

ST. JOHN VALLEY ROAD SEEMS ABOUT ASSURED

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overdraft in the account of the board of works. Let me ask him to put his finger on a single public work that ought not to have been constructed. Let him point out a wharf or bridge that we should not have built.

The chief commissioner need not have had an overdraft account if he had starved the public services, but that policy would not have been approved of by the people of the province.

Every Class Prosperous.

I look today with great pleasure on the condition of the province of New Brunswick and its people. They have enjoyed a large measure of prosperity and this has extended to all classes—to the farmer, the lumberman and the fisherman. I am glad to know that coal mining is being carried on with profit in the counties of Queens, Sunbury and Kent, and that in the latter county the amount derived from royalties on coal is five times as much as in the former.

I am glad to know that the result of mining exploration in the county of St. John are likely to be satisfactory. In all directions we see growth and prosperity. I might refer to the development of the winter port trade of St. John, in which we have largely assisted. We have also given encouragement to a dry dock, and I am happy in the belief that before long Mr. Robertson will be able to make a public announcement that work on the dry dock will soon begin.

Grand Falls Power.

A strong company has been formed under our auspices for the development of the enormous water power at Grand Falls. The necessary financial arrangements have been made, and as soon as the plans are approved at Ottawa, the work will begin. I am not without hope that we shall see the trains of the Transcontinental railway operated by electricity generated by the water power of Grand Falls. I know that the managers of that company look favorably on the idea, and when we consider the danger from fire by steam locomotives in a forest country, the advantages of the use of electricity are obvious.

I might also refer with pride and hope to the development in the northern part of the province, which will result from the construction of the railway the way by opening up what is virtually a new province, rich in natural resources.

While we regret that the Transcontinental railway is not to come down the valley of the St. John river, it will nevertheless, open up large sections of valuable territory. There are on the route of that line, within twenty miles of Port Arthur and Lake Superior, 1,750,000 acres belonging to the province, and on the line of the International within a similar distance from the railway, there are 1,100,000 acres of crown land.

No Land for Speculators.

We propose to set aside the line for one mile on each side of the railway so that it will be kept for the people, and not for speculators, so that whatever profit there is from this line when purchased for stations and wharves, will go into the public treasury.

I have said that I was disappointed at the river route not being chosen, but as one of the public men of this country, I have kept myself in touch with the firm which must be considered among the greatest and most successful railway builders in the world. I refer to McKenzie & Mann, who ten years ago acquired 100 miles of railway and have gone on since extending and building other railways, until they now own more than 3,000 miles of railway in Canada, and they have never yet opened a mile of railway that has not paid. The firm has a railway from Port Arthur and Lake Superior to Winnipeg, from Winnipeg to Prince Albert, and to Edmonton, and they are extending their lines rapidly to the Pacific. They own a railway from Vancouver to Seattle, and also a line to Victoria Beach, on the Bay of Fundy. Their system is to be extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and they must pass through New Brunswick.

McKenzie & Mann May Build Valley Road.

I asked the firm if the Central route was chosen by the G. T. P., if they would not consider the construction of a line running down the St. John river valley to St. John, where they could connect by steamer with their line at Victoria Beach. A few days ago, when the Central route was chosen, I communicated with them again, and am happy to say that they have now a communication from them to the effect that, if reasonable terms can be arranged, they will send their engineer to make a report on the line, and if the report is favorable will undertake the early construction of the road.

The government has not yet decided this matter. For years he was one of the most noted and distinguished practitioners in England. In speaking of the pills from which women suffer, Dr. Hamilton points out that nine out of every ten women are by nature inclined to habitual constipation. Marsh purgatives are resorted to which only increase the trouble.

Although no general remedy can be given, constipated condition of the bowels, that causes half the sickness and distress with which women are afflicted, is a familiar ailment, and has long been a study that Dr. Hamilton perfected the pills which have been of such marvelous benefit to women all over the world. In his pills of Mandel's and Butters' every sufferer will find an absolute cure for constipation, sick headache and biliousness. It is safe to say that Dr. Hamilton's Pills bring better health and keep the system in more vigorous condition than any other medicine ever discovered. At all dealers in 25c. boxes.

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exists but one stretch of wood, of perhaps five miles in extent. Some of the finest farming land of New Brunswick is to be found along this part of the valley, which is without railway facilities of any kind. The farmers are up-to-date in their methods and equipped with improved machinery for the greater part, but have no ready access to the markets. The land is adapted to the raising of the finest potatoes, but the long haul to any shipping point has prevented the farmers from raising them in any great quantity.

Great Waterpowers Undeveloped.

There are water powers at Meductic, on the Bel river; at Shogomoc and Pokok, on the west side, and others on the east side of the St. John river, which are undeveloped because of the complete isolation of this section of the province. A large part of the farming land is equal to the very best in the province, important villages are to be found at such points as Meductic, Pokok, Shogomoc and Southampton, which are capable of expansion into important centres under different circumstances. As it is now, the farms are well cultivated and the people are enjoying a fair measure of prosperity. There is still considerable timber land unexploited between the river, and some very good granite in Southampton.

