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Communications.

The Miramichi Valley Railway.

To the Editor of the Maritime Farmer: Mr. Editor,—I have read with much interest two articles in late numbers of the Telegraph, relating to the Miramichi Valley railway, and the people along the proposed line should be grateful for the favorable terms in which the scheme is spoken of in that widely circulated and influential journal. I would beg to urge upon the Company and upon the Government, the advisability of so expediting the road that it will pass through or in the vicinity of Stanley, and I may say here, that, I have no axe to grind in the matter, have no interest in Stanley, beyond a wish to see it, with the County generally, advancing and prospering. But having some knowledge of the capabilities of this section of County, I will respectfully suggest to the promoters of this road, that they give this matter their serious consideration. As the Telegraph correctly states the fertile belt is not reached until Cross Creek is passed, and in order to intersect this, the road must go, at least, as far north as Stanley. The line surveyed by the late Mr. Buck runs, to a great extent, after it leaves the Nashwaak, through a country devoid of timber and much of it unfit for cultivation, and with but little prospect of mills or other industries being established along it. Now as to the proposed route, via Stanley, in the first place we have a village of 2000 inhabitants, which is destined to become a place of considerable importance, whether the railway goes there or not. There are now in Stanley, four thriving stores, a milliner's shop, two hotels, two blacksmiths, a bar, a Board and Shingle Mill, also a Grist Mill and a Carding Mill. The river Nashwaak which runs through the village, furnishes splendid water power, capable of driving any amount of machinery. It has four comfortable and commodious churches; three resident clergymen, and a Physician. It is surrounded by a prosperous agricultural population, which is greatly extended. The forests in this section have escaped the ravages of fire, and are covered with valuable timber, and it only needs the railway to become an extensive manufacturing and mercantile centre. From Stanley to the Miramichi river, the road would pass through first class farming lands, several thriving settlements, and the remainder well wooded with black birch, maple, ash, spruce, hemlock, cedar, (of which there is an almost unlimited quantity), and other valuable woods. There are also good facilities for manufacturing these woods, a branch of the Cross Creek and the tributaries of the Taxes, affording abundant water power. Now as the road must depend largely upon the way traffic for its support, it is in my opinion in the interest of the Company, to make this divergence from the Surveyor's route, as they will thereby secure an immense addition to their business for all time. Yours truly, Wm. McEwan, Nashwaak, April, 20, 1882.

Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 27, 1882.

Sir Charles on the C. P. R.

No one, who, without party bias, heard or read Sir Charles Tupper's Speech on the Pacific Railway, but must have felt proud that so great a work, being pushed vigorously through the vast territories, which but a few years ago, were accounted a wilderness given up to the red man and the buffalo, and of the rapidity with which the Northwest is being settled. Sir Charles, after his manner, spoke most confidently of the satisfactory progress of the railway, and of the splendid prospects before it, and most emphatically of the way the territories are being settled. "I congratulate the House and the country," he said, "upon the enormous, the untold, the unanticipated, the unprecedented development of our great North-West has witnessed during the past year." With regard to the progress of the work, we can only give a few salient facts. The Sault Ste Marie line is to become, in fact, a part of the main line of the Pacific Railway. The line from Prince Arthur's Landing to Winnipeg, 433 miles, will be open in July next for traffic, though not actually finished. 110 miles are now under traffic, and 470 miles definitely located, west of Winnipeg. The government will not assent to further location until a decision has been made as to whether the route shall be the "Yellow Head" pass, or the "Kicking Horse" Pass. The presumption is that it will go by the latter, which will make a saving of 70 miles (increasing the cost to the company). Traffic will be taken by a route through Dominion Territory; to Georgian Bay, thence by water to Prince Arthur's Landing, and thence on to Winnipeg, and beyond by rail. The Yale Kamloops section is progressing favourably, and the portion from Emory's Bar to Port Moody has been put under contract. Sir Charles showed, by comparing railway tariffs that rates of the C. P. R. were not higher than in some cases, and not so high in others as those on some of the principal lines on this continent. Sir Charles took a very high estimate of the commercial value of the railway, and by a comparison of distances by Montreal, Halifax, and by New York to Victoria and San Francisco and Yokohama and Japan, showed that the C. P. R. would supply beyond question and competition the shortest and most direct route from east to west across this continent to Asia. It is not three centuries since Samuel Champlain sought a way to "Far Cathay," and the gonging lands of the east, by penetrating across this Western continent. He did not get further than the upper waters of the Ottawa. We will see his dream realised in our day by agencies not thought of in his time.

