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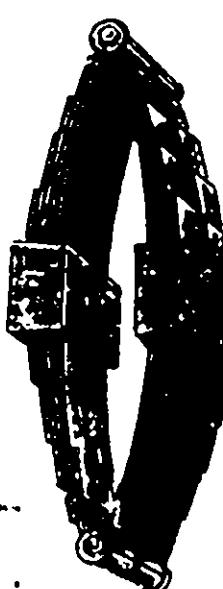
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THE LESSON OF FREE TRADE

(*Utah Journal of Commerce*)

All parties and all industries will do well to read and heed the following remarks taken from an English magazine called the *Nineteenth Century*—

The most sanguine must allow there is something rotten in the state of England. We have a population of 35,000,000 of the best working men in the world, accustomed for generations to agricultural and manufacturing industries. We have ample capital, better banking facilities and credit, cheaper coal and iron, and better engineers and mechanics and machinery than any nation in the world; greater facilities for importing raw materials for our industries; our climate is better adapted for labour of all kinds all the year round than any other climate in the world; our soil, take it all through, is better suited for agricultural industries than any soil in Europe or America; we have the finest breed of horses, beasts, pigs and sheep in the world; and yet the agricultural interest is on the verge of ruin, and the manufacturing interest is in a condition that alarms all engaged in it. Now why is this? Great Britain has lost none of her natural advantages, her coal, her iron, her vast capital, her soil, her climate, are still the same; her population is increasing. We are told that the French and Belgians beat us because they are more thrifty than we are; but the French and Belgians were equally thrifty, and the English equally extravagant fifteen years ago, and they did not beat us then. We are told the Americans are more enterprising, and no doubt they are, but it is the enterprise born of prosperous and increasing trade as contrasted with the depression inseparable from a steadily decreasing one. England is the only country in the world that has adopted what is called Free Trade, and England is the only country in the world that is retrograding in industrial prosperity. "Isolated" Free Trade has removed the restriction from foreign trade, but not English trade; it has not conferred a single blessing on this country that every other country has not enjoyed under absolute Protection; but it has done this for us, it has ruined our great agricultural interest. It has year by year reduced our food producing power. It has thrown one-quarter (8000, alas, to become one-half) of our wheat area out of cultivation. It has extinguished our dairy farming, our fruit and vegetables, and all minor agricultural industries. It has enabled foreigners to flood our markets with cheap, and often nasty, manufactured goods; it has transferred the production of between fifty and sixty millions' worth of manufactured goods from English manufacturers and English operatives to foreigners. It has made our immense manufacturing capital unremunerative. It has made the employment of our operatives uncertain and spasmodic. It has very much deteriorated the quality of our manufactured goods. It has increased the balance of trade against us, till it has reached the alarming figure of £136,000,000. It has absolutely destroyed all confidence in the present and future of our manufacturing industries. It has reduced the industries of England to this condition, that with the exception of the bankers, the brokers, the brewers, the dilettantes, and the publicans, and the importers of foreign goods, every class in the community is either losing money or working without profit. Wages have arisen more rapidly in proportion in Protective France, Belgium and America than in Free Trade England, and what is of infinite more importance, employment has been more steady and continuous. The position of the operative under Protection in America is better in every respect than his mate under Free Trade. Operatives from all parts of the world flock to America, the land of Protection; not one ever comes to England, the land of Free Trade. 1. Is it probable, or even possible, that England can return to Protection? 2. If she did so, would the working classes be benefited by it? The answer to the first question must be sought in a careful analysis of the census. It appears probable that the operative classes as a body will go for "Protection to land and labour." If they do so the manufacturers, the land owners, the tenant farmers, the labourers, every tradesman and shop keeper in the manufacturing and agricultural towns and villages throughout the country, the brewers, the publicans, the carriers, and all the small industries, directly or indirectly dependent on the prosperity and spending power of the operative and agricultural classes, will follow them to a man. Secondly, supposing England does return to Protection, will the working classes be benefited by it? Will foreign nations buy more of our goods because we put a duty on their goods? Certainly not, they will continue to buy from us just what they do now, neither more nor less, what they cannot make themselves, or what they cannot buy better elsewhere. But, on the other hand, we should buy £10,000,000 or £15,000,000 less of their goods, and encase £10,000,000 or £15,000,000 more of our own goods; and £20,000,000 or £25,000,000 of wages that now go into the pockets of foreign operatives would go into the pockets of English operatives. My knowledge, therefore, is most absolute that when the nation realizes its true industrial

position, and common sense has removed the question from the arena of party politics, the demand throughout the country from almost every class for a protection will be irresistible.

