

The Pacific Railway.

We have already given the substance of the resolutions embodying the new scheme for the construction of the Pacific Railway, but as Mr. Mackenzie's masterly speech, giving full explanations in regard to this great enterprise, contains much which deserves to be put on record, we propose to give a synopsis of that speech. He began by a recapitulation of the history of the original scheme, showing wherein it was defective, and how it ended in utter failure. From that he went on to speak of the extraordinary proposition made by the late Government to British Columbia, that the road should be built in ten years. This promise was the less excusable inasmuch as the people of that Province never asked for such a promise, and the Government when they made it, knew well that it could not be fulfilled. Their experience in building the Intercolonial might have taught them this, for it was thought that road could be built in three years, yet seven years have elapsed since it was begun, and it will be still another year before it can be completed. That road is only 500 miles long, while the other will be over 2,500 miles, passing through a country almost uninhabited, and presenting difficulties in the construction of a railway of a most extraordinary character. In spite of all these drawbacks, the present Government, while avoiding the errors of their predecessors, still honourably pledge themselves to carry out, as far as they can, the spirit of the agreement entered into with British Columbia, although in view of the enormous expenditure which its construction will entail, we think they would be justified in delaying it for years to come. We believe it was nothing but the hope of controlling such expenditure that tempted the late Government to go so rashly into the enterprise, by which they hoped to keep themselves in power for many years; and it is a remarkable instance of retributive justice to find that the very agent by which they expected to retain that power was ultimately the cause of their defeat and ruin.

After stating the whole case without any reservation, and fully establishing the wisdom and prudence of the course which the Government have resolved to follow, Mr. Mackenzie then goes on to unfold the enterprise. Mr. Sanford Fleming's lowest estimate for the construction of the road was \$100,000,000, the interest, &c., on which would increase our debt yearly by \$6,000,000. The interest on our other debts already amounts to the same figure, which would entail an annual burden of twelve millions of dollars without applying a cent to the ordinary business of the country. Then there is the estimate of Mr. Fleming that—supposing the road were built—it would not pay running expenses until a population of three millions of people inhabited that territory. The running expenses of the road are estimated at eight million dollars per annum, and this, too, independent of renewals, repairs, &c. The Premier stated that the late Government had thrown an additional difficulty in the way in agreeing to build the road not only to the Pacific coast, but to continue it to Esquimaut, in Vancouver Island, 240 miles further, where the difficulties of building a road would be enormous. The present Government desired to fulfil the obligations incurred by their predecessors, though they did not think they were absolutely bound to do so, and to this end they had commissioned Mr. Edger, who had gone to British Columbia as their confidential agent, to offer the Local Administration to commence the road at Esquimaut and push it forward as rapidly as practicable if the British Columbians would assent to a relaxation of the original terms, and accept an agreement that the Pacific road throughout their Province should be built at the rate of an expenditure of one million and a half dollars a year. If that were refused, then they had no resource but to abide the terms, which did not compel them to enter Vancouver Island at all. Whether this reasonable proposal would be accepted or not, he could not at present say. Mr. Mackenzie went on to say that the Government did not intend at present to build the eastern section from Lake Nipissing to Lake Superior, but the section from Lake Superior to Fort Garry would have to be built as soon as possible so as to secure a good summer route from the Eastern Provinces to the Northwest. The length of this section will be 416 miles. From Fort Garry to Fort Edmonton the distance is 750 miles, but the water communication by the Saskatchewan river and the chain of lakes could be utilized for some time until the Government felt themselves in a position to go on with that section of the road. From Fort Edmonton to the Pacific Coast a railway was the only means of access left. The probable terminus on this coast would be Bute Inlet. The branch from Fort Garry to Pembina would have to be gone on with at once, so as to give the people of Manitoba railway facilities at the earliest possible period. After explaining at length

the plan by which the Government proposed to build the road—which we have already given—he stated that Mr. Fleming's estimate of cost of construction per mile was \$40,000. With regard to commencing the work in British Columbia, he said they might begin to grade the road at once and keep within the terms of the Union Act, but he would scorn to do anything which savoured of deception, and he held that it would be unsound in principle and practice to commence the work until they knew the precise point where it should be undertaken. He therefore strongly favoured a full and complete survey before work was commenced, which would save them many blunders similar to those which had been committed on the Intercolonial Railway because the work had been commenced before accurate surveys were made. In spite of all the difficulties before them, he said he had great faith in the future of Canada, and had a firm belief that even within his own life time the vast prairies of the West will be filled with a busy population, that the vast mineral resources of British Columbia will be developed, and her agricultural resources greatly quickened. He then compared the position of Canada, in undertaking this enterprise, with that of other States, both in Europe and America, which had commenced or completed works of a similar character, and the mode in which they had gone about the work. He also showed wherein the present scheme differed in principle and detail from that brought forward by the late Government. He then explained how the Government came to advance \$250,000 to British Columbia to pay the cost of building a graving dock. He held that this was merely carrying out one of the terms of the Union with that Province—or rather a modification of one of these terms. The same argument held good with regard to the proposal to advance \$900,000 to that Province for internal improvements. Coming back to the main subject he concluded his elaborate remarks by saying:—

