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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

LAST EVENING'S MEETING.

The most comprehensive and business-like address at last evening's meeting of citizens held under the auspices of the St. John Board of Trade for the purpose of discussing the change in the St. John Valley Railway route was that of Percy W. Thomson.

Mr. Thomson, who is a business man of standing and reputation, considered the whole question from the personal standpoint. Putting himself in the position of the owner of the Valley Line from Centreville to Gagetown, he dealt clearly and independently with the various factors making up the present situation and submitted concrete facts to show that the west side route is by all odds the one best suited to the needs of the city and province.

The address is published in full in this morning's issue and is worthy of the careful attention of every man in the province. No doubt, when the meeting resumes on Friday evening other arguments will be heard and the public will be given an opportunity of digesting all of them.

Last evening's gathering was well attended and the speakers on both sides were very moderate. Political preferences, if they cut any figure at all, were, at least, not prominently displayed. Possibly some of the gentlemen who might have been inclined to inject political color into their remarks were deterred by the knowledge that the eyes of the citizens of St. John were upon them and that the subject under discussion was one demanding sober, serious, common-sense thought rather than political grand stand play.

One interesting feature of the meeting, however, was the unanimity with which Liberal speakers admitted that one of the prime reasons for the Valley Railway was to undo the wrong done by the Laurier government in routing the N. T. R. away from St. John and on to Halifax. Much stress was laid upon N. T. R. traffic as a large factor in the business of the Valley Road, so it must have been apparent to all present that if St. John had been on the main line of the N. T. R. the benefit to be derived from this source would be even greater.

THE DISGRUNTLED TIMES.

Discussing, yesterday morning, the meeting of the St. John Board of Trade to consider the Valley Railway question The Standard ventured to say:

"The St. John Board of Trade will meet tonight to consider the report of the committee appointed to deal with the matter of the St. John Valley Railway and the proposed change of route. It is decidedly to be hoped that considerations of party politics will not enter into the discussion, but that the question will be dealt with solely from the standpoint of the best interests of St. John and the country at large."

The Times last evening accused The Standard of attempting to browbeat and bully the Board of Trade into rendering a verdict favorable to the changed route. It says "Of course The Standard insists that there should be no politics in the discussion."

That is precisely what this newspaper did do, and apparently we are not alone in the possession of that view, for last evening's Globe had this to say: "Too much is involved in Valley Railroad extension to make the subject a political one. What is wanted at this time is a non-partisan, business-like, common-sense discussion of the problem so as to secure for the province the best possible solution at the minimum of expense."

The Globe is of the same opinion as The Standard, and as Mr. Percy W. Thomson, whose address at last evening's meeting was the best feature of it, Mr. Thomson approached the consideration of the project from a business man's standpoint, exactly the ground from which the question should be debated.

The trouble with the Times is that it speaks for the small group of scandal-mongers and disgruntled politicians who made the Valley Railway a political football for years, but who, while in power at Ottawa, deliberately deprived St. John of the greatest opportunity it ever had or will have to

secure a position on the main line of another transcontinental system. The Valley Railway is being built to repair the damage caused by Laurier, Fielding et al to this port. And it will be built and successfully operated to the credit of the province and the Provincial Government, possibly long before the Times and the partisans for whom it speaks have succeeded in finding a leader to shepherd the fortunes of their sorry flock.

HON. MARTIN BURRELL.

The Ottawa Free Press, Liberal organ at the Canadian capital, pays an interesting tribute to Hon. Martin Burrell, Dominion Minister of Agriculture. While this is a distinct and happy recognition of the worth of Mr. Burrell, it is also a creditable thing for the Free Press to do, as it affords additional evidence that that newspaper, while Liberal in its political preferences, is still sufficiently broad-minded to recognize worth even in a political opponent.

The Free Press says of Mr. Burrell that he is "a most conscientious and assiduous worker for the state," and that "his energy and good judgment have been invaluable in the war crisis." It continues: "Mr. Burrell is a keen political fighter, but he has gained great popularity among Liberals as well as Conservatives because of the fair and manly way in which he has always 'played the game.' The sportsmanship of the golf links he takes into the arena of politics, and he has been a success at both."

Canada needs her keen political fighters, but keenness must not be understood as permitting a disregard for the amenities of the game of clean politics. It is better to fight fair, whether we win or lose. By fighting fair Mr. Burrell has compelled the admiration of his political adversaries.

IMPORTS RESTRICTED.

The British Board of Trade has issued another long list of articles, importation of which into the United Kingdom will not be permitted except by license, which may not be easily obtained. Included are baskets, cement, chinaware and pottery, cotton yarn, cotton piece goods, and cotton manufactures of all kinds, except hosiery and lace, cutlery, fatty acids, furniture, manufactured joinery and other wood manufactures, hardware and hollowware, oilcloth, soap, toys, games and playing cards, wood and timber of beech, birch, elm, and oak; woolen and worsted manufactures of all kinds except yarns. There are two purposes in view, says the Montreal Gazette, in making such orders. Money is kept in the country, and shipping space is kept for the importation of articles necessary to the maintenance of the people and the army. The German blockade is not doing what the Berlin government expected, but with the curtailment of shipyards output and the taking of large numbers of merchant vessels for military and naval service, it is causing inconvenience. The British and French blockade of Germany causes distress.

Meetings Successful.

The mothers' meeting which has been carried on at the King's Daughters' Guild under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Fletcher, assisted by a committee composed of Mrs. W. J. Bingham, Mrs. J. Bullock, Mrs. T. Carter, Mrs. Lingley, Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. J. E. Ed-Clark, Miss Burrell, and Miss B. Thomas, was brought to a most successful closing for the year last night. An excellent program was provided in which the following took part: Solo, Mrs. Colby Smith; piano duet, Mrs. J. B. Jones and Miss Alicia Heales; solo, Mrs. Murray Long; recitation, Mrs. O. C. Bissell. At the conclusion of the program a social hour was spent by those present and refreshments were served.

