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MYSTERIOUS COMPANIES.

During the last session of the Dominion Parliament some inquiry was made into the transactions of the Intercolonial Railway with the concern calling itself the Eastern Railway & Supply Co. This is one of several mysterious corporations and firms with which the Government chooses to do business. Others are the North Atlantic Trading Co., which has received \$300,000 of Canadian money, and the Conservative members of the House have been unable to obtain from the Government the names of the men who got the cash and who compose the alleged company. Their names are the Arundel Printing Co., of London, England, to which \$60,000 was paid, apparently for \$20,000 worth of printing. This firm is not a company at all but comprises a single person, the son of a former Liberal member of Parliament, who was found by Immigration Commissioner Preston acting as the London agent for Butterick's Fashion Magazine. F. L. Brooks & Co. is another concern which the Public Accounts committee found it impossible to resolve into its original elements. The Canadian Fog Signal Co. is another sample of concerns from which the Government buys by hundreds of thousands without revealing the names of the parties.

The Intercolonial in the course of a few months paid out over \$40,000 on four contracts awarded to the Eastern Railway & Supply Co. The only one of these which was given to the lowest tenderer and carried through by the party obtaining the contract was the undertaking to supply wheelbarrows. The amount paid under this contract, which is said to have been unprofitable, was only \$150. One of the others was a contract for oil. This was taken in the name of the Eastern Supply Co. and immediately transferred to the Imperial Oil Co. which did not tender, though it had supplied the railway the previous year. A third contract was for steel, which was given to the Eastern Supply Co. without competition at its own price. The fourth order was for leather belting which went to the Eastern Supply Co. though a lower tender for the same goods, by the same maker, was before the Government. This last contract has been continued for a second year on the same terms.

Considering the favor which the Minister of Railways shows to the Eastern Supply Co. it is natural to ask who compose the corporation. But the answer is not at hand. The company's charter was obtained in Newfoundland, though all its business appears to be done at Moncton, and its only customer seems to be the Minister of Railways. Three names of incorporators have been given and they are all connected with one firm, Mr. B. F. Pearson, of Halifax, M. P., and owner of three government newspapers, his son and law partner, G. Fred Pearson, and Mr. B. F. Pearson's confidential clerk and relative, F. J. Lordey. All the contracts obtained by the firm were secured by Matthew Lodge, political and personal associate of Mr. Emmerson, and former director with him in the New Brunswick Petroleum Co., which also has carried on business with the Intercolonial. Mr. Lodge obtained the oil contract, which he had previously arranged to transfer to the Imperial Oil Co. He obtained the steel contract at his own offer without a call for tenders. He obtained the belting contract, with the assistance of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Railways. He transacted all the business. But in his evidence before the committee, Mr. Lodge states that he referred these matters to the office of the Supply Co. in Halifax, No. 45 Skeville St., and that he himself was only assistant secretary with power of attorney. Now, 45 Skeville street is the office of the Pearson firm, but both Pearsons, father and son, have written to the papers saying that they have no financial interest in the Supply Co. or in the government contracts.

Evidently there is a mystery here that ought to be cleared up. Who are the parties to this contract?

What is the secret of their influence with the Minister of Railways and his Department? What becomes of the profit made out of this business? Does it go into the same pockets that contain the profits of \$8,000 made on an investment of \$5,000 in the Moncton land deal, which was also arranged by Mr. Lodge? It is commonly believed by those who have the best chance to know that Mr. Lodge got for himself very little of the proceeds of the Moncton land deal. If one could know how that \$8,000 was divided, he might be able to trace the profits of the four contracts made by the Eastern Supply Co. and set forth in the Auditor-General's report for 1905.

So it seems the great Peninsular Fair was nothing more than a "hoax trot," and the entire agricultural exhibit could have been put in a fair sized barn.—Ridgetown Dominion.

We congratulate Mr. Augustus Bridle, of Toronto, upon his appointment as editor of "The Musician," a magazine published in the Queen City. Mr. Bridle is one of the journalists whom this country is proud to claim as her own.

Mme. Adeline Patti, much to Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's surprise, will virtually retire from the stage in December next, when she will appear before the London musical public at Albert Music Hall in London for the last time. She will subsequently take farewell of the provinces in a series of concerts, but she really bids good-bye to the musical world in December next.—AV last!

The financial editor of the Winnipeg Free Press is a woman—the only one in the world, it is said, who occupies such a position. The fact is causing much wonder in some quarters. It shouldn't. As managers of finance many women are adept, and there are a multitude of men who are fortunate in having such a manager right in their own homes. Many a successful financial deal is the result of the wife's advice—but the man gets the credit.

