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THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.

The Halifax press is now almost constantly occupied in discussing the advantages that are likely to result from the establishment of the great Railway contemplated at the recent Portland convention. A public meeting was held at Halifax on Saturday the 24th ultimo, to enable the Mayor, who was delegated in company with the Attorney General and the Hon. J. E. Fairbanks to represent the city of Halifax in the Convention—to present to their constituents a report of their proceedings. Mr. Secretary Howe urged, by way of resolution, that an appeal be made to the Government, soliciting its support to the measure, and requesting it to be made a Cabinet question in the Legislature. Though there are differences of opinion amongst the Halifaxians respecting the route of the proposed Railway—Mr. ex-Attorney General Johnston and some of his friends advocating the adoption of the western route to the waters of the Bay Fundy, still there is an overwhelming majority of the citizens of Halifax favorable to the eastern line, as decided upon by the convention, and as being, indeed, the only practicable one that could be chosen. Though we in Prince Edward Island are apparently apathetic to this great work, as we seem to be to every other improvement of the age, deserving more and more every day the soubriquet of "Sleepy Hollow," we must concur in the decision of the Convention, and rejoice to think that the Railway is to be run so close to our own doors. Indeed a Railway, however planned, that is likely to confer advantages on the neighbouring provinces, must be of the highest importance to us, as they offer us the nearest markets for the sale of our surplus produce; and as the wealth and population of those provinces increase, so will increase the demand for those necessaries of life which our soil is so well able to supply. But when the Railway is intended to pass within sight, almost, of our western shore, and is sure to invite a vast stream of travel and traffic between New Brunswick and that section of the Island, which would spread from one end of the colony to the other, we should hail the accomplishment of the work with the deepest interest, and be ready to promote it by every means within our limited power. It is rather unfortunate, perhaps, that our little Island was not represented at Portland with the other colonies; our commercial men, as a body, are not remarkable for wonderful energy and spirit; and many of them have had such distressing cares of a political cast upon their minds, that, we presume, they had very little thought of the Convention. But, by

and bye, when we have a Government that will carry out the wishes and opinions of the people, and a Legislature giving impetus and encouragement to its action, we may hope that Prince Edward Island will not be backward in throwing in its mite in aid of this magnificent enterprise.

AMUSEMENTS.

While the Halifaxians are intent upon business they are not forgetful of pleasure; for we perceive they have Horse Races and Boat Races advertised to take place this month; the former under the auspices of the Governor, the latter under the direction of the Naval Officers in port, and of private gentlemen "about town." The Regatta, judging from the preparations making by our friends the Blue Noses and Blue Jackets, will be a grand affair. The sum of £230 has been subscribed in aid of its funds. With most bewitching modesty and spirit, the Halifaxians challenge the whole world to compete with them on this occasion. We don't know what our Island boys might do if they took up the gauntlet and put their sinews to the test; but we must say that we have seen as pretty rowing and as pretty boats on the Hillsborough as ever we saw skipping the waters of the often-bragged Chebucto. The Blue Noses would look doubly blue if they were thrashed in the coming race by a few galleons from the small-potatoe Island.

As for Horse Racing, we—that is the Charlottetownians—mean to have a trial of that ourselves. Let the Nova Scotians send some of their cattle along on the 26th inst., and though our jockeys may not have quite recovered from the spree of the Fair to be the day before, we have no doubt they will be able to shew "what a purty race they'll make of the mere."

AN OPINION FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STRAITS.

We take the following short article from the Halifax Sun of Friday last. Notwithstanding the zeal with which the *Islander* and *Gazette* have laboured to deceive the public about the Governor's late Post Office dodge, it is evident they obtain as little credence on the other side of the Straits as they do on this. The *Sun* has taken a correct view of the matter, and so must every other journal that weighs the facts impartially. All things considered, His Excellency could not have perpetrated a blunder more disastrous to the faction he rules to serve than he committed in this affair of the Post Office.

P. E. ISLAND AFFAIRS.

Governor Campbell, and his irresponsible advisers, are playing, in P. E. Island, the Sir Vere Huntley game of obstruction, to a nicety. Not satisfied with having first thwarted the independent action of the Legislature, and forced that Body to withhold the supplies; now

with a view of bullying the People's Representatives into obedience, they have managed to suspend all the inland mail operations of the Island; and the Post-office is closed as it respects this branch of public service!

