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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Many complaints are received at this office from city and country subscribers that THE GLEANER does not reach them regularly. We will feel much obliged to all who have anything to complain of in this regard, if they will promptly report it, that the cause may be investigated and a repetition of the annoyance prevented if possible.

A CLEVER PLAN BUT A DANGEROUS ONE.

Mr. George Stephen says that the C. P. R. Company intends asking for authority to sell its lands to its own shareholders, and take in payment its own stock at par. This looks very innocent upon the face of it, but on investigation it appears to be a clever plan by which the Syndicate propose to make their stock worth par, and to free the balance of the land subsidy now unsold from the government lien in security for the \$30,000,000 loan. To unload the enterprise on the government, the way things now are, would be a good stroke of business, for the Syndicate would have the huge profits which they have realized on the work of construction; but they would have to lose the amount which they have paid, or are presumed to have paid, for the C. P. R. stock, which stands in their names. Of the total issue of \$100,000,000, \$65,000,000 worth has been sold. None of it brought a nominal price of more than 40 per cent., but much of it, indeed by far the most of it, did not cost its holders a dollar in actual cash. The stock has now no real value, because it will not for years to come pay dividends, and if the road should ever do an extensive business the additional expense, which would have to be gone into in order to make it a first-class line able to compete with the other trans-continental railways, would swamp the original stock. Yet the stock, issued and held by the Syndicate, has a nominal value of \$65,000,000, and to lose so much of apparent wealth is more than the Syndicate propose to do if they can help it; so they intend to make this \$65,000,000 of stock actually worth that amount of money by authorizing themselves as a company, to receive it from themselves as individuals at par in payment for land. If the necessary legislative authority can be obtained, the holders of the stock can at once convert it into land, and thus become owners as individuals of the 22,000,000 acres of the land subsidy at present unsold; or they can place their stock upon the market if they see fit to do so. They would probably adopt the former course, and thus become great landlords, in comparison with whose holdings the estates of the English nobility are insignificant.

This accomplished, the Syndicate will stand in this position. As individuals they will own this 22,000,000 acres of land outright, free from any incumbrance; as members of the C. P. R. corporation they will hold an extensive system of valuable railway properties in Ontario and Quebec, free of any incumbrance; and as such corporation they will own the line from Calendar to Port Moody, that is the Pacific Railway, with a mortgage upon it of \$30,000,000 to the government. The latter property can only be run at a large annual deficit. The country through which it is built is sparsely settled and must so remain for many years; the road will be a costly one to maintain, because it has been poorly built. It would be in the interest of the Company to get rid of it, even if it were not mortgaged; is it therefore at all likely that they will pay \$30,000,000 for the privilege of keeping it? Of course they will not; and if the proposed scheme can be successfully carried through it is as certain as anything in the future can be that they will make default in the repayment of the loan to the government. All this talk about a trans-Pacific line of steamships is just so much dust thrown in the eyes of the public.

The responsibility for the \$30,000,000 loan and for the maintenance of the through line having been got rid of, the Syndicate will then be the owners of their splendid railway properties in the east and their kingly land domain in the west, besides the millions which they have made out of the building of the through road. Nor is this all. Across their western provinces, for their vast territory cannot be properly designated by any

less term, the transcontinental road will run, and must be kept running, no matter at what loss, by the government of Canada, adding to the annual value of the lands and bringing a yearly increasing business to the Syndicate roads in the east. The country will have spent more than \$100,000,000, given away 25,000,000 acres of land, incurred the obligation to maintain a long and badly built line of railway, all to enrich Mr. George Stephen and his associates.

This is a plain, unvarnished statement of facts. If Mr. Stephen has been correctly reported, and Parliamentary sanction can be obtained for his project, what we have outlined above will certainly come to pass. Any attempt to consummate such an outrage must be resisted. We regret to say that we have only too good reasons to believe not only that the Syndicate intend asking authority to exchange their stock for land, but that another scandalous project is on foot with which the Maritime Provinces are especially concerned. Our information comes from an excellent source, but we do not care to be more explicit to-day. We give the public fair warning that they have not yet seen the last of the C. P. R. iniquity. It is not improbable that the coming session of Parliament may witness what may prove to be a life and death struggle for Canada; for if the plans, which the Syndicate have on foot, and in carrying out which they will have the assistance of the government, can be carried into effect, no course will be left the Maritime Provinces but to go out of the Union.

