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THE VALLEY ROAD.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not only endorsed what has already been said by Hon. Mr. Pugsley, but has pledged his government to operate, under lease, the St. John Valley railroad which, it is now hoped, will very soon be commenced. While New Brunswick's experience of government operation of railroads has not been wholly satisfactory, and while under company management a more aggressive policy would undoubtedly prevail, still government operation is the only plan now in sight and, unsatisfactory though it may be, it is much better than having no railroad at all.

Under the circumstances it is the duty of the Provincial Government to take the next step. Mr. Haas may not feel justified in acting upon information contained in what is really a private letter from the federal premier to one of his supporters. But certainly the promise made in this communication is sufficient to guarantee that any reasonable proposition from the Provincial Government will be generally dealt with by Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues. The letter to Mr. Carvell is really a suggestion to Mr. Haas that the Federal Government is prepared to meet New Brunswick half way in the matter of the Valley road. And Mr. Haas if he desires to advance the interests of the province, will without further delay, get into direct communication with Ottawa.

St. John is vitally interested in the construction of this road. Certainly the Valley line must be built some time, and whoever controls it will be in a position to divert to this port a very large portion of the immense traffic which will eventually pass over the National Transcontinental and the Canadian Northern. If a short and direct route to St. John is available, it is inevitable that this city will become the Atlantic terminus of these two new lines as it now is of the C. P. R.—for freight at least. And a roadway of the standard suggested would be easily capable of handling all the business offering over these trunk lines, as well as taking care of the large local business now ready and to be developed.

Mr. Haas may very properly open negotiations direct with Ottawa, looking to the construction of this road by whatever plan may seem advisable.

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Civic elections will be held on April 19th. Citizens have been referring to the contest for the past month. That is, outsiders who have only an impersonal interest display some curiosity as to the outcome four months before the elections are held. It is safe to say that a month earlier the aldermen and other prospective candidates are busily calculating their chances, and in some cases following the very natural course of shaping their conduct to meet the wishes of those whose support they desire.

After the elections are held, it takes the council a month to get in shape for business, to wind up the loose ends left over from the preceding year, and to adjust itself to new conditions. Thus the aldermen are free from the active influence of civic politics for only half their term of office, and it is doubtful if some of them are ever free. Certainly this is not a desirable state of affairs. Surely the honor of being a member of the council is not so great as should make it so to be desired that the strenuous game we sometimes see played is wholly justified. It involves hard work, it incites criticism often of an unpleasant nature, and the remuneration is insignificant. It is not an office which should call for such marked anxiety as is frequently displayed. Nor should any man desire to become a life member of this honorable institution, although this feeling is clearly apparent in some seats. Changes in the make-up of the council at frequent intervals, are beneficial. Veterans in the public service are inclined to grow into the habit of looking upon themselves as the whole thing, an attitude which has a memorializing effect on the organization. They should be willing to retire after a few years, bearing in mind the thought that perhaps, in spite of their own opinions, there are other men just as capable as themselves of conducting civic affairs. Another weakness in our system is the lack of publicity. In provincial and federal politics, wherein the issues are of far less personal importance, we demand from each candidate clear and definite expression of his views on every question of importance involved in the struggle. We insist on pledges of various kinds, and as a rule we expect these promises to be fulfilled. But in civic affairs we are content to conduct the election by the street-corner button-hole method, the voters pledging themselves to support the first man who comes along, without ever seeking to know what he ad-

vocates in advancing the prosperity of the city.

Some of these very apparent weaknesses are hard to overcome. There is a disinclination on the part of our leading men to engage in civic affairs, a natural feeling that their own business should receive first attention. Others dislike the publicity, more believe there is too much criticism, and for one reason or another it is hard to find many candidates to whom the mass of the people will without hesitation entrust the work of the corporation. During the past year there has been less comment on the methods of the council than for a very long time. Several causes have brought about this condition, and without going into details it may be safely said that there will be even less comment on aldermanic policies during the present year. The tendency of the day is to boost instead of knock, and for this good reason the dread of hostile criticism, now entertained by prospective candidates may be eliminated. But our aldermen should be elected on regular civic platforms, and no better suggestion has been made than the plan advocated by Ald. Frink of a series of public meetings at which candidates may be judged by the opinions they express and the ability they display in dealing with the issues of the moment.

