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## THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The course of the provincial government in the matter of the St. John valley railway requires some explanation. The federal parliament has passed the bill providing for intercolonial operation in full accordance with the terms laid down by the provincial government. Now the latter comes along with another and wholly unsatisfactory scheme, and asks federal aid to carry it out. This is more trading with what is to the people of the St. John valley a very serious matter. The Gould scheme has not been worked out, its proposals, a railway from Quebec through Maine to St. John, but has no charter rights in Quebec, nor has the location or financing of that portion been done. The whole scheme is hazy, except that it offers to begin at the construction of a valley railway which would not at all come up to the federal government requirements or have through connections.

The whole story is told on another page of today's Times. Hon. Dr. Pugsley states the case very fully and fairly. It is amazing that in the face of the action of parliament the provincial government should have the hardihood to trifle with the interests of the people in this manner.

## CONCERNING THE TROUT

A citizen directs the attention of the Times to the fact that half a million trout were lately placed in the streams of western Montana, and the fishermen's associations are co-operating with the government to have all available streams well stocked. The citizen asks why such action is not taken in New Brunswick, and especially in the neighborhood of St. John. Not only would good fishing be secured for our own people, and all of them who care to go fishing; but there would be a far greater attraction for tourists. The question is one that has often been discussed, but without practical results. The people along the Kennebecasis are making an effort to restore the fishing in that stream, but it is probable that the interest in the subject is not very general. In order to achieve results in such matters organization and united and sustained effort is necessary. If all the anglers in St. John united to form an association and take up the whole question of stocking streams and protecting them, they would doubtless find hearty sympathy and cooperation in the counties, and good results would be secured. No country is more interested by streams and lakes than New Brunswick. The province should be a paradise for anglers.

## UNSANITARY HOUSING

Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, medical adviser to the public health committee of the Canadian Conservation Commission, has prepared a comprehensive paper on "Unsanitary Housing." It is published by the Commission, with quite a number of striking illustrations of slum districts in Canadian cities.

Dr. Hodgetts begins with a reference to the fact that the evils of improper housing affect both the health and morals of the individual, and that these evils exist in Canada as well as in other countries. He quotes extracts from reports of public health officials in several provinces to set forth the conditions, and declares that slum-houses are a danger and a menace to the community, tending to the spread of disease, death, degeneracy and crime. The housing of newly arrived immigrants under slum conditions in some of the larger cities is dealt with, and some shocking illustrations of overcrowding are cited. Dr. Hodgetts next reviews what the health authorities of the various provinces are doing, or in most cases neglecting to do, to improve the conditions. The health laws are declared to be inadequate, and a summary of them is given to make the point clear. With regard to town planning, British Columbia has taken the lead in the extent that it has placed in its municipal code a provision that surveys of property into building lots in a city, or on land contiguous to the boundaries of a city, shall be subject to the approval of the city engineer and mayor. Dr. Hodgetts gives a brief statement of what is being done in the interests of sanitary housing and town planning in Great Britain and foreign countries, including the co-partnership plan as carried out in England.

The publication of this valuable paper is very timely. The following quotation is especially calculated to set people thinking on the whole subject:—  
"The failures of public health work in

Canada have been due to the government not taking more direct control in administration. In Ontario, for instance, the government assumes the responsibility for the enforcement of factory laws and maintains a staff of inspectors which is yearly increasing in number. The working man and woman are better housed for they are for the other sixteen hours in the case of the man, or than his wife and family are for the twenty-four hours. If the state has a duty with regard to the enforcement of the factory laws, how much greater is that responsibility in the matter of the housing of the working man and his family and all the rest of us who do not come in under this particular class, but who work as hard and who are equally as valuable to the state? But this is not the only anomaly. The education department requires the proper housing of the child in school, but what of its environment the remainder of the day? Properly house the child, give him the sunlight and air of a clean house, and how much greater will be the progress in his mental education and his physical and moral make-up. The provinces can, if they only will, accomplish as much good for the sanitation of the home as they have done for the factory, with much better results, not only to the men, but also to the unfortunate women and children who are compelled by circumstances to spend their days therein.

The question of sanitation, better housing and town-planning should receive more attention in St. John. Out in the province of Saskatchewan they have this clause in the regulations under the Public Health Act:—  
"Any building or part of any building used as a dwelling place which, by reason of its condition, either from lack of sufficient accommodation, want of repair, filthy keeping, damp site, faulty drains, or want of sanitary plumbing, therein, in the judgment of the medical health officer or commissioner, become unfit for human habitation, shall be so declared and placarded, as 'unsanitary and unfit for human habitation.' Such placard shall not be removed without the consent of the medical health officer or the commissioner, and not until such dwelling place has been so altered, cleaned or repaired as shall make it fit for habitation, and to the satisfaction of the above-mentioned officer, any existing tenancy of the premises, or any house or building used for human habitation which is found to be damp or moist by reason of leakage through wall, defective water pipes, sewer over-run pipes, cesspools, drains, gutters, rain spouts or from any cause whatever, shall be deemed a nuisance."

What would happen if St. John had such a regulation and enforced it?

COMMENT ON MERGERS  
The Montreal Witness makes the charges of Sir Sanford Fleming in the matter of the cement merger the text for a bitter attack upon mergers in general, going so far as to declare that the watering of stock should be made a misdemeanor. The Witness says:—  
"Of recent years the inflation of capitalization in merger after merger has been nothing short of scandalous. When one considers that it is a means of making wealth out of other men's enterprise and labor, with no service rendered, it is comparable to robbery. Exploiters, of the Whitaker Wright type, who never did a hand's turn of productive work in their lives, who never made one blade of grass grow, let alone making two blades grow where only one grew before—have by audacious manipulation made themselves millionaires and multi-millionaires, and all that to the ultimate loss of the body of consumers, who they have to pay undue prices for all that they use for many years to come. These manipulators are of the order of the man who never owned a cow or kept a cow, but had learned to milk, which knowledge he turned to account by milking his neighbors' cows dry. The milk thief when caught can be sent to jail, but the milker of our industries can rise to a mountain villa and to all sorts of public and social honors."

The Ottawa Journal treats the subject in lighter vein. It says:—"It is really a wonder that at least twenty-five per cent of us are not engaged in company promoting. Beside the results it can occasionally show, even gold mining becomes a candle beside a star."

The people now have an opportunity to judge between Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell, and the provincial government, in the matter of the valley railway.

The city engineer says that an inventor and garbage collection system would cost considerable money. The public health would justify the expense.

Canadian cavalry under Col. McLean will be the personal escort of King George in the coronation pageant the day after the coronation. This is an honor that will be valued by all Canadians.

The early closing by-law is not received with unqualified joy. If the shops are to be closed there will be need of more street lights in many places. The closing will also cause hardship to some very deserving small shopkeepers and in consequence to many poor people.

AT LAST, A CURE  
FOR RHEUMATISM

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PRESENTATION AND  
DINNER IN HONOR  
OF WM. E. HOPPER

William E. Hopper, of The Evening Times staff, who leaves next week for Montreal to take an excellent position on the staff of the McLean publications, was entertained by White's last evening by the members of the advertising committee of the board of trade. They also presented him with an elegantly mounted fountain pen as a token of personal esteem.

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