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**SAFETY ON RAILWAYS.**

In these days almost everybody travels by rail from time to time, and hence all are interested in the question of safety while on board their trains. In the matter of accidents America has a painful notoriety among the countries of the world. The British Islands, the continental countries of Europe, Australia, India and South Africa continue to make passenger travel much safer than it is in North America. Accidents are more frequent in the United States than in any other civilized country even in proportion to its enormous mileage and the millions of people carried in the cars.

It is most regrettable to add that next after the United States comes Canada. At least we see it so stated in the public press. Railway travel in Canada is not deemed unsafe by the majority of persons who travel, but fatal accidents are of far too frequent occurrence, and they have increased instead of being diminished in recent years. The Government Railways are, we believe the safest in the Dominion, and our Island Railway relatively as safe as any, but yet even the Intercolonial has not been free from serious wrecks and fatalities that were clearly preventable and ought not to have occurred.

Canadian cars and train service are modelled on the American rather than the British or European plan. The cars are of different construction and the liberty allowed to passengers in getting on and off trains while in motion, and in moving from seats to seat and from car to car are accountable for many fatalities. Level road and street crossings without watchmen are common throughout the States and Canada. These are not tolerated in the Old World, and are fruitful causes of fatal accidents. We have few double tracks in this country, and many trains constantly running in opposite directions lead to the most appalling disasters and loss of life.

Last year the killed and maimed on North American railways made a total equivalent to the killed and wounded of a great battle. The record of the first six months of the present year shows that the slaughter goes on unabated. We are glad to find that the Interstate Commerce Commission in the United States and the Canadian Railway Commission are both taking the matter up with a view to secure greater safety both for the travelling public and for the train employees. It was thought that much was to be hoped from air brakes and automatic couplings, but since the introduction of these improvements the year's fatalities have not appreciably diminished in the aggregate, although the results have been in some ways favorable. Fewer brakemen are killed, but not fewer engineers and firemen. More radical remedies and greater restrictions are obviously needed before American and Canadian railway travel can be made even approximately as safe as it is in Britain or Europe.

**PROGRESS OF THE WAR.**

Closer and closer the Japanese lines have steadily been drawn around Port Arthur, while again the great northern armies of the belligerent powers are confronting each other near Mukden. The final assault upon the beleaguered fortress is drawing near, if not actually impending, while at Mukden all preparations are being rapidly made for a struggle

as determined, as deadly, and on as vast a scale as at Liao Yang or Shakhe River.

It seems inevitable that Port Arthur must fall, to never heroically it may be defended and the defence has so far been most heroic and resourceful. And it seems equally inevitable that another great battle must be fought in the north before the season's campaign is ended and the armies go into winter quarters.

It seems appalling that this world tragedy must go on, but there is, at the present stage no prospect of intervention, or of voluntary peace-making between the belligerents. Russia cannot yield without humiliation under her long succession of defeats. Japan must prosecute the war, so long as victory is on her side. And the present prospects appear to be that Russia cannot during the present campaign relieve her position. All indications point to at least another year of warfare.

The Russian Baltic fleet is meanwhile apparently on its way to the East excepting the vessels detained at Vigo pending the Hague inquiry into the North Sea outrage. The bulk of the fleet is taking the long route around the Cape of Good Hope. Whether it will ever reach Vladivostok, whether it is actually intended that it shall go so far, and what may happen in the meantime, or on its arrival, are matters which the future must determine.

**TWO PROVINCES.**

British Columbia and Prince Edward Island are respectively situated at nearly opposite ends of the Dominion. The Pacific Province has a very large area, while the Island is much the smallest unit in the Dominion. But in regard to population the contrast is not so great—100,000 in the western and 103,000 in the eastern Province. In some other respects the contrast is very striking.

For instance, the debt of British Columbia in 1903 was set down at \$12,542,088 gross, with assets of about \$4,000,000. In the same year the Island gross debt was quite at \$66,000. The net debt per head in British Columbia was then \$41.76. Moreover the expenditure of the Pacific Province was, in 1903 running at the rate of \$16.60 per head as against a modest \$8.21 per head in Prince Edward Island. At the same time our revenue per head was but \$3.12 while in British Columbia the revenue was \$10 per head, or more than three times as much. Deficits are, always unpleasant, sometimes alarming. The British Columbia deficit in 1903 appears to have been \$1,348,552.

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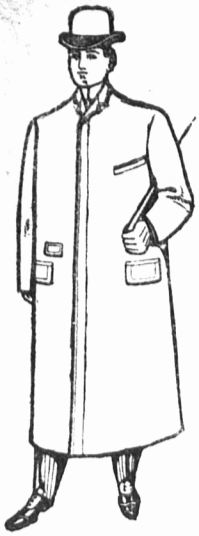
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