THE DOMINION EXHIBITION

(*Maritime Farmer*)

The exhibition lately held in Halifax deserves more than a passing notice. At first blush, one might think that more should be learned from an exhibition held under the authority and management of the Dominion than from any previous one held under merely local jurisdiction. But we are much inclined to think that it was, in reality, only a piece of sentiment to give the Halifax show a Dominion character, for beyond the small amount of money given by the general government, no discernible benefit was derived from the high sounding title. The exhibits received from the Upper Provinces would not have been released had they been retained at home. The greatest advance made by the recent exhibition in Halifax, over any show heretofore held in the Lower Province, was the admission of exhibits from any part of the Dominion. When last year our Government proposed to the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that the rule of general admission should be adopted, so many difficulties were raised that it was not then carried out. As a partial measure, our Government admitted competition from the other provinces for honours, and a large number of awards were made to parties residing in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec. But it was found that anything short of full competition would not do. Now, however, that exhibitors from all the provinces have been for the first time allowed to compete on equal terms, we have no fear of the future. One of the leading men from the Island, while viewing the stock in the ring when the judges were at work, remarked that "in future exhibitions there would be a keen rivalry and competition between the different provinces." This is exactly what is wanted. The country derives little, we might say no, benefit from the practice of giving a certain amount of money for prizes in the different classes of stock, etc., and dividing it among a few farmers who bring a lot of scrawls into the show yards where there are no animals to contest the prizes with them. The greater the competition is the greater the merit in carrying off the honours. When there is a keen and generous rivalry between competitors, the money becomes a secondary object. At Halifax the greatest interest was felt by exhibitors of the different provinces in the destination of the highest prizes. A group of Prince Edward Island farmers were seen to be much elated over the report that the Island had been awarded first prize in butter, but when the error was corrected, and they heard that New Brunswick had carried off the palm, their joy was turned to disappointment, and they returned home carrying with them a sense of personal defeat, but also, no doubt, a determination to win the coveted prize at the next competition. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, it may be said with truth, made a very creditable display at Halifax. Our remarks are written with our thoughts chiefly in the agricultural department, but as regards New Brunswick, the display of manufactures was equally to its credit. Most of the visitors from these provinces were well pleased with what they saw, and learned much that repaid them well for the trouble and expense of going from home. We are confident that most of them will be eager to attend the next exhibition of a similar character, let it be held where it may be, St. John, Fredericton, Charlottetown or elsewhere. New Brunswick certainly excelled in Jersey cattle. In this fine breed she is a long way ahead of the other Lower Provinces. She is also quite able to hold her own in Ayerstines. But in abort horned she is deficient, and her exhibit in this class in Halifax was not satisfactory. Both Nova Scotia and P.E.I. Island have got the start of this Province, in this noble breed. The work done by the Stock Farm was clearly shown in the exhibit, in this class, from the Island. The animals sent from the Farm were really magnificent, and yet all, and perhaps not the very best, of this breed raised there were not sent to Halifax. A very useful herd was left on the farm. At some future show our Stock Farm may make it more difficult for the Island to obtain the first award in this class than it was to her in September in Halifax. We are very hopeful. We may give here a few particulars with regard to one of New Brunswick's most successful exhibits. In horses this province did very well; it carried off the Hon. Mr. Pope's prize for the best horse of any age or breed. And the show of Percherons attracted very general admiration. Those noble animals appeared to great advantage when shown altogether. Very few of this grand, showy yet sturdy breed had been seen in Nova Scotia, so that the sight of them was a kind of revelation to most of the visitors. Larger crowds were attracted by them than by any other part of the show, and the caretakers were actually besieged by persons anxious to inspect and learn all they could of the noble greys from Normandy and Picardy. The opportunity afforded to show off the horses was not good. The ground was not in order and the ring was far from being completed, and the drivers had many difficulties to contend with, owing to the unevenness of the arrangement. In

