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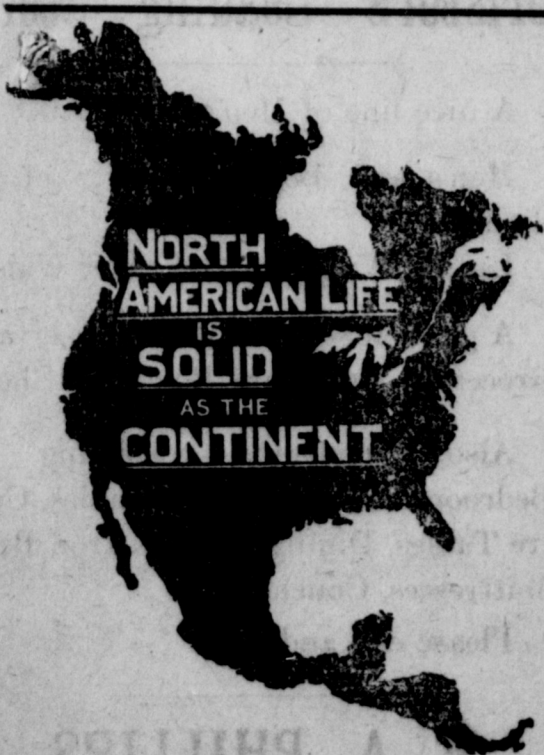
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**Freight Rates on the C. P. R.**

When Mr. J. Osborne, General Supt. of the C. P. Ry., appeared before the meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen Association here, he expressed the earnest desire of his road to assist in every way possible the development of the Agricultural resources of New Brunswick and laid special stress on the desirability of increasing our dairy output and keeping more and better live stock on our farms. He believed the Shorthorn cattle to be the best for the St John Valley and stated that in the near future he hoped to see an importation of some of the best bulls of this breed into the province. He also stated that there would soon be a direct line of steamers from St. John to Cuba, a country which should afford a market for a large quantity of potatoes from this province.

At the conclusion of Mr. Osborne's remarks Mr. Donald Innes of Tobique River said that there was one matter that had an important bearing on the prosperity of the farmers of the St John Valley to which he would call Mr. Osborne's attention viz. that when the New Brunswick Railway Co. controlled the railway he and his neighbours were able to ship single cattle, a few quarters of beef, small lots of pork, butter, potatoes &c., from Perth, to commission merchants in St John and thereby, have, each of them, a chance to sell on the open market. Under the present freight tariff of the C. P. R. they were unable to do this.

Mr. Osborne promised that the traffic department would look into the matter and make an early report.

We are now glad to be able to give the reply of the Traffic Department to Mr Innes through Agricultural Agent, W. W. Hubbard, who says:

"Under the old system of handling freight on the New Brunswick Railway live cattle, sheep &c., were frequently loaded in the same car with dressed meats, butter, potatoes, &c., with the result that often the latter commodities were damaged by the voidings, &c. of the live animals and the cars were always rendered unfit for the after carriage of food products. Under that system of mixed freights it was possible to carry live animals at cheaper rates than at present but so manifest were the disadvantages in spoiling the other freight and in fouling cars that all railways have long since abandoned the practice of putting live stock in with general freight. Live stock today must therefore be carried in special cars and when only one animal goes in a car it is manifest that it costs the road practically as much as if a half carload or even a full carload were taken. On pure bred stock there is however a half rate. With the single exception of cattle in less than car load lots however the freight tariff on the C. P. R. is today very much lower than it ever was on the New Brunswick railway and below are given a comparison of rates as between now and under the New Brunswick Tariff.

**DRESSED HOGS BY CARLOAD.**—Woodstock to St. John, old rate, 21¢ per 100 lbs, present rate 14¢. Florenceville to St. John, old rate, 27¢ per 100 lbs, present rate, 17¢.

**OATS BY CARLOAD.**—Old rate, Woodstock to St. John, 13¢cts. for 100 lbs., present rate 9cts. Florenceville to St. John, old rate 15cts., present rate 12cts.

**HAY BY CARLOAD.**—Woodstock to St. John, old rate \$2.00 per ton, present rate \$1.80. Florenceville to St. John, old rate \$2.30 per ton, present rate \$1.90.

**BUTTER AND EGGS.**—Small lots, Woodstock to St. John, old rate 35cts. per 100 pounds, present rate 30cts. Florenceville to St. John, old rate 45cts. per 100 pounds, present rate 37cts.

