in the press of Western Ontario. Yesterday the Hamilton Spectator, London Free Press, Galt Reformer and Brantford Expressor had articles on the subject. The Spectator writes on the amalgamation of the Credit Valley with either the Great Western or the Grand Trunk is inadvisable, owing to what it assumes to be a fact that the commercial success of the road as a separate line is an impossibility. The Spectator is evidently of the opinion that competition is not the efficient means of checking excessive rates, which is in popularly supposed to be. Unfortunately our contemporary leaves the matter right here, and does not point out any other way of restraining the greed of railway corporations. Were it the Spectator's intention to follow the article of yesterday with one advocating government control of railways we could understand why it should set about proving that the only other means of preventing extortionate charges is and must be a failure, but we do not suppose that such is our contemporary's intention.

The Free Press decries that Ontario will soon be in the hands of a railway octopus and insists that the principle of fair competition shall not be allowed to lapse. It says that if once the coming railway monopoly succeeds in fastening its grip firmly on the country, the people will not be restrained by party considerations from dealing summarily with it. Our contemporary either has not heard that the octopus is dead, or is really a monster of the creation of which by the Free Press' own party it defended and justified, or else it chooses to appear ignorant of the fact that the syndicate is the devil-fish in question. The Free Press is right in saying that the public mind is becoming alive to this question, and our contemporary's party is likely to feel the truth of this ere long.

The Expressor only sees in the amalgamation project that Brantford can hope for nothing for connection with the Credit Valley and thinks a direct line from the Canada Southern to Toronto by way of Brantford should be constructed.

The Reformer appears to realize the real situation better than either of the others and enters a vigorous protest against the placing of the country in the iron grasp of the syndicate. It calls on the Ontario legislature to interfere to prevent the consummation of the proposed amalgamation. It sees that sooner or later the time must come when the people will have to battle for their liberties against this growing monopoly and thinks that the longer the struggle is delayed the more difficult it will be to break the tightening bonds.

AN IRISH-CANADIAN OPINION

Those professed instructors of the people who tell their hearers that the national and third party movements command no sympathy worthy of the name, suppress the facts, and leave those of their readers who do not see the independent journals completely in the dark. Therein lies their only hope. Their deeds are evil and they love the darkness. But the light will spread in their despite.

The Irish Canadian, which speaks for a large constituency, shook off the trammels of party allegiances some time ago, and has often been accused of offering its readers no substitute for the griffin and toryism that it advised them to forsake. Our contemporary finds itself able to stand upon the platform of the new departure. It counsels abstention from identification with either of the old party organizations, pending the organization of a truly liberal third party, and advocates Canadian independence as a remedy for the littleness, narrowness and corruption of Canadian politics. It lauds the movement as a manly attempt on the part of our young men to get out into the purer atmosphere of free political thought, "away from the old factions, their bigotry, tradition and corruption."

The Irish Canadian is not alarmed by the bughar of the expense of a separate national establishment. It contends that the saving effected by abolishing our mimic court at Ottawa, reducing the pay of the chief magistrate, to say twenty thousand dollars per annum, delegating the nominal duties of our lieutenant-governors to the speaker of the legislature, and economizing generally our governmental expenditures which are at present so recklessly extravagant, would enable our increased numbers and developing resources to more than meet any increased outlay. Our numbers will not increase, and our resources will not dwindle, so rapidly as they should so long we remain in our present anomalous position.

No army or navy would be required. England would be our ally, because she has repeatedly told us to set up for ourselves whenever we see fit. The other European powers could not reach us or molest us if they would. The United States entertain nothing but the most friendly feelings towards Canada, and have already more territory than they can well manage. We may therefore sit down under our own maple tree with none to make us afraid.

The party organs should meet such arguments as these, instead of raising a "rebel yell" that deceives few and frightens none.

A POLYGLOTTIC EDITOR

A suspicious mind is not usually the characteristic of a truly good man. Men who are themselves guileless are usually unsuspecting to a fault. But there are exceptions to all rules. The truly good man of the Berlin News is the exception to this rule. Those who know him know that he is "an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile." That he is devotedly attached to the gentle sex, is true, but unless he is a very young man, he is a very young man. Now who would have thought that the green-eyed monster could ever enter the breast of a man like this?

All seems infected that the infected spy, As all looks yellow to the jaundiced eye.

