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THE CARBONEAR HERALD

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CARBONEAR, APRIL 29.

THE RAILWAY.

Report of Joint Committee.

The report of the Joint Committee on the Railway, embodying the contract, charter of incorporation and other documents having reference to the same subject was laid before the House of Assembly on Monday last, by the hon the Premier, as Chairman

of Committee. And at the very threshold of its presentation the report has been made the subject of rather strong animadversion on the part of certain hon members, the hon Speaker and hon Mr Winter having taken occasion in committee to refer to some of the provisions, as being in their opinion, anything but conservative of the interests of the colony. The remarks of these hon gentlemen delivered during the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday last, have elicited some able and effective replies from hon members, such as Mr Mackay, Mr Shea and other hon gentlemen favorable to the report. The debate on this important subject, thus interesting at its inception still continues to occupy the attention of the House and to absorb and engross the almost undecided interest of the public who feel deeply interested in the issue involving as it does, such serious results to the general interests of the colony. Since the printing of the report and accompanying documents [all of which we shall have the pleasure of placing before our readers in due course] we have had an opportunity of perusing the same, and although not exactly favorable to some of the provisions, still upon the whole, we look upon the proposed arrangement, as one calculated materially to conduce to the promotion and advancement of public interests. Looking to the present position of the important subject in the legislature, the expressions of opinions which it has thus elicited on the part of hon members, and the time that must necessarily be occupied in its further discussion, we feel assured that another week must elapse before a final decision is arrived at in the Assembly. In the meantime, having due regard to the serious interests at stake and to the grave and onerous responsibility resting upon them as the custodians of public interests, we sincerely trust that the representatives of the people, guided and directed by a true spirit of enlightenment and patriotism whilst manifesting due care and vigilance in the conservation and protection of those interests, will not fail to exercise a wise and judicious discretion, in securing to the country the great and inappropriate advantages of railway communication. Awaiting the further progress of the important subject in the legislature, we shall reserve any further remarks for a future issue.

We received yesterday a copy of report of Joint Committee of the Hon Legislative Council and House of Assembly on the Railway project as presented to both Houses on the 20th April, 1881, from which we take the following extracts:— The main line of railway is to run from St. John's to Hall's Bay, connecting with North-West Arm, Random Sound, with Clode Sound, and crossing Exploits River near Bishop's Falls. The branch lines are to be from the main at points near Hodge-Waters and Spread Eagle Peak, to Clark's Beach or Brigus, and to Harbor Grace, and extending to Carbonear, when the necessary arrangements have been made. This latter extension being proposed under a special reference from the Legislature since the Committee was formed with its instructions to limit the branch to Harbor Grace.

The gauge of the road to be three feet six inches. The construction of the road is to be completed within the period of five years. The Company bind themselves to build a substantial, reliable and efficient road, subject to approval by a Government Inspector. The Company advance all money and incur all the risks attendant on the construction and maintenance of the road, and as on its efficient operation of the payment of the annual subsidy is made dependent, a regard for their own interests must insure the construction of such a line of road as will fulfil the conditions on which alone the subsidy is obtainable. It was necessary in all the negotiations to bear in mind the special nature of the present contract; and, involving no risk of outlay on the part of the Government, it seemed to the committee that the undertaking of the company should be left as free as possible from restraint or interference beyond what was necessary for insuring the safety of the travelling public. The wages of laborers are made payable monthly and securities taken in this respect. The corporation shall have existence for ninety-nine years. Each first-class passenger will be allowed to carry baggage to the extent of eighty pounds in weight, and each second-class passenger fifty pounds; and all baggage in excess of the above weights shipped by a single person shall be charged for at express baggage rates by the company. The charge for transportation of freight shall not exceed (30) thirty cents per hundred pounds on heavy articles, and (twenty) cents per cubic foot on articles of measurement, for every one hundred miles transported; and five cents per mile for first class passengers, and three cents per mile for second class passengers. Clergymen will be charged half first class fare. Special contracts may be made with shippers on their roads in regard to rate of freight, so as not to exceed the amount herein designated.

ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND, April 18th, 1881.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Replying to your enquiry relative to the employment of our labor for the construction of the Newfoundland Railway, I beg to say that it is our desire and intention to employ native labor as far as we can obtain it among your people for the construction of the line of Railway. We are not influenced alone in the choice of our people, because it is manifestly and peculiarly to our interest so to do, but we refer to give an opportunity to Newfoundlanders to help us to develop the great resources of their country by assisting us in laying down this important artery of its future trade.