**CHEESE.**—Small lots, old rate, Woodstock to St. John, 35cts. per 100 pounds, present rate 54cts. Florenceville to St. John, old rate 45cts., present rate 29cts.

**POTATOES.**—Small lots, old rate, Woodstock to St. John, 14cts. per 100 pounds, present rate 9cts. Florenceville to St. John, old rate 18cts, present rate 11cts.

**LIVE CATTLE.**—Carloads, Woodstock to St. John, present rate 9cts. per 100 pounds. Perth to St. John 13¢cts. per 100 pounds. The distance from Woodstock to St. John is over 130 miles and to show that the rate here is not higher than where active competition exists in Ontario it may be stated that the rate on cattle from Peterboro to Toronto only 82 miles is 10cts. per 100 pounds. The same holds good on grain and potatoes viz. that the rates per 100 miles are lower in New Brunswick than they are in Ontario.

**Doing It on Shares.**

"Ya-as, dear boy, Charlie Gibbon and I have decided to grow a moustache."  
"Indeed! Well, you're doing first-rate with your half."—Stray Stories.

**Town Council.**

At the meeting of the town council on Friday evening, Coun. Jones, reporting for the special committee to consider Mr. Colpitts bill, said that if Mr. Colpitts knew his salary was fixed at \$100 and accepted that, he could not succeed in his action. If he had not accepted that salary he could sue for services rendered. He would have to prove beyond a doubt that the salary of \$100 was insufficient to remunerate him for his services as inspector and thus it would be very difficult to do.

The report was received and placed on file.

Coun. Dibblee reported for the committee to examine into the loss sustained by Mrs. Colton of Queen St., through a break in the water main. Mrs. Colton claimed \$72.50. The committee recommended the payment of \$45. The sum of \$25 being damage to cellar wall and \$20 for damage to contents of cellar.

Coun. Garden reported for a committee appointed to see the directors of the Wrapper company and learn if they could be induced to establish the factory here. He said they had seen F. H. Hile, M. P., and John LePage who said they would require a bonus of \$12,000 to induce them to start a factory here. The town could not grant them such a bonus. Under a present law the council could grant to any industry, with the consent of the ratepayers, a sum equal to 25% of the value of the lands, buildings and plant owned by the company. This would confine the bonus able to be given the Wrapper Company at about \$2,000. The law also provided that in case a bonus was given the town should have a first lien on the property for the amount. Coun. Garden thought legislation should be asked for to enable the town to grant a reasonably large bonus to a good industry or to take stock in any company organized in town. He made a motion to this effect.

Coun. Jones thought that the matter should be postponed a month to enable the councillors to look into the matter. It would be too late to help the Wrapper factory now and the councillors should have time to consider.

Coun. McManus thought that inasmuch as the matter in the last resort all lay with the ratepayers the motion might as well be voted on now. The Wrapper Company wanted to get to work now and a month is too long to ask them to wait.

Mr. Garden's motion was carried.

The matter of Mr. Colpitts' bill again came up. Coun. Jones said he had had a talk with the Inspector who said he would not accept anything less than \$200.00 for last year, nor for the current year. Mr. Colpitts said that he had not sought the office. In 1891 the council had come to him and asked him to take it. He had asked for \$250.00 but they would only give him \$200.00. He accepted that. In 1902, when they reappointed him they cut his salary down to \$100.00 and had not spoke to him of it. He would not accept it.

Coun. Dibblee said that he had had a conversation with Mr. Colpitts who admitted he knew his salary for 1902 had been placed at \$100.00. He said that Mr. Colpitts was now getting as much from the town and county as he got when they were undivided for Scott Act purposes, and if the amount was a sufficient remuneration then why not so today. He thought the town could afford to contest the bill in the courts, and after the suit was over no doubt the Inspector would be sorry he had not accepted the \$100.00. If any other officer of the town wrote such an insolent letter to the council he would be summarily dismissed.

Coun. Garden said the Inspector's salary had been placed at \$100.00 and he knew it and went on doing the work. At the end of the year he comes along and threatens to sue the town unless he is given \$200.00. The council apparently had to give him \$200.00 for last year, and the current year, resist the suit at law, or dismiss him.

Coun. Burt thought a salary of \$200.00 little enough for the work, he had always voted for a salary of \$200.00 and would vote for it now.

Coun. McManus said he could hardly tell from the report whether or not the Inspector could collect the bill. He thought it better to settle unless there was a good chance of winning in a fight.