we cannot be so ungracious as to find faults in the managers, but much to do, and was hard pressed to accomplish it. Let us be grateful for what was done. The fact that it is possible to hold an exhibition for the Maritime Provinces, was established, and that was enough. If nothing else was done. The buildings, sheds, yards and track in Halifax, are all well planned, and are very compact. When they are finished the holding of an exhibition there in the future will be an easy matter. As it appears to be quite settled that New Brunswick will not ask for an exhibition until 1883, it is fairly within the right of the Islanders to have the show next year. The P. E. I. government should advance their claim at once. It is a mistake to delay making the announcement of the place and time when an exhibition is to be held until the time of holding is close at hand. A long notice is absolutely necessary for manufacturers, and in fact it is better for all classes of exhibitors. There should always be at least a year's notice, and now when so many Provinces are interested a larger time is required. We hope to hear before long that the Island is up and doing, as it is for its own interest that it should move early and energetically in the matter.

ILLUSTRATION

(*Shareholder*)

The immigration of strong, intelligent farmers, with some small capital, from the over populous countries of Europe, is rightly looked upon as the great consideration for Canada. Notwithstanding the fact that within our borders we have the greatest forests, the richest mineral deposits, and the most prolific of fisheries of any country in the world, the large preponderance over all these of the wealth of our soil places agriculture as the foundation stone of our future greatness and advancement as a nation. We do not ask wealthy grandees from Europe to come and spend their money with us; we simply want the tillers of the soil of the old countries to come with their industry and knowledge of farming and take possession of the numerous magnificent homesteads that are waiting occupation and lying waste for want of able hands to reap the luxuriant harvests that can so easily be raised on their fertile soils. In Europe the farmers of the land are oppressed with the thousand and one disadvantages which have come down as their inheritance from those barbarous days of feudalism, in which they were the very slaves of the lords of land, and which seem even yet with all our civilization scarcely to have passed away. Here the farmer, though he were the meanest serf in Europe, becomes a free and independent man, with a home and homestead of his own, so that he becomes imbued with a spirit of energy and industry which were altogether wanting to him under the old conditions. He takes a new pride in his work, and looks forward with confidence to a comfortable old age while his happiness is increased by the presence around him of a family of strong, healthy free minded young men and women, who are the bone and sinew of our country. These are the advantages to be gained to the European farmer by emigration to the land of the setting sun.

Freedom, independence, freed proprietorship and sure wealth to follow industry, in exchange for oppression, dependence, heavy rental and poverty. These are the inducements held out to the farmers of Great Britain to-day, and were these only sufficiently impressed upon their minds, as it is not, there is every reason for the belief that the flow of immigration into Canada from England, Scotland and Ireland would be a hundred-fold greater than it is, and that in the end means a hundred-fold more life and energy infused into the veins of our national being. There are three large agencies now at work whose interest it is to draw immigration to Canada—the Dominion Government, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Hudson Bay Company, besides minor land companies, and with them lies the duty of laying before the understanding of the English farmer the simple truth concerning the capabilities and advantages of our great North-West territories. Up to the present they have all three been beaten in this respect, horse, foot and artillery, by American land agents, and the result is that the great bulk of immigration goes by our doors to enrich our enterprising neighbour to the south of us. We trust that a livelier programme of advertising the lands of the North-West will be inaugurated during the ensuing year, and that we will not be found less energetic than the Americans who are engaged in the same work. While on the subject of immigration we would hazard the remark that there is one branch of immigration that is at present totally neglected, and in which the agencies above referred to have no special interest. We mean the immigration into this country of skilled mechanics. The very mention of such a thing would, we are aware, raise the low—low wages from our home workmen. But we are convinced that their opposition to such an importation of skilled labour would, to say the least, be injurious. One great drawback to Canadian industries is the positive scarcity of trained mechanics who know their business thoroughly in all its branches. Manufacturers find the greatest difficulty in procuring efficient foremen to take charge of the different departments of their work, and are constantly running over to American cities,

losing time in hunting up competent men. This we hold to be a great evil and one that could easily be overcome if steps were taken to create an emigration from some of the large manufacturing cities of England. Wages are much higher here than in the old country, and if our leading manufacturers would but take the initial step, they would soon have their demand for skilled labour supplied, thus promoting their own interests without in any way interfering with those of the mechanics now in the country.