Mr. David Marshall's splendid victory in East Elgin is a complete public vindication of the man who was so unmercifully slandered by his opponents during his campaign. It has been a matter of regret that such mean and undeserved personalities have been so generally hurled at a man of Mr. Marshall's character, but the electors were left to judge for themselves—and they did. This Conservative victory, in view of the numerical strength of the Laurier Government, and the influence of the Cabinet Ministers which was brought to bear in the contest is a decided expression of condemnation for the way things are being managed at Ottawa.

Did you ever get thoroughly jarred by hearing "God Save the King" played right after a farago of froth and film-flam following a musical comedy? We have. We always are. Why not dispense with this meaningless conventionalism? It does no good to the King, certainly does not help national sentiment, and it is a rude jar to musical sensibilities.—The Musician.

The National Anthem is never out of place. People cannot hear it too often. It is a mistake, however, to parade it before a thoughtless throng of people. A little more respect might be shown if after a performance, the audience would remain standing at their seats until the conclusion of the hymn, instead of rushing pell-mell from the house as soon as the curtain falls on the last act.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

The Liberal candidate in East Elgin would undoubtedly heighten the results.

In no on there is strength, says the proverb. Its application to union trusts may refer to strong pulls.

This has been an awful year for disasters, but the end is not yet. The football and hunting seasons have just barely got away to a good start.

Some men look upon religion as a sort of moral fire-escape.

No one could imagine what a speaker meant when he said, "Biddy diddy," and then he stopped, and after a moment of confusion he said, "Biddy diddy," and then with a scowl let face and coldly perspiring brow, gasped out, "Biddy diddy, biddy doo." Then he sat down, and he had to rest awhile before he could say, "Diddy he bid adieu!"

GOT IT STRAIGHT.

A certain Lib. member named Haight, in East Elgin was put on the stage.

But, for his soup, He was left in the soup, And defeated, poor Haight met his fate.

AULD LANG SYNE

FROM PLANET FLYES OF HALF A CENTURY AGO

Taken from The Planet flyes, from August 10, 1885, to August 17, 1885.

"NEW WHEAT—Last week new wheat was brought into this market, and sold at prices ranging from 90c. to 95c. per bushel. It was red wheat. We see that new peas have been sold at Stratford at 45c., while new fall wheat sold at 90c. and 95c. per bushel. Mr. Thomas Holmes, miller, we understand, bought the first load of new wheat brought into this market this season."

"GOOD NEWS FROM BOTHWELL. We learn from Bothwell that the Boxton well—late the Pepper well—is doing splendidly under the new management and improved machinery. On Friday and Saturday, during fifteen consecutive hours it yielded two hundred barrels of oil, and was giving evidence of improvement even upon this."

"RE-OPENING OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL—The summer term of this institution commences on Monday next, the 14th inst. Under the principalship of Mr. Marling the school is rapidly becoming what it ought to be—a local college of the first order—and we trust to make the people of the country will begin to see more fully than they seem to have done hitherto, the advisability of patronizing it and filling it to its capacity. By a resolution of the Board it is necessary that all fees for tuition shall be paid strictly in advance. See advertisement in to-day's Planet."

Gen. Lee was at this time writing a history of his campaign.

Twelve thousand French troops had arrived in Mexico, and it was reported that 12,000 more were on their way.

John Tinsman, Town Clerk, wrote a letter to the Editor of The Planet explaining the granting of a tender for painting the Town Hall. In a previous letter Mr. James Harper

UNIVERSITY LOST 100 PER CENT.

Allegations That Agent Entrusted With Land Disposal Acted Improperly.

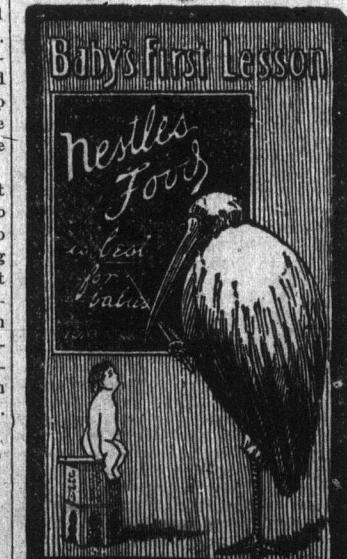
Toronto, Oct. 5.—Through the machinations of a trusted agent the University of Toronto appears to have lost a large sum of money.

It is alleged that T. W. Hollway, the real estate agent, who was conducting the sale of the old Upper Canada College grounds, bought several large blocks of this land, in another man's name, but really for himself. These transfers of land went through at figures far below the market value. Sales were made from these blocks at prices which netted the agent over 100 per cent.

