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HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BLOCKS THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

So far the progress of the Valley Railway project has been blocked by the inaction and reticence of the Dominion Administration. The Federal ministry has before it a distinct proposition of the Hazen Government. This offer has neither been accepted or rejected. It has not even been answered.

The situation is this. A large delegation from the districts locally interested in this project waited upon Mr. Hazen and his colleagues. The Premier met the delegates frankly, telling them what the Government was ready to do. Mr. Hazen stated that the Government was ready to guarantee bonds of the Valley Railway to the extent of \$25,000 per mile, provided the road would be taken over and operated as part of the Intercolonial system, the Government allowing forty per cent. of the gross earnings as a rental for the railway. This is the percentage that the trunk railway systems usually allow to the owners of branch lines operated under lease by the trunk roads.

Mr. Hazen's proposition was naturally satisfactory to the delegates. It provided not only for the construction of the railway, but for continuous and effective operation, with reasonable traffic rates, and with all the resources of the Government behind the operators. It proposed to establish a close connection between the St. John Valley and the territory served by the Government railway system, giving direct traffic relations with all the great centres of population and traffic in this country. It also gave the province a substantial security against loss by the guarantee.

It was for the Dominion Government and its Department of Railways to speak next. The delegates lost no time in proceeding to Ottawa with the proposition, and the assurance that acceptance by the Department of Railways would ensure the commencement and conclusion of the enterprise. Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues listened with apparent interest. They promised consideration. That was the last heard directly from them.

But some time after, F. B. Carvell, M. P., who is not a minister, and who may or may not have been authorized, gave out a statement, which professed to be authentic. Mr. Carvell said the Government at Ottawa could not take up the matter without further particulars. He did not say what information was desired. Mr. Hazen's statement about the guarantee of bonds was plain. The question of route would be a matter to settle, but if the Intercolonial was to operate the road the Department would have more than any one else to say on that question. All sources of information are as much open to Ottawa as to Fredericton, with the additional element that the Federal authorities are responsible for railways that are for the general advantage of Canada. Instead of sitting still and waiting for information concerning a project of Intercolonial extension it would be the business of the Dominion Government to go after all the particulars required to reach a decision, or at least to give the answer that was promised to the delegates.

But the Dominion Government has neither accepted or rejected the Provincial proposition. Mr. Pugsley has not shown the slightest interest in the matter since it took a practical form, though he was never tired of talking about it when the scheme was in the air. The Government at Ottawa has played the part of the dog in the manger. It has done nothing, and has not given an answer one way or the other which would enable the Provincial Government to do something.

And so the Hazen Government has appointed a committee of its members to go to Ottawa and see what the Federal ministry and its Railway Department propose to do. If the Laurier ministry needs further information, this committee will give all the particulars in sight. The hope seems to be that in some way the Government at Ottawa may be led to take up the proposition to lease the Valley line. If that fails it is perhaps not too much to expect that the Federal Government will declare its intentions, so that the Government of the Province, and the districts most interested in the enterprise will know where they stand.

A negative answer would enable the Provincial authorities to give their attention to other plans. Mr. Hazen has announced on several occasions that while he preferred the lease to the Intercolonial, this was not the only method by which the Valley Railway might be obtained. There are other practical plans which the Government would consider if this Intercolonial lease should be rejected by Ottawa. They have been submitted to Mr. Hazen and his colleagues, and are worthy of consideration. But it is obvious that they cannot be taken up by the province, until the Federal Government gives its decision on the offer made three or four months ago.

Thus the Federal Government blocks the way. Surely this obstruction should now be removed. The Minister of Railways should himself know, or be able to find out, whether he is prepared to operate the Valley Railway as part of the Government system. It is not so hard a question to answer that it should block the enterprise for the rest of the year.

MR. PUGSLEY AND JUDGE LANDRY.

The Telegraph assumes that the Acadians of this province have found other leaders quite as capable as Judge Landry ever was of defending their rights, and speaking their wishes. Therefore the Telegraph seems to think it is quite proper for Mr. Pugsley and his organs to fall upon Judge Landry, accusing him of falsehood, malice and all sorts of low personal and party motives. It is true that there are Acadian leaders

younger than Judge Landry, but it is a mistake to suppose that the Acadians have forgotten their first and greatest champion. The advance of other worthy Acadians, like the present Minister of Agriculture, does not weaken the affection or diminish the respect that is felt for Judge Landry, or make it any safer for a minister of the Crown to charge him with the gravest offences of which a man in Judge Landry's position could be guilty. Mr. Pugsley and his organs have not only tried to do a great wrong, but they have made a serious political mistake. The New Brunswick public man who makes reflections on the integrity of Mr. Justice Landry, injures himself more than he does the Judge.

