

IT'S ORIGIN

Story of the Birth of the Erie & Huron R. R. Involved in Political History.

Our reporter called on P. D. McKellar and asked him to furnish an item of news that would be of interest to our readers.

"Well," said Mr. McKellar, "the upmost thought in my mind is the magnificent claim made by Mr. N. H. Stevens as the sole and only inventor, patentee and constructor of the Erie & Huron R. R. He has repeated this statement so often that he has quite convinced himself of its accuracy. Now, while conceding that Mr. Stevens was a factor, and by no means an important one, in the construction of the E. & H. R. R., there were many others entitled to not only an equal but far greater degree of credit than Mr. Stevens. As a brief history of the road will prove, interesting to many of your readers, I will give you a brief and accurate outline of its history. As I was intimately associated with the enterprise from its inception to its completion I can furnish a brief account of its beginning, progress, downfall, resurrection and final triumph. The conception of the E. & H. R. R. is involved in a piece of secret political history, which I may be permitted to disclose without violating confidence, as most of the actors in that drama have passed the political stage, and that event is so remote and veiled in the dim obscurity of the past that it may now be imparted to the public without arousing party hostility.

"You will remember, but no, you cannot, as you were not born then, that the first Government of Ontario after Confederation was a Coalition Administration, composed of the Hon. John Sandfield MacDonald, Premier; Hon. John G. Durnee, Minister of Finance; Hon. John C. Bruce, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Stephen Richards and E. B. Wood. This Government may be said to have been rather tentative than progressive, and before the close of the first Parliament it was apparent that the coalition was tottering to its fall, and unless something could be done to revivify them their doom was sealed. In the opinion of the Conservative party managers at Toronto, this could best be done by securing the support of Mr. Archibald McKellar, then member for Bothwell, and one of the Opposition leaders. It was determined to make an effort to win over Mr. McKellar and the political mission was entrusted to Mr. James E. Smith, one of the most astute politicians of that time. He called to his aid Mr. Alex. McNabb, barrister, of Toronto, and brother-in-law of Mr. McKellar. McNabb was willing to assist in the matter, but said, "that excuse can we give for our trip to Chatham? If we announce Jack Blunt the purpose of our mission the fact will at once be in the air." At that time railway schemes were being projected over the Province, and particularly from Toronto. McNabb was engaged in promoting several of them, and this gave him an idea. Taking out a map of the County of Kent he looked it over and said, "Here is the object of our mission, to build a railroad from Lake Erie to Lake Huron." Mr. Smith and Mr. McNabb arrived in Chatham, called upon Mr. McKellar and invited him to drive with them over the country to feel the pulse of the people. They were absent several days, and it is needless to say that advantage was taken of that drive to sound Mr. McKellar on the question of casting in his lot with the McDonald Government. Their political mission was a failure, but their ostensible errand was a success, and out of it came the E. & H. R. R. It was heartily endorsed and the Toronto promoters—P. G. Close, J. E. Smith, Alex. McNabb and John Michie—pushed forward the carrying of a charter to themselves and local men of prominence, such as Wm. McKee, T. H. Taylor, D. R. VanAllen, C. R. Atkinson, Rufus Stephenson, Alex. Trevelyan, John A. Ash, N. H. Stevens, A. Bisset and others as provisional directors. A bonus by-law for \$155,000 was submitted to certain grouped municipalities, and carried. The success of this by-law was undoubtedly due to the efforts of the late John Michie, of Toronto, who threw himself into the canvassing, arranging meetings, button-holing the electors, and by his ardor and enthusiasm, bringing every day fresh supporters to the by-law. Mr. Michie spent \$1,400 in promoting the road and never received a red cent in return. Then the Provisional Directors called a meeting here and arranged for the formation of a legally organized Co. Stockholders were opened at a bank in Petrolia, J. H. Fairbanks and his friends subscribed the necessary amount of stock and organized a Board of Directors, but failed to interest capitalists in the building of the road, and thus matters rested until the fall of 1878.

When passing through Toronto on a visit to the Philadelphia Centennial I was brought in touch with Alex. Manning, who professed a willingness to build the road if it were proved to him to be a profitable venture. On my return from the East I collected and forwarded to Manning information and statistics as to freight and passenger traffic, subsequently Manning notified me that he would go into the deal if I could secure the charter at a reasonable figure. I opened up communication with Mr. J. H. Fairbank and negotiated the transfer of the charter to myself for \$200. An appointment was made to meet at the Teumess House, London. The late Wm. Douglas attended with me as solicitor to arrange the details of the bargain. Upon entering the office of the Teumess House we met two of the leading officials of the M. C. R. When we were shown to Mr. Fairbank's room he informed us that the M. C. R. officials were waiting to close with him provided I failed to carry out my proposition, but I paid over the money and executed an agreement with Fairbanks to properly transfer the charter to such persons as I might name and for a fortnight I was the sole and only owner of a

