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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1921. THE VALLEY RAILWAY SERVICE.

There will be general satisfaction as a result of the announcement today that the daily express train service is to be restored on the St. John Valley Railway division of the Canadian National Railways, and there will also be a widespread feeling that the traffic on the line between Fredericton and Centreville will amply justify the return to the satisfactory service which has been given since last June until the order of a few days ago to put a tri-weekly service into effect between this city and Centreville.

There was ample reason for the complaints which local organizations, headed by the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade, registered against a curtailment of the service, and when the City Council and the York County Council joined so wholeheartedly in what was sincerely felt to be a just cause, it was generally believed that, with the co-operation of the press, the movement for the restoration of the daily service was certain to meet with success.

The St. John Valley Railway, as the Gleaner has often stated, was built at an expenditure of between six and eight millions of dollars by the province of New Brunswick in order that one of the richest sections of this province might have the railway service to which it had long been entitled, and the railway, after construction was given over to the Federal Government railway system for operation under a long lease, and as such became part of the Canadian National Railways system.

The impression one derives from listening to the speeches of the Liberal Opposition in Parliament is that they are not a bit concerned about the difficulties confronting the country; their only motive and aim appear to be to play their political cards so that they will get into office.

On the big question of the discount of our dollar in the United States, they simply bury their heads in the sand and hold up ineffectual and impotent hands. They hold out no hope of betterment of the country's condition; they do not grapple with the nation's problems and declare definitely how they should be solved.

They are so fond of prating, would join hands like real men and statesmen to pull the country through. But, alas, alas, instead of that, they present the appalling and deplorable spectacle of men who think more of their small, selfish political ambitions than they do of their country.

Official Liberalism has made many mistakes in recent years. Their gravest blunder was committed in 1917, when they showed themselves to be little Canadians of the narrowest kind. Since then they have gone from bad to worse, until today the Liberalism, as interpreted in action, spells blindness, self-infatuation, bitter partisanship and disregard of country.

MAKING PEACE WITH TURKEY.

The extension of the area of peace in the world is welcome, yet not with unmixed joy can the news concerning the French government and the Turkish Nationalist government at Ankara have come to an agreement, and that their forces in Asia Minor have been ordered to cease fighting.

CANADA'S FORESTS.

Excluding the worthless tundras of the far north, eight acres out of ten of Canada's habitable area are designated as permanent forest growing land.

There is a widely prevalent belief, inherited from our Canadian great-grandfathers who faced totally different conditions, that the destruction of forest areas almost invariably means that farms will follow, says the Ottawa Journal.

Montreal Gazette: "While reports from Russia contradict each other, they give ground for thinking that the rule of Trotsky and Lenin may not long continue. A rule that is maintained by terror and that leaves everybody in misery creates enemies even faster than they can be removed, while it can make few or no friends.

HARTLAND BRIDGE OPEN FOR TRAFFIC

Hartland, March 7.—The restored Hartland bridge is open for traffic. Communication was cut off last spring by a heavy freshet carrying away two of the piers and other parts.

MAYOR RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Only Two Contests in the Civic Election in Fredericton Next Monday

Mayor John A. Reid was elected by acclamation for a second term yesterday when no other candidate was nominated.

There are eight candidates for the positions at the council, five for two-year terms and one for the year 1922.



MAYOR JOHN A. REID.

Ward, George H. Clark; Wellington ward, Aid, Judson Barker (re-elected); Carleton ward, H. P. Baird (for unexpired term of the late Aid, T. S. Wilkinson). There will be two contests with the following candidates:

NEW RECTOR FOR HARTLAND CHURCH

Hartland, N. B., March 7.—Rev. W. Pranchette, who has left on a trip to the West Indies for his health, will become rector of Edmundson on his return.

Rev. Mr. Pranchette came to the Aberdeen-Brighton Anglican charge eight years ago and has been constant in his efforts to build up and strengthen the congregations over which he has had care.

ICE RUNS OUT IN MAGAGUADAVIC

St. George, March 7.—The ice in the river has run out, leaving navigation clear, and a schooner is expected soon to load pulp for Norway, Can.

WOMAN KILLED BY C. N. R. TRAIN

Bathurst, March 7.—A sad fatality occurred yesterday morning at the railway crossing near the Pettit Rocher station, when a special train, running at a high rate of speed, ran into Mrs. J. B. Roy, causing her instant death.

ROUTINE WORK IN PARLIAMENT

Gas Meters and the Quality of Natural Gas Was Discussed at Length

Ottawa, March 7.—In Parliament today an act to amend and consolidate the acts respecting the inspection of gas and gas meters was given second reading and discussed in length.

The quality of natural gas as supplied by distributing companies was discussed at length. Hon. Charles Maclellan (Bonaventure) asked that some provision be made to protect the consumer, and J. E. Armstrong (Lambton) said that some of the natural gas being distributed in Ontario consisted of common air pumped through the meters and shared as illuminating gas.

Clause six of the bill, which provides that the contractor may enter the premises of any purchaser, of whom he has been supplying gas, in order to inspect shipping or apparatus to ascertain the quantity of gas consumed, and to change or remove piping, fittings, meters, or other apparatus belonging to the contractor, met with some opposition.

There was considerable opposition to a sub-clause relating to the appointment of inspection officers in the hands of the civil service commission of the civil service commission. The general feeling seemed to be that the matter of gas inspection should not be left to the discretion of the commission, but should be provided for arbitrarily in the bill.

THE ACCUSED MAN TAKEN TO BRISTOL

Woodstock, March 7.—The preliminary trial of Charles Steeves, of Steeves Mountain, Westmorland county, the Pentecostal minister charged with a serious crime in the case of a young girl, will be held before Stipendiary Magistrate Noble at Bristol tomorrow.

APPEAL SENTENCE QUEBEC ROBBERS

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Quebec, March 8.—Armand Lavergne, K. C., has announced that he will apply for writs of habeas corpus for the liberation of William Buckley and Joseph Caulfield, who were yesterday sentenced to prison terms of twenty years plus the years, respectively, on the charge of robbery with violence and burglary, on the grounds that there were certain irregularities in connection with their trial.

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