WELL DISPOSED TOWARD UNION.

The resolution adopted by a majority of nearly four to one in the Presbyterian General Assembly is as near a declaration in favor of church union as the church is now in a position to make. It refers the question with the doctrinal statement and the plan of church government to the presbyteries and sessions for consideration. Next year the Methodists of Canada will meet in general conference. While the Presbyterians meet annually in their court for the whole Dominion, the Methodists assemble once in four years. Some declaration will be made at the next gathering. Meanwhile both Methodists and Presbyterians will have become more familiar with the basis of union in respect to doctrine, form of worship and church government, and after the Methodist deliverance, if it be favorable, the Presbyterians may continue their deliberations until two years from now, when a pronouncement may perhaps be made.

While it is not likely that Presbyterian leaders stand four to one for union, it is evident that a large majority are in favor of proceeding with the movement. Those who wished to bring the negotiations to an end voted for the amendment to bring forward a federation enterprise. The adoption of this resolution would have confined the whole issue and removed the union movement outside the sphere of practical operations. Promoters of the amendment have since shown their hostility to union by a direct protest.

FOREST FIRES.

In spite of all that the vigilance of land owners can accomplish, forest fires are destroying timber all over the continent. The loss is not confined to the woods. Half the busy and prosperous town of Presque Isle in Maine has been swept away. At the time of writing, the New Brunswick town of Bath is the scene of a desperate contest between the fire and the fire-fighters. The latter can work to better advantage in saving a town than in saving growing timber. But there is no doubt that some of the plant used to protect a town from fire could be used to advantage to stop the progress of forest fires at roads and other spaces, where the engine or chemical equipment could be introduced. The destruction of a town may occasion more personal inconvenience at the beginning, but the burning of a large forest is the greater public calamity. Next year the town of Presque Isle will be rebuilt, largely with insurance money. But the traveller who crosses the path of the forest fire any time within half a century or so thereafter will find it a desolation.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE TO YOUTH.

The St. John organs of the late Provincial Administration have been going into hysterics because a York county member included in his list of school book vendors a trader who had been fined for violating the Scott Act. The recommendation was made in ignorance of this record, and when the fact was recalled the right to sell school books was cancelled. Yet the Pugsley organs have filled columns with editorial discussion of the incident.

Right here in St. John was a school trustee appointed by the Government, and reappointed at the end of his first term. This member of the school board was convicted of selling liquor without license in a part of the city which is under prohibition. He was not retired from his position in control of the education of the St. John youth and it is not remembered that any of our valued contemporaries had a single spasm over the case.

If it is necessary to discuss some of these cases let us discuss them all.

SIR WILLIAM'S OTHER ENGAGEMENT.

Sir William Macdonald, the founder of Macdonald College, could not be present at the recent convocation, though Ste. Anne is only an hour's journey from Montreal. The old gentleman was said to be otherwise engaged. A day or two later it was learned how Sir William had been employing himself. A syndicate had bought at a large price a block of land and houses near McGill University and proposed to clear away the place for a big hotel. Naturally the university people did not like to see this huge building close to their grounds, and Sir William Macdonald, who has invested some eight millions in McGill, shared their views. So while the president of the University joined the Governor General and his party at the Macdonald College, Sir William remained behind and busied himself buying back the land for \$180,000 to present it to the University. Now McGill is safe.

Doubtless there were as many farms for sale in this province any time the last five years as there are now. Many of these have been left in common or added to estates of the neighbors. But now for the first time a serious and systematic attempt is made to bring settlers from the British Isles to farms, some of which are otherwise likely to become or remain uncultivated. The supply of farms in New Brunswick has for many years exceeded the local demand, because our farming population is flocking to the cities of Canada and the United States, or going west. The Department of Agriculture, which has been gathering information, has plenty of work cut out for it. The business waited some years for an energetic administration.

A good many journals publish whimsical notes of regret over the destruction by fire of valuable papers in the office of the Minister of Public Works. This loss may be serious, but it is nothing to the loss of documents and records by Mr. Pugsley a few years ago. The lost records of the Central Railway financial operations conducted by Mr. Pugsley himself, would keep the Ottawa fire busy a whole afternoon. Mr. Pugsley has many painful separations from his public records, and is getting quite reconciled to them.

There are 251 pulp mills in the United States. They use altogether 3,346,106 tons of pulpwood, of which 2,170,000 is spruce, and 670,000 tons of the spruce came from Canada. It will be observed that the Canadian supply kept 50 pulp mills in operation in the United States. It would not be a bad idea to have these 50 mills working on the side of the line where their wood supply grows.

