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RAILWAY FREIGHTS ON HORSES.

A letter in Wednesday's Globe called attention to the gross injustice being done to the farming population and others by the sudden doubling of local rates for the movement of single horses and cattle. The writer seemed to have only held communication with the Grand Trunk, but if he had had occasion also to get rates from the C.P.R. he would have found both companies in the same boat, though it is fair to assume that the new departure had its origin in the new management of the C.P.R. It is not clear from the article in the mind of whether in the result railway interests will be more hurt than individuals, and the folly of the impost is really amazing. When that dapper little man, Sir Henry Tyler, was president, he was accustomed to tickle the ears of his English shareholders with promises to "sweet the Canadian," but even he never dreamed of allowing local rates to double. The fact that the Grand Trunk company stock is intrinsically worthless, though as counters in stock gambling for a fall or rise in the periodical return of earnings the hundred pounds shares sell for about nine. Then there is a formidable list of preference, preference and anti-preference shares on which local business has to find some dividend, the through business being admitted to a share in the railway's capital account on some basis which recognized the worthlessness of the stock, but nothing has been heard of it yet.

Only one general manager has been appointed, and England and Canada acquiesce in a strange libel on our five millions of people when they assume that we are not interested in the man capable of managing the road, but must bribe away a Yankee—possibly a very estimable gentleman—from his occupation on an American road. A gullotine is forthwith erected on the company premises at Montreal, and heads roll rapidly into the basket; but nobody will ask Mr. Hays to manage the road with other than men entirely acceptable to himself. It is one of the unfortunate features of the situation. He is only exercising his undoubted rights when he decides who shall and who shall not continue to earn C.P.R. salaries and give their names into the field of practical reform and cancels our trains, and raises our rates we have every right to remonstrate, and if Mr. D'Alton McCarthy would descend from the high ground of his horse he is on to look after the horses which as president of our Hunt Club he should feel some interest in. Mr. Hays' name that we are giving to the ample cause to the member for North Simcoe to persevere in that demand for a Board of Railway Commissioners which he has apparently overlooked since the Manitoba school question on the tapis. Mr. Hays cannot ride rough-shod over the farming interests of this country. He must respect the necessities of the men who live along the road, and who, as a body, his road is enormously indebted for money taken from the public chest. He is not to paralyze a business which has come to every farmer and country dealer who needs to supply the city demand for single horses.

Hays has arrayed against him his liveries, cab men, his ride and drive for pleasure, tradesmen and delivery wagons, exhibitors at horse shows, owners of racing and trotting countless other interests in the business classes. These all will recognize the injustice of charging 14 cents a mile for the conveyance of a horse, and they will support the establishment of the now indispensable Board of Commissioners. They will be able to act in concert, and in union is strength. The various clubs and driving associations, the Horse Breeders' Society, the Short Horn Breeders' Society, the Horse Show Committee, the several city, county and township exhibition societies, all will combine to provide the needed machinery and to support it. That his road will suffer in all its various branches of business, and not only in a struggle between the road and the rail.

ONE-SIDED ARBITRATION.

That excellent paper, The London Globe, is very severe upon the Little Britain Club, a British fraternity who surprise all the outside world by siding with the foreigner on the aboriginal in every question affecting their own country. Rightly does The Globe say: "In no other country in the world do we find men in a more or less public position who are willing to lend their voices and pens to the unpatriotic task of running down their fellow countrymen." It is not surprising that the British press should be so full of articles supporting each and every foreign nation against Great Britain. Our contemporary proceeds to read a lesson to the Montezumas and others who because the people of the United States are our "own kith and kin" to use the term they employ, would forthwith bow the knee and say "Western Hemisphere yours, do with it as you will, we will not fight or even protest." At the present moment the Democratic press of the United States is very much on its usual course. A fighting President—with his mouth and his pen as sharp as a razor—has persuaded are making the most of him. Grant was of a different calibre. He was a man of deeds, not of words. Having succeeded in creating a diversion in favor of Turkey by his ill-fortune Venezuelan message, Cleve-

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twenty army corps, of which nineteen are territorial, while the three are mobile, and are sent throughout the Empire. Each army corps, with a war strength of about 100,000 men, is commanded by a general, and the corps commander is always a full general. In round numbers the German Empire has not seen a shot fired in anger since the great war of 1870-71, but probably all the corps commanders have seen the field of battle. The present Emperor has been gradually sending into retirement his principal officers. But promotion is slow in the German army, so that for the most part the army corps commanders are still hale, active in body and mind, and fully abreast of the times.

LEADERS OF THE GERMAN ARMY. The Emperor is the head of the army, and he has proved over and over again his practical skill and knowledge of warfare as regards both strategy and tactics. In the event of actual war, it is certain that he will be his own commander-in-chief. In the event of a war, the Emperor would certainly take command of the principal German army, and he is not yet been paid over, but the U. S. Senate has amendments to the award under consideration at this moment.

