

VALLEY RAILWAY WORK TO BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY IF DOMINION GIVES SUBSIDY

Hon. J. K. Flemming Announces Contract is Ready for Signature Between Provincial Government and Responsible Company, Willing to Undertake Construction of Road as Soon as Federal Subsidy is Assured.

A Plain Letter from Acting Premier to Pugsley Puts Proposition Straight up to Dominion Government--If New Brunswick Does not get Much Needed Railway Pugsley and his Colleagues will Alone be Responsible.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

A contract between the Provincial Government and the St. John & Quebec Railway Company for the construction of the St. John Valley Railway is ready for signature.

The railway will be a first-class road running from the city of St. John to the International boundary in the parish of Andover, thence across the State of Maine and extending through Quebec province to the city of Quebec.

The railway will give the valley counties direct connection with all the trunk systems in Canada, and will give additional facilities for the winter pot trade of the city of St. John.

The distance from Quebec to St. John by this route will be 100 miles shorter than via the Transcontinental to Grand Falls, and down the St. John Valley, and nearly 300 shorter than via the I. C. R.

The contract calls for the completion of the road from the International boundary to Woodstock by July 1, 1912; to Fredericton by July 1, 1913, and to St. John by July 1, 1914. The road will be operated by steam power.

The St. John & Quebec Railway Company have made financial arrangements satisfactory to the Provincial Government. The contract will be signed and construction work started in New Brunswick and through the State of Maine immediately the Hon. William Pugsley gives an assurance that the usual Federal subsidy of \$6,400 a mile will be available.

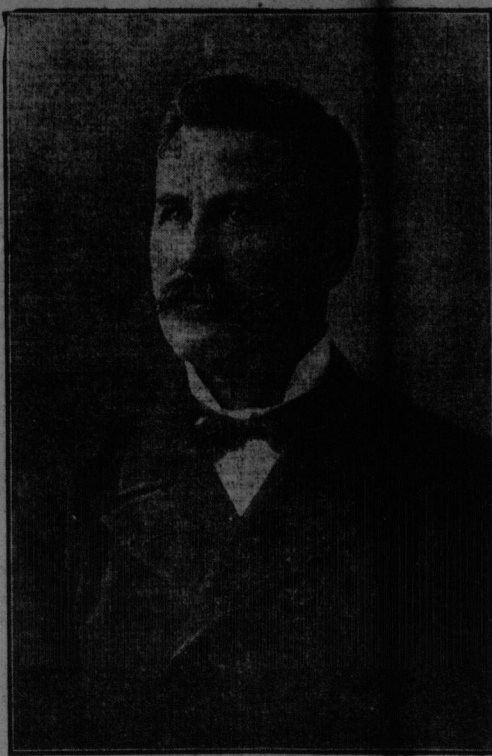
The decision whether or not the people in the St. John Valley counties shall have a railway now rests with the Dominion Government. A contract for the construction of a first-class road from St. John to the International boundary in the parish of Andover, extending thence across the State of Maine to the city of Quebec is ready for the signatures of representatives of the Provincial Government and the Quebec & St. John Railway Company.

Plans and specifications have been prepared and agreed to by the Provincial Government. The financial backing which the company have secured has been investigated and found to be satisfactory. As the result of the negotiations, the Hazen Government are in a position today to place a definite proposition before the people, not only giving a line of railway but through communication between the city of St. John and Quebec by a route 100 miles shorter than via Grand Falls and the Transcontinental, nearly 300 miles shorter than over the I. C. R., and affording direct communication with all the trunk line systems in Canada.

The importance of the project to this section of the province may be gathered from the fact that the following cities, towns and villages lie on the route of the proposed Valley Railway: Centreville, Lakeville and Woodstock in Carleton Co.; Meductic and Fredericton in York Co.; Oromocto in Sunbury Co.; Upper Gagetown, and Gagetown in Queens Co.; Kingston and Rothesay in Kings Co.; Renfrew, Torryburn, Brookville and St. John in St. John County.