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railway. On the following day the same M. C. R. officials we had met at London came to Chatham and asked for an interview with Mr. Douglas and myself at the Rankin House and begged us to transfer the charter to the M. C. R., and for nearly three hours they entreated and importuned us to name a price for the transfer. We refused to entertain any proposal from them as the people here were looking for G. T. R. connection and would have been disappointed if the charter had passed under the control of the M. C. R. In view of our bitter experience with Manning and the subsequent amalgamation of the G. T. R. and G. W. R., I regret that I did not transfer the charter to the M. C. R. Time would have proven it an advantageous deal in the interest of Kent and I would have been several thousand dollars richer. But I thought I was acting in the interests of the people, if not in my own, by transferring the charter to the Manning Co. This I did at the Teumess House, London, about the end of December, 1878. Manning graded the road and paid for part of the right of way, pulled out as much of the bonus money as the law would allow and then refused to proceed unless an additional bonus of \$75,000 were granted to him. This was refused, a dead lock ensued, Manning refusing to transfer the charter unless a further sum of \$10,000 were paid to him. The late Solomon M. Knapp advanced this sum and released the charter from Manning's grip. Every effort was made to interest capitalists but without success, and in 1881 the charter was about expiring. Interest in the project languished no one, not even Mr. Stevens, would put up a dollar for the renewal of the charter and rather than see the enterprise terminate in a disastrous failure I renewed the charter at my own entire expense. The following year Mr. McNabb persuaded Bickford to take up the scheme, which he carried to completion and found it one of his most profitable ventures. From the time the road was opened for traffic it paid 5% on \$10,000 per mile of bonus.

"For my services in the cause of the railway I received nil. After the road was opened for traffic I was a shipper my usefulness ceased and I was dropped from the board of directors and denied the cheap courtesy of a pass. Mr. Knapp, however, was so fortunate as to be repaid his loan, without interest. While Mr. N. H. Stevens was the only promoter who received an immediate and direct benefit. One of the finest streets in the city was sacrificed to his interests that a switch might be laid to his mill to provide him with the best shipping facilities.

"The following lines of Virgil are applicable to my experience with the Erie & Huron R. R. as well as to many other transactions in life.

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"Tulit alter honores"

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At noon of lingering winter day As a lone Druid I would stray Down the far frosty avenues And seize the sun dissolving views Of frost-wreathed boughs—o'er the young sun.

Shall bid the ice-locked streamlets run And leap in merry minstrelsy, Singing their way to yon far sea.

The hemlock bends with drowsy head In this white city of the dead, This mausoleum of dun leaves, And ashen blooms, where Memory grieves.

O'er glorious Mays and royal Junes, And e'en o'er autumn's blazonry Of green and gold that ceased to be.

And here, on threshold of the dawn To us no longer seen forlorn These marble beauties of the world, This ashen sky that soon, like gold, In vernal resurrection gleams, These long fast-fettered silent streamlets.

For every phase of every sky Bath its own silent witchery And e'en adown the frosty dell We bid the night and storm farewell With something of love's soft regret, A marble face in memory set!

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Ladies' 40c cashmere hose at 25c—25 dozen ladies' fine imported pure cashmere hose, full fashioned, spliced heels and toes, a good 40c line, Saturday at 25c.

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Kid gloves—Ladies' fine French kid gloves, plain and undressed, in all the newest spring styles and shades, two and three dome fasteners, every pair guaranteed, special at a pair \$1.50, \$1.25 and 1.00.

8c and 10c embroideries at 5c yard—Fine Swiss embroideries and insertions, 1 inch to 3 inches wide, choice range of patterns, regular up to 10c yard, Saturday your choice 5c.

Special bargains—in fine clothing for men and boys, every garment fully guaranteed to give satisfaction.

\$1.35 Wrappers at \$1.00 each—15 Doz. Ladies' Print Wrappers, excellent quality, choice new patterns and colorings, stylishly made with full flounce on skirt, ruffles at shoulders, fancy gimp trimming on ruffles, collar, cuffs and belt, lined waist, sizes 32 to 42 in., regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 each, special Saturday at 1.00.

Black Mercerised Underskirts, the largest range, prettiest styles and best values ever shown in Chatham, beautifully made with flounces, ruffles, pleatings, tucks, etc., special each 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.19, \$2.48 and 2.89.

Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, handsome styles, fine cloths, beautifully finished, at each \$18.50, \$15.00, \$12.50, \$10.00 and 8.50.

Tailored skirts—Pure wool frieze skirts, black and Oxford, unlined, 9-row stitching around bottom, welt seams, assorted lengths, regular \$3, special \$2.48.

Skirts at \$5.00—The largest range of styles and best values we have ever shown, fine cloths, beautifully tailored, your choice of scores at each \$5.00.

8c and 10c shaker flannels at 6c—1300 yards shaker flannels, 32 inches wide, fine quality, in large range of stripe patterns, fast colors, clearing Saturday at per yard 6c.

