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## EIGHT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DROWN

### Six Girls and Two Boys the Victims

### Perished While Rowing on Pond During Noon Hour

### One Boat Leaked Badly and They Changed Into the Other, Sinking It—Gallant Youth, After Reaching Shore, Swam Back and Had a Girl Nearly to Safety When Both Sank.

(Associated Press.)  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 12—Eight high school students, six girls and two boys, lost their lives today while boating on what is known as the old paper mill dam at Huntington Hills, about twenty miles west of this city, in the lower end of Luzerne county.

### The Dead.

Maud Sutfill, aged 17 years, of Town Line.  
Carolyn Koons, aged 16 years, Harveyville.  
Ruth Bonhan, 18 years, Town Line.  
Iris Davenport, 16 years, Waterbury.  
Rachel Thompson, 16 years, Town Hill.  
Madeline Good, 17 years, Waterbury.  
Robert Minnich, 16 years, Koonsville.  
Ray Dodson, 17 years, Fairmont.  
Twelve students of the Huntington high school got two boats from the dam and started for a boat ride in the water, and when the two had reached the center of the body of water it was noticed that one of them had sprung a leak. The two boats were then pulled together by the young men in the party and an effort was being made to transfer the girls from the leaky boat to the safer craft.

### Gallant Boy Perished.

Minnich in the excitement, it is presumed, thought that all the young women had succeeded in reaching land. He had no sooner gained the bank than he noticed the girls hanging to the rapidly sinking boat. The boy dashed into the water and swam swiftly to the water-filled craft. Only two of the girls were clinging to the boat, the others having gone down for the last time. Seizing Miss Davenport, Minnich again started for the shore, but the exertion was too much for the gallant lad and the two went down together when they were within a stone's throw of the bank.

### Worcester Bank Cashier, Who Stole \$600,000, Indicted

Worcester, Mass., May 12—John A. Hannon, cashier of the Worcester Savings Bank, was today indicted by the Worcester county grand jury on fifteen counts charging him with the larceny of \$600,000 of the bank's funds. Hannon, who has been in jail awaiting trial much of the time since last January when he surrendered himself, following the discovery of the shortage in the bank's accounts, did not appear in court today.

## ALLAN FLIERS FOR CANADIAN ROUTE

### Asks Tenders for Two Steamers of the Mauretania Class

### GREAT CAPACITY

### To Carry 2300 Passengers and Have Speed of 21 or 22 Knots—Means Five Days Passage to Quebec—Expect Big Subsidy.

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Montreal, May 12—It is announced by the Allan line that they are inviting tenders in England for two new transatlantic steamers which are to be for the Canadian route what the Mauretania and Lusitania are for the New York run.

The two new boats are to be 700 feet long, with a capacity of 2,300 passengers, with a speed of from twenty-one to twenty-two knots per hour. At this speed they will cut off a full twenty-four hours from the run between Liverpool and Quebec, so that passengers from Liverpool will be able to reach Chicago within a week of sailing, the voyage occupying from five to five and a half days.

Tenders to this effect have been invited in England by Hugh A. Allan, chairman of the Allan line, and apart from the general specifications the details as to workmanship are left open to the contractor, with the sole proviso that the boats are to be as fine as British workmanship can make them.

It is estimated that the new ships will only run from Liverpool to Quebec, and thence to Montreal, and that the route will be made to Montreal, and thence to Montreal, and thence to Montreal.

### KINGSTON, ONT., MAN SAYS SISTER IS HELD IN "STOCKADE"

### Asked for a Warrant of Her Abductor and Right to Serve It Himself.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Kingston, Ont., May 12—A young man sought a warrant from the local magistrate today, and asked to be sworn in as constable, in order to rescue his sister from a house where he believed she was held with a prospect of being turned over to the "white slave" trade in New York state. He said his sister had been inveigled into the house on the pretence that a position with good wages had been given her. Other girls, he said, had been taken from the house to Buffalo and Syracuse for immoral purposes. Inquiry and punishment will follow if his assertion can be verified.

## FREDERICTON COUNCIL WILL ATTEND UNION MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Invitation to Cathedral May Also Be Accepted if Time Does Not Conflict.

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Fredericton, N. B., May 12—The city council this afternoon decided to attend the union memorial service to be held in the Methodist church on the 20th inst., by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist bodies of the city. Invitations to attend both this service and that to be held at the Cathedral, were received by the mayor and aldermen. If the two services are held at different hours the mayor and aldermen will attend both. The oath of allegiance was administered by the city clerk to the mayor and aldermen today.