Hon. J. K. Flemming in the following letter to Mr. Pugsley, places the situation plainly before the Minister of Public Works, and asks on behalf of the Provincial Government for assurances that the Dominion subsidy will be granted. In previous correspondence Mr. Pugsley raised objections to amending the Act providing for a subsidy to Grand Falls, on the ground that he had not sufficient information. Mr. Flemming in reviewing the situation points out that Mr. Gould, president of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, has supplied Mr. Pugsley with all the information he asked for including the fact that the road will be operated by steam and will be up to the standard required in the Provincial Act.

Mr. Flemming also points out that the standard of construction demanded by the Dominion Government for a railway from St. John to Grand Falls has rendered that plan impracticable. After referring to the many advantages of the proposed shorter route and to Mr. Pugsley's endorsement of it in the House of Assembly in 1907, he reviews the conditions of the contract showing how the interests of the province are safeguarded.



HON. J. K. FLEMMING.

In conclusion Mr. Flemming suggests that if Mr. Pugsley thinks it necessary, a delegation of the Government or the officers of the company, or both, will consult with him and discuss the matter, believing that on further consideration Mr. Pugsley will gladly give the necessary assurance as to the payment of the subsidy and "the hearts of our people in New Brunswick," he adds, "will be made glad by seeing the St. John Valley Railway actually under construction."

The text of Mr. Flemming's letter is as follows:--

Hartland, N. B., May 25, 1911.

Sir,--I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favors of the 18th and 19th inst. re subsidy for the St. John Valley Railway.

I am much surprised and regret that you reached the conclusion that you could not, with the information before you, favorably recommend the request made by a delegation of the Provincial Government to you, put in writing at your request, and under date of the 28th ult., asking for subsidy to the St. John Valley Railway if constructed under Part 3 of the Act of last year.

I am disposed to think that the press of work, which no doubt during the past few weeks has been very great, has been such that you have been unable to give the application as mature consideration as you otherwise would, and that had you been able to do so your decision would have been different.

I note you express surprise that instead of giving you information asked for in your favor of May 4th, I enclosed you a communication from Mr. Gould, President of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. I may say that I did this because it was conveying exactly the information you asked for, and the information was coming direct from the responsible head of the Railway Company. I can readily understand that had I stated to you that the company intended to do thus and so, you might very properly have asked me for a statement of the company's intentions over the signature of an officer of the company.

If you refer to your letter of May 4th you will see that you asked first for information as to the location of the road and if we could submit plans, etc., of the same. You then asked for specific information as to whether the road would be operated by electricity or steam, and in conclusion you asked what arrangements the company had made for constructing the proposed line across the State of Maine.

In Mr. Gould's letter, which I enclosed to you with my letter of the 16th inst., he complied with each request, excepting that as to plans, and I intimated to you in my letter that we had plans and profile prepared for the entire length of the road, which whenever you wished we would be glad to take to Ottawa and submit to you for your inspection and consideration.

Mr. Gould states his intention to build the railway from St. John through the St. John valley to the International boundary. He gives you the information that his arrangements are completed for construction across Maine; that the road will be operated by steam, and will be up to the standard provided for in Part 3 of our Act; yet in your favor to me you say that you are "unable to find anything in his (Gould's) letter which would justify you granting the subsidy." I must say in all frankness that I cannot see how you could "justify" a refusal of the subsidy for this railway.

The greater portion of your letter deals with the project of constructing the railway from St. John to Grand Falls on the plan proposed by the Provincial Government, some two years ago. While the Federal Government, of

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SWINDLERS IN WIRELESS ARE SENT TO JAIL

President of U. S. Wireless Telegraph Co., and Four Associates, Convicted of Using the Mails to Defraud.

New York, May 29.--Christopher Columbus Wilson, president of United Wireless Telegraph Company, and four of his associates were convicted in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court today of fraudulent use of the United States mails to solicit subscriptions to wireless stock.

The sentences which Judge Martin immediately imposed were: Wilson three years; George H. Parker and F. X. Butler, two years each in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta.

W. A. Dibol and W. W. Tompkins, one year each in some New York penitentiary. Following a sensational charge by U. S. District Attorney Henry A. Wise, that one of the jurors had been approached late Sunday night in the interests of the defendants with the offer of a bribe, "Even if it ran into five figures" and the district attorney's characterization of the convicted men as "desperate prisoners who would flee the jurisdiction of the court if admitted to bail" he committed the five men to the Tombs prison on tonight under a ten day stay of sentence so that they might, if they desired, carry the case to the circuit court of appeals.