ANOTHER LAND SCHEME

(*Shareholder*)

A new and important enterprise has been set on foot in Toronto for the purpose of purchasing and disposing of land in the Dominion and of furthering the emigration of farmers from Europe to this country. A joint stock company, to be known as the "British Canadian Colonisation Company, (limited)," has been formed for the purpose of carrying out the project of which the following are the projectors and provisional directors: Hon. Alex. Macdonald, James Beatty, Jr., Robt. Jaffray and Fred. C. Denis, Jr., of Toronto, and G. A. Cox, of Peterboro. The capital of the company is to be \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. In the notice of application for letters of incorporation the following is set forth as its programme of operations: The propose for which incorporation is sought are the acquiring by purchase, lease or otherwise of lands or any interest in lands in the Dominions of Canada, and the improving, selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of the same, and of assisting emigration from other countries, and settlement upon lands in Canada, with power to assist immigrants and settlers to colonize the lands of the company by grants of land, advances of money or otherwise, and to take security for such advances and assistance and for the balance of the price of lands sold by the Company by way of mortgages upon the land so sold, with power to sell and assign such mortgages, and also to act as agents for any persons or corporation for the purchase, sale or mortgage of lands in Canada. Such a scheme well shows the increasing confidence which the Canadian investor is beginning to have in the North-West, and in the demand for land that will set in during the next few years, and more especially when the Canadian Pacific Railway shall be completed and facilities for transport and travel are free to all who choose to visit or dwell in that great country.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

HOW FREIGHT TRAINS ARE HANDLED.

A wildcat train used to be the dread of railroad men. Now every freight train on a great many roads is a wildcat. Yet it runs with more safety to itself and to other trains than when it used to be time-tabled. It starts out when it can, and therefore runs or stands still on sidings under orders received at the stations.

Three years ago every flagman on the Erie railroad was summoned to the superintendent's office, and there made to swear whether or not he understood the rules of the road as to flagging trains. If it was found that he did understand them, he was allowed to go back to work after signing a statement that he understood them. It is said by road officials that this proceeding so impressed the flagmen with the importance of their duties that there has never since been an accident caused by a flagman's carelessness, such as was said to have caused the accident at Rye, on the New Haven railroad. There are four whistle signals. One whistle, continued for about five seconds, indicates that brakes must be turned on to stop the train. Two whistles is the signal to let off the brakes. Three whistles is the signal that the train is about to be backed, and also for the flagman to go back. Whether the train is backed or not, and under any and all circumstances, the flagman must leave the caboose of a freight train or the rear car of a passenger train and hasten back three quarters of a mile, or a mile, in readiness to stop any train that may be approaching. He must stay there until he has stopped an approaching train or until he hears the signal to come back. This signal is four whistles.

When the engineer has given the signal for the flagman to come in, it by no means follows that the train must wait for him. The flagman gets back if he can. If he can not he must follow on the next train he can get. His flag is a pass on any train. Sometimes when a fog lies on the Jersey meadows an Erie train comes in with only the engineer and conductor in charge of it, every other employee having been left behind with a flag.

The signal for the flagman to go back must be given by the engineer every time the train stops, unless it be one of its regular stations and on time. If it is not on time, a flagman must be whistled back. More than this, whenever a train stops, except at a station on time, the flagman must go back, whether he hears the signal to do so or not, and he must stay there until he gets the signal to return to the train. If he does not get a signal to return, he must stay back on the track until he stops a train. The theory is that if a flagman does his full duty there is hardly a possibility of the crashing of one train into another.

