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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Times prints today some extraordinary facts regarding the conduct of the International Railway Co., of New Brunswick in its efforts to secure laborers from England. In December this journal told the story of a man who was one of about two hundred brought to the province with the assurance that they would get at least six months' work, and be able to save about \$6 per week. These men found the conditions entirely different from what they had been led to expect, and very soon after their arrival many of them left the some of operations. This man, with several others, was arrested and spent some days in Dalhousie jail. Some of those men earned money in one way or another to pay their way back to England, some worked their way back, and some are still in the country, anxiously looking for work that will enable them to pay their way, and, in the case of some of them, to send a little money back to their families. One can imagine how the letter which the Times publishes on another page today would appeal to a man in the city of Manchester, who had a family and only the bare means of subsistence. He would think of that \$6 per week clear, and of that one hundred acres of land in a model settlement, of which he would become the possessor if his work proved satisfactory. One can also imagine what his feelings would be when he came to New Brunswick and learned the actual conditions and found that neither the \$6 per week nor the model settlement existed outside of the imagination of the agent of a company which sought cheap labor.

The International Railway Co. has received enormous subsidies from the province of New Brunswick, and may ask for more. By what right do its agents injure the prospects of New Brunswick as a field for immigrants by making false representations to the working men of England? This is a question which calls for an answer. Premier Robinson proposes to send immigration agents to the old country. They will be met on arrival with the prejudices aroused by the International Railway Co., which has been one of the pet of the government for years past. In view of the disclosures made in this issue of the Times, it would seem to be the duty of somebody to make some explanations.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

The Victoria Colonist points out that the new order-in-council which prohibits immigrants from landing unless they come from the country of their birth or citizenship by continuous journey will shut out all Japanese who come via Hawaii, or California or Mexican ports. It will also exclude nearly all Hindus, since there is no direct service from India, most of the Punjab coming via Hong Kong.

The question of immigration is very widely discussed in Japan as shown by quotations from the press. We quote further from the Colonist:

"Japanese newspapers say the two main items in the Canadian proposals were reduction of the number of immigrants from Japan and restriction of the qualifications of such immigrants. According to the Japan Herald of Yokohama, the latter item specifies the following qualifications to be possessed by those willing to enter the Dominion of Canada: Emigrants arriving in Canada for the purpose of engaging in agricultural pursuits must be men who have adequate capital and intend to permanently reside there, clerks in business firms having head offices in Japan, and men trained for special vocations, such as gardeners, etc. The new regulation will have the effect of rendering useless the agitation of Japanese emigration companies to secure the cancellation of the restriction of passports given to Japanese going to Hawaii whereby they are permitted to proceed to other countries from the islands. In this connection the Japan Herald says:

"The united meeting of the emigration agents, now in session in Tokyo, has passed a resolution recommending the revision of the emigrants protection law, on the basis of freedom of travel guaranteed by the constitution, the amalgamation of all the emigration companies, the cancellation of the words 'Hawaii only' in the passports granted to the Japanese immigrants to Hawaii, and the establishment of a new emigration bureau in the foreign office. A committee appointed at a previous sitting to ascertain the views of the government on the emigration question submitted its report of an interview with Count Hayashi, the minister for foreign affairs, to the effect that while the government was prepared to assist the development of emigration, such development must be sought in the direction of least resistance, and that he (Count Hayashi) thought South America was most favorable for the development of Japanese emigration. It is stated that the meeting will formulate a revised emigration law, with a view to introducing it during the coming session of the diet."

The statement of Bishop Richardson concerning the Scott Act contains one sentence which should be given a little emphasis. We quote—"I believe it is better for a community to suffer by the enforcement of an unwise law, than that the public sense of the dignity of the law should be lowered by it becoming practically non-effective." His lordship does not believe that the Scott Act is as good as a high-license law would be in Fredericton, but he would have the Scott Act enforced. If the authorities could be prevailed on to enforce the law it is possible that it would be found to be a good law. If not, it would be repealed. Therefore, enforce the law.

It is worthy of note that in the debate on senate reform or abolition in the house of commons yesterday not one of the speakers, not even the premier himself, expressed satisfaction with the senate as at present constituted. This is a hopeful indication. The various speakers held somewhat divergent views as to the form the reconstruction should take, but this is natural and desirable. Out of the many suggestions a workable and satisfactory scheme can in due time be evolved. There is evidently no strong sentiment either in parliament or the country in favor of the abolition of the senate. But it must be reformed.