In summing up the case at the conclusion today of a five weeks' trial the district attorney declared that only \$700,000 out of the \$2,000,000 profit out of the United Wireless Company went into the treasury of the company.

The sentences which Judge Martin imposed include in addition to prison sentences, the costs of trial which amount to over \$50,000.

GERMANY AND U.S. IN TREATY

Kaiser's Kingdom Ready to Enter Negotiations for General Arbitration Similar to Great Britain.

Washington, D. C., May 29.--Germany today expressed her willingness to enter into negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty along the lines in the tentative draft of the proposal now in the hands of Great Britain and France. The German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, conveyed this information to the secretary of state and asked for a copy of the basic proposition.

MONCTON CHASING FOR BIG INDUSTRY

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 29.--The finance committee of the city council tonight decided to limit the bond issue at present to \$125,000 as it is estimated not more than \$100,000 will be spent on the new reservoir this year. The balance will be required for another station and for permanent sidewalks.

TEN YEARS FOR AN ASSAULT ON WOMAN

Quebec, Ont., May 29.--Fatey Canfield was sentenced to ten years in Kingston by Judge Chadwick this morning for assaulting and occasioning bodily harm to Mrs. James Kough, in the outskirts of the city a week ago. Canfield has a bad record. He served a term in the Central Prison for assaulting a little girl and a term in Kingston for causing the death of his father.

A MURDEROUS FARM HAND.

Pawnee City, Neb., May 29.--J. A. McVittie, his wife and two children were shot and killed and a third child dangerously wounded in their beds early today by Jim Filder a farm hand who has been working for McVittie. Filder later shot and killed himself after shooting Sheriff Fuller three times and seriously wounding him.

THE VETO BILL.

London, May 29.--The government's veto bill passed its second reading in the House of Lords today without division.

MR. FIELDING GOES TO TALK THEM INTO IT?

He Leaves for England at Once--Has Sir Wilfrid Sent for Him to Explain the Reciprocity Deal?

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 29.--Mr. Fielding's sudden departure for London is the dramatic surprise of the political situation here. He was to have left today for Chester, Nova Scotia, to take part in the provincial elections, but cancelled all arrangements suddenly and booked his passage for England on the Royal George sailing from Quebec on Thursday.

It is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier cabled to Fielding to come at once, and the only conjecture is that Laurier, finding British sentiment strongly against reciprocity, and knowing very little about the agreement himself, has sent for Fielding to try and explain to the public in the Mother Country the real meaning for the Fielding-Taft pact.

It is reported here tonight that S. N. Parent, chairman of the Transcontinental commission will succeed Mr. Brodeur as minister of marine and fisheries immediately when Mr. Brodeur returns from England. Mr. Brodeur is slated for a Coronation knighthood and will go to the supreme court bench to succeed the late Judge Girouard. Mr. Parent will run for Rouville county.

SHOT DEAD BY A CRAZY MAN

Toronto has a Street Murder in which Crime was Committed by Lunatic with Fancied Grievance.

Toronto, May 29.--James Loughheed, 63 Laplante Ave., was fatally shot this morning at the corner of Laplante Ave. and Haver street, by Joseph Jessamine, the elevator operator, at the Toronto general postoffice. Jessamine has been under a delusion for some time that Loughheed had done something to some relative of his and this morning he lay in wait for him on the street. He fired four bullets all of which took effect.

Jessamine has been acting strangely for some time and his friends have thought something was wrong with him.

T. C. Robinette, who will defend him on the charge of murder, will plead insanity and claims that both of Jessamine's hands are covered with sores where he had been biting himself.

Mrs. Jessamine, wife of the murderer states that she knew her husband and Loughheed had been bad friends for over a year.

"I did it all right, all right," said the man who had fired the shots. "And I don't care what happens. The scoundrel ruined me."

RECIPROCITY MAY LOSE IN SENATE

U. S. Senate Committee Told That Northwestern Farmers are not in Favor of the Proposed Arrangement.

Washington, D. C., May 29.--Hearings on Canadian reciprocity before the senate finance committee will be completed it is expected by Wednesday or Thursday. Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee, said today that he thought the committee would be ready to report the bill to the senate by the latter part of this or the early part of next week. He added that he hoped to see it reported without amendment.

