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THE ALL RED LINE

The resolution dealing with the All-Red Line, of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice, will not be regarded as a partisan proposition. It involves an endorsement by Canada of a resolution adopted by the imperial conference, which must also be endorsed by Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand before there can be any definite result. The financial aspect of the scheme is dealt with only in general terms. After the principle has been affirmed the details must be worked out. The adoption of the resolution will not commit the country to any particular plan, or route, or expenditure. There must be an agreement between the several parties before the project can be carried into effect. As a matter of fact, no satisfactory scheme has yet been proposed. It is felt that some action along the lines suggested would be of benefit to the empire, and the adoption of formal resolutions is but the initial step. There need be very little discussion of the one of which the premier has given notice. The question is larger than any party, and it is at least very doubtful whether the All-Red Line will be inaugurated during the lifetime of the government now in power in Canada.

BRETHREN AT VARIANCE

The following extract from the report of the proceedings in parliament on Saturday is of local interest:

"Mr. Bennett referred to an article in the St. John Globe, concerning the dredging contract."

"Mr. Pugsley explained that the contract was given to the Dominion Dredging Company before he became a minister. It was awarded by Mr. Fisher. Dr. Pugsley added that if the St. John Globe had known that Mr. Fisher did it, that paper would not have discussed the matter in the same hostile spirit."

In this connection read the following extract from a Globe editorial on Saturday, dealing with the custom of cross-questioning ministers on items of supply when the house is in committee:

"The minister has to stand up hour after hour, to preserve his temper under the most trying circumstances, and put the best face upon everything. If he be a bluff and vigorous man whose temper gives away under the torture and he pays back his questions in his own coin, things go hard with him; but if he be smooth of tongue, plausible, deferential, and unflinched outwardly, he will cover up his sins expeditiously."

Puzzle:—Find this minister.

An Ottawa despatch of Friday last says: "Senator Ferguson has given notice in the senate of a number of significant questions. It will be seen that the drift of them is that the government direct issued an extra supply of Dominion notes in connection with the crop moving expedient of last session, and that the banks which received them simply presented them to the treasury, exacted gold and shipped the gold off to New York, where it commanded famine prices, and thus made substantial profits. A strange circumstance is that only two millions of the loans were made before the close of navigation, while three millions were made after Christmas."

Year before last Victoria county sold potatoes to the value of \$200,000 in Toronto and Montreal. There are now eight thousand frost-proof potato houses in the county, and a market is afforded every farmer who desires it. One of the needs, however, is better roads; and it is suggested that starch factories should also be established. The growth of the potato business in Carleton and Victoria counties promises to rival that in Aroostook county, Maine, if the market can be secured.

The men who are working on G. T. P. construction work in this province are eating much beef that is imported from the west. And yet some farmers complain of a poor local market for beef. A Perth dealer told a member of the agricultural commission last week that he had outside orders for beef cattle which would

require 500 head to fill between now and the end of the year, and that he was simply unable to get the beef.

A good way to deal with those flag-waving Americans in Winnipeg would be to patronize those who respect the country that is giving them a living. Canadian flags are not flaunted boastfully in American cities. The American flag is honored in Canada to the extent that those who display it observe the ordinary courtesies of life.

The Victoria county farmers agree with those of Carleton county in the statement that there is a great scarcity of desirable farm help. St. John could spare some able-bodied men, if they could be converted into the right kind of help on the farm. But to make farm work attractive in this province there must be some re-adjustment of hours and wages.

By carefully selecting the longest and best heads of wheat for seed purposes, Mr. Donald Innes, who is one of the most successful of provincial farmers, in three years increased the number of grains in the average head of wheat 25 per cent., and the weight 30 per cent. Seed selection deserves universal attention on the part of farmers.

The visiting American Oddfellows were welcomed to St. John and were treated with a generous hospitality that reflects much credit upon local members of the order. The coolness of the fog that prevailed on Saturday evening and yesterday must have made the visitors reluctant to return to the heat of their home cities.