Parties in the United States.

The state of parties in the United States is such, that, out of the disintegration of the Republican and Democratic parties, a new party with a new policy might arise and gain power. The Republicans are divided into "Stalwarts" and "Half Breeds" and "Grant" Republicans; the Democrats, in the North, into "Tammany" and "Copperhead"; in the South, into "Bourbons" and "Independents." The secession spirit, the feelings caused by the war, have died out in the South; it is no longer "solid" against the Republicans or the North. Slavery is a dead, rotten and forgotten issue. In fact, the principles on which the two parties were founded have not now sufficient force to keep them united against each other. "The quarrels of factions within them," says Carl Schurz, "are much fiercer than the contests between them." The doctrine of States' rights and decentralization have lost hold on the Democrats; the tariff and the financial question, and specie payments, cannot be made distinct issues between the parties, for among members of both are those who uphold the present high protective tariff and those who would modify it, and there are none in either who would go back to soft money, or would advocate repudiation. Railways and telegraphs, the fast peopling of the country, have produced and are producing great changes in the U. S. and the people are ready for some new political departure. "There seems," says Carl, "to be enough of dissatisfaction with the old parties in their own ranks to render their disintegration and the springing up of new formations possible, as soon as a question arises upon which neither of the two old parties is united and which strongly engages the popular mind. It would seem to require only some vigorous shock, or the infusion of some new substance, to bring on a new crystallization of those political elements, which are at present in a state of chemical solution." The London Contemporary remarks, "The Blaine policy" (spoken of elsewhere) produce the requisite vigorous shock?"

Sympathy for Erin.

On Thursday last, the resolutions of sympathy for Ireland were passed in the House of Commons were passed. From Mr. Blake's remarks, it would appear that the resolutions were, as moved there, somewhat modified, from what they were, when first submitted. Any way, they received the general support of the House. As it is for the general interest of the whole Empire that Ireland, that has so long been a source of irritation, trouble, and danger, should be well governed, prosperous, contented, and happy, it is hoped that the address founded on the resolutions will tend towards that much to be desired end. Ireland, no doubt, would be better with some measure of self-government, but the first step, after the mutual exasperation, caused by agitation, coercion, and outrage, is allayed, taken to give relief to that unhappy country, should be to aid thousands of the poor families, who are now starving on miserable patches of land, to emigrate. As Sir John said: "In the North West there are enough homesteads for every man, woman, and child, in Ireland, if they could be transported there." Were the rent free, hundreds of thousands in Ireland could not draw a tolerable existence from their miserable holdings. A writer in the London Contemporary remarks puts this in a striking light:—

By reference to the "Returns of Agricultural Holdings for 1880," he shows that out of a total of 966,000 holdings in Ireland 218,200 were valued at £4 and under, while 196,000, or nearly another third, were valued at more than £4, but less than £10. From other statistics it appears that there are in Ireland no less than 280,000 holdings of not more than 15 acres each, and Mr. Fiske concludes that "it would not be an over-estimate to place the number of occupiers of land who are without other means of living than the holding at from 10 to 15 acres, chiefly of poor bog land, at 200,000, representing one million persons at least." Taking the five Atlantic counties, Donegal, Mayo, Galway, Clare, and Kerry, the population is 1,200,000, and the number of holdings of 15 acres or less is 218,200, or nearly one-third of the whole, are rated at £10 and under—making together 1,200,000, or four-fifths of the whole number. He believes that £1 per acre would be about an average rental for lands in Ireland.

The Strikes.

The contest between capital and labour in Toronto has not yet come to an end. The city papers contain daily accounts of the enthusiastic mass meetings of the strikers in the several trades. Much sympathy has been given them by several of the trades Union, which have also aided them with money. The Mayor last week made an effort to bring about a satisfactory settlement, by proposing that the questions between employers and employees, should be submitted to Boards of arbitration, composed of chosen members of each class, which would be selected by the strikers, and the employers, and their intending to fight it out to the bitter end. The end to which they were to be brought, but while the excitement stung, and glow of the contest is on them, and the dollars held out, they are not in a mood to calculate consequences.

International Peace Congress at Washington.

