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OFFICE, in Allan's Brick Building, up stairs.

THE RAILROAD.

The prospect is that the Fredericton and Riviere du Loup railroad is in a few weeks to be completed under circumstances which promise a speedy conclusion. And it to be constructed without resort to foreign aid by the means and energy of our own people. At a meeting of the Executive Council held in St. John, last week, a contract for the work was submitted and approved. The gentlemen who have associated themselves together and undertaken the construction are Messrs. E. R. Burpee, Alex. Jardine, C. H. Fairweather, Isaac Burpee, John Boyd, B. Devereux and W. W. Turnbull. The latter is the president of the company. A. P. H. Edolph, J. Pickard, A. Thomson of Fredericton, these are names whose earnest commitment to the undertaking means business, and gives assurance that no ordinary obstacle of a pecuniary nature will be allowed to interfere. Indeed it is said that Mr. Burpee has already engaged to build the building of the quarter of the road rather than that the scheme should not be successful, while E. R. Burpee is in himself a host where energy in railroad operation is required.

It is proposed that the road shall run from St. Mary's, opposite Fredericton to Little Falls in Victoria County a distance of 160 miles. It is also proposed, we believe, as a part of the scheme, to approach the river St. John a short distance above Woodstock, and connect, by a short branch crossing the river, with the Woodstock railroad, but we will probably, soon have, in definite terms, the prospect before us.

The projectors have done wisely, we think, at the outset in deciding to adopt the narrow (3 ft. 6 in.) gauge, with some what heavier equipment than is usually used in such roads. This gauge will cost very much less, and be suitable for any practical purpose of trade. At \$15,000 a mile, which should be quite sufficient for the purpose, the road will cost \$2,400,000. The money that the company considers available for the work is being made up by \$250,000 from the N. B. & N. S. Land Co.; \$250,000, Fredericton; \$100,000 voted by York Co.; \$100,000 voted by Carleton Co.; \$50,000 by Victoria Co., and \$150,000, it is said, subscribed by gentlemen belonging to the company. There are 10,000 acres of land in the line granted by the province, and which, we are told, the Executive have assured the company may be selected by them under the most possible restraint as regards character of land and location. So that with the funds mentioned, if the projectors are able, and such a valuable resource in aid, it would seem that a discreet manipulation, such as we may expect from the gentlemen in charge, is alone necessary in order to make the means adequate to the result sought.

Whether the terms of the original prospectus are to be adhered to, and the work of construction commenced simultaneously at Fredericton and Woodstock, or not, we are not informed, but for many reasons hope this will be the case. We are most anxious to have this important addition made to the railway operations of the province, and to see it opened in a way with great pleasure, trusting that the most generous consideration will be extended by all persons and corporations, in aid of the work.

It will be peculiarly satisfactory to have the work commenced and completed in the same season, and through the exercise of New Brunswick reliance and luck.

It is not impossible that the original compact will be carried out; we have reason to believe that some of the most influential members of the contracting parties, who are engaged in the railway, fully appreciate the great importance of bringing Fredericton and St. John by most direct and shortest route into connection with Woodstock, Mr. Temple, to whom, by the way, the country is largely indebted, for the Fredericton branch railway, from its inception to its conclusion, he was, by his industry and means, its most active promoter, has been closely identified with the Riviere du Loup railroad project from the first, and now in the new phase that it has assumed, he is equally interested in its immediate construction, and we have reason to feel satisfied that this gentleman will lend the utmost weight of his influence to the securing of such a route as will most directly bring about the connection above referred to.

We like a suggestion made by an Ontario contemporary in the course of an article on the Department of Agriculture and Statistics at Ottawa, in which he concludes that the department is not in as efficient state as the friends of the Government would like to see it.

The suggestion we notice is that we might have through the department triennial reports of the crops similar to those furnished by the Statistical Bureau at Washington. Any one who has given attention to the census of the Dominion in the past ten years, from which in the past ten years there has been no emigration to any considerable extent, shows, by the census of 1871, a smaller population by nearly one hundred than that of 1861.

We think the following will prove pretty nearly correct with regard to the Parish in this County.