ABOUT THE RAILWAY IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Mr. Graham's opinion as to the sort of road the C. P. R. people are building in the Rocky Mountains has been a heavy dose for the Tories and their friends to swallow. They seek to destroy the force of what he said by representing him as differing from the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, and they ask whether the Liberals will accept the word of their late leader or that of a gentleman of whom they know nothing except that THE GLEANER said he is "a level-headed man." This is the Montreal Herald's way of disposing of the matter, and may be taken as the Company's answer. To this sort of a defence we have only to say that when Mr. Mackenzie congratulated Mr. Stephen upon "the wonderful work which had been accomplished," the work of which Mr. Graham spoke had not been more than begun, so there is no contradiction between the Liberal ex-Premier and our Prince William friend.

The Herald and the Tory sheets, instead of attempting to annihilate Mr. Graham with Mr. Mackenzie, had better address themselves to the real facts of the case. Let them answer, truthfully if they can and will be permitted to, the following questions:

Is not the cost of the Rocky Mountain section of the Canada Pacific Railway much within the subsidy?

Is not the road a cheap and inferior one? Is not much of it built in places where it cannot reasonably be expected to stand the action of the frost and of the water and snow on the mountains?

Has the best line along the route followed been built upon, or has not an inferior location been chosen, because it was less expensive?

Can a freight or passenger business be done over the road between the summit of the Rockies and the Columbia River, and must not a portion at least of this section of the line be abandoned, if the road is ever to be operated?

Is there not, among the steep grades, one coming east from the first crossing of the Columbia to the Summit so steep that two locomotives can scarcely draw up twice as many empty cars or hold back going down twice as many loaded cars?

The country does not care whether Mr. Mackenzie saw or did not see the piece of road that Mr. Graham spent six months upon and knows all about, but it ought to know what kind of a road the C. P. R. people are building, particularly since it is altogether probable that it will have to be run and maintained, as well as paid for more than twice, over out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

We may add that instead of our opinion as to the inferior character of the work done in the mountains, being weakened by further enquiries made among the railway men who have lately returned home, it has been strengthened; so that we feel safe in asserting it as a fact, which cannot be disproved however loudly it may be denied, that the railway which is being constructed through the mountains by the C. P. R. Company is little better than a temporary makeshift to enable them to draw their subsidy.

Curling Club.

The Fredericton Curling Club, will hold a meeting to-night at the rink.

GLEANINGS.

Extracts of Interest taken principally from our Provincial Exchanges.

On Christmas morning an interesting event took place in the Black Memorial Chapel in the new college—the marriage of the daughter of the president, Dr. Inch, and Prof. Hulton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Weddall. The bride looked charming, and was dressed in white tulle, trimmed with lace and satin. Her bridesmaids were Miss Ritchie, daughter of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and Miss Hulton of Ottawa. The headmaster of Male Academy, Mr. Thompson Davis, attended the groom. After the services the bride party, their friends and many invited guests adjourned to Mount Allison College, where they sat down to a sumptuous luncheon. The presents were many and valuable. The happy pair left in the afternoon train for Boston.—Sackville Post.

The Congregational church at Westboro, Mass., having accepted the resignation of Rev. William Mitchell as pastor, who was charged a few weeks ago with preaching sermons of Rev. Dr. Parker, of the Temple Congregational church, London, the parish has voted concurrence in the same. Mr. M. is to have a vacation until the first of April next, when his resignation will take effect.

H. T. Stevens, editor of the Moncton Times, was on Wednesday morning married to Mary Jane Caldwell, daughter of David Caldwell, by Rev. Canon DeVeber in St. Paul's (Valley) church. Miss Ada Jones, daughter of Hon. T. R. Jones, was bridesmaid, and I. W. Binney, collector of customs at Moncton, supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens took the morning train for the States.