Representatives of the farming interests of South Dakota who spent Friday and Saturday in opposing the bill, continued today. The farmers of the northwest almost to a man were, they declared, opposed to the bill.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Ottawa, May 29.--A large containing two hundred tons of hay in tow of a tug was coming down the Rideau canal when the swell from a pleasure yacht upset it. The crew had a narrow escape and the hay filled the canal where the accident occurred.

ANOTHER SIGN OF EARLY ELECTION.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 29.--The night shift has been put at work at the printing bureau for the purpose of getting out the voters list. This is one of the most reliable signs of an impending election.

ANOTHER BIG TRUST GETS A SEVERE JOLT

United States Supreme Court Smashes the Tobacco Trust--American Tobacco Co. Must Dissolve in Six Months

Washington, D.C., May 29.--Another of the big trusts was smashed today, when the supreme court of the United States ordered the dissolution of the combination known as the American Tobacco Company with its associates, the Imperial and the British American Tobacco Company, so far as they do business between the various states of the American union. The decision was rendered by Chief Justice White and called forth a dissent from Justice Harlan, whose reasoning is that so long as there is restraint of trade in any degree, the statute is violated, while the majority hold that only reasonable restraint is meant by the statute. The decision is summarized in a statement issued this evening by Attorney General Wickensham, commending the judgment of the court as follows:

"The decision in the tobacco case in the most comprehensive and sweeping manner, sustains the position taken by the government with respect to the decree below. It reverses the action of the circuit court in dismissing from the bill the individual defendants, the British-American Tobacco Co. Ltd., the Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd., and the United Cigar Stores Co., holding that they are all parties to the unlawful combination which is condemned by the decree.

"The court holds that the history of the tobacco combination is so replete with the doing of acts which it was the purpose of the statute to forbid, so demonstrative of the existence from the beginning of a purpose to acquire dominion and control of the tobacco trade, and by the mere exertion of the ordinary right to contract and to trade, but by methods devised in order to monopolize the trade by the defendant companies, that the business which were ruthlessly carried out upon the assumption that to work upon the fears or to play upon the cupidities of competitors would make success possible.

"Holding, therefore, that the combination as a whole, and all its co-operating and assisting parts, as whatever form clothed, constitutes a restraint of the trade within the first section of the Sherman act, the court remands the case to the circuit in New York for the appointment of working out some plan of disintegration of the combination which will re-create a new condition which shall be honestly in harmony with and not repugnant to the law."

"It gives the defendants six months within which to work out that result with the right in the circuit court to extend that time two months if it shall seem to it proper, and provides that during this period each and all of the defendants, individuals as well as corporations, shall be enjoined from doing any act which might further extend or enlarge the power of the combination, or by the appointment of a receiver of the entire combination to give effect to the requirements of the statute."

SACKVILLE GRADS. GUESTS AT DINNER

A Pleasant Function in Mount Allison, Last Night--Interesting Toast List and Eloquent Responses.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, May 29.--In the university dining room tonight at 10 o'clock the annual banquet to the graduating class was given by the undergraduates and proved to be a most pleasing function. After the menu had been discussed the following toast list was carried out: The King, proposed by F. M. Smith; The Graduating Class, proposed by Arthur Dyer, response, W. A. Pickup; The Ladies, proposed by George W. Beck, response, C. G. McDougall; The Alumni, W. E. Ruggles, response, Judge McKeown and R. Trites; The Faculties and Institutions, A. J. Gould, response, Ernest Baines; Our Societies, G. R. Atkinson, response, Fletcher Peacock, William Grimes and W. F. Ferguson; Our Next Merry Meeting, proposed by Fraser Bond, response R. F. Hartley.

BIG STORM IN ONTARIO.

Ottawa, May 29.--A heavy wind storm last night wrought havoc in the vicinity of Carleton Place. The path of the storm was narrow but many buildings in its course were destroyed and trees uprooted. No personal injury or loss of life occurred.

BRITISH AUTHOR DEAD.

London, May 29.--Sir Wm. Schwenck Gilbert, the British author, died here this afternoon. He was born in 1836, and was knighted by King Edward in 1907.