

EVENTS.

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We have been asked several times if the investigation ordered by the town council some time ago in regard to the licenses to the circus people has been concluded, and we have to reply in the negative. We understand, however, that it is not the intention to let the matter drop and we hope such is the case. The Council would find itself in a rather unfavorable position if it failed to carry out one of its own resolutions.

Pedestrians on Water St. last night were obliged to turn out into the mud nearly opposite Events office or run the risk of a fall in trying to work a passage through the heaps of earth and stone that were left on the sidewalk by the workmen at six o'clock. It seems to us very unwise to leave the sidewalk in this condition at night. Of course a lantern was burning to mark the place but it hardly threw enough light on the subject. A little more judgment in the amount of sidewalk to be torn up towards the close of the day would leave things in a better condition for the night.

MR. JOHN DICKIE
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and Quebec. Now is it not time that our local governments would see to it—that competent men should first see if the land to be taken up is fit for farm use or should it be left to grow lumber? This I think is a very important matter and one that involves the future destiny of our country. The question is asked to-day, can we hold the present population or are we to decrease?—If we will look at the countries where the lumber is getting scarce we will at once see that there is a decrease. We find people in Campbellton to-day from all parts of the Maritime Provinces largely because we have almost an unbroken forest of lumber to the west of us—destroy that by fire or cutting end the consequence will be that more than the half will have to get out. My own opinion is—that 100 acres of good timber land—carefully cut will continue to support more people than the same amount cleared certain conditions excepted—I say that all along our bays and fertile rivers should be settled and is settled I may say. I am strongly of the opinion that all the land fit for cultivation in N. B. and a great deal that is not fit is already cultivated or has been cultivated—I can stand in any one place in the counties of Albert, Kings, Queens,

Sunbury, York and count hundreds of acres of land that was once cleared—and is now growing up in small wood, and that too—where there is no railway and steam boat communication I came to the conclusion—until going through those places—that owing to the scattered nature of the inhabitants it would be a good idea for the local governments to buy out those people, which could be done at a small cost rather than to maintain roads and bridges for them.

The Bonaventure Phonograph in 1903 said in a speech at Ottawa that an Englishman or an Irishman or a Scotchman could go to the northwest and accomplish as much in 2 years as a Frenchman could in 20 years in the back woods of N. B. or Quebec. It is true—why, should he with many others advise the opening up of the hilly and sunny N. B. and P. Q.

If the west is so good, why not keep it for the expansion of our people—instead of spending millions of our money bringing emigrants into the country that cannot in any way be compared to our people—I often ask why all this hurry scurry and expense to get emigration into the country. Sir Wilfrid says the 19th century was the century for the U. S. A., but the 20th century will be the century for Canada—It was the 19th century that ruined the United States—they rushed their country to death by bringing in people from all parts of the earth—and their own people are leaving them now and seeking homes in Canada—not because Canada possesses any geographical advantages or climate, but rather the reverse. The fact is that people want room and will go where they can get it—If room is desirable why should we seek to pack our towns and country at a breakneck rate—Do we not find that the more people get into a town the harder it is to live in it. Many of the laboring class and others in Cton to-day tell me it is harder to live now than it was 15 or 20 years ago—and is it not the same everywhere, the more people you get together the more misery you have.

I believe the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and as long as men are law abiding they should be allowed to move to and from at their will. But I can't see that all are duty bound to have them from all ends of the earth. There is a mass of superstition, filth and ignorance flowing into our fair country, and if desperate efforts are not made to christianize it, it will roll back on and overwhelm us. But I have wandered from my subject. The commissioners say they can possibly get a saving in distance of 90 miles down through N. B. that I doubt you will see by the map that the northern horn of Maine extends well over to River du Loup in the province of Quebec, and anything like a straight line cannot be got on Canadian soil, but allowing they

can save that distance, they can never in the future history of this country earn enough to pay one cent of the road capital. What is the history of our railroads today? Some say the more railroads we have the better. Now suppose we had six lines of railway down through the province. The I. C. R. has cost the large sum of seventy million dollars to build it last year. There was a deficit of a million dollars this year with the ocean Limited—on it will be much the same. Now if the first road, getting all the traffic, sunk a million dollars, what would the 2nd, third and fourth cost?

