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A LARGER AND BETTER CAMPBELLTON

In the course of a conference between Hon. Dr. Pugsley, minister of Public Works and the Relief Committee that gentlemen made some important statements.

In reference to the rebuilding of the Post Office and Custom House he stated that when the department rebuilt, which would be at once, the new building would be much larger than the old as the department intended to build for a larger and better Campbellton.

He also made the same statement in reference to the I. C. R. Already the various departments are preparing plans for the rebuilding of the station, machine shops and round house.

With the International and Atlantic, Quebec and Western railways nearing completion, and the plans for the erection of the railway and passenger bridge over the Restigouche at Campbellton well under way an important link between Gaspé and Boston will be closed and this will make Campbellton an important railway centre, as well as the business centre

for a very large territory. Already many merchants are planning the erection of large brick and cement buildings and before long Campbellton will be rebuilding in a more permanent and up-to-date manner.

THE I. C. R. WORKS

About a year ago the Campbellton Board of trade endeavored to convince the I. C. R. management that the various departments here were greatly crowded and that it would be advisable to make important changes in the lay out of the different departments. At that time the Board of Management stated that too large an expenditure would be involved, and that the present facilities would suffice for a few years.

Now that all these buildings have been swept away the time would be opportune to again bring the matter to the attention of the Board and endeavor to have matters laid out in a more advantageous manner. This is a matter which should be taken up immediately.

side over the present crisis. Some time ago when the fire occurred at Fernie the federal government came to the conclusion that while they might properly aid in the case of disasters outside Canada, in the case of fires occurring in the cities and towns within the country, that was a matter which ought rather to be attended to by provincial and municipal authorities and by private subscriptions.

"It is not long since the town of Fernie, situated in the Rockies, was completely destroyed. The federal government was asked for aid but no aid was given. Later on the city of Three Rivers was almost totally destroyed. The government was appealed to in that case but refused aid, and in that case the government of Quebec guaranteed bonds and interest to the extent of \$400,000. The town of Burke's Falls in Ontario was also destroyed but no aid was given. Under these circumstances I do not feel today that I could make any promise to you.

"I want to be frank with you and to point out the difficulty, but it has occurred to me, and I brought the matter before the council at Ottawa, and urged upon my colleagues that possibly in view of Campbellton being a most important town on the Intercolonial it was possible that a different view might be taken. In the absence of the prime minister I am not able to say whether a difference in principle could be established in the case of Campbellton.

"What I would rather suggest to you would be this, that you see what the provincial government is willing to do and I would be most happy to meet with my colleagues, at once, those who are in Ottawa, and if it is

at all possible to meet your views I can assure you that nothing in the world would give me greater happiness. The hearts of the government go out to you in your terrible calamity and if it is possible to get over the precedent established, the government will be only too happy to ask parliament to meet your wishes."

MR. HAZEN'S VISIT.

Premier Hazen and Governor Tweedie arrived here Friday evening on the Ocean Limited, with Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Judge McLatchy and Mr. George G. McKenzie of the local relief committee. On the train they discussed the relief committee's request that \$126,000 be contributed to put the town on a running basis as well as paying interest on bonds for fifteen years. On leaving the train at Campbellton Premier Hazen

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HON. MR. PUGSLEY AT CAMPBELLTON

Assures People That Town Will Remain Divisional Point of I. C. R.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

"Such a calamity was never before heard of in the history of Canada," was the remark made by Dr. Pugsley, after viewing the scenes of desolation and destruction. Many pitiable sights were brought to his notice, among which were the sufferings which are being endured in the tenement city, sufferings which were greatly intensified as a result of a continual down-pour of rain.

So impressed was the minister with the situation and the necessity of prompt action that he advised the relief committee to have Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie and Premier Hazen brought to the scene at once, stating that he would cancel all previous engagements and remain over. The governor and premier, who were notified to this effect, wired back that they would be on hand for a meeting.

At 2.30 o'clock a formal meeting was held, at which Judge McLatchy addressed the minister on behalf of the townspeople. The judge gave an account of the money which would be required in order to put the town on a running basis. The following is a list of present requirements as given out by his honor:

Electric light, including purchase of site of land	\$50,000
Water and Sewerage	5,500
Fire apparatus	10,000
Erection of civic buildings	12,000
Running expenses of town for one year	10,000
Interest on bonds	12,920
Overdraft in Bank of Nova Scotia	12,419
Schools	10,000
Streets	10,000
Total	\$132,839
Less insurance	\$6,800

Balance \$126,039 The latter is the amount which is required, the judge said, in order to place the town on a running basis. In addition to this the people of Campbellton expected the Dominion and provincial governments to pay the interest on their bonded indebtedness for fifteen years.

DR. PUGSLEY'S REPLY.

In response, Dr. Pugsley made the following remarks, in which he frankly stated how the dominion government stood in respect to their requests.

"There are some things which I may state to you which I feel sure will be satisfactory. As to what further we may be able to do, I will explain the situation; and can assure you that it will afford me the very greatest pleasure if I can succeed in meeting your wishes. I recognize

the great calamity—an unprecedented calamity that has fallen upon one of the most prosperous towns in Canada, and whatever can reasonably be done to enable this town to resume its former prosperity will be arranged.

"I heard of your fire when I was in Winnipeg, and it was only Monday that I arrived back in Ottawa. One of the first things I had in mind was the reconstruction of our public buildings and the reconstruction of the station and shops in connection with the Intercolonial railway. I at once saw the deputy minister of railways, who is the chairman of the board of management, and I learned that there had been an expression of opinion by some of the members of the board of management that it might be desirable to make the divisional point at some other place than Campbellton in order to even up the length of divisions.

"I thought it would be a very great mistake to change the divisional point and I pointed out the advantages of the position of this town; that there were vested interests here which had grown up, and that it would be a very great injustice to the people if any change would take place, and I mentioned that Mr. Reid would not stand for that a single moment.

"After some consultations the deputy minister told me that they would fix upon Campbellton as the divisional point, and he authorized me to say that in a public way to the people of Campbellton. I find that there are 75 shop men in Campbellton there are 72 engine men who make this their headquarters; 185 trainmen who pass through here; 50 station and track men totaling 382. Of these, 98 had their homes here, so you will realize that this is a very important matter for Campbellton.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE REBUILT AT ONCE.

"In regard to the moneys required for the building of shops, I took the matter up yesterday at a meeting of the council, at which the prime minister was, of course, unable to be present, but a very full meeting of the council authorized me to say that they would approve of the issue of a governor general's warrant for the purpose of engaging almost immediately upon the reconstruction of the railway station and shops. The deputy minister told me that within a very few weeks the work of reconstruction would be commenced.

"In regard to the reconstruction of the post office and custom office, a governor general's warrant will be issued for the construction of a handsome building, suitable not only to what the town had been in the past, but what I believe it will be again.

"In regard to the necessity of engaging upon facilities for business in your harbor, the accommodation is not sufficient. At the last session I asked for an appropriation for an additional wharf, and I instructed the resident engineer to prepare plans immediately.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

"In regard to the question laid before me by Judge McLatchy in which he has asked on your behalf that the federal government should make a contribution to enable you to

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