An immigrant farmer from England states that eastern Canada is seldom heard of in the old country. This is a matter to which the New Brunswick government must pay some attention. It has been too long neglected, and the province needs farmers and farm help.

Ten thousand men and a score of women watched a prize fight between a white man and a colored man at San Francisco on Saturday, and the receipts are said to have been \$40,000. Tennyson once wrote:—"However, we brazen it out, we men are a little breed."

A Hudson Bay captain of nearly forty years' experience confirms the view expressed by Commander Low of the Neptune expedition, that the Hudson Bay route for grain shipments will not prove of much value because it is navigable for so short a period.

Since there is nothing doing in Central America, it is gratifying to learn that there has been a revolution in Paraguay. The Mexican storm appears to have subsided and Venezuela is tranquil. The Paraguayan affair saves the situation.

The agricultural commission does not find many farmers rising up to blame the Farmers' Institute of the late government. Most of those who drew the salaries were doubtless satisfied, and perhaps that is some cause for thankfulness.

The area covered by the showers of yesterday will be enormously benefited in crop growth. Following the heat of several days the coolness of Saturday night and yesterday was delightful.

The board of trade will meet tomorrow afternoon to discuss the subject of street repairs. It is a subject of much importance, and there should be a large attendance.

DOCTOR'S LIFE SPAN

Doctors as a class are more subject to illness than their fellow men and their expectancy of life is less than that of most. An explanation of this is readily found in the anxieties caused by responsibilities which must weigh heavy on every man of right feeling; in the amount and trying nature of the work the doctor has to do; in irregularity of meals and broken sleep; in exposure to weather and to infection; and last but not least, in the scanty remuneration which his labor too often brings him.

The combined influence of all these causes is sufficient to undermine the strongest constitution long before a man has reached the limit of three score and ten. A comparison of tables compiled by statisticians in different countries gives doctors an average of fifty-seven years at death.

Doctors as a class are specially liable to certain diseases. Settling aside affections due to exposure and infection, the practice of medicine levies a disproportionate tribute from its professors in the form of diseases of the cardio-vascular and nervous systems. Angina pectoris has been called the "doctor's disease," neurasthenia deserves to be ranked in the same category, and severe forms of neurosis are, as might be expected, common among men whose profession compels them to live at the highest tension both of brain and nerve force.

It is scarcely to be wondered at, therefore, that the narcotic habit is so common among doctors. After all, what shortens doctor's life is overwork; mental and bodily strain manifesting itself at the point of least resistance.—British Medical Journal.

STRETCH OF IMAGINATION.

Wife (sighing)—Dear me, now that your mother and sister are coming to live with us, I don't see how we can ever make the home accommodate them. It is too small.

Hubby (laughing)—Well, I guess we'll have to make the home stretch.

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But yesterday, disconsolate, I fancied hope was dead; In silence I mourned my fate And chimed a saddest ditty. Today my hopes are soaring high on a thousand wings. In which I may, if I will try, Claim honor and win praise.

The robin still, with moistened wings, Sits silent on the limb; And it may be that there are things Which still discourage him. But I no longer lag in doubt, No longer nurse despair. The sun will soon be bursting out To rid the world of care.

Nay, you are wrong if you have guessed That She has come in glee To bid trouble from my breast And yield her love to me. The wolf has left my door; My liver's back upon the job, I like myself once more.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHAT HE TOOK UP.

Mrs. A.—"Yes, he said if I'd only be his wife he would take up music and art and literature. In fact, he said he would take up everything."

Mrs. B.—"And did he keep his promise?"

Mrs. A.—"No, he even refused to take up a carpet during housecleaning time."—Chicago Daily News.

A CRUEL RETORT.

"My husband always remembers my birthday and our wedding anniversary."

"I should think you would remember to hate him," replied the other woman.

TOO NOISY.

