Humber Proposition and The Railway Situation.

An Unprejudiced and Fair Review.

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IE 1910 BRANCH RAILWAY TRACT was THE MOST COLOS-BLUNDER OF ALL. The antimania had cooled, but the Conor had not forgotten, and having thwarted in his plans, he launforth to make profits by conction, which were denied him by ation and development. IN RAIL-ECONOMICS it appears now, ing and almost unthinkable, that ators and people alike, though ained and ill-advised, could have

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Because of this indefi- a NEEDLESS AND COSTLY EXPERI cause of the OVER- MENT. Like previous contracts it IMPORTANT of the disclosed little preparation and very the use of your col- incomplete knowledge of the problem together if possible, to be dealt with. A SCHEME OF though indefinite data. DUAL-MANAGEMENT (unworkable of "THE CASES" as they course) was arranged, so that the unprejudiced and fair Government might study the problem This unworkable management-scheme contain much that was skilfuly manipulated to serve the that the lay-mind, in Contractors ends, so that he might without some demonstrate to an unbelieving peotechnical elements ple WHAT AN EXPENSIVE TOY THE ay throw aside "A RAILWAY IS. The Government ac-HINDRED YEARS" complished nothing, and paid over have studied \$2,000,000,000 for the experiment. or less closely, Legislation since 1920 has progresats the last twenty- sed little toward a final solution. Evplieve that Newfound- ery new move discloses the same "lack facing the MOST of preparation," the same "over-night DECISIONS IN HER method of doing things," the same "disregard of technical elements;" in with the immediate short, what appears to be, INCOMPEnecessary background TENCE OF ALL NEWFOUNDLAND ent thereon, I will GOVERNMENTS TO GRAPPLE WITH w past events; the BIG MODERN AND INDUSTRIAL

her. As the whole I make this assertion, as applytreated effectually ing to all governments and people our paper, I have di- alike, not in the spirit of criticism, into several parts but as an admission of past failure successive issues. in dealing with these problems. Today we are face to face with, what appears to be the MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN OUR HISTORY, so that our competence to deal with the same, and arrive at the same judgements, is of a very serious moment.

DANGERS AND SAFEGUARDS.

If confessed incompetence on the part of Government and peoments have repeat- ple alike, is the result of our study the predecessors; of Railway History, the best safehave been guard for the future, lies in an efnight; colossal ex- fort, to determine first of all the been undertaken causes of this incompetence, and then earning power to remove, or overcome as far as property; und possible, the effects of said causes. politicans have attempted the Many causes of a specific nature may with childish enthusiasm; be suggested, but I do not believe any particular individual or Government OF RAILWAY ENTHUS- ers the marked peculiarities of this ignored the fact that the country, its geography, its trade, and maritime; that the sea its people,-it is not hard to trace vas cheaper than rail; that failure to OUR PECULIAR LOCAL itions were ab- CONDITIONS AND ENVIR ownership of Rail- We are, therefore, forced to the fol-

> a) That the administration of an Island containing 42,000 square miles, and many thousands of miles of coast line, out of the taxes, from 250,000 people, leaves no margin for adequate INVESTIGATION AND RE-SEARCH in connection with big new industrial or utility problems, with which the legislators and the people are not sufficiently familiar. In short we cannot afford the necessary research equipment, and must make the best of our limitations, no matter how unsatis-

> factory that attitude may be. That legislators and people alike being engaged in FISHING AND TRADING PURSUITS; have not the opportunity of understanding industrial problems, and when called upon to pass hasty judgment on something they don't understand, have no ready means of be-

> coming enlightened thereon. That our INSULAR ENVIRON-MENT creates and fosters an attitude of mind, easily prejudiced and capable of being swung to extremes, when dealing with new problems which are not understood.

