

In St. John, labor troubles were paramount. The union struck for higher wages than the steamboat proprietors were willing to grant, and attached to our train was a car bringing a batch of dock laborers from Montreal. The St. John Chief of Police, with some policemen, was at Fairville, where the car was detached in order to be run in to St. John by a separate engine. Some St. John dock laborers were also out to see the arrivals, but no demonstration was made. Public feeling in the city was apparently adverse to the strikers. Having laid out a million dollars in erecting grain elevators and improving shipping facilities, the city did not feel like supporting a movement calculated, if persisted in, to drive away a considerable source of business. Excepting a disposition to hedge in one instance, the newspapers strongly deprecated a continuance of the strike, and urged the reasonableness of the scale of wages paid by the steamship people.