Mr. E. Simpson, of Gagetown, died at his late residence at that place, at midnight on the 22nd inst. Mr. Simpson has occupied the position of postmaster at that place during the past 19 years. He has also held the office of county treasurer for nearly 30 years, having been made secretary-treasurer of the municipality at its inception some years ago. He was a most active, reliable and painstaking officer, and a very worthy and faithful public servant, commanding not only the respect, but also the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. For many years past deceased had been a prominent member of the Methodist church and a leading man in society, where his presence will be greatly missed. He died in his 59th year, after a lingering illness, extending over the past four months.

Allan Gilmour, who died at the residence of his son, in the County of Fife, Scotland, on 18th Nov. last, at the age of 80, was the founder and last surviving partner of the original firm of Allan Gilmour & Co., of Quebec. He came to Miramichi in 1820 and went to St. John in 1822, going to Quebec in 1824.

At seven o'clock on Christmas evening William S. R. Thompson died very suddenly at J. B. Slip's boarding house on the corner of Princess and Sidney streets. He was eating his tea at his home on Leinster street, when the fire alarm struck and leaving the house he ran to the fire. He remained at the fire on Pond street until half-past six o'clock, when he proceeded to Mr. Slip's house to see Mr. S's son. Thompson took a seat in the hall and had been there several moments when he suddenly fell over against the stove. Hearing the fall one of the boarders ran into the hall and found the young man was insensible. Dr. Walker was sent for, and on his arrival pronounced life extinct. The cause is believed to be heart disease. The body was carried to his parents' house. The deceased was a very steady youth and was employed in Magregor's drug store.—St. John Sun.

The crews on the Indian town Branch and the Northern and Western knocked off on Tuesday for the purpose of spending Christmas at home. The Northern and Western is ready for the rail to within 500 feet of the proposed bridge to Blackville, and Mr. Cutten is laying them at the rate of a half a mile a day. He expects to finish the road to the bridge by the 15th of January.

A serious disturbance took place on Christmas evening on Sydney Street. John, between a crowd of roughs and the police, in which Sergeant Weatherhead and Officer Jos. Barton were terribly beaten. The roughs on Sheffield street had been having a good time all day, and towards evening were quarrelling among themselves. The police interfered and prevented trouble. About 10 o'clock last evening they arrested a prisoner and conveyed him to the outside station on Sydney street. They had secured their man in the lock-up and Sergeant Weatherhead and Officer Barton were just leaving the station when they were attacked by a mob. They tried to all the resistance possible, but were soon knocked down and brutally beaten. The sergeant's jaw was broken and he received other serious injuries. Officer Barton was struck on the head with a stick or stone and knocked insensible. His scalp was opened and a horrible gash made which had to be sewed up. Other policemen were sent to take the places of the injured men who were taken home and their wounds dressed. Several arrests were made.

"The losses by the Woodstock fire were largely over-estimated," said a citizen of Woodstock to a Courier reporter Saturday night. "In my opinion, \$10,000 will cover all the damage."

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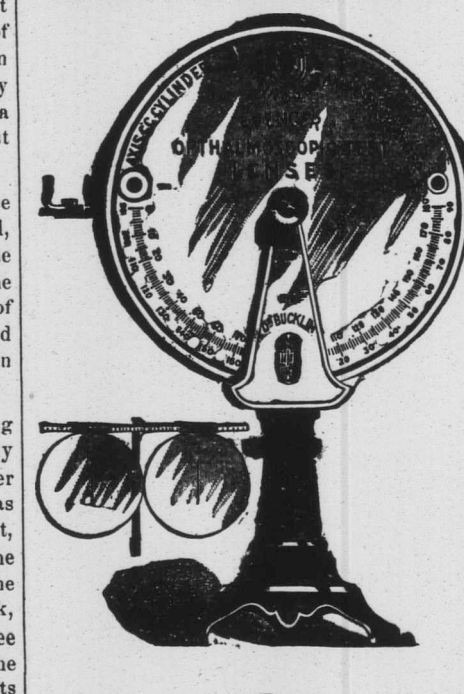
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