

VALLEY RAILWAY IS ENJOINED TO FIGHT INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES

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presented by the railway, and every mile of the territory covered was inhabited by 50 farmers. The production of the soil, already large, would be multiplied by three by the railway. If the I. C. R. could ever be made a paying proposition it would be by using the short haul of the St. John Valley railway from Riverton to Loup.

He closed by offering free right of way through his 300 acre farm and \$100 bonus for taking the railway across his property.

Mr. John R. Dyer, seconded the resolution. The railway would open a section he said that had no peer in the northwest.

Mr. J. W. Carpenter said the want of the railway was recognized for years. His father had been disappointed when the I. C. R. was sent around the North shore. He was satisfied that the provincial government would aid the railway if the proper representations were made.

Mayor Chestnut of Fredericton fully assured that Gagetown was fairly aroused over the project as was Fredericton and Carleton county.

The railway would reach 120,000 people and the St. John Valley Railway Company of which he was president had satisfied themselves by comparison that the road would pay.

A telegram from Mr. J. B. Belyea, of St. John, sympathizing with the movement was read.

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W. S. Tompkins of Medicine Hat was the next speaker. He congratulated the electors on their representatives in the local legislature who had the courage to take a stand and said if there were many like them the people would ride on the railway in a few years.

There had been too much politics and not enough railway. In Carleton county party politics had been laid aside, county boards of trade had been organized and everything inimical to the public platform was kept out of the public meeting.

Members of the Carleton county Board of Trade were talking of dictating to the politicians, and this sounded like a railway. The present agitation had its origin in the office of the county's representative at Fredericton, who had the courage to stand on the public platform and say the Valley Railway is my policy.

H. W. Woods, M.P.P., was the next speaker. The meeting was non-political, he said, and the agitation was not an election cry. The government was not idle in the matter. He was in touch with the executive and knew that the plan was being considered, but it was not advisable to give it all out at the present time.

The offer made by the provincial government to pay over 40 per cent of the earnings would mean that the province would go behind \$120,000 a year. The interest on the \$5,000,000 of bonds was \$200,000 and the percentage of the receipts was only 120 miles, about the same distance as from McGivney Junction to Moncton. He pledged his whole sympathy to wards procuring the railway.

Mr. H. R. Slipp.

Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P., said that from the first he had insisted that political partisanship should have nothing to do with the project. The scheme had well advanced last session before the chief offenders, the press, had entered the controversy and much of the progress had been retarded by the animosity aroused by the newspapers. People behind encouraged the representations and forced the hand of the government. He wanted to have a meeting in every village along the route and to see the people determined that the road should be built. It was known that the powers that be realized that the people would not stand for party but for the valley railway. He asked the press to assist in waking up the city of St. John to the importance of working for the matter. He suggested that the county council pass a resolution in favor of the scheme.

Sherman Peters moved that copies of the resolution be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Hon. Mr. Graham, Premier Hagen, Col. H. H. McLeod, Sir, H. W. Woods and Mr. A. R. Slipp.

On motion of Mr. S. L. Peters a committee for the parishes of Gagetown, Carleton Place, and Wickham were appointed to prepare a matter upon the proper authorities.

The meeting closed with God Save the King and cheers for the King and the railway.

It is probable that at a meeting of the Queens county municipal council now in session a resolution will be passed tomorrow urging the necessity of the road.

TRUE BILL FOUND IN SCHOOL BOY CASE

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Municipal Council At Quarterly Meeting Yesterday Unanimously Passed Resolution Asking For Legislation To Curtail Company's Power—Rates Of Assessment For Parishes Fixed—Dr. F. M. Curren, Hospital Commissioner.

At the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Council yesterday afternoon, in the Court House, the rate of assessment for the different parishes was fixed as follows: Lancaster, 20 cents; Musquash, 20 cents; St. Martin's, 25 cents; and Simonds 20 cents. The estimates amounted to \$111,254.08.

A resolution asking the Provincial Government to amend the telephone companies act so that no increase in the tolls might be made without the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council was passed unanimously. A communication from the Moncton Board of Trade containing a resolution in favor of the appointment of a provincial board to look after some of the chief roads in the province, was referred to the finance committee.

After some discussion it was decided not to pay the members of the highway board for their services. The members of the board were granted an increase of \$5 per month. A motion to increase the salary of Geo. R. Vincent, the county secretary, by \$500, was defeated.

