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RAILWAY MATTERS.

Those readers who are interested in either the Hartland & Miramichi or the Valley railway will get their hopes chilled by reading the Legislature report elsewhere published. With regard to the proposed diversion of the Valley railway to Sparkle which the public recently heard of through this paper, it is said the scheme had its origin in the mind of Hon J K Fleming, who, we believe is sincere in wishing to carry out some of the good things he promises the electorate. It was engineer McLean who elucidated the idea to the Observer, and this paper certainly withheld any endorsement of it. Such a twist of the Valley, if possible, would be good for Hartland. It would be great.

The Victoria County News which is largely controlled by Mr. Fleming speaks rather scornfully of the Hartland and Miramichi route. It insinuates that the engineers did not after all find a feasible route and Engineer McLean is quoted as saying the grades are impracticable, certainly for a trunk line.

But the farmers of Windsor, Knowlesville, and the other places chipped in ten to fifty dollars apiece to pay him for finding this out. If the route is impracticable it would have paid these people to have kept their money and invested in live stock, in intensive farming, producing stuff requiring as little work as possible to haul to market.

VALLEY R. R. ASSURED.

Important Announcement from Fredericton.

Fredericton, March 14.—The government continues to be unwilling to give any information in regard to the Valley Railway. In reply to an inquiry made by Mr. Upham, of Carleton, the government said that it has not promised to increase the bond guarantee for the proposed road. Further than that the ministers would not go saying that it is felt that no good purpose would be served by giving information as to offers to construct the road which have been received by the administration. However, the notion of Mr. Tweeddale, of Victoria, and Mr. Upham for the production of all the papers in the possession of the government bearing on the project will be productive of some information. The government has promised to bring down the papers, although it is not stated just when they will be produced, and it is quite probable that there will be some delay, as Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming and their associates are notably unwilling to show their hand. That is usually the case with people who have a poor hand.

But while the Hazen-Fleming ministry is giving the people very little satisfaction in regard to the Valley Road, it may be stated that the road will be built, although not through any effort of the provincial government.

The government is in the possession of certain information which justifies the foregoing statements but for some reason or other the ministers are unwilling to make their information public. The information however, will be duly forthcoming, if not from the government from the opposition. Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming have played the game with this project for a long time but the end of the game is nearly here. The people of the valley will have a railway not an electric line, but a high grade road with through connections and it will come through the efforts of Liberals at Ottawa and in the House here. The justification for this statement will be provided in the course of a very short time.

In answer to an inquiry made by Mr. Upham the government has declared that no minister has pledged the cabinet to guarantee bonds of the Hartland and Miramichi Railway Company. It is also stated that the government has not been requested to guarantee such bonds and considered the matter. People in Carleton county will find some difficulty in reconciling these government statements with the statements of certain fields of the ministry in that county during the last legislative recess. There are some strange things done in the province now-a-days.

Answering another inquiry by Mr. Upham the government stated that it is

willing to guarantee the bonds of the Southamptown Railway providing a contract be entered into between the company and the Canadian Pacific Railway by which the latter agree to lease the road for 99 years, and equip, operate and maintain it during that time, paying a rental of 40% of the gross earnings.

Lower Brighton.

A number from this place attended the basket social at Pembroke on Saturday night.

Among the many suffering with la grippe are Mrs J B Nixon, Miss Mable Nixon, Arthur Hovey, Mrs Went Dow and Dora Robinson.

Earl Dow has purchased a new driving horse.

Wm McGee is again confined to his bed.

Earl Brown has returned home from the woods with his team looking fine.

Wallace Noble and Earl Dow attended church at Hartland on Thursday night.

Geo Nixon is doing a large lumbering business on a small scale.

Frank Nixon's teams are expected home from the woods next week.

John McKinney who received a bad cut on the head from a falling limb, is able to be out again.

J B Nixon is hauling lath wood to McElroy's mill at Grafton.

R E Robinson is in Woodstock engaged with Albert Hayden, hauling lumber to rebuild his saw mill.

Mrs Elizabeth McKinney is the guest of her sister Mrs Rebecca Robinson.

Miss Luella Brown was the guest of her aunt Mrs Stephen Nixon, last week.

Frank Shaw of Hartland attended the basket social at Pembroke, Saturday night.

Glad to hear that Mrs Charles Robinson is gaining nicely after her long illness.

UPPER BRIGHTON.

Alpheus Gray and family left on Saturday for New Westminster, B. C. A large number of friends and relatives gathered at their home on Friday evening to bid them farewell. A handsome hand bag was presented to Alma Gray as a token of regard. Miss Gray was organist of the United Baptist church and an active member of the Sunday School. She will be much missed by her companions.

Mrs. Alfred Moore of Hartland was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Hurst on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bell of Blaine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ransford Rourke on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Adams and son Ralph of Bloomfield spent last week with friends here.

