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## THE VALLEY RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

The announcement that Hon. William Pugsley has accepted the suggestion of Hon. J. K. Fleming that a conference be held between representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments on the Valley Railway question, will be received with general satisfaction throughout the Province. Prompt action is necessary to secure the early commencement of this important enterprise and if Mr. Pugsley is prepared to act in the same spirit as Mr. Fleming has already displayed the people of the St. John Valley will have a railway in operation over some part of the route within twelve months or at the longest before the snow flies a year hence.

If the conference fails it will not be the fault of Mr. Fleming. He has already showed his interest in getting an actual railroad by suggesting a conference at which the question of route may be discussed and settled. The Standard has already pointed out that there are many things to settle before it will be possible to arrange for the construction of a railway under part two of the local act, but all of these most points may be arranged by Mr. Pugsley if he so desires.

So far all that the Government of Canada has done is to provide a subsidy of \$6,400 a mile for a railway from Grand Falls to St. John. This is what is done for every railway whose cost of construction entitles it to a double subsidy. The provision was made to secure the construction of a better class of railways. The Valley Railway is in a class by itself. As already pointed out no section of the railway will cost less than \$30,000 a mile, and the section between Hamstead and Godola Point almost \$125,000 a mile. It is on this section that the two expensive bridges have to be built. So far no provision has been made to assist in the construction of the bridges. If some assistance is given for this part of the enterprise and the question of grades is settled, then the two great difficulties that lie in the way of intercolonial operation will be removed. Both of these Mr. Pugsley can deal with.

The object of the Provincial Government is to secure a first class railway, and the survey shows that the fourteenth grade can be adhered to over the whole line with the exception of the Lakeville-Centreville section. There it must be departed from or the route changed. It is to be hoped that these matters will be arranged at the conference and active construction started at once. The people of the St. John river valley who have been crying out for this railway so long may rest assured that no effort will be spared by Mr. Fleming and the local Government to arrive at an understanding to bring about its speedy construction and secure the full development of this magnificent section of the Province.

## THE FRENCH CANADIANS IN MAINE.

The breach which has existed for some time between the French-Canadians of Maine and Bishop Walsh of the diocese of Portland, in consequence of their efforts to cause the dissolution of "the corporation sole" whereby the bishop has complete control of the \$16,000,000 worth of property owned by the church in that State, was still further widened last week by the decision of the convention held at Biddeford to continue the fight. Five of the six men who were interdicted recently by the bishop, because they had caused a bill to abolish this corporation to be introduced in the Legislature of Maine were unanimously appointed to the executive committee of the Cause Nationale and they were instructed to persevere in their efforts to bring about the desired legislation. The action taken by the convention is interpreted as being a direct challenge to Bishop Walsh. The outcome is being watched with keen interest by French Canadians generally.

The resolution upholding the action of the men who were interdicted by the bishop and instructing them to continue the fight were in part as follows:—"Whereas, many misunderstandings have arisen through the exclusion of laymen and being aware that the civil power is competent to legislate in property rights, and that parents have the right to provide for the education of their children, and after hearing the report of the officers of the permanent committee of the French-Americans of the State who by virtue of instructions from the Brunswick convention have sought the repeal of the law creating the Roman Catholic bishop of Portland and his successors a 'corporation sole'."

"It is resolved, That this convention approves the action of said permanent committee; that it recommends a further appeal to the next Legislature in order to stop the numerous and crying abuses of which the French-American Catholics of this diocese have been and now are complaining, and of which the 'corporation sole' is the principal cause."

The support given to the movement by French descendants in other States is very general, and the French-Canadians in Quebec and New Brunswick are also showing very widespread sympathy with their compatriots across the border. Mr. Oliver Asselin attended the convention as a special delegate of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Montreal, and pledged the moral and financial support of that organization in the struggle with the religious authorities. The St. Jean Baptiste Society of Quebec sent a message through their president in which the following passage occurs:—"We cannot attend your convention, but we are with you in heart and spirit. Your struggle interests and 'passionates us in the highest degree. We are following it in all its details, for it has all our sympathies, and we consider your cause our own. There is no forty-fifth parallel between the descendants of the 'French race in America.'"