Death has claimed an excellent citizen in the person of Mr. Charles F. Tilley. He was not a man who sought public honors, but for a time served the city at the aldermanic board, and paid close attention to his duties. Perhaps the best tribute that can be paid to Mr. Tilley is the statement that he was always popular among the men in his employ. This popularity was due to his generous nature, and his thoughtfulness for the personal welfare of those around him. Charitable without ostentation, he had also the happy faculty of making warm friends among his associates in life.

The Times has spoken many times in praise of juvenile courts modeled after that of the "Kid's Judge" in Denver. Police Magistrate Ritchie has opened a juvenile court in St. John, under the provisions of the revised statutes, which provide that the public be excluded from the hearing of cases against juvenile offenders. The citizens will welcome the new departure if it may be made more effective than former methods in dealing with conditions in this city which have shocked the thoughtful observer of child life, as too often revealed in the police court.

If, instead of saying that there is not a strong enough public sentiment to ensure the enforcement of a law, those high in authority should untidily bend their energies to create such a sentiment the result would be more satisfactory. This, of course, assumes that they regard that at which the law is aimed as an evil which ought to be suppressed. When positivism begins high up, it naturally spreads and becomes more pronounced as it descends the scale.

Certain large corporations are shown to have had a partiality for Japanese labor, and to have encouraged immigration. After all, the Japanese were not wholly to blame for the influx into British Columbia.

The humorist has attacked the United States fleet, and some people no doubt take the joke seriously.

TIT FOR TAT.
(London Tattler.)

A few days ago two young ladies hailed a tramcar, entered it, and found only one standing room. One of them whispered to her companion:

"I'm going to get a seat from one of those men. You take notice."

She looked down the row of men and selected a sedate gentleman who bore the general appearance of a married man. She called up to him and boldly opened fire:

"My dear Mr. Green! How delighted I am to meet you. You are almost a stranger. Will I accept your seat? Well, I do feel tired, I heartily admit. Thank you so much."

The sedate gentleman—a total stranger, of course—looked, listened, then quietly rose, and gave her his seat, saying:

"Sit down, Jane, my girl. Don't often see you on a washing day. You must feel tired, I'm sure. How's your mistress?"

The young lady got her seat, but lost her vivacity.

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And deeds are useless things,
When the dove shall warm her bosom
Beneath the eagle's wing.

When memory of battles
At last is strange and old,
When nations have one banner
And creeds have found one fold.

When the hand that sprinkles midnight
With its powerful drift of suns
Has hushed this tiny tumult
Of sects and words and guns.

Then hate's last note of discord
In all God's worlds shall cease,
In the conquest which is service,
In the victory which is peace!

—Frederick Lawrence Knowles.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
DISTINCTION.

"Don't be afraid," said the woman on the front step, "that dog likes strangers."

"Yes, ma'am," answered Maudering Mike. "I do not question your assurance that he would like me. But do you refer to him as a seeker for companionship or as an enquirer?"—Washington Star.

A GRACEFUL WITHDRAWAL

"Do you know who that old man is talking to our hostess?" asked Mrs. Blunderer of the lady sitting beside her.

"That," answered the woman coldly, "is my son."

"Oh," gasped Mrs. Blunderer in confusion, "a good deal older than you are, is he not?"—Lippincott's.

TO WHET HIS APPETITE.
(Philadelphia Ledger.)

A convict of a western prison had been extremely refractory, and different means were tried, without success, to break his spirit. One morning the superintendent said to the warden:

"That scoundrel, No. 213, is behaving worse than ever. Put him on bread and water."

"But he is already on fast diet," replied the warden.

"Then keep it up and give him a cook book to read."

A CHILD QUEEN.
(M. A. P.)

Even as a child Queen Wilhelmina of Holland was fond of asserting her authority. One day she sent for a certain minister and announced that she had quarreled with and dismissed her governess. The minister gravely answered: "When does Your Majesty wish her to be beheaded? You know it is the custom in Holland to behead all those who are officially disgraced. It will be necessary for Your Majesty to be present at the execution, and here the child queen abruptly left the apartment and the governess was reinstated at once."

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, since July 1899, was born at Randolph, Mass., on July 18th, 1864. He graduated at Brown University in 1885 and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Heidelberg in 1888 and since then has been given honorary degrees by scores of prominent institutions. President Wheeler married Miss Amy Webb at Providence, R. I., in June of 1891. As a scholar Dr. Wheeler is considered a great university man and an executive head of a great university he is pronounced a marked success. He has written many text books and among other volumes a notable biography of Alexander the Great.

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