There are 170 daily passenger trains scheduled on the time tables in the Erie office. These must necessarily run according to a time schedule. Of the numerous freight trains only two are now scheduled, and it is said that that is a mere form, since it is impossible that they should run on time. The only general rule of the road as to the running of trains not carrying passengers is that right of way shall always be given to stock over all other traffic.

All freight trains may be said to be run under the eye of a train dispatcher, whose business is to study the train sheet. This is a very large ruled sheet of cardboard on which the telegrapher, at which every train on the road passes a station is put down as soon as it is received. This sheet informs him just where every train running on the road at any given time is. Some road make their train dispatchers out of telegraphers in the dispatcher's office. It has been the policy of the New York Lake Erie & Western Railroad, however, to make them out of conductors, on the principle that the dispatcher ought, in case of an accident or other disturbance in the running of trains, to be able to call up to mind every inch of the road, with every switch and siding, where the long fast line stretches, and where it is impossible to make good time. He must know where to lay up an important freight train, and where to stow a stock temporarily, so that a passenger train shall lose no time, if possible, and the stock train shall lose as little time as possible. In such a juncture the dispatcher has no time to plan. All stations are notified of the disturbance and every moment comes a statement from one of them that such or such train is there and waiting for orders. Only one brain can do the work, and a man who has not in mind a vivid picture of the road, such as a conductor would find himself at a disadvantage. There is a record of the orders sent out by the dispatcher in the Erie office in case of an accident several years ago showing that frequently during a period of eight hours the dispatcher sent out as many as three telegraphic orders a minute. The object is to keep as many of the important trains moving as possible.

The train dispatcher must always be at his post, and must always decide quickly. In the Erie office there are three of them, each one on duty eight hours a day.—N. Y. Sun.

The traffic returns of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the week ending October 10th, 1881, are as follows—

Passengers	81,481
Freight and live stock	10,159
Mail and sundries	3,693
Total	95,333
Corresponding week last year	123,342
Decreases	6,879

What proportion of all the millions who travel by day and night over the net work of railroads in the United States and Canada gives more than passing thought to the men of the engine? Tickets are bought, passes issued to pilots far and near, and the holders confidently step into the coaches and take their seats. They chat together, read novels and newspapers, or draw back into dreams, or stare out the windows, now at rude or cosy cottages, now at a distant forest or hill or some quiet acre of God where the dead slumber on oblivious to the roar of the passing engine, and, knowing that they are solid with the conductor, doze care a fig for the engineer or fireman. But out in the storm, on through the dismal darkness these unappreciate heroes are safely guiding their charges with precious freight of human life—their eyes pierce the illuminated course in front, and gaze steadfastly around. Their strong bony hands clutch the lever or the scoop, as the earth fits past them. But they too have dear ones to think about. They too would enjoy the rest of the dream—but duty forbids their forgetting for a instant the powerful and mighty things whose breath and motion they control. To those inside and in the rear there is some sense of security. They think that if anything happens the engineer must go first and there may still be safety for them. Thus far, and the sympathy stops. No vision of a martyr torn from the leap of death across a helpless household ever disturbs their peace. But in this brotherhood there is sympathy, and one of its purposes is to teach the world sympathy. In this brotherhood there is a helping hand for the living and a tear for the dead, and a balm for the bereaved. Grand and noble brotherhood, let a join in order to make the glorious banner of our union stronger and greater ever.—Locomotive Firemen's Magazine.

The property of the late Dean Stanister, the relatives of his wife, his executors in the second and third generation, his church and personal friends and, indeed, nearly every one who stood in any way related to him by kindred, friendship, or domestic service, came in for a share of the \$120,000.

Philadelphia is having a tremendous struggle for and against an elevated railroad in Market street, one of its principal business thoroughfares. The property owners along the proposed line seem to be about equally divided, part claiming that great damage would be done, and part arguing that in its 8th street railroad business has been held by the high transit.