## Nova Scotia Millhand Killed

Truro, N. S., May 12—(Special)—Jason Freeman, a workman at a saw mill at Shubenacadie, operating for D. M. Smith, lumberman, Truro, was killed yesterday morning. It is supposed Freeman, while shifting lumber, slipped and fell into the fly wheel of the engine, killing him instantly. Freeman was a single man belonging to Steviacke (N. S.).

## G. T. P. FREIGHT COMING TO ST. JOHN, MINISTER SAYS

### Hon. Dr. Pugsley Disposes of Conservative Stories

### Quotes President Hays in Emphatic Statement on the Matter

### Expects Naval Ships to Be Built in Canada and Considers Outlook for St. John Most Promising—The St. John Valley Railway and the Local Government's Position.

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His arduous seasonal duties completed, but with an extensive programme of touring ahead of him in connection with the work of his department, the minister of public works, Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, arrived in the city yesterday and will remain here for a day or two. During the afternoon he transacted considerable business in connection with his department, and last evening he granted an interview to a Telegraph representative, discussing the local aspect of the Grand Trunk Pacific's plan, the dry docks and shipbuilding plant, the west side harbor improvements, the Vauey railroad and other matters of much importance to the city and province.

Asked his opinion as to the general character of the session of parliament just closed, Dr. Pugsley said that the general opinion of the government and its supporters at the close of the session was that one or more Canadian dockyards will be established in the future, and that they intend to make these ports the winter terminus for the National Transcontinental. The Conservative press has been striving to agitate the country of late with the alarm that the movement of the Grand Trunk toward Providence means the diversion of the grain crop of the west brought seaward over the National Transcontinental to that port. As to this, Dr. Pugsley has emphatically stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific will utilize as its winter ports, St. John and Halifax.

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## Canada to Build Naval Ships

To a query as to whether it was expected that the ships of the navy would be built in Canada, the minister replied: "We hope and may say that we confidently trust that one or more Canadian dockyards will be established and that the vessels will be built in Canada. Of course we realize that it will be necessary to pay a larger price than if the vessels were built in England, but even if this should be the case, the advantage of establishing shipyards in this country for the building of naval vessels which will undoubtedly lead to the construction of mercantile ships as well, and so insure the establishment of a permanent shipbuilding industry, will more than counterbalance the question of extra cost."

## The West Side Transfer

The minister has just received word of an active move in the matter of the transfer of properties on the western side of the harbor between the city and the C. P. R. A telegram came yesterday from Dr. McNeill, general manager of the C. P. R., stating that he was sending last night a draft of the proposed agreement to Supt. Wm. Downie, to be handed by him to the recorder of the city. "I trust," said Dr. Pugsley, "that this matter, long delayed, may soon be brought to a conclusion, so that the C. P. R. can proceed with the work of establishing the necessary yard room upon the west side, which will have the effect of greatly enlarging and improving the terminal facilities and of placing them in a better position for handling the large traffic the company is bringing to this port, which is likely rapidly to increase in the future."

## The Drydocks

Questioned as to whether any decision had yet been made as to the building of a dry dock at St. John, Dr. Pugsley stated that while several informal proposals had been made to the government for the building of dry docks here as well as in other places, the matter had not yet taken definite shape because, before a subsidy contract can be entered into, detailed plans and specifications as well as the location of the proposed dock, must be submitted to, and approved by, the government-council. "I have been told," said the minister, "that definite proposals will be submitted by one, and probably by two or more companies. If there should be propositions by more than one company, the government will have to consider which proposition is most in the public interest."

## G. T. P. Terminals

Asked whether he had anything to communicate regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific and its establishment of terminals at St. John, Dr. Pugsley said: "As the Telegraph is already aware, the G. T. P. has recently completed the purchase of a large area of land at the head of and around a considerable portion of the western side of Courtenay Bay, including the rights of the grantors in the tidal creeks on the eastern side of the Marsh Creek. This purchase has been made for the purpose of providing terminal facilities for the National Transcontinental Railway. Mr. Hays, president of the company, has informed me that he considers that this location presents an ideal opportunity for the establishment of ocean terminals and yard room."

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## PROVINCIAL WORK

Asked if any important provincial work was to be undertaken this year in other sections of the province, Dr. Pugsley replied in the affirmative. "There is a good deal of important dredging work to be done, as well as wharf construction, which will afford much needed accommodations for vessels and greatly assist in facilitating water transportation in different portions of the province. This remark applies to the St. John river and its tributaries, to the harbor at St. Andrews and other important places in Charlotte county; also to several points on the Northumberland Straits and to rivers and harbors on the North Shore of the province."