Coun. Dibblee moved seconded by Coun. Garden that the bill be not paid, and if sued that the suit be defended.

Coun. Burt thought the matter should be settled.

Mayor Belyea would like to see the thing resisted, as in case of a trial some light would be thrown on many things now rather in the dark.

Coun. Dibblee thought it was not a matter of costs but of the town's best interests.

The motion was carried by the casting vote of the Mayor, Couns. Dibblee, Garden and Sheasgreen voting yea, and Couns. Burt, Jones and McManus voting nay.

It was moved by Coun. Dibblee, seconded by Coun. Sheasgreen that the salary of the Scott Act Inspector be fixed at \$100.00 per year.

To this Coun. Jones moved an amendment that the salary be \$200.00. This was seconded by Coun. Burt.

On division, the amendment was lost. The original motion was declared carried, and the clerk stated that official notice would be given the Inspector at once.

[Last week Coun. Sheasgreen was reported as follows:—"Coun. Sheasgreen thought Mr. Colpitts should not have accepted the position last year if he was not satisfied with the salary." This was incorrect. Mr. Sheasgreen asked the question if Mr. Colpitts knew his salary was placed at \$100 and still proceeded to fulfil the duties of the office.]

**General Provincial Elections.**

The writ is out for the general provincial election. Nomination will be on Saturday, February 21st and election on Saturday the 28th. The friends and supporters of the government will hold a convention for the nomination of candidates on Thursday the 12th inst., and the Opposition will hold their convention on Friday the 13th.

It is expected that Stephen B. Appleby, H. H. McCain, and F. R. Shaw will be the government candidates, and B. Frank Smith, J. K. Flemming and a Woodstock man will be the opposition candidates. The Woodstock men mentioned as third man are Col. Vince and J. C. Hartley.

**Mr. and Mrs. Aitken Leave for Antigonish.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mauns Aitken left this week for Antigonish, N. S., where Mr. Aitken has been transferred by the officials of his bank, the Royal Bank of Canada. Since coming to Woodstock two years ago Mr. Aitken has made many friends in commercial and social circles. Mrs. Aitken, who was Miss Katherine McAfee, is one of the brightest and most popular of Woodstock's young ladies. Before leaving Woodstock they were waited on by Mayor Belyea and a few other gentlemen of Woodstock and presented on behalf of their many friends with a handsome present of sterling silverware, as a token of the respect and esteem in which they are held. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Aitken is a distinct loss to the town, but their many friends look forward to seeing them now and then in the vacation season.

**Electric Light for Andover and Perth.**

C. C. Rogers, of Perth, was in Woodstock on Monday looking into the cost of an electric plant for the towns of Andover and Perth. At a meeting held last month Alex. Straton and Dr. Welling, of Andover, and Mr. Rogers and Frank Sadler, of Perth, were appointed a committee to examine into the matter. If the two towns combine they will probably develop the water power at Four Falls, seven miles from Andover, where they can get about 300 horse power. They can develop this and put in a plant and wire the two towns at a cost of about \$8000. If the two towns cannot unite, the people of Perth will develop the water power of Larlee Brook where they can get enough power to run 400 lights, which will probably be sufficient for them for a few years. The cost of this latter work will be in the vicinity of \$3,500.

**For Good Seeds and Improved Cattle.**

On the 26th, 27th and 28th March next the Woodstock Agricultural Society, assisted by the Dominion and provincial governments, will hold a seed fair, when the exhibition of ten bushel lots of good clean seed grain of all varieties will be asked for and receive substantial prizes. Grass seeds and clover seeds will also be on the list. The object of the fair is to encourage the growing for sale of improved seeds among the farmers of the St. John Valley.

At the same place and on the 27th of March, at the instance of the Canadian Pacific Railway, there will be an auction sale of pure bred Shorthorn bulls. There is an active demand for this blood among St. John River farmers, and with the object of making it as easy as possible for them to secure these bulls. The railway, with the assistance of the Dominion live stock commissioner, is arranging for the coming sale.—St. John Sun.

**Chamberlain Rebukes Boers.**

BLOEMFONTEIN, Feb. 6.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain today had a two hours' conference with a deputation of about forty Boers of the extreme party, including Christian De Wet. The deputation presented an address, which it is understood, Mr. Chamberlain rejected, at the same time rebuking the delegates for presenting the address, which he regarded as insulting, inasmuch as it impugned the good faith of himself and the government.

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