With great respect, I remain very truly yours, (Signed) A. L. BLACKMAN, Agent for the Syndicate Company.

COPY OF TELEGRAM. New York, April 20, 1881.

To A. L. BLACKMAN.— Telegram received announcing contract signed. It is approved. F. W. ALLIN, Secretary.

To the Editor of the Carbonear Herald Carbonear, April 20, 1881.

Dear Sir,—This historic little town of ours has once more arisen from that lethargy in which it has lain for the past quarter of a century. Easter Monday being a day of merriment, in the early part of the day—the youth of the town being determined to spend 'a day off' to the best advantage—various games were resorted to, such as cricket, base ball, croquet, &c., but cock-fighting being kept over for that day, many a lad eager to enjoy that sanguinary sport, was seen surveying fowl-houses for the purpose of decaying some rooster noted for his filibustering achievements and conveying him to the field of action, there to be deprived of a more or less portion of his comb and gills, and many a bitter imprecation was heaped by the owners upon the instigators of such bloodshed. But a far greater and nobler sphere of action awaited the coming night. Toward evening may be seen arches running in all directions laden with baskets of viands and good things preparatory to the soirees, picnics, &c., of which there were several, one vying with the other in grandeur and magnificence. But one deserves to be particularized as having taken place with unusual éclat. The place selected for the occasion being that antique homestead, Spring Mount Cottage, which, with its ancient appearance and beautiful surroundings, is highly picturesque, being situated at the foot

of Bunker's Hill, the scene of many skirmish, on the right is the old Grammar school; rendered famous for its many bright graduates; conspicuously on the left is the Court House on Bannerman Street, while the foreground is artistically adorned by various sorts of trees among which may be seen the Balm of Gilead, the other Poplar and even the majestic Oak, while it seems to cheat the soil by producing fruits which only grow in a more genial clime; not to speak of the various sort of flowers as "Pansies, Roses, and Daffydowns, Fowers that scent the sweet fragrant air," and watered by a crystal stream called "Mountain Spring" from which, as tradition tells us, the cottage derived its name a century ago, and is supposed to have existed since the time of Adam. Thither the guests, comprising some of the aristocracy of the town, repaired at an early hour, sanguine in their expectations of the hilarity of the coming night. The spacious room, of the old cottage were tastefully decorated with festoons of evergreens and appropriate mottoes, which reflected much credit upon its supervisors. Never in the annals of the old homestead was such a lively scene exhibited, where the hilarious dancers were reflected by the lights of the chandeliers, as in a mirror, on the oaken panelled walls. The number in which the merriment was rendered on this occasion was ecstatic with its own stirring vibrations, dresting the inmates of those anxieties which are instrumental in casting a shadow over the mind. All proceeded merrily till the hour of midnight when riotous voices were heard without, for wayward fate seldom permits such a joyous scene to pass unimpeded. The guests became awestruck, and in a few minutes later their fears were realized by the appearance of a band of rogues armed with clubs and stones and led on by the redoubtable Herin, who proclaimed loudly and emphatically that he was the noblest of the many species and not in the least degree scaly. A Council of war was held with; as to the speediest means of defence. Owing to the impenetrable darkness without it was deemed necessary to despatch scouts to ascertain the number and position of the enemy. The gallantry of the young gentlemen failed them under the trying circumstances, yet one, and only one, arose and went forth notwithstanding the danger he was about to encounter. Yes! forth stalked this graceful young knight of the Ball Room with his never failing and indomitable courage, followed by the paeagnies of the ladies, with the strongest assurances of their everlasting esteem, and expressions of their unbounded confidence that he would peg them out. And no sooner did this warlike youth strike a pugilistic attitude than the assailants were glad to beat a hasty retreat and repair to some secluded haunt there to upbraid the leader with the absurdity of such a preposterous attack. The knight of the Ball Room returned with a firm and elastic step conscious of having done his duty a true one. Valter Sa's year et Sans reproche. On his return all was a scene of confusion. In consequence of being unprepared for a siege, articles of furniture were seized for the expressed and avowed purpose of repulsing an attack. Tranquility being at length restored dance was resumed for a short time, after which they repaired to the dining room eager to partake of a sumptuous repast and with keen appetites sharpened by the troubles and turmoil of the night, they marshalled round the festive board and did ample justice to the good things laid before them. When supper was over some appropriate toasts were given, the violinist drizzling the health of the ladies in cooler. They then returned to the dancing room where some of the latest Operatic songs, such as "Love among the Roses" "Over the Hills and far away" and "I wish my Sally could see me now," were sung with pleasing effect. As soon as the king of day appeared and dispelled the gloom of the morning, it was unanimously agreed that they would retire to their respective homes to seek refreshing and much needed repose. Never will the remarkable incidents connected with this memorable night be eradicated from our memory, but will be associated with the dearest and most pleasing reminiscences of our youth. And we confidently anticipate ere long a renewal of those amorous greetings of which we were the happy recipient at the hands of these sunservient promoters of such exquisite and delicious enjoyment. Pardon us Mr Editor for trespassing on your valuable space. We remain, &c., DARBY & JOAN.