The only thing which prevents the valley region, between Fredericton and Woodstock, from being among the very finest parts of the province is the lack of communication with the outside world. There is also in this region an abundance of good pasture, and sheep raising is capable of being developed into a profitable industry. There are rich stretches of inland water, and a fine level section of farm land below Hallowshaw, called the Barony. Dairying is now carried on to a considerable extent as a home industry. Creameries or skimming stations are not common on account of the fact that hand-separators are to be found in nearly every home. These factories exist at Prince William and Southampton, the output of which is excellent in quality and considerable in quantity. The nearest markets are in Fredericton or Woodstock, which are reached either by a long haul with teams or by the slow and unsatisfactory method of tow-boating. Farming is thus carried on under the heaviest possible disadvantages, and with the least possibility of fair profit.

Great Summer Resort.

Between Westfield and Oak Point there is a piece of country which nature seems to have intended to be the seat of the villas and private residences of wealthy people in St. John, because it possesses the attractions of a seaside resort, and all the beauties of an inland river. The time will come when, with a railway opening up this area, the houses of the great will make it their homes for the greater part of the year.

Above Oak Point we come to a country which is attractive and admirably suited for agriculture, with beautiful, fertile stretches for miles along the river and form themselves into islands which are a source of wealth to those who possess them.

On the west side of the river, opposite Spoon Island, there is one of the finest granite quarries in the world, which has been worked for many years, and will become still more valuable if connected with a railway. The land from Hallowshaw to Gagetown and from Gagetown to Grand Falls, is one of the finest farming districts that can be found anywhere, but it has suffered in consequence of the lack of railway facilities.

Anyone who has travelled up the St. John river above Hallowshaw must have noticed the magnificent farms and the splendid opportunities for farmers that the country affords. The land is fertile, and has three times its present population if opened up by railway. It was at Gagetown, Sheffield and Margerville that the first English settlers on the St. John came in 1763, and here their descendants are to be found in large numbers, but the population does not increase because, in the winter, they are shut out from the rest of the world. We can easily imagine what this land would become with the stimulus of good railway communication. The same is true of the territory between Grand Falls and Fredericton. It is fertile, nor are there any engineering difficulties in the way of the building of a railway.

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Unwise Policy Cost Many Millions.

Besides lands given to the New Brunswick & Canada Railway Company, if instead of giving these monies and lands the province had guaranteed the bonds they would have lost nothing but be interested for a short time, because the C. P. R. today is paying a rental of \$372,829.74 on a total mileage of 460 miles, equal to 4 per cent on \$930,000 a mile. These figures show how much we have lost by giving subsidies to railways instead of guaranteeing their bonds. If we had pursued a correct policy this province would have more than double its net debt to its credit.

A WEARY DAY

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As the argument began to take on a more serious phase, the prisoner sat deeply concerned. He flushed crimson as one by one of his counsel left him to go to the support of Mr. Delmas, who, however, in the midst of the proceedings was superseded by Attorney John B. Gleason. Thaw hit his nails, opened and closed his hands nervously and finally sank down in his chair in an attitude of utter dejection.

In an adjoining room, where they could hear the excited and uplifted voices of counsel, wrangling one with the another, stood Mrs. William Thaw, the mother, and Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the wife who had shared the secrets of her life in her efforts to save him from ruin. From the electric chair and from the fate which he declares he dreads more than the mad house.

Jury Ordered to Retire.

The climax of the nine weeks trial was precipitated by the action of the defence counsel, who stood Mr. Delmas Hamilton, the distinguished alienist who was first called into the case by Thaw's original lawyers, Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonny, but who were dismissed to get with them, when he reported that Thaw was suffering from a form of paranoia which might never be cured. It was the first time that the defence had been able to get Thaw into the courtroom, and it was the first time that Thaw had been able to get into the courtroom.

The argument which ensued became so pertinent to the question of the present sanity or insanity of the defendant that Justice Fitzgerald ordered the jury to retire from the courtroom. Justice Fitzgerald further said that if professional privilege was placed in bar of any testimony Dr. Hamilton had to offer to the jury, which would be a matter of course, did not desire that testimony to go into the record.

Justice Fitzgerald even went so far as to discuss the personnel of the jury commission in lunacy. He said that he did not wish to appoint any alienists who had been consulted in the case by either side and desired to be given the names of every doctor so consulted. It was agreed that both sides should submit affidavits tomorrow.

Both Sides Pleased.

When the trial adjourned, Messrs. Hartbridge and O'Reilly of Thaw's counsel, professed the greatest pleasure over the turn of affairs. "The district attorney has acknowledged himself beaten," said Mr. Hartbridge, "we can combat the lunacy commission. In the meantime the district attorney has acknowledged that he believes Thaw was insane when he shot Stanford White. That ought to give an acquittal."

