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ARE THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN ASLEEP OVER THIS ALLEGED HALIFAX-C. P. R. SCHEME?

A Warning Message from Ottawa---Now is the Time for the People of St. John to Demand a Test of the Merits of Both Ports, and Thus Settle This Question Forever---Citizens Express Their Opinions On a Notable Crisis in the Prosperity of the Real Winter Port.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26. - (Special).-Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has been negotiating with some of the ministers in reference to obtaining running power over the Intercolonial Railway from St. John to Halifax.

At present the I. C. R. hauls C. P. R. trains between these two points, but the matter has not come before the government in any other way as yet, but the C. P. R. seems to be in earnest and Sir Thomas has been notified that it is a mere question of

The mail contract for the Orient and the British mail contract with Canada seem to be the reasons for this tion on the part of the Canadian Pacific.

The Empresses now have to land at the wharf at Halifax and as the C. P. R. find that it will have to do this or give up its part of the contract, the company has come to the conclusion to take all the advantage out of it that it can by running to Halifax and taking the mails and passengers to Montreal by the short route instead of being sent by the I. C. R. as at present.

The C. P. R. is also anxious to get to Halifax before the G. T. P. reaches there by way of Moncton. It is not believed here that the Empresses will cease calling at St. John, but that is a business arrangement which ought to be best known in St.

That the C. P. R. is in earnest in making the proposition and that the government will be prepared to give what is asked

asking for running rights over the I. C. R. and not with any intention of sending freight. The Empresses, he thought, could not do otherwise than come here to land their freight.

Nothing to Fear

Alderman Bullock stated to the Times that he was of the opinion that St. John had nothing to fear. He felt that the freight would not be taken away from this port, but that the C. P. R., according to the contract with the government, were compelled to stop at Halifax, and under those conditions the facilities for landing passengers and mails at Halifax, were better than here for the C. P. R., who naturally wanted to get as much out of it as possible for themselves.

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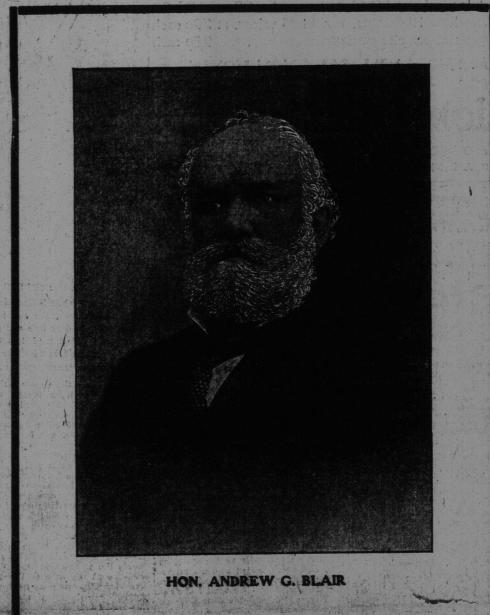
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