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THE DEATH OF KING EDWARD

The King is dead! The news of his demise follows upon the first announcement here of his serious illness—the saddest message flashed over the Empire and the world since the death of the good Queen Victoria nine years ago. Very far and wide the shadow will fall. Throughout the vast Empire containing one-fourth of the human race the tidings will carry sorrow to many millions of hearts in which King Edward was beloved and revered. And far beyond the wide spread realm over which the British flag floats, he had a place in the regard of millions more. As we write the tolling bells of the churches are proclaiming the city's sorrow—the Empire's bereavement—the world's great loss. A great, a good and wise King has laid down the crown and sceptre and rendered up his trust to the King of Kings.

The loss, and the sense of loss and so great almost for words. If but one could have been spared a few years longer! The nation is passing through a crucial period. Never since he came to the throne were the King's wisdom and moderate counsels, his sound judgment, his ripe experience, his great good heart more needed at the head of the state than now. Truly the loss of the nation is great. Living, King Edward gave his best mind and his best efforts for the good of his people and for peace among the nations. Alas, that from his distracted world, ever arming or conflict, King Edward the Peacemaker has gone out forever. As a King, his watchword was duty. And at the end he said, "I think I have done my duty." A nation bowed with sorrow will endorse the truth of these royal dying words.

IF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HAD STAYED OUT.

Speaking of "those portions of the Empire that are now correctly designated 'Dominions,'" the Toronto Globe says: "There are five of them and add: 'They are Canada, Australia, South Africa, Newfoundland and New Zealand.'" It follows that if Prince Edward Island had remained out of the federation, as Newfoundland did, it would be a Dominion also. And what of that? some one may ask: let us see. Just now we should be looking for the arrival of our new Lieutenant Governor to come from England, clothed with something of the prestige of rank and dignity which attaches to an Imperial appointment, and commissioned by the King at first hand. The appointment of a new Judge would be made here in Charlottetown by the King's Privy Council for Prince Edward Island. We should have no Senators or members of the House of Commons, or we would not need them, but it would be something more than it is now to be the Premier, or a member of the Government or of the Legislature, for these would be vested with much greater power and dignity than they are today. If Prince Edward Island had stayed out of the union we should be making our own tariff now and it could be a very different tariff from that made for us at Ottawa. We had in the old days a 12 1/2 per cent tariff on imports, producing some \$600,000, more or less, although there are supposed to be a goodly volume of dutiable goods that came in here during the night. The tariff was as high which we now enjoy, and was not made purposely to suit Prince Edward Island. We are powerless to change it. Under the old order of things we could have changed the tariff at will. Doubtless we should have had more manufacturers if we had stayed out.

We should have collected all the taxes and expended the money among ourselves, instead of sending it west to build Transcontinentals and canals and to support the pomp and glory of Ottawa, the mounted police and the Indians on the western prairie. We should have managed our own fisheries, militia, customs and postal service, and appointed our own collectors, colonels and post masters without going hat in hand to Ottawa to get each twenty-five dollar office filled. What a brave little Dominion our island would have had we stayed out of the big Dominion to the west would have courted us and offered us better and better terms to come in or, failing that, how the lordly westerners would have come bending to us and negotiated with us for reciprocity or tariff preference! How Uncle Sam, in like fashion, would have tried to make a trade dicker with us if we had stayed out! But we didn't stay out. We are in the union for keeps, alongside of the Dominion of Newfoundland that stayed out. There is no use in crying over spilled milk but Newfoundland prospers, grows populous and rolls up annual surpluses. After all, the sky is bright, the fields are green, the crops grow, the flocks and herds yield their increase, the health-giving breezes blow, the frogy-cheeked children laugh and play the farming and merchandising game, the preachers preach, the teachers teach, and moralists moralize very much as they did before 1873. Prince Edward Island is not a Dominion of itself, as it might have been, but it is a good place to live, and its people, man for man and woman for woman are perhaps as happy as any and are the equals of the best beneath the blue canopy. For happiness springs not from political arrangements or policies, but from what we are in ourselves.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS AND FOREST FIRES.