"We must frankly confess, that we are unable to carry out the terms of Union. All engineers pronounce it a physical impossibility; and under these circumstances, all that British Columbia could fairly complain of would be an indisposition on our part to carry out the terms as far as practicable. They have seen no indisposition on the part of this Government, and they will see none on the part of this Parliament, and it would be mere madness for them to expect, or for us to pretend, that we were willing to do what everybody knows is a physical impossibility. It being impossible to implement our bargain to the full extent, we propose a means of access to British Columbia by the people east of the Rocky Mountains, and similar advantages to those on the west for reaching the old portions of the Dominion by connecting our inland waters by means of railways. It is quite possible, Sir, that I may, at a subsequent stage, have to make some further explanations in regard to this matter, but in the meantime I leave the resolutions in the hands of the House, confident that they will coincide in the policy we propose, and confident that the resolutions will also commend themselves to the confidence and good judgment of this country, and not only of this country and this Parliament, but of every Imperial Parliament also, and of every reasonable man."

VOLUNTEER DRILL.—In reply to a question put in the House on Monday, the Hon. Mr. Ross said that the Government intended to reduce the volunteer force during the present year to about 25,000 effective men, and it was more than probable they would go to brigade camp during the training, but it was not actually decided.

BIRTHS.
WRIGHT—In the 3rd concession Peel, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Wright, of a son.

MARRIED.
EMBLE—COBURN—At Mr. Coburn's residence, by the Rev. Robt. Torrance, on the 14th inst., Mr. Robert Emble to Miss Jane Coburn, both of Guelph town.

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CHANCERY SALE

Valuable Farm near Guelph.

In pursuance of the Decree and Order of the Court of Chancery in a suit of Blount vs. Crawley, and with the approbation of Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, Esq., Master in Ordinary of the said Court, will be sold by public auction by W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer, at his auction rooms, in the Town of Guelph, on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, in one parcel, the following freehold land and premises, viz: The southwest part, otherwise known as front half of Lot No. 12, in the 7th concession of the Township of Puslicich, containing by admeasurement one hundred acres more or less, of which 50 are cleared and under cultivation, and fifteen well timbered with good hardwood. On it are a frame house and large barn with stone cellar underneath. It is distant from Guelph about five miles. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid fixed by the Master. One tenth of the purchase money at the time of sale to be paid to the vendor or his solicitors; a further sum sufficient with the deposit to make one-half the purchase money as aforesaid the purchaser will be entitled to his conveyance, and to be let into possession. The other conditions are the binding conditions of the said Court. For further particulars apply at the law offices of Messrs. Rose & Macdonald, Toronto, and Messrs. Danbar, Merritt & Bischoff, Guelph.

Dated 21st April, 1874 T. W. TAYLOR, Sd. ROSE & MACDONALD, Vendor's Solicitors. -wt-daw

AUCTION SALE

Household Furniture.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Duncan Bailey to sell by auction, on the premises, Barrack street, Guelph, near Mr. Sallow's blacksmith shop, on MONDAY, May 19, at 10 o'clock, the following Valuable Furniture, comprising a splendid Organ with 6 stops (from Bell's manufactory), hair seated sofa, wardrobe, cane-seated chairs, centre table, carpets, bedsteads, washstands, bureau, parlor and cooking stoves, delph, kitchen table, and utensils, Windsor chair, turkish bath, cubby, spring mattress, trass, sink, &c. Also, a box for a pedlar's wagon or sleigh. Terms cash.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Guelph, May 11, 1874. ds

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

Valuable Household Furniture!

AND EFFECTS Belonging to the late Robert Chance, Esq., of Guelph.

W. S. G. Knowles is instructed by Mrs. Chance, who is returning to England, to sell by public auction

On Tuesday, the 19th of May, inst., at her residence, Woolwich street, opposite the English Church, Guelph, the whole of her valuable household furniture and effects, comprising

Drawing Room—Chairs, Sofa, Centre Table, Easy Chair, Walnut, Engravings, Tapestry Carpets, Lace Curtains, and Valence Fire Irons, and a splendid 7 octave Piano-forte.

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The 2nd floor—Very handsome Black Walnut Bed room sets complete, bureaus, spring beds, wash stands, toilet sets, carpets, night commode, counterpane, blankets, top lounge, mirrors, stoves, curtains, blinds, pictures.

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W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Guelph, May 7th, 1874. dw

AUCTION SALE

VALUABLE PARCEL OF LAND

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

Mr. W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from the Executors of the late G. M. Stewart, to sell by Public Auction,

On Wednesday, 20th May, inst., at the Town Hall, Guelph, at Twelve o'clock, noon, three certain parcels of land and premises being composed of

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