Five ladies graduated this year from that traditionally masculine establishment, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One of these was a bachelor of arts before she began her five years' course in chemistry for the degree of master of science. The other four took the four years' science course in architecture.

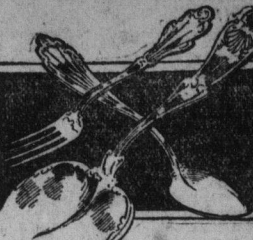
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WEDDINGS

Lilley—Elder.

A wedding in which many St. John people will be interested took place at four o'clock yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Oliville, Quebec, when Miss Gertrude Lilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elder, of that place, was married to Mr. Wm. T. Lilley, of West End. Rev. L. J. Leard performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father. She wore a pretty gown of cream silk mousseline. The young couple will reside at 65 Middle street, West Side.

Vanwart—Carson.

The home of Mr. John Carson, 179 Bionas, was the scene of a matrimonial event last night at 8 o'clock, when his daughter, Miss Alice A., was united in matrimony with Mr. Morris A. Vanwart, of North End. Rev. B. Nobles performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father. The young couple were attended by the bride's mother, who wore a gown of cream silk mousseline. The young couple will reside at 146 Carmarthen street.

Logan—Elder.

Mr. Fred Logan, of Metcalf street, was married Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, when he was united in matrimony to Miss Charlotte Elder, of that place. The young couple will return to the city this evening, and will reside at 178 Metcalf street.

Stewart—Connors.

The Presbyterian church at St. Martins was the scene of an interesting event at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when Rev. Donald Stewart, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Alexandria, Ont., was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Connors, of that place. The church was beautifully decorated in honor of the event. A large number of friends and relatives attended. Rev. Mr. Stewart, father of the groom, performed the ceremony, and was assisted by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, of St. John. The wedding march was played by Mrs. McGregor Bentley, a daughter of the bride's parents, at the residence of the bride's parents in St. Martins Village.

Barlow—Flewelling.

The marriage took place at Fairville yesterday, of Mr. H. F. Barlow and Miss Ethel Flewelling, of Brunswick. Rev. F. B. Bishop, of the Fairville Baptist church, was the officiating clergyman. A very becoming costume of navy blue was worn by the bride. She carried a bouquet of white carnations. Among the numerous handsome gifts of which the happy couple were the recipients was a parlor lamp from T. McAvity and Sons with whom the groom is employed.

DANBURY MATTERS' STRIKE OVER.

Danbury, Conn., June 8.—The haters' strike, which has been in progress in the twenty-three factories in this city, New Milford and Bethel, since January 15, was practically brought to a stop today when fifteen of the manufacturers agreed to open their factories for a ninety days' period on the open shop basis.

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where the groom occupies a lucrative position as traveller for J. S. Teed. George—Furness.

In St. Rose's church, Fairville, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Philip P. George, of the city, and Miss Edith Furness, daughter of Mr. Edith Furness, of Fairville, were united in marriage by Rev. Charles Collins. The bride wore a costume of white silk. Mr. and Mrs. George will make their home at 534 Main street. Among the wedding remembrances was a parlor lamp from F. E. Sayre and Co., with whom the groom is employed.

Olsen—McAuley.

A pretty wedding took place Tuesday evening at the residence of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Carleton, when Mr. Jens Olsen and Miss Ella McAuley were united in marriage. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary McAuley, and was becomingly attired in a blue travelling dress. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen will reside at 17 Middle street, west.

Donaldson—Smith.

On Tuesday evening at 93 Winter street, Rev. A. B. Cohoe united in marriage Mr. George W. Donaldson, of Milford, and Miss Gertrude M. Smith, daughter of Andrew G. and the late Leilia A. Smith. The bride wore a dress of white organdy and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. The popularity of the young couple was shown by the many handsome and useful presents. One was a substantial check from Messrs. Randolph and Baker, where the groom is employed as bookkeeper. The happy couple will reside at 88 Church Avenue, Fairville.

Keenan—Reardon.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Peter's church at six o'clock yesterday morning, when Miss Katherine Grace Keenan, daughter of Mr. James Keenan, of Metcalf St., North End, was united in the holy bonds with Mr. Henry Edmund Reardon, of Adelaide. The bride wore a gown of cream serge, and carried a shower bouquet of cream roses. Miss Regina Connors was bridesmaid. She wore an empire gown of lavender poplin, and a black lace hat. Mr. Joseph Morris was groomsmen. The Carrille-Paterson Mfg. Company, by whom Mr. Reardon is employed, sent a handsome parlor chair. The newly wedded couple will reside at 146 Carmarthen street.

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