A man said to me the other day: 'the Ocean Limited was not put on because it was needed, nor to make money. It was put on to give employment, as business on the road was very slack. If that is so, and it looks very much like it, why not make our lines as long as possible? Put all the turns we can in them.'

In 1900 we were told from every political platform and every Liberal dress in the Maritime Provinces that Mr. Blair had redeemed the I. C. R. from a sinkhole for the people's money to a paying investment, and that the time of deficits were past. That was in a measure true. The last year Mr. Blair managed the I. C. R., although making large expenditures, had a surplus of one hundred and twenty-seven thousand. Last year it was run by every Tom, Dick and Harry. It made more debt in that year than it did in any ten years of its existence combined.

Now is it not reasonable to ask why the I. C. R. deficit should be so large last year? especially when it was managed by the people who said it was a crime to have a deficit. If it was considered wrong to have a deficit in the years gone by, is it not tenfold more so now, when we consider that since then the country has been put to millions of dollars of expense to put down a good railroad and equip it with engines that are capable of hauling three times as much load as they then did?

With the increasing traffic and the facilities for handling freight, there is today, there is no reason why the I. C. R. should not pay working expenses and a little to the credit of the country. We don't think this can be under the present management. The people of this country should demand that it should be taken out of the hands of the Political Machine, and managed by a commission of business men who would have no political axe to grind. If this is not done the I. C. R. will be taken out of the hands of the people. And it is quite possible that the ones that are now doing all they can to make it cost the country every cent they possibly can, will buy it. Then it will be run on business principles. It will not be run by a few subjects who, for the difference of four hours in time to Montreal, would put the country to hundreds of thousands of dollars expense. If any man's time is so very precious that four hours is going to be of such account let him do as the Goulds and Vanderbilts have done—hire a special.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

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The evidence of Annie Doherty, wife of Frank, and of Mary Jerome revealed nothing new.

Elizabeth Girard sworn—Live at New Mills on Murchie byroad. I live with Arvine Jones, on the north side of I. C. Railway a short distance from the crossing. I knew Alex Woods. Have known him a number of years. Don't know my age. I remember Thursday night before Alex Woods was hurt. I was home that night. Mr. Boomer, my mother, myself and three children were at our house that Thursday evening. I mean by my mother, Arvine Jones. Boomer stayed all night at our house. Saw Alex Woods that night after I went to bed. Can't say what time it was. He came to our house. Mother was in bed when he came. He rapped first at the window. I was lying down in my bed just inside. He did not speak. He then went around to the back door. He rapped twice before my mother spoke. Mother went and opened a middle door between kitchen and porch. Alex was rapping at the outside porch door.

Adjourned until Tuesday, June 27th.
(To be continued)

STILL MISSING

No Trace of Traveller who
Disappeared some
Time ago

The mystery in connection with the disappearance of A. Bourgeois, a traveller, has not been cleared up. A brother of the missing man was in town last week making enquiries in regard to the matter but he had to return home without any clue as to his whereabouts. It is not thought likely that he is anywhere in this vicinity now or something would have come to light before this.

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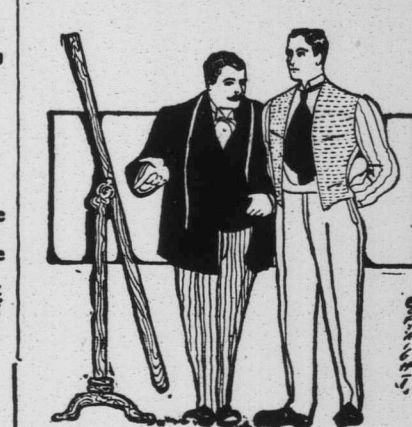
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