

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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HOLD ON TO THE PEOPLE'S RAILWAY.

The Toronto Globe under the caption, What We Have We Hold enters a strong protest against the transfer of the Intercolonial Railway to the Canadian Northern, under the apparent impression that the latter company is seeking to acquire control of the Government road. We do not think there is much, if any danger of such a transfer being made, but there may be powerful interests working to that end, and if so they may be worth watching. As The Globe points out, Mr Borden is committed to the governmental ownership and operation of the Hudson Bay Railway, and it would be strange indeed if the Dominion should build and operate a new system at such cost and at the same time alienate its existing railway property. The alienation of the Intercolonial would be an unwarranted and backward step, and outside of certain interests in Halifax would be most unpopular in the Maritime Provinces. An independent Government line is needed as a check upon the great railway corporations whose grasp upon the internal trade of the country and upon Parliament itself is already reaching the danger point. It is necessary to our security that

there shall be preserved, free from corporation control, one great highway from the interior to the Atlantic winter ports of Canada. In a sense the Intercolonial Railway as a Government road is anchored in the constitution of the country. Its construction was stipulated for in the terms of confederation and it was then obviously intended that it should remain under Government control and operation as the portions of it then in operation in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had been controlled and operated. We do not apprehend that any transfer is now in contemplation by Mr Borden's Government, but it may be worth while that the press of the east and west shall keep our public men informed of the strong public sentiment in favor of holding on to the Intercolonial as the people's highway between Montreal and the sea. The Globe spoke out manfully on this question from time to time while the Laurier Government was in power and cannot now be accused of being actuated by merely partisan motives in taking its present attitude. Its consistent course on this vital matter will meet with hearty approval among the great majority of the people in Eastern Canada.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

We are inclined to think that Premier Palmer is disposed to rest too much upon the record of the local Liberal party in the past in the present political crisis. The children of our Island Israel must "go forward," if they are to reach the land of milk and honey. A clear-cut progressive policy is needed. It is not enough to say that the party has secured some additions to the Dominion subsidy, built new buildings and bridges, called into existence an experimental

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THE LATE SIR JOHN CARLING, SENATOR.

The late Sir John Carling, who died at his home in London, Ontario a few days ago, was a man of something more than ordinary note in Canadian affairs. At his death he had reached the advanced age of 83 years. He was the son of Thomas Carling, a Yorkshireman, who came to Canada in 1818 and established a brewery in London, Ont. He succeeded in due time to his father's business, amassed a fortune therein and for many years was President of the Carling Brewing and Malting Company, which still controls a large share of the Canadian trade in malt liquors. He came into public life gradually first as a school trustee in 1850, then as alderman, when London became incorporated as a city. In 1857 he was elected to the old Parliament of Canada, and in 1862 became Receiver General in the Macdonald Cartier Government of that day. After confederation, the dual representation system being then in vogue, he became Commissioner of Agriculture in the Government of Ontario, holding at the same time a seat in the House of Commons at Ottawa. In 1871 he retired from the Ontario Government and Legislature and entered Sir John Macdonald's Cabinet as Postmaster General which office he held till the close of Sir John Abbott's term. He was called to the Senate in 1891, but

resigned the following year, was made a K. C. M. G., in 1893 and was re-appointed to the Senate in 1896. Sir John Carling, while not reckoned among the Fathers of Confederation, was active in the events of the union movement and had much to do with bringing it about. When Sir John Macdonald and George Brown were in bitter party conflict, on one occasion both were travelling on the same railway train, and Mr Carling brought them together and led them to discuss the union question together, and smooth over their differences, with the result that they finally agreed on the policy which resulted in the formation of the Dominion. It was believed at the time that Mr Carling was about the only man who could have brought the two political giants thus into peaceful conference. Sir John Carling in his time rendered great service to agriculture. He was the father of the experimental farm system and established the first farm of this class at Mimico, Ontario. Physically he was tall and erect, with a bearing that marked him as a man of culture and wide outlook. Sir John Macdonald used to say that no man could be as honest as John Carling looked. While his wealth gave him many advantages, he was always possessed of an urbanity of manner and kindness of heart that won him a host of friends at home and abroad.

est and strongest young people in the past ten years. This is no time to talk of letting well enough alone, or of resting on past records. A progressive policy should now be before the people, propounded by the people's leader. It is late in the campaign now to produce or announce it, but it would still be welcome. Its absence gives regrettable support to the impression that the party in power have nothing better to propose than to go on as we have been going. No progressive citizen of either party can be quite content with that.

An Ottawa despatch intimates that the census was so inaccurately taken that there is a probability of another enumeration being made. Surely things cannot be so bad as that would indicate. But there is great dissatisfaction east and west. A north western town, dissatisfied with

the Government's enumerator had another count made by sworn men with the result of finding 50 per cent. more people than were accounted for in the census. There is grave doubt about the count here in Charlottetown. A gain of at least a thousand was counted on, instead of the loss of nearly that number as officially reported.

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