Cream corduroy waistings—Fine firm cord, fleece back, 27 inches wide, special per yard 15c.

3,000 yards new prints—Splendid range of patterns and colorings, all guaranteed fast, at per yard 12 1-2c, 10c, 8c and 5c.

White lawns—Fine Victoria lawns, full width, sheer quality, two special lines, at a yard 15c and 12 1-2c.

THREE DRESS GOODS SPECIALS.

10 Pieces New Canvas Suitings, fine, pure wool, bright finish, medium weight, colors, black, fawn, reseda, navy, new blue, pearl grey and cream, worth 75c. yard, special at 50c.

44-in. Satin Cloth, spring weight, firm weave, bright finish, guaranteed pure wool, in full range of spring shades, at per yard 50c.

New Flaked Suitings, 44 in. wide, medium weight, fine wool, in fashionable spring shades, worth 75c. yard, special at 50c.

Velvet Cord Suitings, an excellent quality, in full range of spring shades, good value at 50c. yard, special, 40c.

Window Shades at 25c, each, good quality cloth, in range of colors, 2 yard long, 37 in. wide, mounted on spring rollers, complete at each 25c.

Brass Extension Rods, for ash curtains, will extend 44 in., complete with brackets, at each 5c.

20 Doz. White Enamel Cottage Rugs, corrugated with fancy brass, and brackets, complete at each 12 1-2c.

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65c. Linoleums at 50c. yard, heavy Scotch Linoleums, 2 yards and 4 yards wide, in new carpet and block patterns, warranted in wear, the best 65c quality in the city, special at 50c.

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and continue daily until property is sold. This will offer a rare opportunity for hotel men to purchase a first-class, well-established business on the shore.

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Auction Sale of Household Furniture

Mrs. Andrew Heyward has instructed A. Thomson, Jr., to sell all her household effects at her residence, Queen street, on Thursday, April 23, commencing at one o'clock sharp, consisting of the following: One parlor suit, consisting of several pieces; one fancy centre table; rockers, upholstered; Brussels carpet; some fancy tables and jardiniere stands; hanging lamp, ornaments, hall chair, hall table, lounge, hall lamp, one oak bedroom suit, mattress and springs; carpeted, fancy chairs, scullie and toings; toilet set, one fine English brass and iron bed, dresser, carpets, stand, one white iron bed, mattress and springs; two pair of portieres, toilet set, mattress and springs, lace curtains, one dining room chairs, rockers, lace curtains, small table, lamp, pictures, corner brackets, hanging lamp, one silver service and other silverware, china and glassware, dining carpet, box stove, gas stove, gas hot water heater, several rockers, cook stove and cooking utensils, linoleum, one fine refrigerator, lawn hose, lawn mower, garden tools, and other articles too numerous to mention.

This will be a nice tidy sale, as most of the effects have been bought within this last year or so, and will be sold without reserve.

Remember day and date, Thursday, April 23rd, at one o'clock sharp.

MRS. ANDREW HEYWARD, Proprietress.

A. THOMSON, JR., Auctioneer.

Auction Sale of Household Furniture.

Andrew Thomson, Jr., auctioneer, has received instructions from Mrs. W. J. Bedford to sell all her household effects at her residence, Water street, opposite the goal, on Tuesday, April 21st, at one o'clock sharp, consisting of the following: One Mendenhall piano with all modern attachments, this is a very fine instrument; one mahogany folding bed with wardrobe, secretary combination, this article cost \$150; one magnolia parlor table, cost \$25; parlor carpet, lace curtains, oak rockers, miniature ship, chenille curtains, oak sideboard, dining room table and chairs, linoleum, hanging lamp, china and glassware, one oak bedroom suit, mattress and spring; Brussels carpet, cane rockers, three toilet sets, four bedroom suits, mattresses and springs; one wardrobe, bedding, one coal or wood range, kitchen furniture, hose, lawn mower, and other articles too numerous to mention.

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ST. MARTIN, thoroughbred, brown horse, 164 hands, 1275 lbs, sired by the mighty Longfellow, dam brother to the famous Long foot, dam Locust Bloom by Tom Bowling, bred by Joe D. Clay, Troquois stock farm, Kentucky, extended pedigree see American race book, vol. 6, page 600. There is no better thoroughbred stallion in Canada. Col. Bruce, the eminent authority, said St. Martin was as good a horse as he ever had the pleasure of tabulating his pedigree. M. F. McDonald, the great judge of Conformation, says he is the best thoroughbred horse he ever saw.

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St. Martin fills all the requirements as regards bone action and good temper. St. Martin's brother, Longfoot, is premier stallion at Belle Meade Farm, Kentucky, also brother to the grand race horse, Locust Bloom, and his dam, Locust Bloom, is the dam of the race horse Chilhonie, Eagle Bird, Bonnie Smith, Bocarual, and many others. Perfect temper, quiet and gentle.

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