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## WILL HARTLAND BE ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY?

An Intirely new Project that Looks  
Good at First Sight.

If the latest railway scheme put forward by some of the promoters of the Hartland & Miramichi railway materializes Hartland will be on the direct line of the Valley road. This will be good for Hartland. It will also make a trunk line of the road to the Miramichi.

The scheme as set forth to the OBSERVER is this: That the Valley road be built from St. John to Woodstock via the surveyed route; that it continue up the bank of the river to a point opposite Hartland, cross the river here and proceed to a point, Sparkle, for instance, on the G. T. P. To serve the western portion of the county a branch from Woodstock to Centreville is contemplated. On the face of it that looks very good. It should satisfy every need of the advocates of both roads.

The promoters say there is no need for a road running north of Centreville except for the purposes of getting connection with the Transcontinental. The distance from Woodstock to Grand Falls by the last survey is 74 miles. The mileage required to serve the wants of those who demand a road through the section is only about 20. By the latest proposal the route to G.T.P. connection covers 48 miles from Woodstock. Thus from Woodstock to Sparkle on the G. T. P. is 26 miles shorter than from Woodstock to Grand Falls. About 22 miles is the distance of Centreville from Woodstock.

Hence it may be readily seen that the mileage of the St. John-Grand Falls route would be more than sufficient to answer all demands for the Valley as well as that of the Miramichi road.

Think the matter over, gentlemen.

The scheme at first glance seems feasible and quite the correct arrangement, especially where every mile of the route traverses country isolated by the lack of it.

But there may be difficulties in the way not visible on the surface. A colored gentleman may be lurking in the timber.

There is, however, the certainty that much more will be heard on the subject.

## Views on Reciprocity.

While opponents of reciprocity are endeavoring to show that it will be of no benefit even to the farmers of New Brunswick, opponents of the proposed agreement in Aroostook are vigorously protesting that the State of Maine will be seriously injured. It will be asked, how? The Bangor Commercial learns from a prominent man from Aroostook that ratification of the agreement would result in hundreds and perhaps thousands of Aroostook farmers moving across the border into Canada where they could obtain good farms at prices far less than those paid in Aroostook county. If this view is correct New Brunswick surely will benefit. It has been claimed the Ontario fruit growers are opposed to the agreement, but it is significant that a convention of the liberals of Monck, held on Monday, a resolution was passed expressing admiration and confidence in Sir Wilfred Laurier and his government, unqualified approval of the reciprocity agreement and confidence that if consummated it will be a great benefit to Canada, and is wisely intended to produce the greatest good to the greatest number of

Canadian people. One-third of the delegates at this convention are described as fruit growers on a large scale.—St. John Globe.

## Do You Want Reciprocity?

The other day S. N. Estabrooks of Rockland, the veteran sheep buyer, expressed to the OBSERVER his views on Reciprocity. Incidentally he mentioned some facts that are potent and conclusive in support of the new tariff pact. Mr. Estabrooks stated that when the McKinley Bill went into force in 1889 he was associated with the late Joseph McGee in the purchase of lambs for one Samuel Copp of York, Me., who is remembered as a great buyer of such stock. The McKinley Bill went in force in the height of the season and Estabrooks and McGee bought no more lambs that year. The high tariff ended their business. The next year, the year after the notable tariff became law, Mr. Copp again appeared on the scene, knowing that the farmers of Carleton county could not have disposed of all their productive ewes, and arrangements were made with Estabrooks and McGee for doing business that season. The farmers that year received just 75 cents per head—the amount of the American duty—just 75 cents LESS per head for their sheep and lambs than the year before.

At the close of this season Mr. Copp told Mr. Estabrooks that he had paid \$2,600.00 duty on the lambs he had bought from him; while from the whole of his business in Carleton county he had paid the small fortune of \$8,000.00 duty to the American government; \$8,000.00 less to the sheep raisers of Carleton county.

Recently a Commission from Ottawa toured the country to ascertain why sheep husbandry was not more extensively carried on. Is not this a plain answer?

The present duty on lambs going into the United States is 75 cents a head.

If the new tariff agreement takes effect the duty will be reduced to nothing.

If the new tariff agreement becomes law Carleton county farmers will get 75 cents a head more for their lambs. Will you, Mr. Farmer, for fear of injuring British connection, your own sense of loyalty, or for fear of fostering an annexation movement, refuse the 75 cents?

## Sunday School Work.

Sunday School workers will please remember the following appointments to be filled by Rev. W. A. Ross, travelling secretary for the N. B. and P. E. I. Sunday School Association.

Sunday, March 5. Service McKenzie Corner, 11 a. m., Kirkland, 3 p. m., Debec, 7.30 p. m.

Monday, March 6. Richmond Parish Convention—Debec, 2.30 and 7.30.

Tuesday, March 7. Northampton Parish Convention, Methodist church, Ferryville, 2.30 and 7.30.

Wednesday, March 8. Wakefield Parish Convention, Lindsay, 2.30 and 7.30.

Thursday, March 9. Brighton Parish Convention, Lower Brighton, 2.30 and 7.30.

Friday, March 10. Peel Parish Convention, Gordonsville, 2.30 and 7.30.

Saturday, March 11. Service at Cloverdale, 7.30.

Sunday, March 12. Service at Windsor at 10.30 a. m., Knowlesville, 3 p. m., Argyle, 7.30 p. m.

Monday, March 13. Aberdeen Parish Convention, Argyle, 2.30 and 7.30.

Tuesday, March 14. Kent Parish Convention, Bath, 2.30 and 7.30.

Wednesday, March 15. Wicklow Parish Convention, Knoxford, 2.30 and 7.30.

Thursday, March 16. Wilmot Parish Convention, Lakeville, 2.30 and 7.30.

Friday, March 17. Simonds Parish Convention, Middle Simonds, 2.30 and 7.30.

## Do You Want a Pension?

Don't fail to attend when N. W. Brown will lecture again in Hartland, next Tuesday evening. Don't miss the opportunity of getting a comfortable old age pension. It is for YOU; no one benefits from what you pay in but yourself. Read what the Toronto Sun, Conservative, says on our fourth page.

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