Senator Poirier, representing the French-Canadians of New Brunswick, wrote as follows:—"I wish to tell you that I am, like everybody else here in New Brunswick, entirely with you in heart, soul and spirit. It is the cause of the religion of our fathers, it is the 'French language, it is liberty, it is the right you are defending. Glory to you! God, who is just, must love the heroes of just causes. God, who has made us 'free, must love those who are defending their liberty, 'His liberty. God, who has made us French and Catholic—the Catholic in the truest sense of the term—expects that we will defend by all means within our power,

our nationality and our religion. He has told us himself to beware of the ravishing wolves that endeavor to appear as the shepherds of the flock to better devour them. In the questions of dogma, morality, and 'strict ecclesiastical discipline we must obey the Church. In civil, political and financial affairs, it is the State that we must obey, it is Caesar to whom all, bishops and laymen, owe obedience and submission. No representation, no taxation. This motto has made of 'the English a nation of freemen. Let it be our motto 'also, especially when certain persons in authority are 'using our own property to destroy our children, our 'language and our faith. Courage and perseverance. 'The cause is worthy of its defenders. No compromise 'and no weakening. We have on our side justice and 'the right. On their side they only have force!'"

That the situation has all the elements of a serious struggle for supremacy may be gathered from the fact that Bishop Walsh gave warning before the convention that anyone co-operating with the six members, who had incurred the displeasure of the Church by their efforts to cause the dissolution of the "corporation sole," should be "deprived of his rights and privileges as a Catholic." The large number of delegates, not only from Maine but other States, particularly Rhode Island, where the French-Canadian element is very strong, shows the situation to be one that means defiance of the bishop's authority. The final outcome of these strained relations will be awaited with much interest. There are over ninety thousand French-Canadians in Maine, and they seem quite ready to try conclusions with the bishop.

## A TEST OF OPINION.

The editor of the Charlottetown, P. E. Island Guardian, a paper which is not pronouncedly in favor of either political party, has been telling his experiences in looking for Reciprocity sentiment while on a trip through New Brunswick and Massachusetts, and during which he met many people from Nova Scotia.

In New England he found little public interest in the matter. In New Brunswick the division followed party lines, but "among pronounced Liberals there seemed to be no enthusiasm and a quite apparent willingness was evinced to have the American Senate reject it." It is added that the opinion was quite freely expressed that the Government would stand stronger with the people if relieved of the Reciprocity Agreement.

Some were found who believed Reciprocity would be a good thing for both countries if put into effect; but they still hoped that it might be defeated at Washington "in order that the Laurier Government might not be 'needlessly weighted with it at the coming election.' These persons were of the opinion that the agreement would gain few, if any, votes for the party in comparison with the number of votes that must be lost if it became an issue at the polls.

This describes the New Brunswick situation. That in Nova Scotia was gathered from conversations with people on the boat between St. John and Boston, on which were many Nova Scotia people going to the States or returning to the provinces. "Most of these—at least 'two-thirds of them—stated their politics as Liberal, but 'nearly all seemed to be opposed to Reciprocity. They 'had no notion that the American market would be of 'much good to us.'"

Commenting on the Charlottetown editor's experiences as indicating the opinion of the Maritime Provinces, the Montreal Gazette points out that they might be repeated as picturing the views of the mass of people in that part of Quebec where there is nothing in the commercial situation to make them desire a change. It is, moreover, adds the Gazette, a natural situation, such as was to be expected from the growing feeling among the people of Canada, that they are masters of their own destiny and can best realize it by maintaining in their own hands complete control of all that affects their trade and revenue. It indicates that the Conservative party has best appreciated the situation created by Mr. Fielding on his last visit to Washington, and has the majority of the people with it.

## THE VALLEY RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Globe in commenting on the Valley Railway correspondence which has passed between Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Fleming, says: "It is rather unfortunate in this business that the recent letters between the two parties have been given to the newspapers in advance of their delivery to the persons addressed; and it is a practice not common in public matters which are of a diplomatic character."

