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THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Dr. Fuglesy's announcement, after conference with MacKenzie and Mann, that this enterprising firm of railway builders are pleased with the strike prospects down the St. John River valley, as reported upon by their engineers, and are willing at once to enter upon a contract with the provincial government for the construction of a road along this route, is decidedly good news, though there is never any room for reasonable doubt of the outcome.

Especially interesting and important to this city is the information that the builders will not be content with a road of ordinary construction, but desire to secure a continuous gradient of 5-10 of one per cent and are willing to enter upon the large extra expense required to provide what will be financially a dead level road-way. This means a dead level doubling that the firm intend to make this valley line a section of the vast transcontinental system, which in turn means that the route will be one of the greatest freight carrying railroads of this continent.

Dr. Fuglesy intimates that in order to make this "possible" it will be necessary to modify in some measure the suggested agreement under which the contract was to be made. This probably means that MacKenzie and Mann will demand further financial aid than was expected; and considering the quality of the road to be built, such a demand is not unreasonable.

But we venture to remind the government of the late Premier's emphatic pronouncement against the granting of provincial railway subsidies. With such a reputable and solid firm as MacKenzie and Mann there can be no sound objection to a fair measure of provincial assistance, them in financing their project, but we doubt if public sentiment would be favorable to any gift of public money or lands even for so noble an enterprise as this. In lending so sound and reliable a firm as MacKenzie and Mann the support of its credit to raise money for this project, the province undergoes no expense and no risk and the people would undoubtedly endorse this action as very reasonable extent. And there would likely be no general objection even if the province should and it is necessary to advance some money itself on good security. But we sincerely hope that the proposed modification will not involve any return to the subsidy system which this province has had such a costly and unsatisfactory experience.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

"There is no reason why a public man more than a private citizen should be shielded when openly violating the social or moral laws of a community newspaper, commenting upon the Emerson-Crockett libel case.

True! But on the other hand there is no reason why a public man less than a private citizen should be shielded by the law from false and slanderous assaults. Yet this is the discrimination created by the ruling of the trial judge, against which the crown in this case has appealed to the full bench.

A man against whom criminal action is brought for making a charge against a private citizen damaging to his reputation has to prove, in order to escape legal punishment, that the charge was true and was in the public interest. Judge Landry's ruling has practically the effect of withdrawing this legal protection from men in public positions. According to his decision the private lives of public men are matters of public interest and so, under a section of the law, may be commented upon with freedom, providing only that the critic believes and has reasonable ground for believing that his comment was true.

This case of Mr. Emerson's strikingly illustrates the helpless position of a public man under this interpretation of the law. If the trial judge were to rule in favor of the charge, and if Mr. Crockett had been able to convince the jury that his charge against Mr. Emerson was made in good faith he would have been entitled to acquittal, not only because legally the charge had been proven false.

If this is the law, exposing public men, as it does, unprotected to the most vicious assaults of unscrupulous enemies, the law is grossly unjust and should be speedily amended.

AN INJURIOUS POLICY.

A movement in Montreal for the separate education of foreign Jews is opposed by the Montreal Witness, which argues forcibly against a measure so certain to breed racial differences, of which Canada has too much already. We are already severely handicapped, the Witness points out, by having two peoples educated apart, thinking apart, living apart, understanding different traditions, even different flags. Such conditions are the most adverse possible to nation-building, but they are history's bequest, and will last for some time yet, to our undoubted hurt. But nothing could be more against public policy than to multiply such divisions as reduce the common understanding and the national life. They are injurious to each member of the community to the extent to which he is isolated in thought and understanding from the rest. The minority suffers most. The smaller the minority the more it suffers. Nothing is more desirable in the interests of nationhood than the absence of material interests, that all citizens should grow up in full sympathy with and recognition of all fellow citizens—that there should be no groups with separate hall-marks upon them.

Naturalization returns for 1906 as published in The Sun yesterday show that the great majority of the Americans who settled in the West during that period have taken the oath of allegiance and are good Canadian citizens. Thus vanishes the "Americanization of the West" bogey. These people who are coming to Canada are coming to find better homes than they had elsewhere. And when they do, there their hearts will be not back under the Stars and Stripes.