Organ Recital Enjoyed.

Mr. D. Arnold Fox repeated his very excellent organ recital last night, under the auspices of the church workers of St. John Stone church. He was assisted by the following: Mrs. L. Murray Curran, Mrs. J. T. Gunn, Mrs. H. H. MacMichael, and Bandman Buckle of the 115th Battalion Band. Mr. Fox played by request the overture from William Tell, the orchestral and choral effects in this being particularly fine. A silver offering was taken for the work of the society.

CORPORATIONS C'TEE MET YESTERDAY

Bill to Incorporate St. Croix Power Company Opposed by St. Stephen Electric Light Co.

Fredericton, March 28.—The Corporations Committee met this morning and agreed to the bill to incorporate the Campbell Library Association. The bill to incorporate the St. Croix Power Company was then taken up. Mr. D. P. Maxwell, C.M.E., one of the promoters of the bill, explained that the object of it was to permit the proposed company to develop light, power and heat from St. Croix river. It would not be necessary to erect any dams, the dam they would propose to use being already in existence. M. N. Cockburn, K. C., appeared on behalf of the St. Stephen Electric Light Company, who opposed the bill. The company had been in existence since 1887 and was supplying the whole of the town, together with the towns of Millville and of Gagetown in Maine, very satisfactorily, with all light, power and heat required and all that the company desired was fair play. The company had expended in its works \$104,000 and for their own protection they must oppose the present bill. If another company came in to oppose them it would be necessary to have the rates, which at present were extremely low, revised, and on any such revision they must necessarily go up. This would be an unnecessary injustice to customers who were now supplied. There was no market for any other company; it would be grossly unfair to the St. Stephen company to put unnecessary opposition in their path. They were working on the smallest possible profits; in fact the average dividend since the company has been in existence was \$1.70 per cent.

Hon. Mr. Baxter—"It would be a mercy to put it out of existence." Mr. Cockburn said that three of the stockholders in the St. Stephen company were salaried officials of the company and it would not be fair to starve them out. Hon. Mr. Baxter said that he could not feel that such information was being withheld from the committee as he could not think that a company which was only paying \$1.70 per cent. could be so anxious to remain in existence when stockholders could get three per cent. in the Dominion Savings Bank. He felt that there was something behind which ought to be revealed. After hearing Mr. Frank Todd, manager of the St. Stephen company, and Mr. Todd, the committee went to private session and further consideration of the bill was adjourned until Tuesday, April 4th.

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HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS VIA CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Excursion tickets to points in Manitoba and the Canadian North West will be sold at reduced rates, good going every Wednesday from now until October 25th. The fare from St. John to Winnipeg is \$55.00; Regina, \$58.75; Saskatoon, \$59.75; Calgary, \$65.00; Edmonton, \$63.00. The return limit is two months from date of issue. Proportionately low fare from all stations in the Maritime Provinces to the above and other points in the North West. Full particulars can be obtained from any agent of the Canadian Government Railways. Holders of these tickets have the privilege of travelling by the new Transcontinental route via Toronto, North Bay and Cochrane, Ont., to Winnipeg.

Fourteen Recruits Arrive. Fourteen stalwart sons of Canada, eager to join their fellow freemen in the fight for king and country, arrived on the Boston train last night from Perth and St. Stephen. They were met at the train by an escort from the 115th Battalion, who directed them

Little Benny's Note Book

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

We was seeing supple last nite, and pop sed, in going around to see Mr. Jonson tonite, this house is in a terrible condition, and he will either overhaul it from top to bottom for us, or ill no the reason why, I don't suppose to pay out a fortune in rent every year and not get anything back for us, I'll see Jonson tonite and have it over with. Mr. Jonson being our landlord, and after supple pop went around to his house, me going with him.

Come in, come in, glad to see you, sed Mr. Jonson. Being a grate big man with a bald head, and me and pop went in and sat down in his parlor. I wont detain you lawns, I'll get rite down to bizness, sed pop, the lawn and short of it is, the house is in a mizable condition and I insist on its being overhauled from top to bottom, in the first place the seller needs whitewashing, then 4 rooms on the first floor rewire repapering, and I must absolutely have stationery washbais installed, and in the next place, theres a lot of painting to be done on the 2nd and 3rd floors, and I want a sleeping porch in the back, and the entire front needs cleaning and painting.

Outside of that, I suppose the house will do as it stands for a while lawyer, sed Mr. Jonson.

I shall be satisfied for the present with the improvements I have outlined, sed pop.

Well, I'm glad you came, I'm glad you came, sed Mr. Jonson, the fact is, for some time I have seriously bin considering raising your rent, you no the nayberhood is increasing in value and most of the other houses rent for more than yours does, and it seems to me that you awt to pay 2 and a half more a month, at least, and after that of course, we may be able to see wat can be done in the line of improvements, if anything.

2 and a half more a month, sed pop.

At least, sed Mr. Jonson.

I must so now as I sed, I only had a few minits, sed pop, I sertyen hope you can at least paper the kitchen within a week or so.

And me and him went home, and ma sed, Well, how did you succeed?

Time will tell, time will tell, sed pop.

to the Grand Union Hotel where they put up for the night. Today they will lay aside their civilian clothes, don the suit of freedom, and take their place alongside their Canadian brothers in the 115th Battalion. The names are as follows: K. Libby, J. Pierce, E. Marston, L. Jounks, A. McNalls, H. Dyer, R. Everett, F. Broad, F. Beattie, H. Broad, C. Chapman, R. Dyer, H. Brown and S. Brown.

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