Canadian railways intersect the forest land and have been beyond question a fruitful cause of forest fires. And in the open many a farmer's buildings, haystacks or fences have gone up in smoke as the result of sparks from a passing locomotive or the careless burning of old sleepers by the section hands along the line. Just now the forest committee of the Conservation Commission has recommended the following important additions to the Railway Act with a view to prevent and punish his criminal carelessness: For every case in which a fire is started by sparks from a railway locomotive, and either begins outside the right of way or spreads therefrom to adjoining land, the company which is operating the railway at the time when the fire is started shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by summary prosecution; provided that the company cannot show that upon first recommendation ought to be

made applicable to Government railway and company railways alike. The second recommendation is also a good one, but it does not go far enough. Equal restrictions and penalties should be imposed against culpable negligence in regard to fires whether the offender be the Government or a company through their respective employees; with equal facilities, which do not now exist, for the recovery of damages as well as statutory penalties.

AN OLD MAN'S NO-TABLE LONG WALK.

On the first of February, 1910 Edward Payson Weston, a noted pedestrian, set out to walk from the Pacific Coast to New York. He had allowed himself three months and a half in which to complete his 3,600 mile journey, but despite bad weather and the time of year when roads are far from the best, he arrived at the city hall, New York, on May 10, in fine condition, health and spirits, half a month in advance of schedule time. He had actually made his journey in 77 walking days, at average of 47 miles a day. The remarkable fact about this performance is that Mr. Weston is seventy-one years of age. His birthday occurred during the trip and he celebrated it by walking 72 miles that day. His achievement would have severely taxed the physical power and endurance of a young man, and it is nothing short of wonderful when we realize that it was the work of one who has exceeded the Biblical allotment of years. Westons is there for something of more interest than a short dash across country or around a beaten track in record time. Weston's undertaking was not in competition for a money prize. He is doubtless proud of his achievement and the personal prestige it brings, as most other men would be at prouder still, to furnish a splendid example of what orderly living, sensible diet and judicious exercise will do to preserve a good constitution to the enjoyment of a robust old age. It is in this light that this supreme test of endurance becomes of value to the world and has attracted world-wide notice and commendation. On his part it was no foolhardy experiment. He had made many long walks before, and last year he crossed the continent in 105 days. He knew his powers, and he never taxed them unduly. "Weston, at seventy-two, tramping sixty and seventy miles a day without serious fatigue," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "is worth more to the rising generation than all the Marathon runners that ever abused the priceless possibilities of human legs." For many noted athletes have exhausted their powers before reaching middle age and not a few of them from over-exercising or imtemperate living; or both shorten their lives and fall into premature disability.

THEIR HOME BURNED.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., May 5.—At an early hour this morning a fire destroyed the frame dwelling owned and occupied by William Hubble, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. The loss on the house and contents is about \$2,500 and there is no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Hubble also lost \$100 in cash in the flames.

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CANADIAN'S BIG WALK. LIVERPOOL, May 5.—A remarkable walking feat has just been accomplished by Joseph Lebreque, a Canadian, who has arrived in Liverpool after a journey of 3,600 miles on foot, undertaken for a wager of \$500, a diamond ring and a pin. The conditions of the task were that he was not to work, beg, borrow or steal, and the journey must be completed by June 1 this year. Seeing that Lebreque will sail for Canada on May 14, the prize is as good as won. Durin his wanderings, Lebreque, the son of a Canadian doctor, wore out no fewer than seventy-three pairs of boots. On an average he has lived on 12 a day.

THE METROPOLITAN SUBWAYS. NEW YORK, May 5.—Some information about New York subways is given briefly as follows by H. C. Hooker. This city built 25 miles of double track subways at a cost of \$50,000,000. The equipment cost \$25,000,000. The city provided the money and an operating company carried out the plans afterwards leasing the railway for fifty years to the city. A rental of 34 per cent is paid annually. The road has paid from the beginning. It is found the average haul is 47 miles and the longest distance is 75 miles and the shortest distance is 5 cents is seventeen miles. The cost of carrying a passenger is 2 1/7 cents.

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