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THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TUNNEL SURVEY.

Premier Haszard is entitled to credit for promptly correcting the wrong impression that there would be a Tunnel survey made this summer. The error was apparently that of the reporter of the Montreal Star who mistook next summer to mean the summer of the current year. The Star's statement misled The Guardian and also The Patriot, both of which accepted it at its face, gave its local currency here and by so much raised the hopes of the friends and promoters of the Tunnel project. It was no doubt an unpleasant task for the Provincial Premier to dash these illusory hopes to the ground, especially at the present time. He has, however taken the proper course and dealt with the matter frankly. The Tunnel survey may come next year. It falls for the present into the list of hopes deferred, which, as Solomon has told us, make the heart sick. The blame for this should fall primarily upon the Ottawa Government. It was the duty of the Provincial Government to urge the matter upon the Ottawa authorities in the most forcible way they could. The Provincial Government was publicly pledged to this course. Beyond that they could not go. They could not order a survey to be made. We presume that they asked for and that Premier Haszard would like to have the survey now in progress. For that matter, it would have been to his political advantage, in the face of the coming by-elections, to have something doing in behalf of the Tunnel. It is, we think a mistake that the two Governments stand in such close relations of offensive and defensive alliance that either may be blamed for the acts or neglects of the other, but so it is. The conduct and attitude of the Ottawa Government in regard to the Tunnel has been altogether indelible and it now operates very seriously against their local allies. It would be much better for the people and the interests of the Province if the Federal and Provincial Governments were entirely independent of each other and each only answerable for its own public policy and conduct.

CANADA'S ASSETS AND THE QUESTION OF SOLVENCY.

We had thought that no one would question the solvency of the Dominion of Canada. The Halifax Chronicle seems to raise the question by arguing that Canada is solvent, and presenting a list of assets which it claims make a total several times as great as the public debt. Here is the list: "Surveyed and unsurveyed Lands in the West, known to be agricultural and of good quality, valued at \$5 per acre, \$500,000,000; unsurveyed Lands to the north of the Western Provinces, valued at \$2 per acre, \$300,000,000; amount invested in Canals, \$90,000,000; in the Intercolonial Railway, \$90,000,000; cost of Public Buildings, \$33,000,000; cost of improvements to Harbors and Rivers, \$40,000,000; the Federal Government asset in the Yukon gold gravels, \$150,000,000. These national assets will total over twelve hundred millions, or nearly four times the present public debt." This array of assets is quite formidable, but the land which forms so large a part of it being given away in homesteads, or portioned out in thousands of square miles and given to the big Provinces. The investment in the Intercolonial, the canals and river and harbor improvements and public buildings are not productive.

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tive of revenue. They are valuable, no doubt, and productive of public benefit, but they do not contribute any surplus of cash for the payment of the debt or the interest thereon. The real security for the Canadian debt is the ability of the people and their willingness to pay in taxation the annual interest charge, which they are quite ready and able to do. Canada's public debt compares favorably with that of European countries, in that it was incurred for useful public works and buildings, rather than having been wasted in war. There is no question here or elsewhere as to the entire solvency of the Dominion, and would not be if the public debt were twice as great as it is. But that fact affords no excuse for the too rapid increase of our liabilities, nor is The Chronicle's array of assets very convincing, inasmuch as they are not in the aggregate either liquid or revenue-producing.

Montreal is trying to raise \$300,000 to extend its Y. M. C. A. building, and raised over one fifth of that sum in the first day's canvass. Sir William McDonald, who had bestowed some eight millions upon McGill University, recently expended \$180,000 more to purchase back the site selected for a big hotel, which it was thought would be an undesirable neighbor for that great institution.

The Presbyterian General Assembly by a majority of nearly four to one stands for union, but the element of dissent is strong enough, backed by a threat of secession, to give pause to the movement. Next year the Methodist General Conference will probably pronounce further upon the question. It is a matter of so much gravity that time may well be given to it, and it would be a mistake for over-zealous unionists to press forward too hurriedly.

THOSE LETTERS IN THE WOOD.

Sir—In your issue of the 10th instant you describe a piece of wood cut from a hardwood tree, and showing across the grain, initials, appearing brown against the white background. The letters were stated to be well in from the bark. You stated that one theory to account for the phenomenon was that some person had cut the letters upon the bark of the tree, but you, very properly advanced the objection that the letters would, in that case, be vertical and not horizontal, with the grain, not across it. I have seen the curiosity, and, to my mind, the explanation is very simple. The first thing which impressed me was the shape of the strokes of which the letters were made. These were like short, thick clubs. It needed some little play of imagination to grant that the figures were in reality letters. Certainly, if they were such, the artist would never take a prize in a school for manual training, nor for what is commonly called lettering. I think that the freak is rightly accounted for by being attributed to the work of one of the wood-boring beetles. These insects cut into the bark of trees by their strong biting jaws, and, in the scratches thus made, they deposit their eggs. These live in the tree, sometimes for several years, eating their way out, way out eventually as perfect insects. In the present case the grubs have evidently died and their remains have stained the wood which grew around them. It is almost superfluous to state that hardwood trees increase in size by new wood being added outside the old wood inside the bark. By the growth of the tree in this way, the grubs were gradually, as it were, or actually, pushed forward in the encircling wood. The presumed strokes forming the semblance of letters are all straight. This is due to the grubs lying in a straight line. This I believe is the true explanation of your very interesting curiosity. Yours etc. Lawrence W. Watson. 6-12djl

The present consumption of sugar in Canada is nearly 72 pounds per head of the population or almost a pound a day for each family of five persons. It is a pretty big bill, the yearly cost of the sugar consumed in the Dominion being about \$25,000,000.

A commission of practical farmers from the different Provinces has been appointed by the Ottawa Government to visit Great Britain and Denmark and study the pork industry there. J. E. Sinclair of Sumnerfield, son of the late Hon. Peter Sinclair has been named to represent Prince Edward Island. The appointment is a good one, and no doubt on his return Mr. Sinclair will be able to offer many valuable suggestions to his brother farmers in this Province on the pork industry.

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