

THE EVENING TIMES.

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THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The announcement was made by Premier Pugsley in the legislature yesterday that the government had received a proposition from Mackenzie & Mann for the survey and construction of a line of railway down the St. John valley from Woodstock to St. John. From the further statements made by the premier, there seems no doubt that by the guarantee of bonds to a fair amount the construction of the road may be secured.

This is far and away the most important announcement made during the present session of the legislature, or during any session in recent years. For if the work can be accomplished, as suggested, there would be offered rare opportunities for the development of splendid resources. All this is clearly and fully set forth in Premier Pugsley's admirable address, which is printed on another page, and which the Times commends to the attention of every reader.

THE SHAKING OUT

A sane and reasonable view of financial affairs in the United States is that of the American Metal Market, a trade journal, which regards actual conditions and is not disturbed by stock market vagaries. We quote a portion of an article in this week's issue:

There is to be any serious turning back of the hands on the dial of our business clock we do not believe, while any general collapse seems to us impossible.

BOYS' CLUBS

The citizens of St. John should take note of the fact that in Halifax there is a boys' club, which is doing splendid work. In telling of a concert given in aid of the club by the ladies' auxiliary, the Recorder says:

"The Ladies' Auxiliary have equipped the gymnasium of the club and maintain it from year to year—a most effective branch of the club life. Since January of this year over one hundred members have been enrolled, and many improvements and expansions are contemplated for next year's work. There is an average nightly attendance of about fifty boys, who would otherwise, in all probability, be idling up on the streets; surely this effort is a worthy one, and must be productive of good to the community at large."

It appears that Mr. McNamara, the parliamentary secretary of the local government board, who has joined the London branch of the United Irish League is a Canadian. The Toronto Mail and Empire says: "Mr. McNamara, who has represented Camberwell since 1900, and was recently appointed to his present position is one of the Canadian members in the British House of Commons. He was born in Montreal in 1861."

It now appears that the greatest legal talent of the United States has been engaged for weeks in the trial of an insane man. This would be a remarkable outcome of a trial that has revealed so much of the hideousness of "life's other side."

The new Transvaal parliament has a language dispute on its hands at the very beginning. The Boers insist upon speaking Dutch, while the Englishmen desire their own language. It will doubtless be a dual language parliament. The bill to bar Asiatic labor went through the lower house without opposition.

Another St. John delegation has been heard at Fredericton. Possibly there will not be any others this session. There is plenty of material but it is doubtful if there is sufficient enthusiasm. Of course there is no telling what the next public meeting may develop.

It is unfortunate that sectional differences should render of no effect the effort of the government of Nova Scotia to provide the province with facilities for technical education.

Toronto led Canada in the value of new buildings erected last year. Its \$13,169,398 was followed closely by Winnipeg with \$12,780,450.

The United States and Mexico are also in making up their minds about prohibiting hostilities between Honduras and Nicaragua.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS

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A FELLOW FEELING.

"What made you so sympathetic toward the prisoner?"

"Well," answered the juror, "after being locked up away from home and friends ourselves, we realized what it is to be in the clutches of the law and felt sorry for him."—Washington Star.

MAYBE EVEN SO.

The potest of passion, Elia Wheeler was told, "The warm, red mouth that mocked him and denied." If he'd been a fellow of nerve and mettle he wouldn't have been denied. He would have grabbed and kissed her and let her do her kicking afterward. — Springfield Republican.

Perhaps it was the warm red mouth of a demijohn and he didn't have a cork-screw. Houston Post.

NAUGHTY JACK.

A daring theft, Jack wrought last night on the little Rose. He stole some things he wanted, right Beneath her very nose.

'Tis to be hoped that if fair Rose Returned the blissful smack Jack did not overlook a bet. But turned and kissed her back. —Houston Post.

A COLLECTOR.

If you'd be a collector Start early in life. Get a job, then a cottage, And then a wee wife. Flap the stock and come by. With a baby or two. To laugh and to tumble And gurgle and goo; Then you've a collection Nobody can beat. That puts some in your head And a dance to your feet.

CURIOUS DISHES.

"A couple of lax sandwiches, if you please."

"We don't keep 'em, sir."

"Ah, don't you? A crumey, then."

"Sorry, but we don't carry crumies."

"Then give me a bubble and a squeak."

The waitress with a sour smile, shook her head and said:

"Toad in the hole?"

"No, sir."

Red with rage, the man clapped on his hat and left the eating house.

"He is an English emigrant," the waitress said. "Lots of English emigrants come here, and they are always asking for the queerest dishes—bubble and squeak, lax sandwiches, toad in the hole, crumies. It would pay us to serve them these dishes, and we'd do so only we don't know what they are."

GOOD TIMES ONLY BEGUN

(Montreal Herald.)

If one can judge from outward circumstances, we would venture the opinion that the good times of Canada are only at the beginning. It is the century for Canada, and the influx of population into this country is going to keep up just so long as our unpeopled acres offer better inducements than do the thickly settled lands of the old world.

It means wealth—wealth produced and wealth made in supplying the wants of these newcomers. The stock market has just received a black eye, and yet we fail to see how this affects the farmers very much. They deal in the genuine article of commerce. Their products are necessities of life and production is not keeping pace with consumption in Canada.

The outlook is rosy for the Canadian farmer. He stands in a peculiar position of safety at present, while all around seems tremulous with the fever of uncertainty. While population increases in Canada at the rate it is, there can be little fear for a bad break in the prices of agricultural products. No man has yet so completely controlled the market as to "corner" the necessities of life. The farmer feeds them all, which fact is coming to be realized more and more.

He is the backbone of the good times. Let him combine to maintain his rights. Let him get right with politics. Let him demand his just recognition in the law making of the country.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael, speaking in a city church on Sunday, made the statement that Saskatchewan Province alone could support the whole population of Canada. If this is true, and no one knows better than Abner Watson, preacher, then how unfounded are our fears for a big cycle of bad times. This bugbear of lean years seems to afflict some writers to a nightmare fever. This is Canada's turn.

MEETING NEXT WEEK

It is understood that the adjourned meeting of citizens to discuss the various systems for the election of aldermen and to take up civic matters in general will be held in the Opera House next week, if arrangements for the use of the building can be made. A. O. Skinner, the chairman of last Tuesday night's meeting, said yesterday that it was uncertain, but if it was the meeting would be held there so that a much larger number of the taxpayers might be able to attend.

A delegation consisting of Mr. Skinner, J. H. McRobbie, Ald. Vanvar, Dr. A. D. Smith, O. H. Warwick and J. N. Harvey went to Fredericton last evening to present to the municipal committee the resolutions passed at the recent meeting. Ald. McGoldrick and Ald. Pickett also went to the capital.

MR. WILLISON AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., March 21.—J. S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News, tonight delivered the inaugural address at the opening of the Canadian Club of Halifax. He was greeted by a great audience, and his address on Forty Years of Confederation was heard with great interest. Mr.

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C. W. Spencer, of Montreal, general manager for McKenzie & Mann, was in the city yesterday and left on the Halifax train. He had gone before the announcement came from Fredericton about the proposed new railway down the St. John valley, and therefore could not be interviewed on the subject.

WHITEWEAR SALE

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