1871.	1861.	
Woodstock,	3,960	3,908
Brighton,	1,876	1,448
Northampton,	1,929	1,004
Peel,	935	829
Richmond,	2,396	2,458
Simonds,	900	2,081
Wilnot,	1,760	1,634
Wicklow,	2,055	1,093
Woodstock,	2,522	2,069
Aberdeen,	1,937	1,673

Keut, it will be seen, shows the largest increase, in this parish is the new settlement of Johnville, while Aberdeen is a new parish, its population being largely new settlers, but a portion of it formerly belonged to Peel.

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A LONG PEACE FOR THE WORLD

We adopt the following well considered article in a late number of the *Scottish American Journal*, under the above caption:

"The whole world is now in a state of profound peace, within the last twenty years, and it is not only the most peaceful of all the great Powers of the world, and nearly all the lesser countries have been engaged in sanguinary and destructive wars. These struggles have settled, at least temporarily, the disputed questions which brought them about, and at this time, the public peace is not visibly menaced in any quarter by any international quarrel. The maintenance of peace should now be a fundamental object of desire with the statesmen and people of all civilized countries.

Not long since an able writer, in referring to the singular aspect of affairs in continental Europe, advanced the idea that the old political order, or balance of power, which is now practically destroyed, might be followed by a series of 'sacred-unions'—Pan-German, Pan-Slavic, Pan-Scandinavian, and Pan-Slavic—each of which would be a more or less relative strength; but that, in the desire for peace, they might agree to form some sort of confederation, with an international tribunal of arbitration, and a single army to keep the peace. The speculation is not altogether novel; in fact, an idea of the same nature was put forward by that profound and far-sighted statesman, the Marquis de Lafayette, three centuries ago, and it has had many advocates among statesmen and political visionaries since that time. We do not, however, propose to discuss here whether or not we see any sign of its taking a practical shape. But we may very properly make inquiry as to the necessity, under present circumstances, for the maintenance of these vast military establishments which weigh so fearfully upon the nations of continental Europe. It would certainly seem that some of the political changes which have taken place within the last year, and within the last ten years, were singularly favorable to their reduction.

To begin with, there has been an important change in the military necessities of Germany since the close of the late war and the establishment of the new German Empire. For example, the various German States, Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden, and the rest, are not now under the necessity of arming against each other, or of keeping armies ready for mutual aggression, as was formerly the case. On the contrary, all the forces of the great German Empire, all the military contingents of the different countries, are now under the command of a single authority, the Emperor of the German States. None of the Governments can engage in war, none of the armies can be employed for a war-like object, except by the Imperial military establishment of Germany. It is but five years since German States were fighting one another—since Saxony was fighting with Prussia; but the new political order relieves Germany from any fear of such a condition of things hereafter. We may easily suppose that many wars which were formerly necessary to place will thus be prevented.

Again, it cannot be necessary for Germany to maintain such a huge standing army, or to keep her military forces in readiness for fear of the aggressions of her neighbors. The chief of the German States (Prussia) has Austria to the west, and France to the east, and the latter is a powerful ally. The chief of the German States (Prussia) has Austria to the west, and France to the east, and the latter is a powerful ally. The chief of the German States (Prussia) has Austria to the west, and France to the east, and the latter is a powerful ally.

A HURRICANE OF STONE.—In Zarate, a city of the Argentine Republic, there happened on the 8th of June last, a frightful hurricane, bringing with it a cloud of stones and a shower of hail. The stones were as big as goose eggs, fell every where, very few being as small as that of a pigeon. Houses, huts, and roofs of all sorts were blown down, and many persons were killed or injured. Not a pane of glass or a public lamp survived unbroken, and many were carried to a great distance by the wind. The buildings exposed to the blast looked as if a rifle corps had been doing their best against them. Many animals were reported killed, and one woman and child.

Dr. Crookes of London, has been experimenting on Mr. Home and the spiritualist manifestations of the latter gentleman, and is now before the reading public with the theory of a new force in nature that he calls the "Fisic Force," certain psychical conditions.

Dr. Crookes holds that this force is, probably, possessed by all human beings, though the individuals endowed with an extraordinary amount of it are, doubtless, named that it is through the exercise of