## The Valley Railway

Regarding the Valley railway, the minister had the following to say: "I do not like to say anything which might give the appearance of giving a party aspect to this most important question in which the people of the city and of the whole country are so deeply interested. I would prefer to believe that the provincial government, like the Dominion government, is sincerely anxious of securing the early construction of this railway. However, of the opinion, as I am, that it will be infinitely better for the people interested in the construction of the line, as well as of the province generally, to reserve their opinion until the construction of the line, as well as of the province, is operated by the I. C. R. upon the basis of making to the company the very generous allowance of forty per cent. of the gross earnings with the condition that the road should be a first class, up-to-date railway, having the best grades the physical features of the country reasonably permit of, and supposing that this would be the view of the provincial government, I could not help wondering at that government asking legislation to tie its hands so that, even if the result of a survey showed that a grade of four-tenths of one per cent. would be reasonably practicable, it would be powerless to stipulate for a heavier grade at points where the physical features of the country should render this necessary. However, as the federal government, in proposing the conditions as to the standard of the line, only had in mind that it should be built up to the standard of the National Transcontinental railway, and as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in representing the representatives of the St. John Valley Railway Company who recently visited Ottawa, that what the government desired, and all that would be insisted upon, would be a line up to the standard of the N. T. R., to the city of St. John, which, while built generally with the grade of 0.4 per cent., has in some places a grade that reaches one per cent., it having been found necessary to depart from the general standard, it must be clear that the way has been opened up for the construction of a first-class road and its operation as part of the I. C. R. system. I take it for granted that the provincial government will, even if it has to ask legislation to modify the statute passed at the last session, agree to aid a line which will be first class in character and capable of forming part of a transcontinental system, the operation of which by the government of Canada on the basis of paying over forty per cent. of the gross earnings will relieve the province from the danger of being called upon to pay interest upon its guarantee of bonds. I have no doubt that during the recess the minister of railways will be prepared to enter into a provisional agreement with the company, fixing the terms which will be in due course be submitted to parliament for ratification. The Telegraph is no doubt aware that at the

## The Branch Lines

Of the taking over of the branch lines by the I. C. R., the minister said: "As your readers are already aware, the government, pursuant to its announced policy in connection with the branch railways, brought in a bill to enable the government to lease and operate the lines connected with the I. C. R. as part of the

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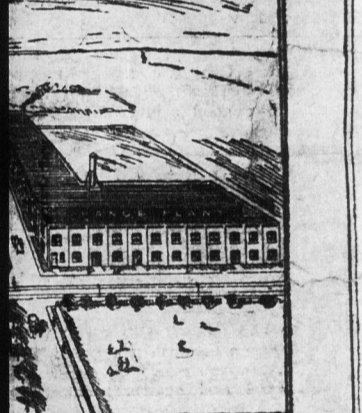
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## LOCAL NEWS

Among the English journalists who came to this city with his late majesty in 1869, an Prince of Wales, was Dr. William Russell of the London Times, better known as "Hall Run Russell." It is said that Dr. Russell, when speaking of St. John, originated the phrase "The Liver of America."

E. C. Belyea, B. A., Mount Allison, who has been studying forestry at University of New Brunswick during past year, has been appointed to a position in the west by the Canadian forestry department. Mr. Belyea was met by the reporter staff of the Telegraph for several months last year. He is a son of T. H. Belyea, of this city.

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SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, May 6.—April went out like a roaring lion—in thunder and lightning and a blinding snowstorm, that at times assumed the guise of a regular western blizzard. When the storm was at its highest an old apple tree by the roadside, on the old William Miller property, was peeled of its bark in an instant, and a boy, who was walking towards it and about ten rods away, was stunned. He said it sounded like a lot of old tin cans falling. Never in the memory of the oldest person has a "white thunder storm" been seen here before. Now, in May, we are all having genuine April weather—cold rain, snow and wind. Duncan Pasternok, who has the Jared Hillman property, has sown his wheat; besides this no farming has been done on account of the continued wet weather. John Fero, who has spent the winter with his daughter at Mechanic Falls (Me.), has returned to sell off his personal property and farm. The old gentleman is ninety years of age and very feeble. After the sale he will return to his daughter to pass the remainder of his life. A. A. Wright is trying a sample of Minto coal in the forge, and thinks the soft