FEDERAL HELP FOR VALLEY RAILWAY

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Pledges the Government

Will Operate the Road as Part of I. R. C. if up to Proper Standard—Meetings at Woodstock and Centerville

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 4.—The town hall was the scene of an enthusiastic meeting last evening in the interests of the St. John Valley Railway. Vigorous addresses were delivered and the assurance of assistance from the federal government was received. F. B. Carvell, M. P., announced the policy of the Federal Government. He was opposed to the C. P. R. railway going along the present route. There must be joint supervision over the road by the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

Amid rounds of applause, the message from Sir Wilfrid Laurier was read by Mr. Carvell, Sir Wilfrid in the message expressed his sympathy with the Valley road project. He said that he approved of the terms of the erection of the road. The Federal Government would assist in building the road as a part of the I. R. C. system on the basis of paying over to the province forty per cent. of the gross earnings.

The Dominion Government was open to negotiations and would materially assist in the construction of the road. In a clear speech, Hon. J. E. Fleming defined the local Government's position. He claimed that they were anxious to assist in building the road. Mr. Fleming referred to correspondence on the matter and told of visits of delegations to Ottawa.

Other speakers were George Upham, M. P. G. D. Ireland, Rev. R. G. Fulton and Thomas Neodin. CENTREVILLE, N. B., Feb. 4.—A counting meeting was held here last night when the Valley Road project was taken up. The Board of Trade members turned out in large numbers and the audience was an enthusiastic one. J. W. McCready and John T. Jennings, of Fredericton, were the chief speakers. These gentlemen reviewed the situation from the outset and expressed themselves as well pleased with the present outlook. The subject was treated forcibly and the audience showed its appreciation by frequent applause. Joseph B. Hawker presided at the meeting and made a few introductory remarks.

Addresses were also made by Dr. Hugh Wiley, Rev. J. B. Daggett and others. At the close the following resolution was passed:—

"Therefore resolved, that this board join with the Board of Trade of St. John, Fredericton and Woodstock and other communities along the valley in an organized effort made to impress on our local and federal governments the necessity of immediate action to promote the building of the St. John Valley Railroad."

After a vote of thanks to the speakers the meeting closed with cheers for the Valley Railway project and for the King.

HAVE YOU CHILBLAINS?

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If you are a victim to the itching of chilblains—that intolerable tickling as soon as they get warm, an itchy almost unbearable soreness when they are rubbed—try Zam-Buk. Mrs. F. S. Sargent, of Quebec, says: "For many winters I was troubled with chilblains. I tried first one remedy and then another, but could never get anything but temporary relief from the awful itching and burning. I at last procured a supply of Zam-Buk, and determined to give it a trial. I was so pleased with the result from the first application that I continued with the treatment, and in a short time my chilblains were quite cured." Zam-Buk is equally good for chaps, cold-sores, frost-bites, etc. Mr. B. Zanoli of Dorland, Ont., says: "I had the big toe of my right foot badly frozen. I suffered great pain, and had to have a doctor. He lanced the toe and dressed it, but the pain lasted to be very bad, and for several days I could not walk. I then used Zam-Buk, and the first few dressings gave me great relief. The wound healed up very quickly, and in a very short time the toe was quite right again." All druggists and stores sell Zam-Buk. 25 cents box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

No matter how much it may accomplish, any work which spoils the worker for sane, happy converse with his fellow men, is evil. The man who comes home at night nervous, unfit to be friends with his wife and children, no matter how many luxuries he may shower upon them, is not a good provider. For he is failing to provide them with a more important thing than luxuries—a peaceful home atmosphere. The woman who wears herself out by her devotion to her household cares that she cannot be pleasant and amiable, is acting in a selfish rather than a unselfish way.



The young man and woman who throw themselves into their work with self-exhausting fervor fancy they deserve praise for their ambition, but if they come home at night as so many of them do, unable to be agreeable or profitable housemates, they certainly don't deserve praise at all.

Are you one of these people? If you are it may interest you to know in addition to the indictments I have already brought in that you are taking something that does not belong to you.

