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TAKING THE FINAL VOTE ON CHURCH UNION.

The time is at hand, points out the Vancouver News-Advertiser, for the laymen of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist churches of Canada to deal with the question of church union. Assemblies, conferences, unions, the church press, the clergy, the elders, the delegates have all had their opportunity. Now the question is going to the court of last resort. It is referred to the church members by congregations, and the whole popular vote will be recorded. During the next three months all the members and adherents of the three churches concerned will be supposed to have considered the question and studied the basis of union. Representative gatherings of Congregationalists have by a large majority accepted the basis. It has been approved by large majorities in every Methodist annual conference. The Presbyteries by a majority of more than three to one have recommended union. It should be ascertained before this year is out how far these representative gatherings really represent the mind of the bodies to which they belong.

The congregations of Prince Rupert might do well to take up this subject at an early date. Full discussions of the subject would be of more than passing interest and of a certain education value from a theological standpoint. In two of the local pulpits, the Methodist church and the Presbyterian church, the proposed church union will be the text on Sunday morning.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC FINANCES.

In yesterday's Empire appeared an editorial suggesting that the reason the Grand Trunk Pacific was not prosecuting its proposed new undertakings in this city, in accordance with the promises made at the time the citizens were asked to ratify the assessment agreement, was probably a matter of finance. In order to show that this railway company is short of funds a dispatch from Ottawa is appended showing that the railway is seeking legislation empowering it to issue additional debentures. But it seems to us there is room for an erroneous impression to be conveyed because of the fact that there are two Grand Trunk railway corporations, one known as the Grand Trunk and the other as the Grand Trunk Pacific. Perhaps both are applying for powers to raise further capital by the sale of debenture bonds, or perhaps it is only one of the two. We are inclined to the latter opinion because The News has also a brief dispatch from Ottawa, in which the Grand Trunk, and not the Grand Trunk Pacific, is seeking powers to raise capital. It is a press despatch and quotes from a notice in the official Canadian Gazette. As everything affecting the railway is of the deepest interest to all our readers, we append the two dispatches and leave the reader to draw his own conclusion.

THE EMPIRE.

THE NEWS.

"It is learned through official channels that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will seek legislation at the present session empowering the company to issue additional debenture stock, perpetual or terminal, up to a total of five million pounds. This means that, following the change of government, the Grand Trunk Pacific is being called upon to do its own financing, without throwing additional burdens upon the country. The company needs an additional fifteen millions to complete its railway, purchase rolling stock, construct branch lines, etc. Mr. Hays and his associates preferred to get the money by way of a government loan, as they got ten millions three years ago, but, this being apparently impossible, the company finds the further issue of debenture stock necessary."

"Notice has appeared in the Canadian Gazette that the Grand Trunk is applying for legislation to deal in securities of the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company up to thirty million dollars, and also to aid by a loan and guarantee act any company now or hereinafter incorporated and controlled by the Grand Trunk or the Grand Trunk Pacific.

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Extract from an Article by "The Listener," One of the Editorial Staff of the Vancouver News-Advertiser, in Sunday's Issue.

When Bill Miner was in the beautiful Similkameen he made himself beloved, came and went and worked with the best, particularly distinguished himself by helping in a church bazaar. What it his bad angel had suddenly transported him to Vancouver in a time of snow like that which has ushered in the recent outrages? What if he had trudged about for work in weak boots and scanty clothing while every crossing was clogged with mire or choked with several inches of snow, slush, or water? What if he had slipped and stumbled all day upon glassy pavements and evil-smelling hummocks of last week's trodden snow? What if he had shivered at corners while the snowbound car service kept him waiting for the means of returning from his long fruitless search for work to his miserable lodging?

What if his 10-cent meal had been snatched upon muddy floors, amid the sickening odors of sodden boots—and all these physical depressions and disgusts had filled his mind with the not unreasonable conviction that he had come to a city of don't-care, a slough of fat sheep who lavished thousands upon costly electric fighting while they wallowed in mud up to the knees?

What if he then observed that while the few main streets flaunted not less than six lights to each inhabited house, the rest of the big city, especially in the streets immediately adjoining these galaxies of costly illumination, were plunged all night in a forlorn and tempting twilight? What if he learned that some of the wealthier cattle left garages unlocked at night—that if a criminal got away with his booty on a borrowed motor car a few miles only so as to pass the city limits he was comparatively safe (owing to complicated disarrangements between the municipal and the provincial police spheres) from the pursuit of constables?

What if he had never heard of the existence of Mr. Cornwall, who alone of our citizens is on record as having stood up to and tackled (January 3, 1914) an armed footpad?

Would not Bill Miner's best self be quenched, and the bad man in him be tempted, irritated, precipitated almost into crime of the precise kind which in a brave, well-balanced, tidy and strenuously beautiful city dies down from the mere absence of disorderly and ugly suggestion, due to environment?

DRAMA OF THE BALKAN EMPRESS

Story of the Interesting Play Which the Servian Society Is to Stage on Saturday Founded on Real History.

All who are interested in the way the great Dominion of Canada absorbs, develops and converts into happy Canadians the people of other lands will be interested in the great dramatic show to be staged in Prince Rupert by the Montenegrin citizens on Saturday. "The Drama of the Balkan Empress" is a tragedy of the real history of the Montenegrin's land, and the story it tells is an intense and interesting chapter of love, treason and warfare not unlike our own "Hamlet."

Briefly this is the plot: Stanko, youngest son of Evan, Prince of Montenegro, loves Danice, daughter of a powerful leader, Perun. There is war between Turkey and Montenegro, and Stanko is a traitor to his land. Bribed by Ebraim Ago, a Turkish emissary, he is about to join the Turks to make war on his father and brother George. George taunts Stanko, saying that he is going to marry Danice. Stanko upbraids Danice, believing her faithless to him. Dean upbraids Stanko for going over to the Turks, and Stanko stabs him. Danice declares that whoever kills Stanko shall have her for bride. Stanko's father is in ignorance of his younger son's treason, but Stanko's servant, Evo, to save his land misdelivers a letter from Stanko to Ebraim Ago into the father's hands. George takes the field against the Turks. There is a great battle. Danice and her nurse search the battlefield and, finding Stanko amongst the wounded, Danice tries to kill him. He is saved by a servant, but Danice in despair drowns herself. The play ends with George giving thanks for victory over the Turks, though a fortune teller has warned him that his rule will be brief. Stanko escapes alive into Turkey.

Ambitious as the play is, tremendous trouble has been taken by the Montenegrins to rehearse and prepare it for the stage, and Saturday night's performance in the Empress Theatre will certainly be intensely interesting.

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