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finer "out-puts" will do for blacksmith work. A. E. Farnham, proprietor of the Central House, has added a boiler to his grain masher and now gives you real flour. His power is a gasoline engine. Edna Grant, a trained nurse, is home for vacation. Miss Daisy Farnham, another trained nurse of Worcester (Mass.), will spend her summer vacation at the old home here. This has been an extremely hard year on "raft-runners." Many who "never struck before," have been in close contact with everything sold between Woodstock and Fredericton. Last Saturday (9th ult.) many who went from Fredericton to Woodstock via C. P. R., to drift down in the usual way, on the ancient but honored "catamaran," did not dare to venture. Next morning a dozen or more boarded their quaint craft, on which were seats made of shingle bolts, and as it was Sunday, they decided not to be deprived of their devotional exercises. One good man from Belvoir, who is never without his pocket Bible, assessed up the actual cash value of the property, it is very unpopular. It will materially increase our taxes—especially our road tax—and the people are wondering what the extra money is for. The decision of York county council, during an assessment up to the actual cash value of the property, is very unpopular. It will materially increase our taxes—especially our road tax—and the people are wondering what the extra money is for. The decision of York county council, during an assessment up to the actual cash value of the property, is very unpopular. It will materially increase our taxes—especially our road tax—and the people are wondering what the extra money is for.

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Dean Schofield will conduct the service, assisted by other Anglican clergymen. On the occasion of the service, the Cathedral will be heavily draped in royal mourning colors—purple and black. Very Rev. Dean Scovell left this morning for Windsor (N. S.), where he will deliver the annual address at the closing of King's College on Thursday next. Mr. Scovell is accompanied by Mr. Carleton Allen, who is to receive the degree of D. C. L. and Rev. Mr. Murray, of St. Mary's, who is a member of the board of governors, will go to Windsor tomorrow to be present at the closing exercises. The death took place at Queensbury on Sunday of Miss Abbie M. Ferguson, daughter of John Ferguson, after a lingering illness. The young lady is survived by her parents and a sister, Mrs. M. J. Ferguson. Thomas Wheeler, a well known resident of Marysville, died at that place yesterday after a lingering illness. He was 71 years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wheeler, and two sons, Frank and Douglas. Three daughters also survive. They are Mrs. Henry Dennison, of Gibson; Mrs. Bradford Poles, of Marysville; and Mrs. Edward Bales, of Marysville. The late Mr. Wheeler was for several years a hotel business. He conducted a hotel in this city, was also for a time proprietor of the Spring Hill Hotel and conducted an hotel at Fredericton Junction at the time of the opening of the Fredericton branch railway. The river is steadily falling, but there is a good run of logs at the booms. Most of the Tobiique drives, including those of Chas. Miller and J. D. McLoughlin are in active operation. The water is able to get to the mouth and will reach the booms by Wednesday. Wm. Jennings, merchant tailor, aged 80, died unexpectedly this morning. He had been suffering from severe cold for several days. He was buried at St. John's church. During the night pneumonia developed. His wife and one son, John T., survive. John McLoughlin, steward of the bar club house, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday evening and is in a critical condition. W. T. Whitehead who has been ill for several weeks is able to be out. Bliss Colter, of Meductic, was drowned while steam driving on Pleasant River last week. His body was recovered. He was about twenty years old, and the only support of his widowed mother. Chancery Jones will leave on Wednesday on his trip to British Columbia. Fredericton, May 9.—The water in the river is falling slowly today. The logs are running quite freely today and many are coming into the booms. Word received yesterday states that Arthur Jones is driving for Cushing. He has left his drive in the brooks and has gone to the assistance of W. J. Noble, who may have to leave at least half his drives in the brooks. It looks as though they would have a hard time getting out. Mr. J. A. Morrison is in the main river and that his drive will come along all right. John Christie, who claimed to be the oldest marine engineer in eastern Canada, died at his home here this morning after a long illness from paralysis. He was a native of Lowell, Mass., but since boyhood had made his home in this province. For many years he resided in St. John. He was employed on steamers in the coasting trade, and was engineer of the steamer Fairy Queen, which went down in the Gulf of St. Lawrence more than forty years ago, with the loss of twenty-three lives. He removed to Fredericton in 1872 and for twenty years served as engineer on the river steamers, including the Ida Whittier, the Andover, the City of Fredericton and the Highlander. He retired from active work fifteen years ago. He was in his home here, leaving his wife, four sons and one daughter. Kenneth Chestnut, who has been employed on the engineering staff of the Transcontinental at Latuge, has received an appointment as inspecting engineer on the coasting trade between Winnipeg and Edmundston. 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DIPLOMATIC SECRETS