An impressive statement is that issued by the bureau of census and statistics regarding the development of Canadian industrial lines. An increase of 30 per cent in five years in the capital invested in manufacturing is a record of which Canada may well be proud, a record strikingly significant not only of the country's growth during that time, but also of the faith which men with money to invest have in its future development. It is also an eloquent testimonial to the value of our tariff system as a stimulant and support for Canadian industry.

LIBERALS BARRED FROM THE DUMA.

The rigorous censorship of the Russian press since the dissolution of the Duma has made it difficult to secure enough details of this most recent reactionary victory for a full understanding of the significance and effect of the new electoral law which is to be applied next autumn for the purpose of ensuring the election of a conservative assembly. But the New York Sun through its own news service and the correspondence of the London papers has gathered facts enough to show that the traditional needle will be a great gain compared with the loopholes the new law will provide for into the next Duma. There seems to be no doubt that under the new law the peasants, though they represent 85 per cent of Russia's population, will be practically disfranchised. Under the method of service prescribed by Count Witte, of which the first and second Duma were products, the peasants virtually possessed universal suffrage so far as the primary meetings were concerned, at which the secondary electors were chosen. When the secondary electors came together in the agricultural electoral districts it turned out that the peasants' representation was on an average 4 per cent. Henceforth the vote of the peasants will be reduced to not more than 22 per cent. Again, under the supererogated system the landlords returned but 31 per cent, whereas over 50 per cent, is now assured to them. It follows that throughout Russia proper, with the exception of the greatly reduced number of cities which will be permitted to elect delegates of their own, there is scarcely any possibility of any avowed Liberal tendencies.

In order to guard against this the new law provides that no noblemen who once have been expelled by the Assembly of Nobles of his province for Liberal proclivities can be readmitted there. This provision will keep out the nobles who have been conspicuous members of the Cadet or Constitutional Democratic party. Another fact making this contingency impossible is that the landed proprietors as a whole have been alienated by the avowed determination of all the parties composing the Left in the late Duma to bring about expropriation. In the principle they all concurred and differed only in details. The nobles have not only been expelled from the Duma, but they have been excluded from the list of precautions taken to secure a Government majority in the third national legislature. The Liberal Radical majority in the second Duma being returned to its successor, unless the nobles in some agricultural districts should unexpectedly exhibit Liberal tendencies.

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RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN POLITICS.

It is a matter for general regret that the grand master of the Orange Association, though it is also one of the leaders of the Conservative party, should allow his political leaning to govern his official attitude as an Orangeman, as it apparently did when in his recent visit to the Pope he gave currency to the report that Mr. Fielding and Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been paying a visit to Rome for the purpose of securing the sanction of the Pope to the Fraternity of Canada.

It is true that Dr. Sproule did not make such a charge upon his own responsibility but quoted Mr. Bourassa's paper, Le Nationaliste, as the authority, and even declared that he hesitated to believe the report. But the statement was adroitly phrased so as to arouse suspicion of the government among Orangemen and that it has succeeded in so doing is apparent from the attitude of the Orange Sentinel, the official organ of the order. The Sentinel in its issue of this week goes even further than Dr. Sproule in the effort to line Orangemen up in opposition to the government. It not only repeats over and over the report regarding Mr. Fielding and the Pope but accepts it as true and goes into long argument to show how necessary it is for the Finance Minister to make his peace with Rome before he can venture to hope for higher cabinet rank. Aside altogether from the falsity of the report, thus sealed with the official approval of Orange leaders, the "Americanization of the West" bogey. These people who are coming to Canada are coming to find better homes than they had elsewhere. And when they do, there their hearts will be not back under the Stars and Stripes.

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ROYAL MISSIONARIES. STOCKHOLM, June 15.—These portraits of the Prince and Princess Bernadotte of Sweden, who have gone on a missionary tour to Lapland, where they hope to convert a good many of the primitive inhabitants to Christianity.

NEWS OF CHATHAM AND VICINITY.

CHATHAM, July 1.—Miss Agnes Alford, of the grammar school left on Saturday for her home in Fredericton.

Mr. F. Denham, who has been a member of Dr. Cox's efficient staff at the grammar school in the past year, leaves tomorrow for his home in St. John. The Presbyterian congregation of Redbank has been for some time engaged in building a new church. The structure, which is a beautiful one, was finished last week and on Sunday Rev. J. M. MacLean preached the dedicatory sermon.