Mr. Hollway said last night that he would be in a position to discuss the matter in a day or so.

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had made some inquiry as to the report that all those tendering had not been fairly dealt with.

A description of the oil fields was reproduced from the Hamilton Times, whose special correspondent was making a tour of this vicinity at the time.

"WALLACEBURG vs. WINDSOR—In a closely contested cricket match played at Windsor, on Tuesday last, between the Windsor and Wallaceburg Clubs, the latter were worsted by 33 runs. Only one innings, however, was played on each side. Dr. Bray, Mr. Martin and Mr. Beatty were particularly unfortunate. Had the doctor been favored with his usual score, the game would have been about even. C. Johnson, though, made a score of 17. 'Better luck next time,' as Jacob Faithful said, when he spilled the milk."

The Toronto Globe contained an article, reproduced in The Planet, which stated that the whole of the extensive district bounded south and west by Lake Erie, the River St. Clair and Lake Huron, and on the north-east by a line extending from the northern extremity of Lake Erie on to the north-west corner of the Georgian Bay, belonged to the geological formation in which the richest stores of petroleum have been found deposited. From the tone of articles appearing in the press at this date it would seem that the powers were making strenuous endeavors to awaken interest in the oil fields and get the industry opened up. Undoubtedly the efforts of The Planet and its contemporaries of fifty years ago have since borne fruit in this direction.

Some splendid oil strikes were reported to have been made near Thamesville.

Parliament opened in the Legislative Chambers, Quebec, and the Governor-General's speech was printed in full.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The man who is in love with himself doesn't live beneath his station.

You never know how many enemies you have until you need your friends.

When a man is smarter than he looks, he is apt to make you smart.

My husband will take the baby out!

A tactful woman is one who can manage a house and a hired girl at the same time.
—
A lie has to be lively or some one would be sure to nail it.
—
We are always willing to take anybody's word for our own virtues.

On questions of behavior a child always exhibits undue curiosity as to his father's past record.

Imitation is sometimes the rarest caricature.

The innocent bystander usually is outfitted with a life sized vacuum in his cranium.

Wild oats as a crop do better in the city than the rolled variety.

There seems to be a pure wellspring of delight in fooling oneself.

Envious.

I wish I were an elephant. David, large and strong. With dusky palm leaf fans for ears. And tusks a few feet long. And with a Saratoga trunk. To swing from side to side. A fancy blanket on my back. Where all my friends might ride.

I'd have a barrelful of fun. In working at that trade; Go to the circus every day. And be in the parade.

I'd cut up capers in the ring. And stand upon my head. And I could always stay inside. To see the lions fed.

The ladies as they passed me by. On me would all be sweet. They'd open up their peanut bag. And let me eat and eat. The little children would come round. And doze me up. And cookies and a lot of things. Like mother used to make.

I'd secure my keeper half to death. When I was feeling gay. For when I went upon a toot. There'd be old Sarah to pay. The owner of the blooming show. Might come and thrash a fit. But if I didn't like the place. I'd pack my trunk and quit.

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GLENWOOD.

Mrs. Magd. Sheper, Chatham, spent Sunday at her home here. Mr. Herbert Brown is home after a two weeks visit in New York. Mrs. E. M. Foxton and daughter Mae spent Sunday in Wheatley. Miss Hattie Lott, Stewart, spent Sunday at her home here.

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GUILDS.

M. J. Bentley left last Thursday for his home in Gravenhurst. Mrs. Susie Allison, of Dresden, is in the village again. Oscar Bentley has purchased a new rubber tired buggy. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiley and daughter Eva, of Detroit, visited with

the former's parents for a few days last week. Miss Bird Pomeroy arrived home after visiting friends in Wardville and other places. Quite a few from here took in the social at Raglan last Friday.

DAWN VALLEY.

Mrs. Carrie Ellis returned home on Saturday from Windsor, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Matthews. Mrs. Jeannie King returned home after spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. James Hazzard, Dresden.

James Guest, 1st concession, was kicked by his colt on Wednesday last, receiving severe injuries. He is confined to his bed in consequence. The trustees of S. S. No. 1, Dawn, have at last secured a teacher in the person of Miss Wheatley, of Sarnia. Mr. Charles Stevens, secretary S. S. No. 1, drove to Sarnia Thursday, Mr. Wheatley returning with him.

Mr. Christopher McKenzie, Petrobea, canvassed this vicinity recently to secure patrons for the Lumiton creamery. He succeeded in establishing routes, with a receiving station at Edy's Mills. The wagon made its first trip gathering cream last week.

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