It is just as well that Canada and the world generally did not know in 1897 all that is now made public concerning certain diplomatic negotiations of that year and the comments thereon by the Marquis of Salisbury, and by Mr. John Hay, then American Ambassador at the Court of St. James. The number of letters written, even by diplomats, that should be posted in the fireplace, is, of course, remarkably large. The American reputation for "shirt-sleeves" diplomacy has caused the inference that American diplomats are less diplomatic than most, and that assumption is strengthened by the new evidence now at hand. This evidence is furnished by the astonishing book of "Diplomatic Memoirs" published by Gen. John W. Foster, who served the United States in many posts under the Department of State and who was Assistant Secretary under Secretary of State Sherman while Col. John Hay was Ambassador to Britain. The autumn of 1897 was one of the occasions when the sealing controversy between Britain and the United States was the subject of delicate and not always amicable negotiations. Mr. Hay was sometimes charged by his fellow-countrymen with being pro-British. It was said the flattery of London drawing rooms had made him "a British tool." Certain letters which Colonel Hay wrote to General Foster at that time, and which General Foster has included in his book, are described as "astonishingly frank." The description is mild. Their publication must rank as an indiscretion even thirteen years after they were written. We reproduce two of the letters, with the repeated reminder that Colonel Hay at the time was Ambassador to Britain, while General Foster was Assistant Secretary of State and so was drawing up the notes Secretary Sherman was sending to London. The first letter is dated Oct. 28, 1897.

"My Dear General: I have read the note of the 7th is admirably done, and of course perfectly accurate. I was never so surprised in my life as when they (the British) objected, at the end of September, to Russia and Japan. I had always thought of English diplomacy as overbearing and pig-headed, but I never imagined it was tricky and tortuous. But when they suppressed my note of July 29, and then represented me as trying in September to have them include Russia and Japan in the conference, I had to remodel my ideas of their straightforwardness."

The second was written on Dec. 27 of the same year—and it is well that it is thirteen years old: "Dear General Foster: The prediction in your note of Nov. 30 came promptly to pass, as in fact there was no possibility of any other result. The situation is a singular one. They frankly avow their slavery to Canada and chafe under it; and yet they rather resent our talking to Canada directly, and make this a pretext for declining admission to the convention. It is a mere pretext—they would have declined in any case. I am rather pleased at getting an answer out of them so promptly. A straight answer in two weeks is a record-breaker."

"It is far more to Canada's advantage than ours to be on good terms with us. Lord Salisbury, in a private conversation the other day, compared her to a coquetish girl with two suitors, playing off the one against the other. I should think a closer analogy would be to call her a married flirt, ready to betray John Bull on any occasion, but holding him responsible for all her follies."

One would think it highly improbable that Lord Salisbury, even in a private conversation, would have made use of the comparison cited; but if he did it evidently had the right to believe that the Am-

erican Ambassador would have some respect for the seal of privacy. In less than a week the conversation—or an elaboration of it—was passed along to Washington, with Colonel Hay's somewhat unpleasant comment. Again, if the British Foreign Office "frankly avowed its slavery to Canada" in the course of diplomatic discussion with Colonel Hay, so clever a man might well have taken the avowal with a grain of salt. Since he declared to Foster his suspicion regarding the good faith of our assurances from Downing street, it is curious that he swallowed whole the one concerning Canada. General Foster's "Memoirs" may not have a great sale, but at least they are tolerably sure of some advertising. It is, perhaps, fortunate that they are published at a time when the principal questions outstanding between London and Ottawa on the one hand and Washington on the other have been referred to The Hague Tribunal.

THE KING'S DEATH AND THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Much is being said and written, in Canada, in Great Britain, and elsewhere, regarding the critical situation in British politics, concerning the new King's attitude toward that situation, and in relation to the outcome of the struggle between the Commons and the Lords. Of this "struggle," should we not say between the advanced Liberals and the reactionary advocates of privilege? An attempt has been made to show—and it is being repeated now—that the Liberals, in proposing to reduce the power of the Peers, are endangering the Throne, and that whether they are doing so consciously or unconsciously, the full triumph of their policy in respect of the Upper House would be followed by a grave change in the real status of the Sovereign. The name of the King was dragged into politics before the late King Edward fell ill, and today writers of a certain class are directly or inferentially charging Mr. Asquith with hastening the event which has thrown the Empire into mourning.

In the House of Commons three weeks ago, answering the charge that by the Government's course the King was placed in an unpleasant or undignified position, the Prime Minister said: "There is not a man among us, in whatever quarter" of the House he sits, who does not know that the Crown of this realm, with its hereditary succession, its prerogatives adjusted from generation to generation to the needs of the people and the calls of the Empire, is held by our gracious Sovereign by a far surer tenure than ever fell to the lot of any of his Tudor or Stuart ancestors."