As far as The Standard is concerned the courteousness in such cases has been strictly observed. Mr. Fleming's first letter, dated Thursday, May 25, and addressed to Mr. Pugsley in St. John, was not published in The Standard until Tuesday, May 30, the day after the Minister of Public Works arrived in the city. Mr. Fleming's second letter, under date of Monday, June 5, suggesting a conference, was not made public in our columns until the following Thursday.

In part justification of the Globe's strictures it may however be noted that Mr. Pugsley's letter from Ottawa, of May 19, was received in the mail by Mr. Fleming on the following day, in Fredericton, where it was addressed, some hours after its contents had been published by Mr. Pugsley's organ in this city.

## Current Comment

(St. Thomas Gardens.) If you look around your gardens and fruit trees these days you will find a special brand of bug or worm busily engaged in destroying fruit, vines, leaves and vegetables. And yet some people think it is silly and sentimental to insist upon the protection of birds. If it were not for the activity of the birds, there wouldn't be much left on earth for people to eat.

(Boston Transcript.) It is an off season to bring forward the following hint; but we intend to reiterate it when the proper season is on. We humbly suggest to every theatre and concert manager that he provide a supply of cough drops for circulation by the ushers at appropriate intervals during performances. We are surprised that nobody has thought of this before.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) Sir Wilfrid is making a spectacle of himself that is very humiliating to the great body of Liberals in this country. The great mass of the people of Canada, into whatever party denominations they may be divided, are staunch patriots and upholders of British connection.

(Bangor News.) "Uncle Joe" Cannon has made a speech violently denouncing Reciprocity. "Uncle Joe" will have to be numbered with those who cannot realize when it is best to be quiet.

(Toronto World.) The Evening Star likens Laurierism to tuberculosis. It may be as deadly, but fortunately it is not so contagious.

(Holdrege, Neb., Progress.) The bride was beautifully gowned in Irish crochet yoke and collar and white satin grille.

## CANDIDATES NOMINATED IN THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS

The following is the list of candidates on both sides as nominated for the Nova Scotia provincial elections: **Conservative—Dr. C. E. MacMillan, Thos. Gallant, Kings.** Liberal—H. H. Wickwire, Dr. A. M. Covert. **Conservative—S. C. Parker, Moral Reform—C. A. Campbell, H. Eaton, Lunenburg.** Liberal—Hon. A. K. Maclean, C. U. Mader. **Conservative—J. W. Margeson, A. C. Zwicker, Pictou.** Liberal—R. M. MacGregor, R. H. McKay, Archibald Mackenzie. **Conservative—J. M. Ballie, S. G. Robertson, C. E. Tanser, Queens.** Liberal—Dr. J. W. Smith, W. P. Furney. **Conservative—W. L. Hall, P. Kemp-ton, Richmond.** Liberal—Dr. C. B. Bissett, S. Joyce. **Conservative—A. Landry, Jas. McVicar, Shelburne.** Liberal—R. Irwin Smith, A. Nickerson. **Conservative—Rev. Ward Fisher, J. Phillips, Victoria.** Liberal—Hon. G. H. Murray, A. A. Buchanan. **Conservative—Dr. J. L. Bethune, Duncan Macdonald.** Liberal—E. H. Armstrong, Hon. H. LeBlanc. **Conservative—H. D. Cornish, J. D'Entremont.**

## AMUSEMENTS.

**Nickel.** Today at the Nickel the Dolce Sisters Three make their first appearance before St. John audiences. They have sung with remarkable success in New York city and have just closed a triumphant engagement at Keith's Boston theatre and will repeat here in the new theatre which they have captivated the larger cities. They will be heard four times daily, at 2.30, 7.45, 8.45 and 9.45. Come and enjoy the opening numbers. In addition to the trio a very fine picture programme will be offered. In Old California, when the gringos came, is an impressive Selig story of the days of '46. It treats of a patriotic old Spaniard who holds a land grant from the king of Spain and refuses to refile his claim in compliance with United States laws. A scheming ranch owner knowing of the Spaniard's stubbornness, blows upon the property and starts with a crowd of bully boys to dispossess the family, who are happily saved by a wise old padre, Edna's imprisonment, an interesting comedy by the Edison Company, treats of a little girl's adventure with her father's servant, whose mischievous antics and lapses of memory result in a severe mental strain for several people. If one mother-in-law is enough to look after a young couple, an extra one ought to make things lively. This is just what happens. Their Mothers-in-Law, a Laurel comedy, demonstrates how easy it is to out-act a man, and how the fun is fast and furious. Marie Hegau in new songs.

