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THE KING MAY VISIT CANADA.

IT is believed in London that His Majesty will come to Canada in 1914, and may open the National Transcontinental Railway. The hope will be general throughout the Dominion, that the impression is well-founded. Canada has been visited more than once by princes, who have afterwards ascended the throne, but this will be the first time that the country has been visited by the monarch actually reigning. That the King will receive a most enthusiastic welcome goes without saying.

NEW YEAR HONOURS. MOST Canadians will join in hearty congratulations to the Right Honourable Robert Laird Borden, P.C., Sir Thomas Skinner, Bart., Sir John Gibson, K.C.M.G., Sir Joseph Pope, K.C.M.G., Sir Edmund Osler, Sir Rodolphe Forget and Mr. Thomas Cooper Beville, C.M.G., upon the well earned honours bestowed upon them.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT.

IT is announced on what appears to be good authority, that President Taft has declared his intention of being a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency. Colonel Roosevelt is keeping his own counsel, but is evidently out for the nomination.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ELECTIONS.

THE Conservative tide is still running high in Canada, and there are some signs that it is flowing in the United Kingdom. In the elections for the Prince Edward Island Legislature held on Wednesday, twenty-eight Conservatives were elected, and two Liberals.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

THE French Government is to be congratulated upon its good sense in forbidding Captain Lux to accept any popular demonstrations in honour of his escape from a German fortress. It is quite natural that the German people should feel a little irritation over the incident, although the captain

is not to be blamed for taking his liberty when he got the chance; nor are his friends to be blamed for helping him. But it is particularly undesirable to do anything to intensify hostile feeling in the midst of a general election campaign, when natural prejudice is easily aroused and the temptation to appeal to it is exceptionally strong.

PLAGIARISM.

THE CHRONICLE has for the last twenty-six years, annually compiled a table, showing the interest earnings of the life companies operating in Canada. Accompanying this table has been an editorial explaining the manner in which the statistics were compiled. This compilation involves a great deal of trouble and expense, but we have refused to supply a leaflet giving these interest earnings without the explanatory editorial. A Western contemporary, the Manitoba Free Press, publishes part of the table this year without so much as mentioning the source from which it obtained the figures. It would have been more honest, and the statistics would have been regarded as much more authoritative, if the table had been credited to THE CHRONICLE.

COLONEL HUGHES AND THE CADETS.

THE new Minister of Militia is evidently in earnest in his desire to encourage the cadet movement in Canada. The Militia Orders issued on Wednesday announce that cadet corps lieutenants of three years' standing, may attend a military school of instruction to obtain the rank of captain. A cadet instructor after five years' service, as such, may be promoted to a captaincy. To school teachers holding instructor's certificates \$1.00 per cadet will be paid up to a maximum of 50, over 50 the remuneration will be 75 cents per cadet, and over 100, fifty cents each.

Colonel Hughes has the right idea. We cannot imagine anything better calculated to promote patriotic feeling among the rising generation than the systematic development of the military spirit, and nothing will do this more effectually than early association with the defensive forces of the country. That the system will tend to make our militia recruits more effective is also self-evident.