If the truth of that simple statement were not everywhere accepted it would be a simple matter to justify it by a thoughtful glance backward over the reigns of the last 200 years. The truth of what the Prime Minister said during the life of Edward VII. is in no whit weakened now that his son sits in his place.

There will be, unquestionably, a lull in the political storm in Britain, but just as it is certain that the storm does not centre about the Throne, so it is certain that the ideas that are in conflict will not be reconciled by the death of the Peacemaker and that, after a truce, the struggle must proceed, because in its essence the situation remains unchanged. The truce may be short, or it may be extended, but as to the conflict to come—a conflict in which the Sovereign is in no sense an issue—there can be little doubt that it will be both sharp and prolonged. In the London Times of late there was sounded this note, which is threatening or warning according to the viewpoint: "If one side will not submit to the domination of the present House of Lords, neither will the other consent to be at the mercy of a bare majority in the House of Commons, only got and kept together for the purpose of destroying, one after another, a series of great institutions, which half the population holds dear and no one of which has by itself a majority that desires its destruction. The outvoted minority at the last election accepted, but only temporarily, the defeat of the policy for which they chiefly voted; but any statesman who imagines that they will tamely submit to the revolution proposed by the Government is playing with fire. It can only be peaceably effected by the moral force of an overwhelming majority of votes, such as the last election did not yield. The change is too violent to be accomplished by anything less. The Unionist voters are quiet, simply because they do not believe it is going to happen; but a Government which attempted to force it on them would find that a revolution is a revolution, no matter by what name it is called."

For the Times this is strong language; but it does not mean that ruin is at hand, or likely to be, but rather that the struggle has engendered much heat, and that not a little of it has got into type. Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Morley and the others who stand in the front rank of the administration, though the worst be said of them; are not going to employ their brief authority to precipitate any revolution to which the people from whom all authority is derived are opposed. Such power as they wield may be taken from them in an hour by the electors, and it is tolerably absurd to picture them as madmen drunk with temporary power and bound to play fast and loose while the opportunity lasts. If the people of Great Britain desire that the Peers shall continue to hold the power to nullify the acts of the Commons, they have but to say so and the thing is done. A year or two does not matter. If, on the other hand, the people are convinced of the wisdom of making the Commons supreme, they have but to say so, and then the Times may thunder in vain of revolution, for free government is not free government unless the people may, in ways of their own selection, make such changes as they deem wise in their laws and their institutions. If Mr. Asquith is a false interpreter of the popular will his time will be short; if his opponents and his detractors speak in the name of the people but

without authority, they will fall of their own weight. The conflict of ideas is sharp, but out of it will come peace and wider justice, a closer approach to equality of opportunity. In other times in England the barons have had the King by the throat, the King has lost life or throne, there has been civil war, there have been long years of violence and turmoil, and savagery. Those days are gone, and they will not come again. They who profess to see breakers ahead now are distrustful not only of the present leaders of the ruling party—that would be a small matter—but of the genius of the race. And surely that they distrust without cause.

To the parties and their leaders the people of the United Kingdom and of the Empire give heed, but to the Crown they present a deep-rooted fealty that is above and beyond politics. Of the position of the Sovereign under the British constitution, Bagshot has said that the post is one which a wise man would choose above any other, possessing, as it does, three rights—the right to be consulted, the right to encourage, the right to warn. "And a king of great sense and sagacity would wait no others. They are the powers which a wise man would most seek to exercise and least fear to possess." These rights a wise man possesses and will continue to exercise, undiminished. He needs no defenses, and the leaders of any party, who seek power on the score that it is necessary for them to defend the Crown against the Sovereign's loyal subjects, or their duly chosen representatives, are obviously traveling toward political disaster.

CHEER UP!

If the Standard's predictions that Canadian wheat is to be shipped via Providence and Portland should prove correct the result would be good for the Standard's party but bad for Canada. But if the Standard will keep an eye on the progress of the new transcontinental, upon the development of the harbors of Montreal and St. John, and upon the proposal to limit the British preference to goods coming through our own ports, its patriotic heart will be cheered, though its political spirit will be soured. The outlook for all-Canadian transportation, thanks to the Laurier government, was never so bright as it is today. What has been done is convincing. The work under way is far enough advanced to give us a glimpse of the future. St. John's position today is one enjoyed by many cities. Ten years hence—say after one more term of Liberal administration—even the Standard will be boasting about the position occupied by the Canadian ports, and among them St. John will be conspicuously prosperous.