You are stealing energy for your work. Doubtless you thought you were accomplishing so much more than your neighbors by your own strength. But you aren't.

You are doing partly out of the forbearance and endurance of the members of your family who have to tolerate you when you come back from your office a nervous wreck.

You don't think so? We'll say you have had a hard day and you go home in such a nervous condition that every sound disturbs you and if someone drops something on the floor or stumbles over the rug you feel personally affronted.

Before you have been in your house half an hour your whole family begins to get into your state of mind.

It is inevitable. No disease is more contagious than nervousness. Your state charges the very atmosphere with nerves.

Now, when you remember such evenings—and there are few over- wrought business men but have them to remember—can you still think that you supplied the energy for your day's work at the office all by yourself, or will you admit that it also cost your family something?

All work beyond what we can do pleasantly and healthily is evil. Some of us are driven by necessity to work beyond our strength and dispositions.

Then the evil is not your fault. With others the driving force is merely ambition.

Then it is our own fault. If you think I put too strongly all this, please listen to what Robert Louis Stevenson, the believer in the gospel of sweet temper, has to say of the man who tries to do more than he can do pleasantly.

"Either he absents himself entirely from all fellowship and lives a recluse in a garret, with carpet slippers and a leaden inkpot, or he comes among people swiftly and bitterly, in contraction of his whole nervous system, to discharge some temper before he returns to work. I do not care how much or how well he works. This is an evil feature in other people's lives. They would be happier if he were dead."

—Robert Cameron

Don't Hesitate

But grasp this rare opportunity. If you want bargains, or to be more exact, if you want footwear of any kind at prices that will actually astonish you, come to

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WILL INVESTIGATE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committee Appointed by Common Council

to Look Into Water Pressure, Hydrants, Fire Engines, Etc

At a meeting of the Common Council held yesterday afternoon a committee consisting of Chief Kerr, City Engineer Murdoch, Ald. Frink and Ald. Vanwart were appointed to investigate concerning the state of the water pressure, hydrants, fire engines, etc.

There was considerable discussion on the matter at the meeting.

Ald. Frink said that at the Marsh Bridge there is a record of 8,000,000 gallons of water a day coming into the city, enough to supply 200,000 people, and if there was a low pressure at the Erin street fire, Engineer Murdoch blamed the engines or plugs.

The piece of lemon on a corn every night for five nights and it will generally cause it to drop out.

Store open till 7 p. m. Friday, February 4th, 1910

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Regular \$2.25 goods at \$1.75

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SPLENDID PERFORMANCE OF

ARIZONA BY COLONIALS

Large Audience Applauded Efforts of Our Own Stock Company to the Limit—

Repeated on Saturday.

The famous western play Arizona was presented at the Opera House last evening by the Colonials in a manner that reflected great credit on every member of the cast. The large audience grew so enthusiastic over the production that repeated curtain calls were demanded at the end of each act and at the close of the performance the house remained seated until the curtain was rung up once more in response to the vigorous applause. The play is one to tax the capabilities of the best of companies but, except for one or two small niches natural in a first performance, it was given with a smoothness and effectiveness that made it a dramatic treat.

Miss Warren in the role of the colonel's wife, did full justice to a difficult part that calls for emotional acting of high character. Myra Cowie, although ill, was delightful in the role of Benita, and received quite an ovation. Mollie Ravel, Helen Reynolds and Miss Laidie all gave capable support in their various parts. Paul W. Hillis as the ranch owner, was a typical westerner and gave a finished performance. Arthur McCloskey, who had a heavy role as Colonel Bonham, did full justice to it. Carl Blythe appeared as Tony and his acting in a role which demanded the interpretation of the fiery Mexican character won rounds of applause. During his engagement here he has become a strong favorite and all night he outsold even the best of his previous performances. Burton Mallory (Saturday) afternoon and evening and crowded houses should be the order at both performances as this is one of the plays that St. John theatre goers should take care not to miss.

The play was admirably staged and the scenic effects and costumes were glowing features of the production. Arizona will be repeated on tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and evening and crowded houses should be the order at both performances as this is one of the plays that St. John theatre goers should take care not to miss.

