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THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

An evidence of progress in New Brunswick which should not be overlooked by visitors is the work of railway construction. Within recent years the International Railway has been thrown across the province from Campbellton to the Maine border, and it is said to be an important factor in building up that portion of the province. It is of great value to lumbermen, and the last issue of the Campbellton Graphic states that its construction is bearing fruit in the settlement of farm lands. Thus the railway is opening up a rich territory and building up for itself a good business.

The construction of the Valley Railway is of course the most important railway work undertaken in the province for very many years. It involves an expenditure of some \$9,000,000, and will open up some of the richest farming territory in the province. Not only so, but when extended to Grand Falls it will give through connection with the west and will thus be of great advantage to the people. The work of construction has been begun at Fredericton and Woodstock, and a considerable portion of the grading on those sections should be done this year. This railway will be a very important factor in building up the city of St. John as well as developing the fine farming and orchard lands of the Valley.

The Gibson & Minto Railway, which only a branch, will bring the coal fields of Queens County into touch with the Canadian Pacific Railway system, and will lead to an immediate and large increase in the mining of coal in Queens County. It is stated that this road will be completed by the end of the present year.

The Intercolonial Railway, which was so long a bone of contention, because of its failure to provide satisfactory financial returns, is now producing a surplus and is steadily increasing its business. It is in a favorable position to begin taking over the branch railways in the province, and this policy has been endorsed by the country. With the branch lines provided with better equipment and giving the people only one freight to pay instead of two, there should be an increase of traffic and a growth in the sections traversed.

In connection with the deposits of oil and natural gas in Albert County, reference should be made to the enormous deposits of valuable oil shales which are to be developed on a very extensive scale by a company in which Sir William Mackenzie is interested. Engineers are now in that locality making surveys, and it is stated that the beginning of development work will not long be delayed. This enterprise is expected to lead up to the development of a very large and profitable industry, as authoritative tests have shown that these shales are better producers than the oil of Scotland.

A feature of provincial growth during the past few years has been the growth of the towns. Moncton especially has had a steady growth in population, with a considerable amount of building each year, and the first six months of the present year show an increase over the like period last year. The town of Campbellton was wiped out by fire two years ago, but there is a new town today much better in all respects than the old, so great was the confidence of the people in its future. Places like Sussex have shown substantial and continuous improvement, and the construction of the Valley Railway is expected to be of great benefit to Fredericton, Woodstock and smaller towns along the line. In this connection reference should be made to the new town of Chatham near St. Andrews, where a very large sawmill factory is nearing completion, with boarding houses, cottages and other buildings for the convenience of the people. A large village has grown up around the iron mines in Gloucester, and as the resources of the province are developed there will be further urban growth in various parts.

With regard to the development of agriculture to which reference was made yesterday it should not be overlooked that the Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased a large farm near Fredericton Junction to be conducted as an illustration farm, which will be of great benefit as an object lesson to farmers in general. The Dominion government is also to establish an experimental farm in the province and will also give other encouragement to the work of agriculture along scientific lines.

From whatever standpoint, therefore, the future of the province is regarded it is clear that the opportunities for success are many and varied. The great advantage is capital to develop resources, and if a desirable class of settlers for farm lands. The indications point to better things in both these directions and a general outlook for the province is a bright one.

THE "HUCKSTER" POLICY

The flag-lappers will surely be horrified by the statement of Mr. Borden in London with reference to the navy. He declared that Canada must have a voice in shaping the defence of the empire. The flag-lappers wanted no voice. They insisted that it would be shameful to discuss terms with the dear old mother country. Canada, they said, must bear her share in the defence of the Empire, without attaching any strings to the gift. Money or Dreadnoughts or both were offered to the "heavy titan" without any reservation whatever. But Mr. Bor-

den now says Canada is not prepared to do anything of the sort. She must know what is to be done with the money or the Dreadnoughts.

If Sir Wilfrid Laurier had made such a suggestion it would have been denounced as rank treason, but Mr. Borden, sitting under the eye of Mr. Pelletier, his Nationalist and no-navy colleague, calmly tells the English people that he is prepared to bargain with them in this matter of imperial defence, but not to trust them. The "new working partner" has announced that his ambition is to dictate the policy of John Bull & Sons, or he will content himself with pocketing his share of the profits, and do nothing.

When tory performances are contrasted with tory professions, the observer can but smile and pass on. It is an old story, and only the young and unsophisticated feel any shock of surprise or disappointment. "You Canadians are great talkers about what you are going to do," said an Australian the other day. The Australian had accurately sized up the Canadian tory.