TWO SYSTEMS

"If one were seeking for a well-reasoned statement of the superiority of the British form of government, which we in Canada enjoy, over the American form, he would be unlikely to look for it in the leading American newspapers; yet it is to be found in one of them, and in several recently there have been suggestions that the United States should recast its House of Representatives more in the mould of the House of Commons. To Canadians it is an old story that we have a more popular form of government than our neighbors, but many Americans decline to believe it—because they have not examined the evidence. The Brooklyn Eagle puts the case so frankly that it will enlighten, if it does not convert, many of its readers. "It is perhaps well," says the Eagle, "to notice some of the respects in which Great Britain has an advantage over this country by comparing the House of Commons with our House of Representatives. The House of Commons begins its duties as soon as it is elected. The House of Representatives does not begin its duties until more than a year after it is elected. The House of Commons dissolves as soon as there is evidence that the government with which it has apparently lost touch with the changed sentiment of the country. A new election may show that it has not. In that case the policy of the government is sustained and the party in power is returned. If the country has changed its opinion the control of Parliament is shifted. There is a constant ability of the people to change their mind and to enforce the change on their representatives. "Here there is not. A repudiated Congress holds over for at least one session after it has been repudiated, and in that session does what it can to balk the changed will of the people and to throw up entrenchments against the changed will of the people. That is sheer nullification. That is in nullification under the forms of law makes it no less nullification in fact. The British system is better than ours in that respect. Our wisest statesmen have sought to have the official life of our House of Representatives end with the declaration of every national election and to have the next House then come in. They have been beaten by the nullification influences here recited."

THE KING AND POLITICS

The untimely and indecent article printed by the Contemporary Review regarding King Edward, and withdrawn from circulation so far as was possible when it was seen that his late majesty's illness was serious, is now followed by other articles in bad taste calling upon His Majesty George V. to intervene in politics. The author of the Contemporary article criticized Edward VII. because he did not call the Peers to account. This paragraph indicates fairly the nature of the whole: "The trouble from which we are now suffering is that, whether from the defect of his qualities or from some other cause, His Majesty was not able to bring sufficient personal influence to bear upon the leaders of the Peers to induce them to recede from the adventurous course to which they were impelled from the sick-bed of Birmingham and its sounding board in the press. Hence the present trouble."

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"In the House of Commons," the Eagle continues, "the Speaker is never a partisan. He is always just and fair. In our House of Representatives he is elected for his partisanship and because he can be relied on to exercise it to the limit. That abuse never came to more ruthless exercise than in our present House. It has incensed Democracy, created Republicanism, and shocked the people. The English policy for our Speaker would be far better than the one we have. Our best writers and soundest politicians are a unit on this, but the refusal to reform our bad condition in this respect has been endorsed by the people again and again. "In Great Britain some officials whom we would call our Cabinet Ministers are members of the House elected in parliamentary districts and chosen by the Prime Minister for their several executive functions. Here they are appointed by our periodically elected Presidents, which, per-

haps, is better, but here they cannot directly address the Senate or the House in defense of their own departments or in advocacy of the plans or projects of their own departments. Our most thoughtful statesmen have advocated the extension of this right to them, but in vain. Some of our ablest Presidents have favored it, but in vain. The withholding of it is regrettable and unjust. It must eventually be granted, for in no other way can the plain will and true judgment of the executive and legislative branches be secured."

The Eagle recites other "manifest advantages" of the British system, and again, in conclusion, dwells upon the strength of our plan which gives to public opinion "instant effect and which gives an appeal to an apparently changed public an immediate opportunity to be made."

CANADA'S CREDIT

Sir Edward Clouston, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who returned from England last Saturday, told the Montreal newspapers that, in all his experience, he never heard so much about Canada from the English as he has heard here, and he hoped that while everybody was so favorably disposed towards this country and Canadian securities that enterprises of a questionable character will not be fostered upon a perhaps too willing investing public. Such a thing, he said, would only have a bad effect later on, and the Dominion would be the loser in the long run.

He anticipates the arrival of a large number of English business men and financiers during the present year, who will tour the country from east to west, and he added that when they return home they could not but say very good words as to the resources and general condition of affairs in Canada both from a commercial and financial standpoint. In a word, their coming would be of immense benefit to the Dominion. He supposed \$200,000,000 of new money would come to Canada this year, but he urged that great care should be taken by all classes here to see that only legitimate projects were brought to the attention of investors, for the contrary would do much harm.

Sir Edward was asked about the recent symptoms of plunging in rubber stocks, of which the cable has brought news from London. He said the commencement was brought about by the fact that there was certainly a greater demand than the trade could supply, and it was to be admitted that a good many of the companies were legitimate enough. As for the oil trading, it looked as if it had about petered out, and on the whole, although there was a cloud on the financial horizon it did not look as if anything very serious would happen.