But then the truly good man is not infected, nor is his eye jaundiced to a noticeable degree. Yet he never moralizes and social judgments in the proposal of brother Pat Uilo to take a bevy of marriageable young girls to Manitoba. He roundly charges the handsome late head organizer with an intention to start a Mormon colony and set up in the Brigham Young business on his own hook. He wildly calls on government to interfere and prevent the gratification of the lust of a second Uilo. Yes Peter must be jealous. There is no other plausible hypothesis which can be made to fit on to the case. How can we all have been deceived to be sure. Almost everyone has been of opinion that the hostility towards Mr. Pat Uilo arose from political motives, and that the quarrel only dated back to the late time Peter turned tort. But now one of two things are evidently true: either these two have been rivals in their youth, or else the truly good man fears that the handsome secretary is going to include in his pretty band the truly good man's best girl.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Party organs never close a speech without a reference to the great future in store for Canada. They have been talking about this great future for the last twenty-five years. What do they mean? When is that future to dawn?

Unless they are prepared to admit that their speeches are but as the winds that make a noise and pass on to make another noise elsewhere, the party organs must mean that it is our duty to prepare ourselves for a great national future. If we are to remain in colonial vassalage, as the Globe, the Mail, and the British Lord who governs us declare that we should and must remain, these speeches are the most barren generalities. Nay, they are something worse. They are falsehoods. A boy hears a veteran politician perorating about the great future that awaits the young men of Canada, and proudly reflects that he will have a share in that future. By the time he is 25 he learns that any attempt to promote the advancement of that future will earn him the name of traitor from the party organs and organs, and their creatures and their led men.

The tyrants of Europe know right well that if you expect a people to remain slaves you must use them as slaves. The tyrants of Canada have made the mistake of educating in the school of freedom the youth whom they would fain retain in serfdom.

When a nationalist talks about the future of Canada his talk is intelligible, because he means a future of independence; when an imperialist parades talk about the future of Canada it is always in order to equivo-

what he means. If he means anything, it is a future of dependence and provincialism, and dependence is never a great future.

REBUKED IN THE HOUSE OF HIS FRIENDS

Within the last few months the Mail has contrived to provoke the ill-will of a large section of the provincial conservative press. Its elephantine attempt at humor, its affection of bookish lore, its dogmatic complacency, its utter inability to sustain an argument in its former trenchant style, are fully appreciated by the brighter and more independent of its provincial allies.

The London Free Press has vigorously and repeatedly protested against its dictatorial justification of the Russian system under which books circulated in every free country are officially censored in this. In this connection the St. Catharines Journal severely criticizes the chief organ's reference to all who differ from it as "stupid scribbles." If there be a more stupid scribble in this province than the Smellings of the Mail heaven help that scribble, for a surgical operation cannot be performed on it.

The Mail scribble has retreated from its first position, that the seizures were necessary in the interests of morality and order, taking up the lower ground that they were made in accordance with the provisions of a bad law. The Mail's arrogant officiousness has committed its party to that law, but it will be repealed, nevertheless, and the chief organ will be compelled to eat humble pie.

A NAPOLÉONIC RESEMBLANCE. The chief organ has sunk so low that its natural relations to the conservative country press have been reversed. Time was when the provincial papers filled their columns with the Mail's editorials, but now the Mail pads out its editorial page with the opinion of its provincial exchanges. More than this, it glories in what one of its allies confesses itself to be ashamed of.

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What a falling off is here when the model organ is content to feed its readers on the blunders of its allies!

Talleyrand said of the first Napoleon that he conducted himself as though good taste were his personal enemy. This is the only respect in which the editor of the Mail resembles Napoleon.

SOME TIME AGO

SOME TIME AGO the London Free Press and a cruel thing of Mr. Joseph Rymal, but the paragraph appeared in its local columns and had not been seen by the editor. The Free Press, however, takes the manly course, and expresses its regret for the appearance of the item. This is just what any self-respecting and decent-minded man would do. Some time ago the Globe stated that the students of University college drank forty bottles of liquor at one of their hazing pranks in the park. The Globe was furnished with incontrovertible evidence of the falsity of its statement, but refused to correct the wrong it had done, the news editor having the ineffable meanness to tell the students that the Globe sometimes found it necessary to publish a string of falsehoods in order to elicit a truth. The action of the Free Press proves its editor a gentleman; that of the Globe proves something else.

