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Valley Railway Contract Signed.

The contract for the construction of the St. John Valley railway was signed Tuesday night, the Quebec & St. John Railway Company, represented by A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, being one party to the transaction, and the government of New Brunswick the other.

Premier Fleming stated that location surveys would begin at once. Construction is to commence as soon in the spring as the weather will permit.

Letter From Aaron B. Craig.

DEAR OBSERVER AND FRIENDS: We are enjoying good health, for which we thank the Lord. Winter has commenced, there being a foot of snow. There is good hauling but very little lumbering going on in this section this winter. Wages are very low—from \$24.00 to \$27.00 per month, but the Great Northern Paper Co. goes on just the same, no change in the wages. There every man gets paid for what he knows. If he cannot make paper he can pile wood. The wages are all fixed to scale. If you can do the work you get the pay. Wages range from \$1.75 to \$10.00 a day of eight hours, and they don't ask you to work any longer. For this we have to thank the Labor Union.

We were sorry the Liberals got defeated and to know that you people don't want a better market, nor to trade with your friends over here. Well, let it go now and see how your loyal people will make out. Great Britain wants your stuff, so let her have it dirt cheap.

Perhaps you would sooner hear about this town. You all know its situation. It is one of the most remarkable towns in all New England, and is justly called "Magic City," having sprung up in a night, so to speak. Less than 12 years ago where Millinocket now stands was a vast wilderness. Never had the ax of the pioneer been heard. Today we have a town of more than 4,000 population, supporting four churches, three schools, a bank, a newspaper and with all the dress and polish of a fully matured city.

Never in all her long centuries of wonderful picturing was Dame Nature in a gentler or more artistic mood than when with her giant brush and divine inspiration she fashioned the wonderful setting that was to become the resting place of this town. From her bounteous store was furnished a landscape that would have fitted a garden of the gods, and neither time nor element has marred its first glory. Lying as it does in the shadow of old Mount Katahdin whose towering peaks stand a grim sentinel seemingly watchful of the destinies of his charge. The rugged, rock bound hills are always beautiful from the flaming sunrise of the summer morning to the fading glory of a winter's day.

Their beauties have endured for centuries, but when the Indians roamed this region, the game of the forests and the products of the placid lakes and mountain streams held their attention. Even today the forests abound with game while the ponds and streams are teeming with just as many speckled trout as ever.

May the readers get a fair idea of Millinocket and sometimes visit the town. When here inquire for A. B. Craig, truckman. You may know him by the yellow horse he drives. He is ready to do anything that is right and honest to earn a dollar.

Wishing all a merry Christmas,

I remain,

AARON B. CRAIG,

Millinocket, Me.

"First, I want to state in the strongest, most emphatic language possible, that the rejection of that agreement is not an indication of there being any ill-will or hostility on the part of Canada towards the United States. There is no hostile sentiment in Canada towards this great country, neither is there any sentiment in our country in favor of annexation. That question is not an issue, and if you will permit me to say it, never will be an issue in Canada."

Produce Prices

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| Potatoes..... | \$4.65 |
| Hay, loose | 8. to 10. |
| Oats | .40 |
| Eggs | .25 |
| Butter..... | 20 to .23 |
| Pork..... | .07 |
| Beans..... | 2.50 to 2.75 |
| Chickens..... | .10 Hens .07 |
| B. W. Meal..... | 1.75 |
| Ducks and Gees | .12 |

Card of Thanks

We take this earliest opportunity to tender our thanks to our many friends who so readily and cheerfully assisted us in the illness and death of our mother. MR. AND MRS. J. M. MALLORY.

The Vanished Years.