(d) That our PARTY SYSTEM, together with an ILL-ADVISED PUBLIC OPINION, become dangerous factors, when dealing with problems of such magnitude and complexity on party

Rumour and press reports tell us to Mr. Morgan, our whole railof Railway settlements. Humber deals, and impending Elections. What about our confessed incompetence to Il do not concur entirely with judge? If we cannot afford the luxury of Research departments and expert opinions, we can and should endeavour to overcome the effects of our INSULAR ENVIRONMENT, and raise hese questions, of such overwhelmng importance, above personal prejudices, above anti-Reid manias, above party- politics, and approach them with an open mind, for appraise ment on their real merits. These notes are intended to furnish such practical information, as is necessary for intelligent judgment, and which the public have not the opportunity of

(To be continued.)

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Observations.

(Harbor Grace Standard.)

A WISE SUGGESTION. The Department of Marine and Fisheries, we think should be in a position to inform the fishermen of the actual state of the markets, and of the prices that can be had for the fish. That Department is supposed to act and work for the general good of the country, and its sources of information should be equal to the task of keeping the fishermen posted about the markets and do its utmost to assure them of the real state of the demand for fish. Failing this why not the fishermen appoint some two or three of their number to visit the markets and see the condition of them for themselves. There are brainy men among those who went to St John's on the deputation, men who are competent to see and judge for themselves, and their visit to the chief centres of the fish trade would benefit them. The exporters have their agents and why not the fishermen have the means of knowing whether or not the price offered is the highest the market warrants?

SOUNDS WARLIKE.

The disturbed political atmosphere has been further agitated by the proposal of one of the members of the People's House to arrange an armistice. The apparent object is to drop all matters of a contentious nature and to have the wisdom of the whole gathering used for the benefit of the people and the welfare of the country-a purpose that the masses hitherto supposed was the real work and duties of those who have been sent to the Legislature. The intelligence of the country considered that the House was the place where ways were decided, means used and measures undertaken for the general good of those who sent representatives there. We were led to believe that political economy meant the welfare of the country. This armistice proposition sounds too warlike for our peace of mind, and tends to cause a feeling of alarm. It may be that this armistice is a prelude to a real war, and is intended for the purpose of preparing for active service-to provide the materials, test the strength of the various branches of the combating hosts and start the fray. Peaceful overtures are suspicious. Are they so in this armistice proposition?

ARE WE FISH EATERS.

The keeping for sale by the local stores of various kinds of foreign fish food prompts the question—"Are we a fish-eating people?" To see British Columbia salmon, finnan haddies, Digby herring, etc., offered for sale would more fish food than our own waters supply. Is such the case? We fear not as we are by no means a fish-eating people. It is a question if any family, except that of a fisherman, uses a quintal of fish in one year. The working man does not use that quantity, and in the case of a fisherman it is more a matter of having the fish than it is a preference for such food. There are hundreds of families in the larger settlements and out-of-the-way places that never eat salt codfish. This fish is a useful article in any family and should form an important item in the home. Its increased consumption would be a great help to the fishermen who have now a supply on hand for disposal. A prime quality of large Labrador late-caught fish has been sold for five dollars a quintal. and is an article of food that is worth the money.

"I Accuse."

THE BIG WAR PICTURE AT THE MAJESTIC.

The lesson to be learned from Abel Gance's big production "I Accuse." pictured at the Majestic Theatre is contained in the question "Is it that our dead have died in vain?" To those who need an education in the very intensity of human living, "I Accuse" is a drama that touches the very sources of life. Tragedy, pathos, sacrifice, maternal love, jealousy, all blend in one grand combination and produce a picture that is truly human and truly lifelike. The alarums of war, the marching troops, the battles, life in the trenches, all make a tout ensemble not often witnessed on the silver screen. McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" is the motif on which the scenario is based,

"We are the dead, short space ago we Felt dawn and sunset glow,

And now we lie in Flanders Fields." The march of the army of the dead, who rose from Flanders Fields, is a tremendous picture, and carries with it a sense of weirdness in all beholders. The admonition of this dead-living army is to all who come after?

"If ye break faith With us who die, We shall not sleep Tho' poppies blow On Flanders Fields."

All whose privilege it is to see "I Accuse," will come away with the impression that those who are dead yet speaketh, and that the achievements of those whose duty it is to look out that the dead shall not have died in vain, have not measured up to the standard of those who gave their lives that we might live