

EVENTS.

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THE I. C. R.

Friends of the I. C. R. will read with pleasure the statement of the Minister of Railways that the road will remain the people's property and that it will not be handed over to a commission. Mr. Emmerson's address on the subject before the House is without doubt the strongest defence of the road, and incidentally of the Maritime Provinces, we have yet seen, and should set at rest the feeling in certain quarters that the road should be operated by a commission. He forcibly points out that the road was not built for commercial purposes but for defensive and political reasons and its record should be viewed with this fact well in the foreground.

We quote from his address as follows:—

"The Intercolonial has always been a profitable thing for Canada, but the profits have remained in the pockets of the people. They have taken profits out of the very low freight rates given. One of the purposes for which the road was designed was to bring the people of upper and maritime Canada closer together. That this has been accomplished is shown by the fact that the trade with the New England manufacturers formerly did with the Maritime provinces has been diverted to the manufacturers of Upper Canada. That the people of Ontario have benefited from the Intercolonial's low rates is shown by this and by the fact three-quarters of the traffic of the road is east bound and only one quarter west-bound. If the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk rates had been applied to the Intercolonial all these years and the volume of traffic had been the same, there would never have been anything but surplus. But it is doubtful if the Ontario manufacturers would have succeeded in displacing the New England manufacturer."

What the Intercolonial has cost is involved closely with the question of trade. Canada has not hesitated to spend large sums of money for the benefit of trade and transportation. We have, said Mr. Emmerson, built the canals; we have subsidized railways; we have practically built the Canadian Pacific; we have subsidized steamships on the Atlantic, the Pacific and the lakes, and we have built harbors. I do not allude to these as a matter of criticism. I approve of these expenditures. I only ask that among the expenditures for the trade and transportation of the country be placed the expenditure on the government railways, and that it be regarded in the same light as the other expenditures are."

In concluding his address Mr. Emmerson said that he hoped to be able at no distant date to announce that the road was paying. He meant to do all he could to bring that about. This is the kind of talk that is needed, and if followed up by a continuance of the recent reforms on the road there can be no doubt as to the result. We believe the I. C. R. staff from one end to the other are as capable a lot of railway men as can be found and need only a chance to conduct the road's business on business principles to prove their efficiency. Let them have it.

A MARKET BUILDING

That Campbellton needs a market building is patent to every householder in the town. Year by year the demand for farm produce is becoming greater to such an extent that the supply is far short of what it should be. Housekeepers are put to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience in looking up their wants in this line, if indeed they are successful in the effort at all. If there were a properly conducted market all this would be avoided, as it would encourage the farmers to bring their produce to town and realizing the benefit to themselves they would make the effort to meet the demand. We are glad to note that the Council will take the matter up at their next meeting. It is to be hoped that if the suggestion of Coun Joudry to put up a building suitable for an opera house and market is not considered ad-

visable just now, at least the latter scheme can be worked out successfully.

Anent this market proposition we have often wondered why some enterprising farmer never ran a vegetable delivery wagon in town, as in some of the other smaller towns of the province where there was no market. It seems to us there is a good opportunity for some one to make some money if the market scheme fails to go through.

Another search in Campbellton is for fish. It is passing strange that right along-side of the world-famous salmon river there should be such scarcity of fish. It is next to impossible to purchase one right in the salmon season. But other kinds of fish are scarce also.

Mayor Murray's suggestion that a census of the town be taken this year is a good one. The population of our town as announced at the time of the dominion census was 2652. This number was looked upon at the time as very much below the actual population, some of our citizens claiming that 4000 would be nearer the mark. There has been a steady growth since 1901 and it is thought that the figures would come up to about 5000 at the present time. However, it would be money well spent if a correct census were taken, as it would materially improve the town's position in the eyes of the money-lenders and financial institutions.

PARTIES AND MACHINES

(Montreal Witness)
Political parties, like all things human, must yield to the law of mutability. They may last long in power, command votes by the million and carry affairs with a high hand. But it often happens that when seeming most strong and firmly entrenched the vital principle on which a party rose to power departs and it sinks into a condition that needs the machine to keep it together. The party may sincerely profess great principles but the machine knows only one—to win elections. To that end all human devices are employed, all patronage distributed, till at last the machine becomes a combination of craft and graft. If certain Washington correspondents are to be believed such is now the condition of the republican party.

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AT THE CAPITAL

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the leading lumbermen of the county of Restigouche.

The act giving power to the town council of Dalhousie to issue a warrant for the sum of eight thousand dollars to repay moneys already borrowed for the drilling of wells and for the testing of the present wells, and for the boring of more wells if needed, has had its third reading. The bill also provides that upon a majority vote of the town, debentures to a sum not exceeding seventy thousand dollars can be issued for the placing of a water, sewerage, and electric light system. This legislation will now place the town of Dalhousie in a position to move ahead with its water question.

The usual amount for ferry service between Dalhousie, Campbellton and Migouasha, has been voted as usual.

Word has been received here from Mr. John H. Kelly M. P. P. for Bonaventure county, that the usual grant for the same service will be given this year.

Arrangements have been made with the Department of Agriculture to place one of the Illustration Orchards in the county of Restigouche this year. The orchard will be located in the centre of the parish of Balmoral and will consist of one hundred trees of the following varieties: Fameuse, McIntosh, Red, Wealthy, Duchess, Stark, Arctic, Baxter, Wolf River, Milwaukee and Ben Davis.

It is the intention to place one of these orchards in each parish, where an application is made by a qualified party to look after the trees according to directions given by the department of Agriculture.

The members supporting the government have decided to hold an At Home in the House of Assembly on Tuesday evening next at which all the pupils of the Normal School and scholars attending the University and Commercial College will be invited to attend. The following are the names of those from Restigouche Co. who will attend, Miss Florence McTaggart, River Charles; Miss Mattie Dempsey, Armstrongs Brook; Miss Jennie McCormack, Blacklands; Miss May McKinnon, Dundee; Miss Olive Wright, Shannon Vale; Miss Helen Cook, River Charles; Miss Lida Davidson, Jacques River; Gordon Firth, Glencoe; Hugh Carr, Pearl McKenzie, Campbellton.

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ESUMINAC NOTES

The largest snow storm of the season is said to have fallen last Saturday, the depth being about eighteen inches.

Mr. James McKay arrived home on Wednesday from Calais, Maine. County after a stay of over two years.

Mr. George Allison who has been ill at Bathurst is expected home this week.

Mr. John Little left last week to visit friends in Moncton.

The Esquimaux River school closed on Friday after most progressive term, the teacher Miss Lizzie Southward leaving for Montreal. The funeral of Mrs. Leonard Leve of Point Le Grou took place on Saturday and was very largely attended. A series of meetings are being conducted in the Esquimaux church by the Rev. Thompson and MacPherson. The attendance has been very good, considering the condition of the roads.

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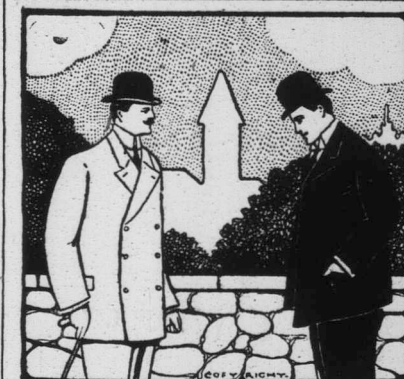
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