Frank Wall, of New York, is visiting his father Robert Wall, of St. John. Snowball's mill made a record last week of \$13,000 feet of lumber in one day.

J. A. Fenety of Long Island City, who left Chatham twenty-five years ago, came back last week to look over the old familiar scenes. Mr. Fenety will stay here until August.

J. W. Fuglesy has assumed the management of the Bank of Nova Scotia branch here.

Richard Cribbs, aged 19, faced a serious charge on Saturday before Judge Connor. Josephine Varilly, a domestic, stated that Cribbs had outraged her on Monday night, but when the trial came on, Josephine did not show up.

Ernest Ross returned to Brownville, N. B. Fred Lawson, of St. John was in town on Friday.

A. J. Legere of the marine department was in town over Sunday and left yesterday for Esquimaux.

Arrangements were proposed for a public meeting in St. John to be addressed by Rev. Footo who is shortly returning to Korea.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lorneville on the 9th July, at 9 p. m.

HOW ROTHEASAY PEOPLE ENJOYED THE HOLIDAY.

ROTHEASAY, July 1.—There are a large number of city people in the country for the holiday which has turned out a regular farmers' wet growing day, laden with benefit for the grass and grain, and discomfort for visitors.

Even the tennis players who began the tournament under such pleasant auspices Saturday, were forced to remain within doors.

But the wet weather did not deter the yachtsmen and the fishermen from their usual pastimes. Saturday night's late trains brought many who made their way to the nearest lakes and streams, some of them whipping the brooks as they passed along the next day.

James Fenety was arrested on Tuesday by the chief of police, on suspicion of stealing a pocketbook containing a sum of money from one of his customers the night before the circus. He was placed under bonds of good behavior for two years.

John Savory, of Hardwicke, was in town Saturday.

Peter McDonald, of Bay du Vin was in town last week.

The tea and sale held by the ladies' committee of the Lawn Tennis Club on Friday evening was well attended and very enjoyable. The hall had been prettily decorated with bunting and the table and booths were arranged in an artistic fashion.

A considerable number took tea and late in the evening a dance was held.

There were several tea tables and booths. Mrs. L. J. Tweedie and Mrs. W. C. Winslow poured tea, and the table was in charge of Mrs. George B. Fraser, Mrs. S. W. B. Scovill, Mrs. F. A. Ritchie and Mrs. Marquis.

Mrs. Fraser was assisted by Jessie Stott, Miss Stothart, Rae Loggie, Mrs. Marquis, Joseph Stothart, and Vera Wilson, Alice Fisher, Marion Fraser.

Mrs. Scovill was assisted by Miss Hutchison, Miss Smith of St. Johns, Grace Morrison, Helen Mackenzie, Edith Crombie, Florie Hocken, Mrs. Ritchie was assisted by Edith Winslow, Miss McDonald, Halifax, Alice Lawlor, Ethel Stothart, Peggy Crombie, Gladys Dick, Jessie Miller.

Winslow, May DesBrisay, Helen Loggie, Nellie Goggin, Annie Lawlor, Katie Anderson.

The candy table was in charge of Miss P. H. McDonald, Miss Nichol, Miss Pierce. The ice cream was served by Miss Robertson and Mrs. Ferguson.

spending a day at Camp Sussex. Mr. and Mrs. Simon McKay, of St. John, are spending the vacation day with Mrs. McKay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dobbin, at Fairleigh.

Mrs. Marquis, Joseph Stothart, and Miss Stackhouse, of St. John, are guests of Mrs. W. C. Marr, Fairleigh House.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Vincent and children are visiting Mrs. Vincent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Saunders, at Fairleigh.

Rothesay school closed for the vacation Friday. The event was most successful and was attended by quite a number of visitors. Both Harold Rathburn and Helen Carpenter won prizes for spelling. The proceedings were aided somewhat by the thoughtfulness of some of the village residents who sent fruit and ice cream as a treat to the pupils.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT KINGSTON SCHOOL. Large Number of Visitors from Consolidated District Present. Splendid Programme Carried Out in Assembly Hall of the School—Retiring Teachers Remembered.

