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THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

We published the other day the substance of the amendments which the Government will shortly ask Parliament to make in the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. Those who conscientiously objected to the original scheme cannot very readily approve of the proposed changes, every one of which is in favor of the Company. But beyond question Parliament will do what the Government asks. And it seems not improbable that the country will ratify the expected action of Parliament. The recent by-elections will give the Government a greatly increased confidence in that regard. There is no one in Parliament who will arraign the proposed concessions with the force, ability and con-

vincing power with which Mr. Blair denounced the original scheme. He himself has been provided for and got out of the way.

The one other man most feared in the Government ranks at the time the scheme was mooted was Mr. Tarte. He was so badly beaten at the recent by-elections in his own stronghold, the Montreal district, and has otherwise proved a source of weakness by causing dissensions among his new allies that he is no longer feared. Had the general election been brought on at the time of the by-elections Mr. Tarte's name would have proved a thing to conjure with. As things now are it may be set down as an almost unchallenged fact that Quebec will stand solidly by Laurier whenever the general elections may come. Nova Scotia and the far West may also be counted upon as strongly ministerial, while there seems no good reason to believe that Ontario or New Brunswick will materially change their present attitude. These conditions will give the Government a free hand to act boldly during the coming session.

We may therefore expect that the Government will have its way in regard to the transcontinental railway scheme. We have not changed our views with regard to the measure, but when so strong a man as Mr. Blair failed to carry a single member of the Commons with him in his opposition to it the fact became clear that Parliament will not hereafter be disposed to reject any amendments which the Government may declare to be necessary. The amendments will be adopted, just as when it was first proposed we predicted the original scheme would be adopted. The treasury is full; Canada is feeling rich and equal to great things. The Liberal leaders are eager to signalise their term of power by a noteworthy achievement, and the country, partly dazzled and partly indifferent, is also too busy to greatly concern itself with this matter. The Government has done well in many things, notably in the manage-

ment of the finances by Mr. Fielding and of the postal service by Sir William Mulock. Immigration is flowing in. These are conditions under which the country is likely to take much on trust—perhaps too much—but that is the way matters now stand.

Congratulations to Dr. Gordon T. Alley on his unopposed election as Councillor in Ward Three yesterday.

Federicton, N. B. where Senator Wark resides, has another remarkable veteran in the person of the Provincial Auditor General, Mr. Beek, who is in his nineteenth year. He is probably the oldest working official in Canada. He has been Auditor General of New Brunswick for we know not how long, and the duties of his position require the possession of both bodily and mental vigor. To hold such a position at the age of ninety and discharge its important duties personally, as Mr. Beek does from day to day indicates most remarkable preservation of good mental powers. Canada has a number of notable old men in the various walks of life and the Auditor General of New Brunswick stands well up in the list.

The Senate of Canada when its seats are all full holds eighty-one members. At present there are four vacancies, and when these are filled there will be 46 Liberals and 35 Conservatives in that House. It is but a few years since the Liberal Government came into power, but in that time Sir Wilfrid's Government has appointed 36 Senators and will no doubt shortly increase the number of Liberal appointments under the present regime to 40, or almost half the total membership. A wonderful transformation has thus come over the Red Chamber; the majority has been transferred from the Conservative to the Liberal side; the members now receive \$1500 each per session instead of the modest \$600 which was paid them in 1867, and yet the present Senate has fewer men of first-class ability than it had when the Dominion was inaugurated.

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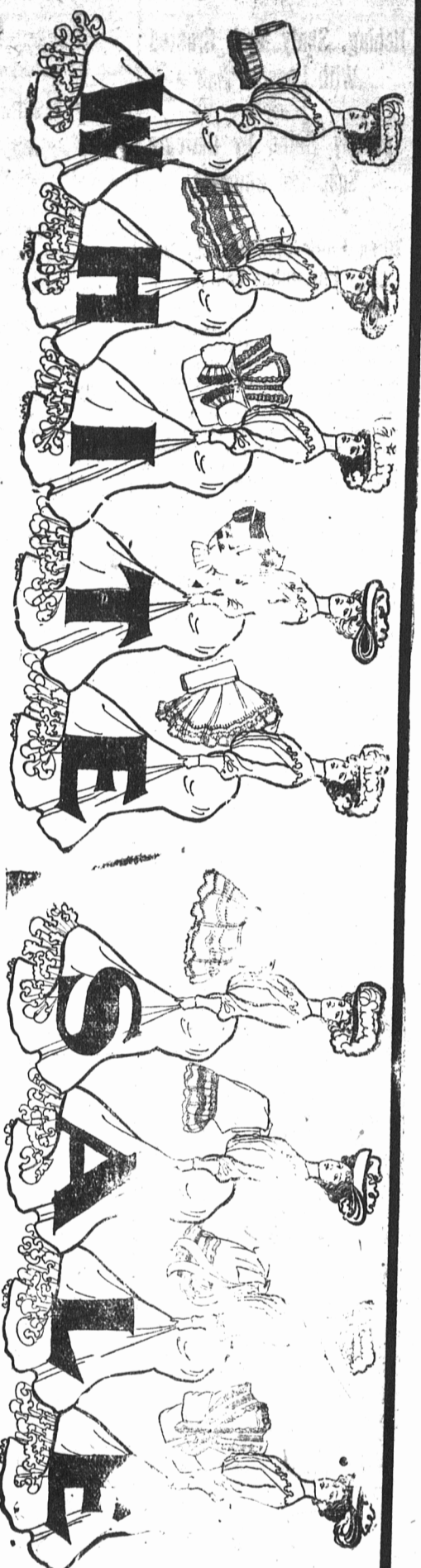
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