A careful reading of the report of Mr. Borden's speech, which appears in this issue, does not reveal any reason for the cheers with which it is said to have been greeted. It did not give his hearers anything new in regard to the feeling in Canada regarding the unity of the Empire, or in regard to Canada's determination to share in the defence of the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier adopted a naval policy with the full approval of the British admiralty. All that Mr. Borden has thus far done has been to denounce that policy. He talks of Canada's determination not to sacrifice her autonomy, which was also clearly expressed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The only really striking thing about Mr. Borden's speech was his high sounding eulogy of Mr. Pelletier and the Nationalists, who are opposed to a navy.

The work of the Marine public service commission is worthy of its chairman, and of the head-hunting policy of the government by which it was appointed.

No one has ever suggested more than one navy for the British Empire. A Canadian navy would be an integral part of the navy of the Empire, and, in the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "When England is at war Canada is at war."

The Ottawa Citizen says: "Every Canadian child is an undeveloped country, with wealth inherent beyond the range of all computation. To waste its purity by evil environment, to waste its power by unhealthy surroundings, to waste the priceless value of its noblest ideal by the dust and friction of commonplace conflict, is simply fatal."

Referring to the commission to investigate the oyster and clam fisheries, which provides a job for three good Tories, the Chatham World (Conservative), says: "This report will cost several thousand dollars and will be honorably laid away in a pigeon hole at Ottawa, there to repose in state till time shall be no more. The government possesses all the information the commission can gather."

The National Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars has appointed a committee to consider the union of all temperance organizations in the Dominion. That order has gained slightly in membership, but has lost ten lodges during the year. Secret temperance societies have had their day. They are of some social value in country districts, but even that could be better secured by a simpler organization. Signs, pass-words, ritual and regalia are not as impressive as they once were. None will deny the splendid service rendered by the old time temperance societies, but times change and institutions must change with them.

It would perhaps be interesting to know how many victims of tuberculosis are permitted to die without proper care before public sentiment will be sufficiently aroused to put an end to all this fooling about a sanatorium. The attempt to unload the responsibility upon the Home for Incurables has failed. The commissioners of the Public Hospital have concluded that they have as much responsibility as they care to assume. It is now proposed to ask for the appointment of a commission by the legislature at its next session. In the meantime apparently no site is to be chosen and matters are to go on as at present. This is disgraceful. There is no excuse for putting off the selection of a site, or taking active steps to provide a sanatorium. Every house in St. John in which there is a case of tuberculosis is a far more dangerous source of infection than a sanatorium with scores of patients. The citizens are perfectly well aware of this fact. Why do they not insist upon action.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

St. Andrews Beacon—William Handy, of Boston, surprised his nephew, Joseph Handy, last week by dropping in upon him. Mr. Handy is eighty-three years old and has been away from St. Andrews about fifty years. He is the last member of a family of twelve, and is as smart as a youth. He is engaged in wood-working in Boston. While he was in St. John by his old school comrade, Captain John Wren. The two old boys had a pleasant time together in recalling school-boy days and incidents.

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The man hesitated a moment. Finally he said:

"Well, here's \$2, give me the bath."

Brooklyn Life.

WHAT SHE SAID.

"How well you look!"

"Do you think so?"

"Yes, indeed, I do. I never saw you looking better in my life."

"I'm so glad to hear you say so. I hope you mean it."

"I really do. Only the other night I was saying to my husband that there are a lot of women I know who aren't half so old as you that don't look nearly so young."

STILL DEAR TO HIM

She—You used to say I was the dearest little woman you ever knew before we were married.

He—Well, now, I say that you are the dearest proposition that I ever heard of.

—Boston Record.

WISE FATHER.

"I got a new attachment for the family piano," said Mr. Growcher, "and it's a wonderful improvement."

"What is it?"

"A lock and key."—Washington Star.

AS FAR AS HE WOULD GO.

"Did her father give them any money for a wedding present?"

"No. He didn't go so far as that. But he did promise to find a job for her husband when they come back after their honeymoon trip."

IN FAT BIRTH

Towne: "No, Grafton doesn't work at all now."

Brown: "He doesn't? Why, when I knew him he seemed to be a young man with considerable push."

Towne: "All that's changed now. He's a young man with considerable pull and doesn't have to work."

CRUEL BOSTON

"I don't think I'll lecture any more in Boston."

Wasn't your last lecture a success, professor?"

"Well, I had hard work to convince the audience that I knew as much about the subject as they did."—Kansas City Journal.

MORNING LOCALS

A man named Kennedy, of Sheriff street, was injured slightly in Main street yesterday morning when city workmen accidentally cut into an underground conduit. Repairs were made and communication re-established, but the permanent repairs will take a couple of days.

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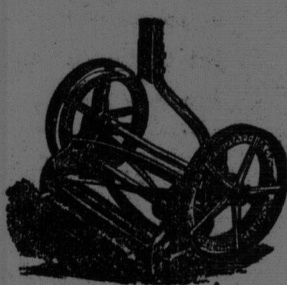
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