KINGSTON, N. B., June 29.—The closing exercises of the school of close this afternoon for the vacation and the event was of greater interest because from this date the people of the district which are included in consolidation assume control of the school. It is also an account of the fact that the staff of teachers who have been here for three years will go elsewhere.

The pupils and the parents turned out in force. The exercises in the assembly hall were of a character to please everybody. The programme was carried out with spirit and ability, the work of the primary pupils in the drill and singing being especially interesting.

No one could doubt for a moment when he saw the crowded hall and the eager faces of the auditors that Kingston people were interested in their good school. In the early hours of the afternoon the visitors began to arrive. They came from all parts of the parish and not a few from outside points were attracted by the closing proceedings. The following programme was carried out:

Singing by the school—Vacation Song. Recitation, Tidy Housekeeper, Rub Hunt. Cantata, What June Brings. Scene from "Mrs. Wiggs."

"The Sunbonnet and Babies an Overall Boy." Duets from "The Rivals." Duets, Misses Helen and Ada Colwell. Singing by the school, Britannia. The Song of the School.

Wand drill, by Twelve small boys. Song, Miss Ina Colwell. Drill, Bouquet of Sweet Peas, by twelve little girls in costume. Vocal duets, Misses Edna and Eunice Colwell.

Singing by the school, "Now Come Presentation of certificates. Valedictory address—Miss Moll Otty. Address, read and presented by Rev. H. S. Wainwright on behalf of the Board of School Trustees to the retiring principal, Dr. Hamilton and the teachers.

Reply D. W. Hamilton, Ph. D. Singing by the school, "Abide With Me." God Save the King. It was quite evident that the pupils had worked earnestly to prepare for the closing, the efforts of the boys and girls in the drill being particularly good, for which much praise was given to the popular primary teacher, Miss Stewart.

Other portions of the programme shows that the careful direction of Misses Moresau and Darling has been conscientiously carried out. Principal Hamilton was happy and earnest in his address to the pupils when presenting their certificates. Reports of deserving of praise did not fail to receive it.

Those who passed the High School entrance examinations were given their diplomas in the order of merit as follows: Robert Bostwick, Irene Dickson, Rita Colwell, Maggie Bostwick, Waddell, Murray Lamb, Stirling Moffett.

Leaving certificates were given to the following pupils in grade IX, as follows: William Moresau, William Moresau, Marie Flewelling, Gene Carmichael, Celia Wetmore, John Gallagher, Gillette Flewelling, Muriel Wetmore, Geo. Crawford, Smith Carmichael, Hasting Flewelling, William Munroe, Alice G. Lacher, Hazel Otty.

Grade X certificates were presented the following pupils in the order of merit: Gilbert Prince, Helen Moresau, Edwin Dayton, Molly Otty, Ada Colwell, Bruce Flewelling, Hans Shampier, Mary Raymond, Olive Lar, Edna Fullerton, Isabel Flewelling, Gene Flewelling, Jean Flewelling.

It was explained to the pupils that Molly Otty had done the work of grade XI, and so certificates in that class were presented to them. The announcement of the prize was new and the presentation of many handsome books as the reward for their studies was the cause of much applause.

The following pupils were the successful competitors: Grades I and II—Helen Earle, Rub Hunt. Grades III, IV, and V—Myr Shampier, Sadie Murphy, Lulu Crawford. Grades VI, VII—Lloyd Carmichael, Brock Flewelling, Grace Shampier. Advanced department, Government, Treadwell prize, bronze medal—M. Helen Moresau. Special prizes for excellent work—Robert Prince, Molly Otty. In presenting these prizes Dr. Hamilton had a few words of praise and encouragement to each winner. The valedictory of Miss Otty was a splendid effort, almost a history of the school year, with praise for the retiring teachers and the teaching staff, and a glowing picture of its own graduates to the teachers and humorous allusion to the probable future of her classmates.

The Board of Trustees then came to the platform with Rev. H. S. Wainwright, the retiring principal, Dr. Hamilton and the teaching staff, and the rector, after a few words cordial regret at the departure of teachers, read an address, which contained the best wishes of all for the retiring members of the staff and of regret at their leaving. David W. Hamilton, Ph. D., principal, Miss Ina Moresau, vice-principal, Miss Annie Darling, Miss Marg

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