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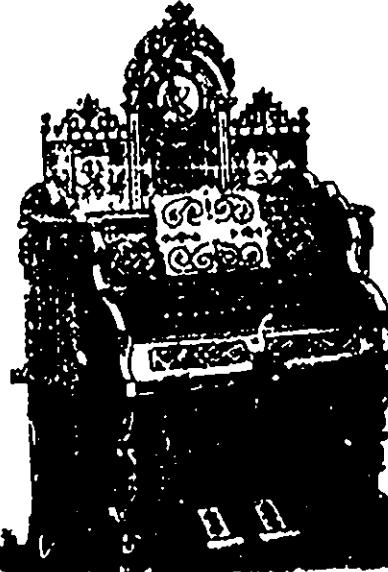
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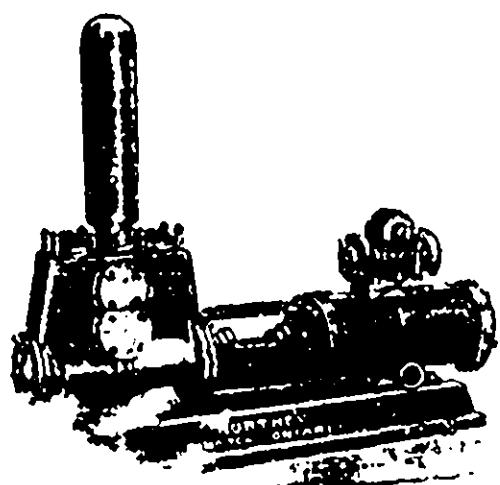
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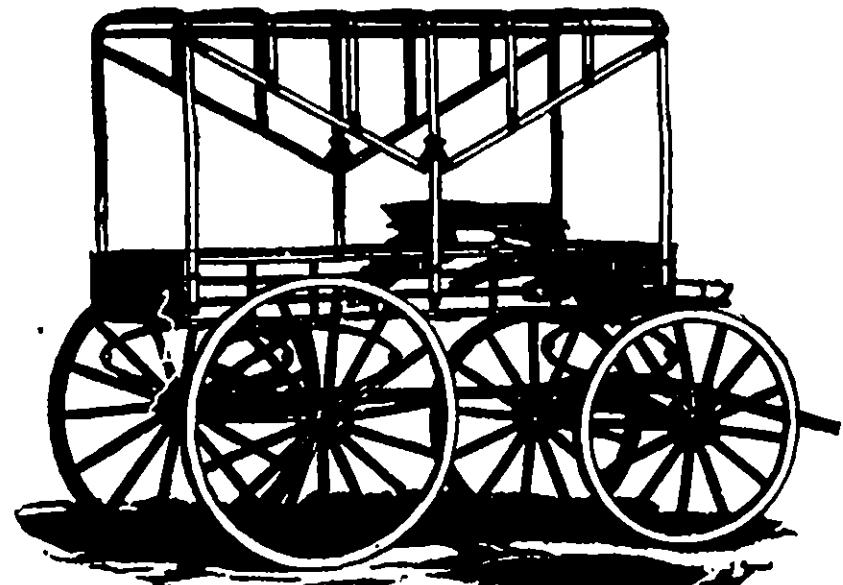
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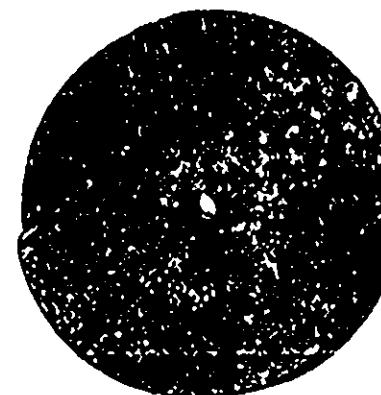
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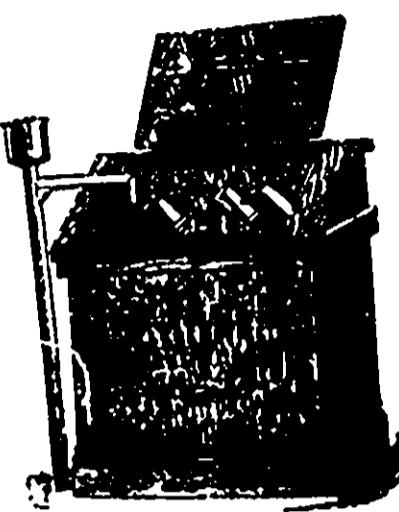
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