It will be remembered that Mr. Blaine, when U. S. Secretary, conceived the brilliant idea of forming a confederation of republics on the North and South American continents with the United States, as the central and controlling power. As a preliminary to carrying out this project, he strove to have the Bulwer Clayton treaty set aside, with the view of giving the U. S. full command over the Isthmus of Panama, and entire control of the canal. If he had been successful, it would have been the entering of the wedge of the Monroe doctrine on the American continent; the formation of the confederation of republics would have driven the wedge further in, and then there would only have stood the Dominion in the way of that wedge being driven home. We hardly think that the Dominion would stand long in its way, unless as an independent power it entered the confederation, and consented to play second fiddle in this concert of North and South American republics. Blaine's spirited policy was considerably laughed at, and it seemed to have collapsed. But it has taken some hold on minds in America. One of Blaine's ideas was the assembling of an International Congress at Washington, to take into consideration the feasibility of the confederation. President Arthur on the 11th inst., sent a communication to Congress, in which he intimated that he had sent a circular of invitation to all independent countries of North and South America with the ultimate view of forming a treaty of peace between the States represented, and that he had done so in ignorance of the existing relations between the different republics in Central and South America. Desirous of setting at rest all questions as to his right as President, to issue such an invitation, he referred to Congress, the question of the propriety of convening the suggested International Congress in Washington next Nov. He asked it to give its opinion on the question, at as early a day as possible, as some of the republics were making inquiries whether it was the intention that such Congress should be convened. If the said Congress is held will it not be the first step towards the formation of Blaine's confederation? It certainly would be an indication that the United States in alliance with the Central and South American republics, were preparing to assume a new attitude. Strengthened by such an alliance the U. S. would be prepared to assume a bolder attitude towards England and other European powers. And to assert its right to the complete control of the canal across the Isthmus. Such ideas evidently have a hold on many minds in the United States, and the anxiety with which the present state of the navy is regarded, and the steps taken to strengthen or rather resuscitate it, shows that many are looking forward to possible eventualities. "We must," says a writer speaking of the U. S. Navy, "be prepared to maintain our rights on the Isthmus, and our only means of maintaining them lies in the possession of a powerful naval force in the Pacific, as well as in the Atlantic." The assembling of an International Peace Congress in Washington would be watched with great interest by the people of England and Canada.

Death of Darwin.

Last year, two lights of literature, whose names the world will not willingly let die, went out, Carlyle and Jane Elliot, this year, Longfellow has departed, and now; another great name, world famous as the discoverer of the evolution principle, is added to death's record. Charles Robert Darwin who died last Thursday, was born in 1809, in Shrewsbury, England, and came of scientific stock. His grandfather, Dr. Erasmus Darwin, was famous as a poet and naturalist, but when in the future the name of Darwin is named men, will mean only the grandson who introduced a new principle to the world, which will ever be known as "Darwinism." Charles Darwin had every advantage of the most liberal education and easy means which let him free to prosecute his researches, and to add many volumes to the world's library of natural history. Between the years 1831 and 1837, he accompanied, as naturalist, the expedition on board the *Beagle*, which made a scientific circumnavigation of the globe. His great work which made his fame, his "Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection" was published in 1859. In it he propounded his theory of which the main proposition is "that all the various forms of vegetable and animal life, past or present, have been produced by a series of gradual changes in natural descent from parent to offspring. According to his theory, all the animals, beasts, birds, reptiles, insects fishes and zoophytes, have descended from at most four or five progenitors; all the plants from no greater number. In 1871 he published the "Descent of Man and selection in Relation to Sex," in which he enters that man is descended from a hairy quadruped, furnished with a tail and pointed ears, probably arboreal in its habits." His last work on Earthworms and the creation of Mould was published this year.

The River and Streams Bill.

Each Province is interested in restraining the general government from trenching on its constitutional rights. A great outcry was raised in Ontario by the party opposed to that government for its disallowance of its Rivers and Streams Bill. But, it does not appear, that the Government were actuated by any purpose of encroaching on the local rights of the Province, in pursuance of a policy of centralization, of reducing the federal, to a legislative union. The Bill was disallowed, because it affected the general interests and took away rights of property. Though made general, it was passed in the interest of a supporter of the Ontario Government, and to the injury of one who was a rival in business and of the opposite political party. This gentleman, Mr. McLaren, at the expense of himself \$250,000 made a stream, called the Mississippi, navigable for his horse, and Mr. Caldwell, his rival, claimed the right to use the improvements, and the local legislature passed an Act which gave him the right. "The cuckoo watches the linnet building its nest, but just as the nest is finished, steals it and uses it for itself," was the illustration Sir John used. The decision on the amendment, censuring the Government for exercising disallowance in the case of this Bill, was 110 nays, 50 yeas.