Coun. L. M. Curren, M.D., was elected a hospital commissioner. Mr. Ed. C. Elkin, the warden, presented a report on the hospital. T. H. Bullock, Jas. H. Frink, J. King, Kelley, J. B. M. Baxter, Wm. Lewis, James Sproul, J. P. Belyea, Wm. A. Christie, H. E. Collier, J. McGoldrick, I. W. Holder, Wm. E. Scully, F. I. Potts, A. O. H. Wilson, of the city; Coun. Wm. Fox, L. M. Curren and W. P. Barnhill of Lancaster; Coun. J. M. Donovan, Fred K. Adams and Robt. G. Stewart of Simonds; Fred. M. Cochrane, C. Fred. Black and R. Connelly of St. Martin's, and J. K. Crossland and Wm. J. Dean of Musquash.

The New City Hall.

The county secretary read the report of the committee appointed to consider the erection of a new city hall. The committee asked that \$200 be placed at their disposal for preliminary investigation and the procuring of rough plans.

The report was adopted on motion of Coun. Holder seconded by Coun. Scully.

The report of Coun. Lewis with regard to the hospital labor committee and gave me a free hand with the work after my promise to be careful of the expense. The men have been supplied with socks, mittens and overalls, the bills for the same being all paid.

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Mr. Curren favored the free service. It was impossible to be fully remunerated for the work and he thought it would be better if the members of the board did the work free.

Councillor Cochrane agreed with Councillor Curren. They were elected to represent the people and any money that should come to them would come from the people.

Councillor Baxter said it was opposed to the highway board receiving a salary.

Councillor Baxter's motion that no remuneration be fixed was carried.

Exemption from Taxation.

Councillor Baxter brought up a resolution that was passed last year that a bill be prepared to exempt the Canada Wooden Ware Company from taxation for fifty years. Councillor Lowndes had given land to the company to settle on, and the bill was made to read so that Mr. Lowndes would not be taxed on the land that he had conditionally handed over to the company.

A letter was read from J. W. McCord, secretary of the new Brunswick Union of Municipalities, asking if the local municipal council wished to submit any subjects for discussion at the 20th annual meeting.

Councillor Bullock moved that Councillor Cochrane be a delegate to the conference.

The motion was carried.

A communication was read from the Board of Trade of Moncton containing a resolution passed by them asking that some of the main highways in the province be taken out of the hands of the local highway boards and placed under a provincial board.

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The appointment of a hospital commissioner to take the place of the late Dr. A. W. MacTavish was next taken up.

Councillor McGoldrick nominated Ald. Likely. Councillor Potts nominated Dr. Curren, and Councillor Fox nominated Mr. Curran. This set the council for Morse to thinking and brought forth reports that his release would be sought with this as the basis of the plan.

In his announcement tonight, however, the United States District Attorney said that there was no accountancy in the case, and that the indictment against Morse was being drawn.

Telephone Rates.

Councillor Cochrane read the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Donovan:

Resolved, that the Local Government be memorialized to amend the act 7, Ed. VII, cap. 37: "An act respecting telephone companies," so as to provide that telephone rates and tolls may not be increased above present rates, and tolls, without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and upon hearing all parties who may desire to oppose such increase, and that such memorial be prepared by the Bills and By-Laws Committee and report to this council.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Roakes asked the privilege of filling the road from Drury Cove to the Marsh Road so as to relieve the grade. He could do the filling for practically no expense.

Councillor Baxter said it was not a matter for the council, but for the parish highway board. He would like to hear some explanation from the board.

Councillor Donovan said there was a house that prevented the road from being raised. If it was raised, the house would be flooded in rainy weather.

The matter was left with the Simonds highway board.

Councillor Donovan moved that the two turnkeys get \$5 a month a piece increase.

Councillor Barnhill seconded the motion.

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Plank No. 10—A plebiscite on prohibition. The government gave it. Then, he reverted to the tariff reduction plank and at great length defended the course of the government, arguing that it had instituted a tariff for revenue. The Conservatives laughed and cheered and interrupted Mr. Patterson got very testy and complained that he was being interrupted in a way that broke up his arguments.

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Expert Protests Anti-Gambling Bill

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Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The special committee charged with investigating Mr. H. H. Miller's anti-race track gambling bill, met this morning and this evening. Mr. John H. Moss, K.C., representing the horse breeders of Canada, called as witness Dr. Rutherford, veterinary general of the Dominion.

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