Mrs. Robert Denton, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Seely, returned to her home in Carleton on Saturday.

Chester Howard of Boston was the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles Carr, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Ransford Rourke, his son Harley and daughter Beulah, Fred and Alma Gray and Mildred Carpenter were visiting relatives in Bath last week.

SOMERVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crandlemire and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Crandlemire's father at Littleton.

Samuel Hayden and family have moved to Riley Brook, having rented his farm to George Boyne of Riley Brook.

Pearl Crandlemire and Laura Estabrooks who have been visiting her aunt at Portage Lake have returned home.

Miss Eva Rideout spent Sunday, at Florenceville.

John Crandlemire and family expect to move in the "Underhill" house this week.

Miss Edna Pearson spent Sunday in Upper Brighton.

Mrs. Anthony Baker was calling on friends in Hartland last Thursday.

Parish S. S. Convention

Parish of Brighton, S. S. Workers, called a Convention at Lower Brighton, U. B. church on March 9th for the purpose of meeting the Field Secretary who is making a tour of the County during this month. Two sessions were held. All officers present. Pres. Plummer presided and a well filled church showed enthusiasm of S. S. Work. Rev. J. H. Copeland and Rev. S. W. Schurman were present and assisted in making the meeting interesting and profitable.

Mrs. G. C. Watson gave a most interesting Temperance lesson. Wallace Noble's interest and ability was shown by the young girls of his school, who added to the entertainment of the Convention. Rev. W. A. Ross gave an interesting talk regarding the Departmental work,

which should be worked up in every parish. A nominating committee appointed the following Superintendents of Departments.

Home Dept.—Mrs. L. E. McFarland, Hartland. Elementary Dept. Miss Edith Relyea, Lower Windsor. Temperance Dept. Mrs. H. L. Dickinson, Windsor. Adult. Dept. Rev. S. W. Schurman, Hartland. Teacher Training. Mr. Thos. Forest, Windsor. Annual Parish Convention to meet in June at Hartland.

Perth—Hartland Basket Ball Game.

A stalwart aggregation, supposed to come from Perth N. B. but really from Andover, Fort Fairfield, and Perth, swooped down on the unsuspecting Hartland Basket Ball team and snowed them under to the tune of 27:11.

The northern players came to Hartland to win. They took a lead of 6 points in the first half and increased it to 16 in the second. The local teams were in poor condition and White with a vaccinated arm played in the second half only. The visitors had much the advantage in weight. The frequent delays caused by injuries made the game uninteresting from the spectators' point of view. Kyle refereed with his characteristic Perth Forwards Hartland. Sisson Shaw Porter Rice Mallory Stevens Mann Defence Noddin Bishop Miller

T. H. ESTABROOKS DINED BY STAFF.

It is not often that the travelling staff of a commercial house is able on its own initiative to break a record. This has recently been done in at least one house in St John. The nine men who cover the Maritime Provinces in the interests of T. H. Estabrooks resolved to make the last month a record one in the sales of Red Rose tea and coffee. They accomplished their object in spite of the fact that larger sales than usual had been made in January, and sold more goods than in any previous February.

In celebration of the event and to present the result to Mr. Estabrooks, they invited him to a dinner in White's restaurant Saturday evening, at which were also present all the office and warehouse staffs. The evening was a very enjoyable one. But two speeches were made. One of these was by Louis Armstrong, the senior traveller, who in explaining the reason for the gathering, said he was glad that they could make some return for the generous treatment they had always met with at the hands of Mr. Estabrooks. The travellers were also indebted, he said, to the merchants all over the provinces in helping them to achieve the result they had aimed at.

Mr. Estabrooks, in reply, spoke of the surprise and pleasure which he felt in listening to the returns made. The occasion, he believed, was unique in the history of any mercantile house in the Maritime Provinces.

Tribute to I. O. F. Sanitarium.

Recently the Rev. J. B. Daggett, a clergyman and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, left his home in New Brunswick to go to the Sanitarium for Consumptives, maintained by that Order at Rainbow Lake, New York. He is the first one to go from this province. In a letter to High Secretary Emmerson he writes from that institution as follows:—"Well, here I am. What do I think of the institution? Splendid. Everything seems to be arranged in the most modern and up to-to-date manner. Building is fine in every particular. I like Dr. Nore great. He seems to know his business and takes a personal interest in every case. Place is nicely kept, clean and sweet, well disciplined and looked after in every particular. The table is excellent, lots of goods well-cooked food, and nicely served.

"As to my case, I had made splendid progress towards recovery and was in very good shape before I came. I hope in a short while to pull out and get so I can go home. I see how it is treated and after this experience believe I can cure myself. I am glad I came."—Transcript.

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