[The above was received too late for last issue.]

Local and other Items.

Since our last issue the Government have authorised the Road Board to spend £50 for able bodied poor relief, and accordingly a number of men were sent to work on the roads and on Monday about fifty men were at work, all of whom were without food, some for two and three days, and fifty more were waiting for work with not a bit in their houses

to eat. Since then the Government instructed the Commissioners to spend fifty more, and the work is still going on very creditably and the Chairman and Inspector are kept busy watching the men, and the men watching the Inspector and Chairman.

The Annie Alice, Capt Pike, arrived from St John's on last evening with a large quantity of freight.

Much uneasiness was felt by many, Wednesday and yesterday, owing to the report here of a few members speaking very strongly against some important points in the contract, the Speakers were J. S. Winter and A. J. McNeily, but last evenings mail brought better news, and it is now almost a certainty that the Railway will pass.

In speaking of the art exhibition in St John's the Advocate says.—For the school of copying in water colors, Miss Trapnell, of Harbor Grace, stands alone, and if we are not saying too much, excels in general gracefulness of touch—her model.

The romancing editor of the Evening Telegram published on Wednesday, the following item having reference to the former publisher of this journal:—

"At present we have neither time nor space to waste in replying to the base insinuations of the characterless creature of the Chronicle. The verities of this community have long since been pronounced against him. However, if Mr Rocheford is still in need of a job, we'll employ him to 'whip the rascal naked round the world.' Many of Mr Rocheford's old friends in Carbonear say, and one in particular, assures us that the Editor of the Telegram would accept any position offered him at the time of his disappearance from this town, as he was badly in need of a job and was compelled to leave minus some old books. You can guess the rest.

Quite a lively scene, we are informed, was witnessed in Harbor Grace upon the arrival of the steamer Greenland from her first sealing trip. It appears that the quality of the flour shipped for the use of the crew of said steamer was not exactly up to their expectations, and rather than partake that which was obnoxious they stowed it carefully away (as it came up in the shape of duffs,) for the benefit of whom it may concern. As soon as the ship was moored at the wharf various hands were despatched for wheelbarrows, in which the precious duffs, (or remainders thereof,) subsequently deposited. Then followed a solemn procession of wheelbarrows and duffs wending their way slowly but surely to the magnificent residence of the Prince of Harbor Grace, in front of which three hearty cheers were given and the wheelbarrows relieved from their heavy burdens. We did not witness the grand panorama ourselves, but our informant says—"Such a sight was never seen before.—Chronicle

The Cape Ann Advertiser of the 16th says the schooner G. L. Whitman, Captain Jerome McDonald, arrived from a Grand Bank trip on Monday, having been only about sixteen days, and weighed off 61,530 lbs. halibut. On four trips this year, averaging four weeks each, the crew of the Whitman have averaged \$50 each per trip.

We understand that His Honor, Judge Piuset will arrive by the steamer Lady Glover, to-morrow, for the purpose of presiding at the Court on Circuit at Harbor Grace.

MARRIED.—On the 26th inst., at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. George Boyd, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Jackson, Albert Des-Brassy Bayle, Esq., M. D., of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, to Sophia, eldest daughter of R. Maddock, Esq., of this town.

What the Chronicle says of our much esteemed representative:— "On his recent visit to this District the hon John Korke received quite an ovation and an address of welcome and thanks for his exertions in Rail

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