(THE MONTEAL GAZETTE says that "The World is a liberal newspaper which is in the habit of speaking its mind upon public questions." We learn from the same source that we did the Witness an injustice in stating that it aided in raising an extraneous issue in Montreal during the recent election. The Witness maintained an independent stand in that constituency, editorially, and printed such letters as were sent it in behalf of either candidate "unlike its guttural contemporary the Star." We never wittingly misrepresented a contemporary, and are always willing to make amends where an injustice has been done. But we have yet to learn that the Star is right.

IN REPLY to the Globe, the Montreal Witness says that clergyman of any denomination would give political instruction from the pulpit if any question were under discussion in which their people were as a body interested. The nonconformist ministers of England, for instance, speak loud enough upon the state church issue. The papal warning against clerical interference was read more than once from all the Roman Catholic pulpits. While the Witness censures the Globe for going too far in its course, it smoothes an occult clerical interference, the exercise of which it has, of course, no means of demonstrating.

VENUE TREASON, is like many of Sir John's expressions, simply a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. A treason which is not vetted by the cloak of conspiracy is a wretchedly poor article in the treason line, and as the advocacy of Canadian independence is from the house-top we fall to see where the treason comes in. We are called "diaboli," but if it be traitorous to be true to Canada, we are diabolical and glad of it. We do not stand alone.

THE TORONTS are confident that Mr. Blake cannot construct a platform upon which protectionist liberals and dissatisfied conservatives can stand alongside of the free trade and imperialist gits. But it is impossible to tell what a day may bring forth. Canadian parties are just now in a voluntary condition, and an eruption may take place at any moment. A reform convention would be the proper and natural response to the recent try challenge in Shaftesbury hall.

WITHIN the recollection of comparatively young politicians the torons were in the habit of denouncing conventions as Yankee and anti-British institutions, the adaptation of which by the gits was a demonstration

of their diabolical. Now these Yankee inventions are the mainstays of the loyal torons. If Sir John A. Macdonald lives long enough he may see the Herald declaring that the darling project of his long public life had been to see Canada independent.

WHY THE TORONTS are witness that the Globe seeks to make a point against the N. P. by declaring that the Canadian protective tariff will cause English and Scotch immigrants, who are used to free trade, to avoid the Northwest and seek homes in the United States. Anyone but an idiot or a Globe editor would know that the fact of people preferring the United States to Canada certainly does not argue a fear of high tariffs.

"ALPHA" complains that the torons tax coal oil, or "light," as he puts it. So did Sir Richard Cartwright. Why, then, should we prefer Cartwright to Tilley, or vice versa, on that score? If the two parties would, in kindness instead of light, they might raise enormous revenues within their own organizations.

SIR JOHN is using the Montreal collectorship of customs as he did the Toronto collectorship, for bait. If the course pursued in Toronto is pursued in Montreal, those who have the strongest claims because of party services have the worst chance of securing the prize.

THOUGH ridiculously weak in numbers in the Quebec legislature the opposition will be powerful in debate. Messrs. Joly, Mercier, Irving and Marchand being all powerful performers on the law-bench, there will be a case of all talk and no cipher.

If the Evening Mail would be good enough to label its paragraphs its few readers would more easily distinguish between its humorous items and its obituary notices.

THE GLOBE formally serves notice on the Hamilton Spectator that if the latter insists on having the best of an argument the Globe will not descend to argue with it in future.

IF THE PARTY organs were sincere in their professions of regard for the young man they would offer him manhood outrages as an inducement to join the party ranks.

IF THE MONTEAL infernal machinists were to blow up the Toronto court-house without hurting anybody, Judge Mackenzie would not be likely to complain.

THE GLOBE calls out lustily for a new rubber factory. Can it be that the editor's conscience is in need of repairs.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Irish Canadian: All the arguments are in favor of the independence movement, and the support of every lover of Canada. We wish it all success.

TIME TABLES.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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RAILWAYS.

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Union Station, foot of York and Simcoe Streets.

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Mixed... 11:15 a.m. 6:32 p.m.

Belleville... 8:07 p.m. 8:27 a.m.

West.

Chicago Day Express... 12:15 p.m. 6:10 p.m.

N. York Express... 11:45 p.m. 6:15 a.m.

St. Paul... 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

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