A man in mood wildly amorous Indulged in some love-making clamorous; But it cut out and the maid, If you don't, I'm afraid These may rather will come out and hamorous.

USE FOR THEM.

Jack—"The forests should be conserved."

Stella—"Oh, I guess there are enough left to carve our initials on."—New York Sun.

HIS REASON.

He—"They say that people who marry too soon grow to love all the wrong things."

She—"Then you must consider my refusal at final."—Illustrated Star.

FRISCELLA AND HER KNITTING.

John Alden pinched Frisella's chin. This was nothing shocking; Frisella dropped five stitches in her good old homespun stocking. And how the pieces fell to bits. And oh, the verbal knockings. To see Frisella knitting. A pair of drop-stitch stockings.

BLUES.

Lyander (sweetly)—"Do you know what day this is?"

"Sure! Our anniversary, Margaret, dear, (pretending to have remembered it all the time)." "Is such thing (trigridy). It's the day you promised to nail the leg on that old kitchen table."—Unknown.

THE DUMMY.

John is just the dumbest thing. He so says it is then for spring. He don't know this and don't know that. Nor don't know how to dig for bait. Except how to dig for bait.

And lean and lost upon the spring. Just don't know nothing in the spring. For listen to the blubbering. Just don't know nothing but the wish Of trout lines castin' out fer fish. And warm, still somethin' for the soul Down by the old-time swimmin' hole.

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR

(Toronto World.)

Tennyson's line in his first Lockyer Hall depicting "the nations' very navies grappling in the central blue" appears to be within measurable distance of realization. From the Daedalus of Athenian legend with his waxen wings down through all the historical ages the dream of achieving aviation has never been absent, nor could man, constituted as he is, rest content with the invention of the Brothers Montgolfier, tested 125 years ago, or with the steaming balloon of Da Vinci de Lome, that did such excellent service in the siege of Paris. The ideal towards which all experimenters have striven has always been to emulate the freedom and power of those long flighted birds that ride the whirlwind and content the storm.

After all the long centuries modern science, profiting by the wonderful industrial and mechanical discoveries of later years, has at last succeeded in overcoming the difficult problems connected with the supremacy of the air.

Many workers in all civilized lands have been working untiringly along various lines, and with a success that seldom repaid the labor and cost attending an investigation of this kind. But perseverance has again and at last brought its own reward and it cannot now be doubted after the latest demonstrations that the final conquest of the atmosphere is at hand. Naturally the first successes are but the heralds of the later triumphs which in the process of continuous improvement will reduce the circumscribed air under man's dominion.

An atmospheric machine, dirigible, will and capable of sustaining more than its own weight, means a mighty revolution in human affairs. Britain early recognized the fateful character of this endeavor and in no country has there been more careful and scientific advances made in the direction of aerial navigation. Its complete achievement cannot but affect the sense of security which the United Kingdom has so long enjoyed from its insular position and maritime supremacy.

That instinct was therefore sound which has led Britain to encourage the scientific and military experts who have been devoting themselves to the problem of atmospheric flight. Possibly this very matter may have been an instrumental factor in the policy which has led to the network of arbitration treaties and friendly agreements through which the international situation has been so profoundly modified.

Will the creation of the airy navies which Tennyson with prophetic eye and poetic imagination foretold and described make for war or peace? It is certain that aerial navigation will bring with it restrictions imposed by the common consent of all civilized nations on its employment for destructive purposes. Yet since these may not entirely avail. More hope must be placed on the growing amity that is apparent among the western peoples. The British race, The World believes is entirely sincere in its desire that the reign of universal peace may be inaugurated in the world. The United Kingdom is content with its vast burden and would rather devote itself to fulfilling its duties to the dependencies that acknowledge the British flag than add to them. In this the King and his ministers will be sustained by the self-governing states of the empire. Defence, not defiance, the motto of the old British volunteers, is the imperial watchword today.

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