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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1907.

THE ROUTE OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

The reports of the district and the chief engineers on the Chipman to Grand Falls section of the Transcontinental Railway through New Brunswick, which were withheld from Parliament until Thursday last, are not disappointing, although grossly inconsistent with the facts, illogical in reasoning and extremely partisan in character. It was pretty well understood from the beginning that the interests of the St. John Valley and of the people living thereabout were to be given the go-by, not that national ends might be served, but that the mere local conditions of Halifax and a few other places in Nova Scotia could be gratified. In the sessions preceding the general election of 1903, after Moncton had been designedly fixed by Mr. Fielding, with the consent of the then Liberal representatives of New Brunswick, as the eastern terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific for the purpose of cutting out St. John as the Atlantic terminus, permission was granted to make surveys of the St. John Valley as well as of the so-called Central route across the province, but this was done solely for election purposes, to influence the votes of the electors. The government had no intention of selecting the St. John Valley. And there appears to be no doubt that the engineers were kept fully posted as to what the wishes and aims of Mr. Fielding, his colleagues in the cabinet and his supporters in parliament were. The surveys of the St. John Valley were not reliable surveys, and it was not intended that they should be. Even Mr. Carvell of Carleton declared that they were false surveys, and that they have been so treated by all who have a knowledge of the facts there is no doubt. The whole operation was clearly a deliberate attempt to blind and mislead. Not only that, but while fully determined not to adopt the St. John Valley, the government encouraged, through their supporters in this province, the sending of delegates to Ottawa at the people's expense ostensibly to present arguments in favor of the Valley route, but really to give the government an opportunity to find some reasonable way out of the difficulty in which they had placed some of their supporters in this province. We therefore were given a second survey, of which those who are generally pretty well informed say it was as big a "fake" as the first. The reports of the engineers are so palpably absurd that the government hesitated to lay them before Parliament, and they were only brought down at the last moment because the Opposition gave notice that the grant to the Transcontinental would not be permitted to pass the House until these reports were tabled. The effect of the reports is that the Valley route is made slightly longer than the Central, but the Central is an impracticable line. To serve the prejudices of the government, however, in so far as giving the Valley the go-by, the engineers sought out another route near by, which they profess to have made shorter than either of the others, though of very heavy grades, and this they have recommended and the government have adopted, naming it the Pusher, for the reason that it will require additional engines to push the trains up the steep grades to the west. And absurdly enough, the engineers report that this Pusher route, though a very hilly section, will cost less to build and less to operate than the river route, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the chief engineer claimed last year that in such a line as the Pusher "the expenses of operating would be considerably increased." As Mr. Crockett said in the Commons on Thursday, in discussing the several phases of the reports, "it

was evident from the records produced in Parliament and from what had taken place in connection with the surveys in New Brunswick that the government were determined from the beginning at all costs, and regardless of advantages or disadvantages of either of the proposed routes, that the railway was to be built by the Central route. That the interests of New Brunswick and of the whole undertaking required the construction of the railway down the valley of the St. John, which was without question the shortest route to the nearest Atlantic port, made no difference. There are, we believe, none who have knowledge of the facts, and a reputation which they respect, who would venture to say that the estimates of the cost of construction or of the cost of operating the Pusher route will come within the actual cost. They are clearly under estimates made for purpose of misleading the public mind in the efforts to serve the local ambitions of Nova Scotia at the expense of the national interests as well as at the cost of the interests of the people along the St. John Valley. On the other hand, there is no doubt that the length of the Valley route is over-stated, and the estimate of the cost made much greater than the conditions warrant.

Look at the situation a moment—\$120,000,000 to be spent next year in running the government, in face of a revenue of \$80,000,000. In addition to this at least \$100,000,000 must be provided to build the Grand Trunk Pacific, and there are about \$200,000,000 of bonds falling due within a short time. Who will provide the money?

The Liberals, asking to come into power, criticized an expenditure of \$10,000,000 and forthwith boosted it up until the colossal sum of \$120,000,000 a year was reached. What will be the end?

LABOR TROUBLE IN WEST INDIES

Coal Carriers at Castries Strike for Higher Wages—Four Persons Wounded in Riot.

New York, April 26.—A despatch from Castries, island of St. Lucia, says: "The speech of the new British governor having been construed as encouraging to the aspirations of the workmen, the coal carriers organized an agitation for a big advance in wages and struck from work. They intimidated all who were willing to work and were joined by the rabble. All coaling was stopped. There was here only a small police force inadequate to suppress disorder or protect property. Being pressed by the rioters they fired on a crowd and wounded four persons. The police and special officers were confined to their barracks and the town was left in the hands of the mob. Several shops were wrecked, the market was looted and several persons were beaten. The general public was not molested. The coal carriers formulated their demands and the merchants were compelled to yield. The advance in wages is considered very large, but work has been resumed. Castries is now quiet. News of the burning of sugar estates is now coming from the country. Armed police are preventing rioters coming into the town."

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS. Valparaiso, Chile, April 26.—Three vigorous earthquake shocks were felt here on Thursday morning. No damage has been reported thus far.

PERSONAL.

Mr. D. W. Newcombe, superintendent of the C. P. R., registered at the Queen Hotel last evening.

Mr. Crockett and Mr. Ganong, M. P.'s, returned home to-day from Ottawa.

F. B. B. Minstrels. The F. B. B. Minstrels had a very successful rehearsal last night. Vocal solos with full orchestral accompaniment by Messrs. Kidner, Foster, Thomas, Harrison and Dunphy. Another feature will be a banjo solo with orchestral accompaniment. Mr. Holder rehearsed this number last evening. Everything is booming for this big show. The plan of hall will open Saturday morning, May 1, at McCurray & Co.'s, at 10 o'clock.

To Inspect Military Depot. Col. C. W. Drury, C.B., A.D.C., Officer Commanding the Maritime Provinces, and Lieut. Col. Wadmore, commandant of Royal Canadian Regiment at Halifax, are to be here on May 1st and 2nd for the purpose of inspecting No. 3 Military Depot and H. Company, R. C. R.

A Chance for Wilmet Park. Mr. Horam Bradley, employed by R. Chestnut & Sons, has an offer from a Carleton county gentleman to send a buck deer to this city to be used as an attraction at Wilmet Park. It is understood that the animal, which is tame, can be procured for the park at but very little expense and it would certainly be a very interesting attraction at the park and might well be secured.

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"John Bull, Bachelor."

"John Bull, bachelor," is a description that threatens to be attached to us in the not far distant future, for the disinclination to marry is becoming more general among Englishmen every year. They themselves attribute this indisposition mostly to the frivolity, extravagance and unfaithfulness of the modern English wife.—London Truth.

Not Asking Much.

London bachelors expect their women friends to entertain them, they accept their hospitality, but they rarely offer anything in return. Even a cup of tea and a stroll in the park, or to a picture gallery, is all that is required.—Queen.

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DR. FALCONER APPOINTED.

Halifax, N. S., April 25.—When the Rev. Dr. Forrest, president of Dalhousie University, was informed of the appointment of Rev. D. Falconer to the presidency of Toronto University to-night, he said he was sorry for Halifax, but glad for Falconer and for Toronto. He added: "The position is one of great importance and Principal Falconer will be a very suitable man. A better man could not have been secured on this side of the Atlantic or the other."

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