

DUNDONALD IN COLUMBIA.

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THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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AN INTERESTING DECISION.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada will be of interest to those who travel on Canadian railways. It was that of T. J. Blain versus the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Blain left Toronto to go to his home in Brampton, and while on the way he was assaulted by an intoxicated passenger. He complained to the conductor and also told the latter that he had reason to believe the assault would be repeated unless something was done to preserve the peace. The conductor promised to secure the services of a constable at the next station but neglected to do so. Mr. Blain was afterwards assaulted by the same passenger, and in consequence brought an action for damages against the company.

The railway company defended the action with the plea that it was responsible for the safety of passengers only so far as safety depended on the efficiency of its own service and its own officials. This plea was not sustained by the trial court; which held that the railway had been negligent in failing to guard the complainant against the threatened assault. The damage awarded the plaintiff was \$3,500. The case was carried to the Ontario Court of Appeals, which sustained the decision of the trial court. Thereupon the Company appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, which also upheld the principle of the judgments by the lower courts, but reduced the award of damages from \$3,500 to \$1,000.

The decision of the Supreme Court in this case establishes a form of liability not heretofore judicially established. The liabilities of railway companies for injury to passengers when such injury results from accident due to negligence of the company's officials or employees has long

been recognized. But in the matter of preserving the peace on passenger trains and protecting passengers from assault no such liability has been admitted or hitherto enforced. The latest decision would be a very serious one to the Canadian railways if train hold-ups, robberies, assaults and murders were as common on this side the border as they are in the United States. Fortunately while the graver crimes are almost unknown on our railway trains, common assaults are also but rare. It will be of interest for passengers to know, on the authority of the highest court in the Dominion, that they are entitled to be protected as they travel and to recover damages if they suffer assault from which they are not protected.

In 1907 the lowest volume of bank circulation in Canada was \$30,800,000 and the highest \$41,500,000. This year the minimum has been \$35,800,000 and the maximum \$70,400,000. Very rarely the total amount which our banks are authorized to issue has been in circulation within the past few months.

The expenditure on new buildings in Winnipeg this year as indicated by the building permits it over \$6,000,000, as compared with \$2,500,000 last year. The present population of the city is estimated at 70,000. These are big figures and show that the prairie capital is destined to be a very great city in the future.

Some usually well informed Liberals do not look for a general election earlier than next spring. Evidently some such impression prevails in the inner circle of the party nominations would be made in Queens and Prince Counties. The decision rests with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but it is safe to assume that he will give his followers timely notice. It is quite clear that the ministerial party in the Maritime Provinces is not yet quite ready for a contest.

At the Canada Club dinner in London on the 3rd instant Hon. J. S. Turner, Agent General for British Columbia, read extracts from a geography by the head master of the new Collegiate School, Oxford which is largely used by candidates for the Oxford and Cambridge local examinations throughout the Empire. This textbook declared that the greatest part of Canada was a country of frozen wastes and swamps. The Agent General, amid cheers, protested vigorously against these wanton libels upon the Dominion.

It is a common charge in the Liberal press that Sir John Macdonald was the author of the sentence, "If the National Policy endangers British connection so much the worse for British connection." The words were not Sir John's, but those of the Toronto Mail. This serves to remind us that Sir Richard Cartwright was once held to be the author of the statement that he and the Government to which he belonged were but "flies on the wheel." Sir Richard had indeed used these words, but years before Sir John Macdonald had applied the same words to himself and the Conservative Government of that time.

The Halifax Herald affects to be amused with alleged troubles in the Liberal camp at St. John, which it sets forth as follows:

"The machine men want Blair and Tucker, because they know that means loss of boodle. Senator Ellis and his crowd abhor Blair and do not want Tucker. They want Mr. O'Brien of the Globe, and Colonel McLean to be the candidates. The Telegraph and Gazette want Solicitor General McKeown to be one of the candidates with, if possible, Mr. Blair for the other."

Guardian readers will make due allowance for the Herald's partisanship after reading the above paragraph. We may add that rumor has it that the Conservative party may have some difficulty in selecting its candidates in St. John, although Dr. Borden may be able to settle matters during his visit to that city.

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