District Attorney Jerome was manifestly pleased with the idea of a commission. He immediately set to work preparing affidavits and was busy in his office until after 6 o'clock. He will be able to place before Justice Fitzgerald tomorrow all the testimony he has been unable to get before the jury.

Mr. Delmas declined to make any definite statement. He merely said that it had been agreed "that when the case reached the stage which developed today, Mr. Delmas would take his case."

Mr. Delmas, of course, would still be connected with the case. Mrs. William Thaw and Evelyn Thaw left the courtroom together after they had had a brief chat with the prisoner and old him that victory was in sight. It will be recalled that the elder Mrs. Thaw was anxious to tell about the influence of heredity in the Thaw family when she was on the stand but had been cut short by counsel.

When Thaw reached his cell in the Tombs he began to write at first in haste, but later in a more deliberate pace, saying it would be his statement to be submitted to the court tomorrow. The quick change in the course of the proceedings today proved a big disappointment to a score or more of criminal lawyers who have been gathering in the city to hear the summing up of the case. Some have arrived from Maine, others from the far West and still others from the South, among the latter being John Randolph Cooper, of Macon, Ga., the attorney who defended the Railways Brothers and their father in the famous trial.

Body of Mrs. Davidson THREE WEEKS ON WAY FROM P. E. ISLAND TO GIBSON

The remains of the late Mrs. F. Davidson, who died at her home, Montague (P. E. I.), about three weeks ago, arrived at St. John this morning on their way to Gibson for interment at Sunny Bank. The train from Pictou missed connections at St. John this morning, and the remains, which were expected on the 9 o'clock train this morning, will not arrive until tonight.

Rev. F. D. Davidson having died within the past few months, the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Davidson are indeed very sad. The remains, accompanied by the deceased's son, left Prince Edward Island nearly three weeks ago, but on account of the running ice they were unable to reach the mainland until yesterday, landing at Pictou two late for connections. Mrs. Davidson was the wife of the late Rev. F. D. Davidson, many years pastor of the Broadway United Baptist church at Gibson. Mr. Davidson died last December. His remains were also brought to Gibson, on which occasion almost the same difficulty was met with.

Besides Rev. Mr. Davidson, there are three children buried at Sunny Bank. The late Mrs. Davidson leaves six children, two sons and four daughters, to mourn their sad loss. The funeral will likely be held tomorrow morning from the Broadway Baptist church. The remains will be laid along those of her late husband, Rev. D. H. Simpson will conduct the services.—Fredericton Gleaser.

SUIT LIKELY AGAINST ONTARIO BANK DIRECTORS

Toronto, March 21.—(Special.)—The old directors of the Ontario Bank will probably be made defendants in a lawsuit at an early date. J. G. Langton, former chief clerk of the bank, has been examined on behalf of the shareholders, and one stockholder in the Ontario Bank has announced his willingness to contribute \$1,000 towards a suit against the directors for breach of trust.

Mr. Gleason next demanded, before the proceedings went further, that Dr. Hamilton be interrogated as to whether or not he thought Thaw capable of advising his counsel. Justice Fitzgerald allowed the question and the witness promptly replied that he did not think Thaw was capable of advising his counsel at the present time. The doctor said further that he had so reported to his counsel in the case.

Justice Fitzgerald demanded that counsel on both sides submit to him tomorrow all the evidence they possessed touching the sanity of the defendant.

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CHARITY TO GET \$250,000,000?

Rockefeller Will, it is Said, Contain This Donation.

New York, March 18.—The Herald today says that according to a member of John D. Rockefeller, jr.'s Bible class and who is also a personal friend of John D. Rockefeller and in a position to know of his affairs, the latter is said to be making a princely gift to the city of New York. It will amount to at least \$50,000,000. It will be partly charitable and partly educational. The Herald adds that the gift is a princely gift to the city of New York.

"This man informed a Herald reporter that when Mr. Rockefeller was conferring with his son at Lakewood (N. J.) a fortnight ago, the subject was said to be the purpose of discussing any immediate gift, but was on the subject of Mr. Rockefeller's son, which document, the oil king was then completing with the aid of his son and his lawyers. It is said that this document will astonish the world when it is made public. The gift is said to be not less than \$250,000,000 for charitable and educational purposes, and it will be so bestowed that the benefit therefrom will all be for the purpose of religious, educational and charitable purposes. The manner in which these bequests will be bestowed is said to be mainly educational and charitable. While there are some educational bequests, the religious purposes, it is stated that Mr. Rockefeller does not think it necessary to extend any great financial aid to churches. To his manner of thinking the religious purposes, though not of large sums; liberal bequests for education, and what are described as princely bequests for charitable purposes. It is said that there is scarcely a man, woman or child that will not benefit in some way by these prospective donations."