Here, then, we have two occasions on which the British Empire has consented to arbitration with the United States; on the one, the latter claimed far in excess of what was justly due, and had not the sense of justice to pay property; while on the other, they refused to pay over the miserably small sum which even their own officers admitted to be just and due to those who had been injured. Arbitration is no longer a very fine way of settling international disputes when both sides hold loyally by the award, but when one party persistently refuses to submit to the award, judgment is rendered, and the British Empire is not to be pardoned for a certain shyness about repeating the experiment. She has always been anxious and even eager to submit her disputes to arbitration, but before she can admit the claim of the United States to be a party to the matter, she is quite justified in asking that the Alabama and Behring Sea disputes be settled, as the latter is not responsible for the wrongs of the former. Sentimentalists must, one would think, come in time to see that Great Britain cannot always consent to arbitrate with a State which refuses to arbitrate with her in her favor, and holds itself at liberty to refuse them when they happen to be given the other way.

An Old Custom in Quebec.

The French Canadian in Quebec finds the matrimonial expense an enormous matter. The event of the wedding day there is a supper and a dance at the bride's new home. When the guests are seated, some one asks with great dignity: "Why does madam wait?" In the so-called "wedding" the bride is not to be seen until she has stolen my slipper; I cannot walk. Then they carry her chair and all into the middle of the room, where the vendor of boots and shoes. He kneels before the bride, and she has a long succession of old boots and shoes of every variety and size, until at last he finds her measure. Then he kneels to her, and she has a long succession of old boots and shoes of every variety and size, until at last he finds her measure. Then he kneels to her, and she has a long succession of old boots and shoes of every variety and size, until at last he finds her measure.

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The girl was in the front room on the second floor, peering through the blinds. From above she saw the light of the road as it wended across the meadow to the woods and...

Mary's eyes were fastened upon the little streak of road that appeared in the distance. She saw a horse and rider, and she knew that it was the man who had been with her...

Upon the yellow stream of road that lay across the meadow, a horse and rider were seen. A cloud of dust floated away. The girl flew to the head of the stairs and whistled down.

"They're coming! They're coming!" she called. "The man who was with me is here. He's coming, anyhow." She cried argumentatively to the depths of the shadows...

Her mother followed, gasping for breath and with her hands raised in questions, reproach and remonstrance. The girl was already at the window, and she was looking out. "There! See 'em! See 'em!"

Rushing to the window, the mother scanned for a moment the road that lay across the meadow. She saw a horse and rider, and she knew that it was the man who had been with her...

"Oh, look!" breathed the girl. Her mouth was puckered into an expression of intense interest. The little troop rode in silence. At its head was a youthful fellow...

"But, ma," said the girl, perplexed and terrified in the same moment. "They're gone." She looked at her mother with a pleading look...

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then turned like a flash toward the door. "No one appeared there, so she went closer to survey the situation. The troopers, and dismounted, and stood in silence by their horses. A grey-bearded man, whose red cheeks and nose showed vividly against the whiskeys, was scuffling about with two or three others. They were double-breasted coats, and faded yellow sashes were wound over their black leather sword-belts. The grey-bearded soldier was apparently giving orders, pointing here and there.

Mary tipped to the feed-box. "They've all got off their horses," she said to the man who was with her. "They're near the top, and said to her very plainly: 'Come closer.' She obeyed, and then a muffled voice said: 'Be careful, for the horse, lady, and if we don't see you again, why, much obliged for what you have done.'

"Good-bye," she said to the feed-box. She made two attempts to walk down the stairs, but each time she faltered and fell just before she reached the point where she could have been seen by the blue-coated troopers. At last, however, she made a dash forward and went out into the bright sunshine.

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The trembling yellow light of the lantern caused the figures of the men to appear as if they were walking in a dream. There was a low hum of voices, and the men moved forward in a line. The girl sat in the new gloom of the kitchen and watched the soldiers file past her. The man who was with her was looking at her with a look of intense interest.

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and with it the swishing noise. In dramatic pantomime she informed this head of the terrible consequences of so much noise. The head nodded and she spoke with extraordinary care. The second man pushed and pulled himself through the hole. "A faint whisper the first man said, 'Where's the hole?'"

The second man made low reply, "He's right here." He motioned reassuringly toward the hole. When the third head appeared a soft smile of gladness came upon his face, and the music group exchanged expressive glances. When they all stood together free from this tragic ban, they breathed a long sigh that contained portentious with another smile and another exchange of glances.

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An interesting essay on the author of the evening was read by Miss May Walker. The first elocutionary number, "Telling the News," was given by Miss Florence Connell in a manner expressive of the pathos of the piece. Miss Blanche Leigh won an enthusiastic round of applause for her recitation of "The Sisters." The "Piper at the Gates of Dawn" was well done by Ella Metcalf. Mrs. W. J. Ross showed her talent in the touching Acadian Romance, "Marguerite." Miss Duluth Barnes in "School Days" was very praiseworthy, as was also Miss Olive Jeffrey's "King Volmer and Elsie." Miss Ida Wingfield showed fine gifts of improvisation in her portrayal of the characters in "The Witch's Daughter." Mr. C. Leroy Keane scored another distinct success in "The Ringers." Sir Charles E. Young's bright comedia "Woman's Perfidy" was presented with the following cast: Mrs. Montevor, Miss May Walker, Mrs. Woodward Jones, Miss Blanche Leigh, Juliette, Mrs. W. J. Ross.

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