Reducing the Volunteer Force.

The Militia Department is determined on reducing the active militia to 25,000 men, and is steadily refusing applications for raising new companies and battalions. An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Mail, of a recent date, gives the following information on the subject:— A deputation consisting of Senator Frank Smith, Mr. Hay, M. P., Mr. Basy, M. P., and Major Dawson of Toronto, waited on the Minister of Militia, to urge upon him the propriety of giving the 10th Royal Grenadier Battalion, two extra companies. Major Dawson explained the situation very fully. Mr. Carson said the object was to reduce the force. A force of 25,000 was amply sufficient for Canada. The policy was to reduce the force to that number, and make them effective. A force of 40,000 would be a force on paper. The Minister would give him greater pleasure than to meet the wishes of so efficient a body of men as the 10th and their officers, but if he conceded the point in their favour, he would have to do the same for other places, and they would have to give up altogether his policy of having a smaller force than there had been, and having it really effective. It was better for the men themselves to be reduced to 25,000. The deputation withdrew. From the above we may conclude that the application for an extra company in this city to the 71st Bat., has been refused. There did not appear an immediate necessity for such an addition. The officers of the present army company find difficulty in keeping it up to the required standard of numbers.

Humours of Debate.

In the course of his speech on the Pacific Railway, Sir Charles Tupper, in answer to an objection that the contract with the syndicate did not insure finality in regard to the contract, remarked that the government had reduced the period to less than five years, and in 1855, three years from the present time the finality, his gentlemen of the opposition were anxious to have to be attained, and when he (Sir Charles) should have severed his connection with the undertaking. At this point he was interrupted by the member for Gloucester, (who is evidently buoyed up with the hope, that at the coming general election, the tide of popular opinion as expressed by the ballots will bear the Grits into power, and himself into the speaker's chair.) when the following passage took place in which Sir Charles' cool and satiric pleasantry showed to advantage. Mr. ANGLIN.—The hon. gentleman's connection with the work will be severed long before that time. Sir CHARLES TUPPER.—Well, sir, as far as I am concerned, I may safely say that no one who has discharged duties as arduous and responsible, and under less than five years, discharged them, would feel a great amount of regret at having his labors lightened, and of having that connection severed, but I see no hope of it to-day whatever, desirable as it may be as far as health, comfort, and longevity are concerned. (Hear, hear, and applause.) I am afraid that the course hon. gentleman opposite have pursued in relation to this great question, as well as others, is one that will compel us to have the pleasure of long looking upon them on that side of the House. (Cheers.)

Brutal Murder.

If the perpetration of outrages and murders is a sign of an older civilization and a greater advancement, it may be freely admitted that the upper Provinces are far ahead of the Maritimes. Not a week passes but some horrid tragedy is played there. A particularly brutal murder took place on the 20th inst., in St. Saver, Quebec. The particulars of which are as follows:— At about 10 o'clock an old woman named Anger, proprietor of a small grocery at the corner of St. Ambrose and Parent streets, St. Saver, returned home, carrying a young girl who had for some time past been staying with her. Shortly after retiring loud knocks were heard at the front door. Madame Anger, who was in bed, started up, and received in answer, "Metivier, I want a pound of butter, and a small loaf." The old woman refused to open the door, and the knocks were renewed. She then said to the young girl, her companion, "Run away, there are robbers here, save yourself." The girl ran to the back window, opened it, threw up the sash, and knocked at a neighbour's door. Receiving no answer, she returned to Mrs. Anger's and requested her to accompany her. This the old woman refused to do. The girl then went to a neighbour's door, but she also refused to open the door. Mrs. Anger's door was resumed, and Mr. Rousseau put his head out of a window and said, "Metivier, you had better go home; Mrs. Anger is not Metivier here." The girl returned to Mrs. Anger's and requested her to accompany her. This the old woman refused to do. The girl then went to a neighbour's door, but she also refused to open the door. Mrs. Anger's door was resumed, and Mr. Rousseau put his head out of a window and said, "Metivier, you had better go home; Mrs. Anger is not Metivier here." The girl returned to Mrs. Anger's and requested her to accompany her. This the old woman refused to do. The girl then went to a neighbour's door, but she also refused to open the door. 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