We are now at the close of 1911, and it seems but yesterday the New Year came to us fresh and unsullied. Now the Old Year will soon leave us, laden with the cares, troubles and sorrows it has watched us bear, as it has also the joys and pleasures, for our lives are made up of shadows and sunshine. When we look backward on the year that is past, we ask ourselves what we have done to make this old world brighter and better for our having lived in it? Have we lightened anyone's burden, or have we made it heavier to bear? Have we given comfort to the sorrowful? Have we visited the sick, and the aged, the "shut-ins"? Have we made the days pass more pleasantly to them while they wait until the shadows are a little longer grown and they can enter into rest? These are some of the little things. We read that a cup of water given in His name will not lose its reward. Have we scattered thorns instead of roses in life's pathway?

"I shall pass this way but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

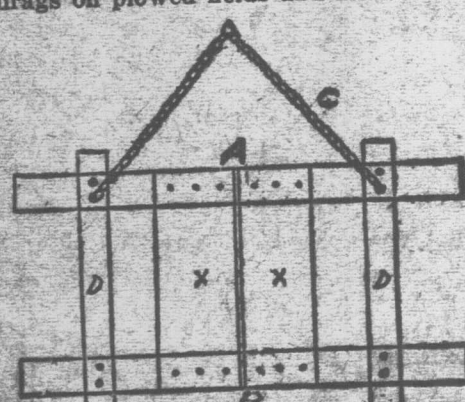
BETH, of Bath, N. B.

EASILY MADE IN WINTER.

Plank Drag For Use Later on Worth Taking Up Farmer's Spare Time.

An effective plank drag which can be made easily in winter by any farmer, in order to have it ready for later use, is thus described by an Ohio correspondent in the Rural New Yorker:

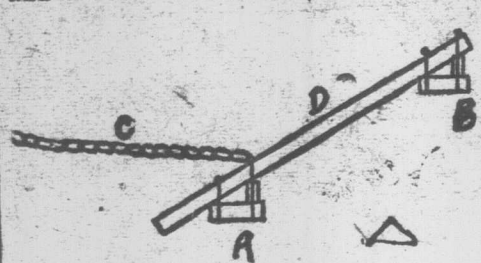
The writer has used several kinds of drags on plowed fields and has seen a



FRONT VIEW OF DRAG.

[From the Rural New Yorker.]

large number in use, ranging from a sled tipped down to the lever harrow with the teeth set back. Of all the devices used for dragging the soil the drag shown in the diagram is probably most effective. The plank drag made by lapping some 2 by 8 inch plank works all right in very dry soil, but is all wrong for soils properly moist for best results in working. The drag shown here will work anywhere and at almost any time. Such a drag is easy to make and not at all expensive. In the diagrams a and b are 2 by 6 or 8 inch plank 7 feet long for two horses or 11 feet for three, a and b are 2 by 4 pieces bolted to the plank, c is a draft chain and may be fastened where shown or farther back, while xx are two short boards nailed in place for the driver to stand on. The latter pieces, xx, should not be too wide, as they might cause the soil to collect and pack underneath. The plank a and b should be set at an angle of 30 degrees to d-d, and the joints should be secured with two bolts each. This drag is simple and strong and will stand a lot of rough usage in the field, and its use will give satisfaction to



SIDE VIEW OF DRAG.

[From the Rural New Yorker.]

the user, and particularly where it is desired to level up inequalities of the surface. This drag cannot take the place of a harrow, roller or disk harrow, but it can do a few things more easily and quickly and in some cases far better.

The farmer driving through town with his prancing horses drawing a fine rig is the farmer on parade. The farmer in the field behind the plow is the farmer proving his right to be on parade.

Winter Keeping of Vegetables.

The matter of keeping Irish potatoes, cabbages, onions, beets, etc., all winter for family use depends on climatic conditions. Irish potatoes, as also beets, should be guarded against freezing. Beets and carrots can stand a little of it, but are better off when kept from it. Cabbages stored in the cellar should be wrapped separately in double thicknesses of newspaper, folding and tying it around the stem. Hang each head upside down on the side of the wall or from the beams overhead. Cabbages can stand some freezing, but not too much of it, nor much freezing and thawing. Onions to keep well must be put in a cool, dry, airy place.—Farm and Fireside.

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