It appears that the Deputy Postmaster General hesitated or declined to do the bidding of his Excellency the Governor, when first commanded to put an end to the inland mail communication—for two reasons: first, because the authority 'commanding' was not such as he could recognize under the circumstances,—and secondly, seeing that the postoffice was self-supporting, and not dependent on the vote of the Legislature. But the Governor and his faction were not to be 'bluffed' after this fashion—they made such representations to the English Postmaster General as induced that functionary to interfere, and his Deputy on the Island was instructed to suspend the Mails! Such paltry attempts at coercion are disgraceful in a Government, and cannot fail to arouse the people to renewed energetic resistance to the miserable oligarchy which so oppresses and exasperates them.

A POSER FOR D. MACLEAN.

Every one knows how assiduously Mr. D. Maclean has laboured, since he became the defender of a vile despotism in Charlottetown, to misrepresent the condition of Canada, and to shew that Responsible Government was causing the ruin of that Province. By reference to the fact of a vast increase in its revenue, and to its high credit in the money market of Britain, we have lately shewn that Canada presents the very reverse of the picture which Mr. Maclean tried to draw for it. We have to add the testimony of an able and popular journal, which states that the signs of prosperity are greater this year in Canada than they have been for the last ten years, and that the Custom House returns establish the fact that the trade of the lake ports is double that of 1849—and 1849 was remarkable for a great increase of trade over the previous year. It is clear that Mr. Maclean has obtained his information from "the renegade press" of Montreal which is so unmercifully shown up in the following short article.

RUIN AND DECAY.

(From the *Hamilton Spectator*.)

Let the editor of the *Montreal Courier*, before volunteering to speak for the people of Upper Canada and vilify his contemporaries, take a trip to the Western country, and judge for himself of the signs of "ruin and decay" which exist. Let him glance at the astounding improvements which are taking place in the inland towns and villages; the manufactories and mills in process of construction; and the unmistakable signs of prosperity which exist on every hand. Let him take a look, at the present moment, at the immense fields of grain which are being secured, and enquire the opinion of their owners as to the state of the country. He will thus learn that the agriculturists, who form nine-tenths of the population, are in better spirits than they have been for the last ten years.—Their crops are prolific, almost beyond precedent—the price of the staple production of the country is now high, and there is no possibility of its falling below a remunerating price. In a word, grati-

tude and rejoicing have taken the place of many feelings of despondency or distrust which might have been produced by the insidious statements of a renegade press, or the blabbing of a few republican emissaries.

Or, if the *Montreal Courier* feels reluctant to judge of the prosperity of the Province by the appearance of the country itself, and the statements of those who are now reaping the fruits of their industry, let him take a glance at the Custom House returns for the principal Lake ports, and he will find that the imports during the season have been nearly double those of last year: and he will hardly fail to remember that the business of last year far exceeded that of 1848.

CANADIAN HOSPITALITY.

The Mayor and Citizens of Buffalo (N. Y.) made a visit to Toronto at the invitation of the citizens of that place, on the late occasion of the prorogation of the Provincial Parliament. The Toronto papers are crowded with reports of the proceedings, speech-making, and festivities which marked the event. A magnificent Ball was given to the visitors, and a *fete champatre* at Elmsley Villa—the residence of the Earl of Elgin, where his Excellency distinguished himself as a "dinner orator" of the first class, by several witty and eloquent speeches delivered in proposing toasts. The Americans were in an ecstasy of joy with their reception, and returned home, vowing that the Canadians had determined on killing them with kindness, as they had killed American citizens before after a much less agreeable fashion, and solemnly declaring that whenever any of her Majesty's subjects shall set foot upon Buffalo soil, the same species of artillery shall be levelled against them. Lord Elgin, for the conspicuous part he took in the festivities of the occasion, and his princely welcome of the Republicans, is described as "the chief engineer in the last war with Britain."

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The *Toronto Globe* says it is enabled to state that there is not the slightest foundation for the rumour, that Lord Elgin has resigned the Government of Canada, and that Lord Harris has been appointed thereto. The story has been got up by the Tories of Canada, shipped to England and back again, in the hope of weakening the growing influence of his Excellency the Governor General.

SUICIDE.—It is stated in nearly all the Canadian papers that the Rev. A. R. Rose, an Episcopal clergyman, lately cut his throat with a razor in his room at the Wellington Hotel, Toronto. The unfortunate man was addicted to drink, and is supposed to have committed the rash act in a fit of delirium tremens. He was well connected in England; and was an author of some experience and considerable ability.