He does not believe substantial progress will be made in the near future in the matter of reciprocity with the United States. He believes we should lose no opportunity "that no treaty would be acceptable to our neighbors that did not give them the big end of the stick." Canada, he added, was now exporting about the same products as the United States, and we should, he declared, "make our own customs laws at Ottawa, as we are certainly of too much importance to think of having such matters looked after at Washington."

The aldermen seem to have made up their minds that the time has come to undertake a systematic renewal of the older water pipes within the city. This proposed betterment of the distribution system is more seriously needed than most people suppose, and it may be hoped that an early start will be made and that the work will be pushed forward for two or three years until completed. There are, as the city engineer's figures again remind us, many of the smaller pipes now incapable of delivering half the quantity of water credited to them. In some sections of the city these conditions constitute a serious and continual source of danger. It will be necessary, too, to add a large number of new hydrants of modern pattern. These are needed just as badly as new pipes.

ELECTION REPORTS

Manitoba is now expecting the provincial elections in July. Rumors concerning a Dominion general election have been heard in Eastern Canada, but have been generally discredited, and in the West it is said there is no likelihood of anything of the kind, for next year is census year, and it would be unjust to hold an election then and thus deprive the western provinces of their right to increased representation. Premier Roblin, however, is thought to be definitely committed to an appeal to the people during the summer or early autumn. A little while ago it was thought he would be forced to leave public life by ill-health; but he has lately returned from a journey to the South, and is reported to be in better shape physically, and ready to make a fight for his political life and that of his government. It will be a stiff battle. Premier Roblin was very strongly attacked during the last session of the Legislature in connection with a sand contract in which it was charged he had an interest, and his opponents regard his defence as decidedly unconvincing. What the electors generally think about it will be determined later on. Hon. "Bob" Rogers and Attorney-General Colin Campbell, Mr. Roblin's principal lieutenants, have also been subjected to much criticism, and while they are used to it, it is thought by the Liberals that the public is tired of these gentlemen. Mr. Roblin had things pretty much his own way in the last contest, which was in March, 1907. The Liberals elected on that occasion made up only a baker's dozen, but there is now a strong hope in Opposition circles that the tables will be turned when

one knows more. Whatever his personal view was as to those matters, he refrained from expressing or indicating it; and only misguided political partisanship could have led the Contemporary writer to quarrel with that attitude. But there are sinners on the other side of politics as well. While the late King lies unburied, Mr. J. L. Garvin, editor of the London Sunday Observer, perhaps the most influential of the Unionist writers, is out with an article in which he gravely pretends to know what Edward VII. would have done had he lived. More, he advises His Majesty George V. to intervene between the Commons and the Lords. Mr. Garvin writes impressively, but we must consider the time, the motive, the matter of taste, and the number of unwarranted assumptions in his argument. He says: "It would be as idle and unwise to ignore the constitutional struggle now as it would have been to affect ignorance of the South African conflict when King Edward came to the throne. Had his late Majesty lived there is little question that he would have acted in a few weeks as his great mother would undoubtedly have acted in his place. The whole spirit of his reign may guide us in this matter almost as accurately as if we possessed assured knowledge. How is it to be supposed that the genius of constitution and peace which served us in our foreign policy would have wholly failed to operate in domestic affairs?"

"In 1885 Queen Victoria postponed for a quarter of a century precisely such a crisis as has now arisen by bringing her final statement into council upon the Redistribution Bill. In the present far more serious emergency, how can that precedent be put aside when nothing but the conciliatory intervention of the Crown itself can prevent a destructive shock of parties followed by a seething tumult of years?"

"If King George moves in this sense, as upon every constitutional ground he is entitled to do, and invites his leading statesmen of both parties to consult each other before any prerogative of the Crown is made a direct issue in an almost unquenchable conflagration of party passions, we are certain that the overwhelming mass of the nation will expect all who may be concerned to meet the wishes of their sovereign."

Mr. Garvin was one of the most active promoters of the German scare—for political purposes. He is not afraid that the status of the Crown will be diminished in the "almost unquenchable conflagration of party passions" that he conjures up; but he is afraid that the veto proposals will triumph and that the protectionist campaign will fail unless the people can be persuaded that the Liberal party is going to pull down the pillars of the temple and give the United Kingdom over to some sort of anarchy. Mr. Garvin fears that the status of the Crown will be diminished in the "almost unquenchable conflagration of party passions" that he conjures up; but he is afraid that the veto proposals will triumph and that the protectionist campaign will fail unless the people can be persuaded that the Liberal party is going to pull down the pillars of the temple and give the United Kingdom over to some sort of anarchy. 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