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DEATHS

ROBINSON—Entered into rest February 3rd, William H. Robinson, in the 87th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, Smithtown, Saturday, at 2.30 p. m., to St. Paul's Church, Lakeside.

JOHNSTON—On February 3rd, Alice Josephine, infant daughter of Andrew M. and Annie G. Johnson, aged 11.

Funeral from her parents' residence, 118 Harrison street, Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

SAUNDERS—On Friday, Feb. 4, Miss Gertrude Saunders, aged 19 years, leaving father, mother, two sisters and one brother to mourn.

Funeral from her father's residence, 315 Duke street, on Sunday, at 2.30 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

Cut Prices Furniture Sale

You cannot afford to miss this annual furniture sale, as the prices have been cut on all kinds of high-class furniture for this sale only. Goods purchased now will be stored free of charge by leaving a deposit. Look below.

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\$20.00 Sideboards now.....42.00
\$40.00 Sideboards now.....41.00
\$35.00 Sideboards now.....27.00
\$18.75 Sideboards now.....14.00
Large stock to select from.

MISSION ROCKERS
\$24.00 Mission Rockers now.....\$17.00
\$25.00 Mission Rockers now.....18.00
\$20.00 Mission Rockers now.....15.00
Mission Secretaries and Mission Dining Room Suites at big discounts.

COBBLER ROCKERS
\$3.50 Cobbler Rockers now.....\$2.35
\$5.50 Cobbler Rockers now.....4.00
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SIMULTANEOUS - EVANGELISTIC - MEETINGS

To the Cooperating Churches in the Simultaneous Campaign, St. John. N. B.:

Dear Brethren—

As Chairman of the twenty-five groups of churches of Boston, co-operating in a similar Evangelistic Campaign a year ago, I would send you the greeting, the assurance and the prayerful good will of the Consolidated Evangelistic Forces of the City of Boston.

We well know that great blessings await you. Your victory will be as great as your faith in the promises of God. A year has passed since the special visitation of Divine Grace upon this city, and its influence is powerful in our churches today.

The evangelistic temper and spirit has marvelously increased faith in Jesus Christ as a Redeeming Saviour, has grown steadily stronger and there are thousands in Boston rejoicing in the great hope and thanking God for the influence of the Evangelistic services which were held. The power of the Divine Spirit to regenerate and transform lives has not lessened with the passing centuries—the Word of God is still the illuminating revelation. The Church of Christ is the Divinely appointed agency to realize the Kingdom of God in the world. With an elimination of personal preference or prejudice, may the Christian people of St. John unitedly invest themselves, their whole influence, their spiritual enthusiasm in this great movement, and may a great multitude enter upon the way of life eternal.

Yours in Christian Service,

A. J. Leonard

Pastor Park Street Church, Boston.

The Meetings Begin next Monday

The Lighter Side of Life

FOLLOW EDITORIAL THREE SHIPS.

I saw three ships come sailing by, Come sailing by, come sailing by, I saw three ships come sailing by, New Year's Day in the morning.

And what do you think was in them then, Wasn't them then, was in them then? And what do you think was in them then, New Year's Day in the morning?

Three pretty girls were in them then, Were in them then, were in them then, Three pretty girls were in them then, New Year's Day in the morning.

One could whistle, and another could sing, And another could play on the violin, Oh, which one then would you like to have been, New Year's Day in the morning?

OTHERWISE ENGAGED.

Rev. Howler—I haven't seen your husband at church recently, Mrs. Briggs—what is he doing?

Mrs. Briggs—He's doing 'six months' here.

HIS WAS TERSE

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Applicant—Seven years.

Employer—What were you doing there?

Applicant—Seven years.

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AND IT DID.

"Roll on, thou mighty ocean!"—The poet wrote his song. Ah, well, the bard has had his way. For ever since that fateful day The ocean has, in ceaseless play, Been rolling right along!

The Musician (at Wise's musicale)—The piano is very much out of tune, Mr. Wise—Play something from Wagner and they won't notice it.

Mrs. Johnston—Oh, professor, I wonder what I could do to improve my daughter's voice? Distinguished Professor of Music—Well, I am sure I do not know, unless you try feeding her on canary seed.