## A MEMORIAL TABLET TO LATE H. C. TILLEY

Impressive Service in Stone Church Yesterday Morning When Tablet Was Unveiled to Prominent Church Worker. An impressive ceremony took place in St. John's (stone) church at the morning service yesterday morning, when the memorial brass tablet placed in the church by Lady Tilley in memory of the late Herbert C. Tilley, was unveiled and dedicated. The ceremony was witnessed by a large congregation. Present at the unveiling were many former friends of the late Mr. Tilley. A large number of the children of the Sunday school attended the service. Mr. Tilley was prominently associated with the work of the Sunday school during his life, and was for many years superintendent of the school, and the work he accomplished during his connection with the school is much appreciated. Following the second lesson, the rector, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, read the dedication and Lady Tilley unveiled the tablet, the congregation standing during the ceremony. An appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Kuhring, taking as text, Esther VI, 3, 'Hath Any Honor Been Upon This Man?' The tablet is placed on the north of the church and is a beautiful piece of workmanship, tastefully designed and handsomely executed, and bears the following inscription: "In Loving Memory of Herbert Chipman Tilley, Born Sept. 6, 1868, Died Aug. 21, 1909. 'Beloved It Is Well God's Ways Are Always Best.'"

## OBITUARY.

**Mrs. Herbert R. Fraser.** The sad news was received here Saturday morning of the death of Mrs. Herbert R. Fraser, which took place in New Glasgow Friday evening. Although the late Mrs. Fraser had been in ill health for several months, her rather sudden passing away will come as a shock to her many friends and acquaintances. The deceased lady was a daughter of James and Eliza McGaw, of Gagetown, and formerly resided in this city. To mourn their sad loss are her husband, Mr. Fraser, Archibald, employed with Josiah Fowler of this city, and Charles, of Newark, New Jersey; three daughters, Mrs. H. L. Coombs, Union street, Mrs. Eva and Della at home and one, Herbert, of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, New Glasgow.

**Coming Home from Corea.** Miss Jennie Robb, of this city, who has been in Corea for the past eight years, has sailed for America and is due at San Francisco on June 16th. After attending the sessions of the World's Sunday School Convention there she will continue on her way to St. John to spend her furlough with her mother, Mrs. William Robb, 105 Hazel street. Mr. and Mrs. Macquarie left on the Maritime express for a wedding trip to upper Canada and on their return will reside at No. 21 Horsfield street. Both of the young people are very popular with a large circle of friends and many beautiful and costly presents were received by the bride.

**Ganong-Redstone.** Queenstown, June 8.—A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Malcolm Redstone, Queenstown, on June 7th at 9.30 o'clock when her eldest daughter, Lena May, was united in marriage to William Weldon Ganong, of Studholm, N. B., by Rev. C. B. Lewis, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was becomingly dressed in a gown of cream tulle veiling; her travelling suit was of navy blue broadcloth. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served, after which the happy couple left by steamer Victoria for a trip to Digby, N. S. Other parties. After their return they will reside at Upper Hamstead, N. B. The bride was the recipient of many pretty and useful presents.

**Miss Ella M. Raynes.** The funeral of Miss Ella Maude Raynes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Raynes, took place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her father's residence, Church avenue Fairville, to the Church of the Good Shepherd, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. B. McKel. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

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His Royal Highness the collar. During the investiture the prelate of the Order, the Bishop of Winchester, pronounced the following quaint admonition: "To honor God omnipotent and in memorial of the blessed martyr St. George, he about thy leg for thy renown this noble garter. Wear it as a symbol of the most illustrious Order never to be forgotten or laid aside; that thereby thou mayest be admonished to be courageous and having undertaken any just war in which thou shalt be engaged that thou mayest stand firm valiantly fight successfully and conquer."

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