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## THE VALLEY RAILROAD.

A year ago the people, as a whole, asked Messrs Hazen and Flemming to guarantee bonds for the St John Valley Railway, to the extent of \$25,000 per mile. Hazen said, "go to Ottawa and let the Federal Government will agree to operate the road as a part of the I. C. R., I will guarantee the bonds." The people went. The Federal Government has agreed to the proposal, now why won't Hazen and Flemming carry out their own proposition?

Certain people are uncharitable enough to intimate that the C. P. R. has put its big hand on them and they dare not, but Flemming spent an hour in the Legislature last week, in a towering rage, assuring the Country that nothing improper transpired on that famous Private Car ride with Van Horn. If this be true then the C. P. R. doesn't own them.

They protest they are honest. Flemming said in the House of Assembly with his face like a gobbler, that his right hand had never grasped a dollar which it had not earned, then they are not after boodle, therefore, if they are independent and honest why are they making such idiots of themselves as they are doing in trying to dodge the issue by saying Sir Wilfrid has not made any proposition either to them or to the Company, but when did either they or the Company ever ask Sir Wilfrid for anything?

A delegation made a request and have their answer, which has been conveyed to the Company and by the Company to the Government. Then they say, oh, but the standard is too high! How do they know? No survey has been made. No investigation of any kind has been undertaken not even an inspection of the old surveys made for the Centreville and G. T. P. roads from Grand Falls to Fredericton. Mr Chestnut, the President of the Valley Railroad Company went to Ottawa and was assured, if the Government of N. B. would guarantee the bonds, a Company stood ready to build the road up to the required standard.

As soon as this was reported to Hazen et al their party organs commenced abusing Mr Chestnut in language so vicious that many respectable journals would not even copy it.

If it is neither graft nor C. P. R. will some kind friend please stand up and tell us what is wrong with them anyway?

## The Press and Mr Carvell.

Since the former Editor of the Press has been compelled to apologize to Mr Carvell for certain libellous statements, the present Management, which only represents three out of the seven directors, is very much exercised about the doings of Mr Carvell and his brothers.

Well, we don't propose to enter into any discussion with a paper of the calibre of the Press, but can assure it that Mr Carvell and his brothers are still on the earth and when the next election comes around, will be on hand to help bury once more the little coterie of malcontents, who just at the present time have the control of our King St contemporary. It would be a long time before any of that crowd would be hired to manage any business requiring sobriety, brains and common honesty.

March 2.—The vote on Mr Tweeddale's resolution regarding the governments policy on the Valley Railroad was taken this evening. Mr Hazen stated that the Government was not prepared at this time to state their policy in this matter. Mr Munro in a short speech referred to the expensive rates of the C. P. R. and the need of a competitive line but did not commit himself to the operation of the Road by the Federal Government. On the vote being taken the resolution was voted down, the Government party voting solidly against the resolution. Mr Burchill voted with the opposition.

## The Local House.

## THE AUDIT ACT A FAILURE. MR. UPHAM INQUIRES ABOUT MONEY SPENT ON CARLETON COUNTY BRIDGES

Mr Tweeddale's Resolution Voted Down. Government Will Not Tell Its Valley Road Policy.

(Special Correspondent of the Sentinel). Fredericton, March 2.—Today Mr Tweeddale's Valley Railway resolution is slated for discussion. Just what its fate will be is at present a matter for conjecture.

The Opposition stands strongly in favor of the proposition for the operation of the road by the Dominion government as part of the Intercolonial. No man knows where the Hazen government stands. Apparently, Mr Hazen would sacrifice the interests of the Valley counties in his endeavor to gain a little political capital against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr Pugsley and Mr Carvell. Whether or not his Valley River followers dare go with him in this attempt remains to be seen.

But this fact stands out: The Opposition leader and his followers believe that the Valley counties should have a road which will compete with the Canadian Pacific Railway and be operated as a part of the Intercolonial Railway from a board in a transcontinental system.

By inquiry Mr Upham has learned that no tenders were asked for the rebuilding of the Whitney Bridge in the parish of Wilmot. The bridge was rebuilt by day's work at a cost of \$47,198.

The Carleton county man has also brought out that the Shaw Creek Bridge in the Parish of Northampton is another which was rebuilt without tenders being called. In this case the cost was \$350,56.

Mr Upham has given notice of the following inquiries: Is Mr G. Hugh Harrison of the town of Woodstock, in the employ of the government? If so, what are his duties and what is his salary? Are his personal expenses, while on duty, paid by the government?

In the report of the Public Works Department for 1909 it is shown that out of the money advanced on account of ordinary bridges during the last fiscal year, Carleton county obtained \$8,169.02. In answering an inquiry in the House last week Hon. Mr Morrissey stated that since the beginning of the present fiscal year \$5,735.04 was expended for the repair and building of bridges in Carleton county.

Thus to date, in Carleton county the amount spent for this purpose had been \$13,904.06.

During the last fiscal year and down to the present in this fiscal year in Albert county for the same purposes the amount has been no less than \$31,953.89. And Albert is not the biggest county in the province by a jug full.

Carleton county, \$13,904.06; Albert county, \$31,953.89. There is quite a difference; and the balance is not in Carleton's favor.

The Audit Act and the 1909 report of the Auditor General are two of the most remarkable public documents that have ever appeared in New Brunswick.

The Hazen people have boasted of the great worth of the Audit Act. Under it unauthorized expenditures and over-expenditures were to be impossible. The Auditor-General's report just brought down, shows that during 1909 the government, through its Treasury Board, issued more than thirty orders "authorizing payments in excess of appropriations." The total amount of these orders is some \$100,000 and there are doubtless more yet to be announced.

Moreover, on November 20th, 1908, there was issued a special warrant under the act of \$5,000. There is still another feature to be taken into consideration. On the recommendation of Hon. Mr Flemming an order-in-council was passed whereby a loan of over \$15,600 was negotiated—what for? To pay under a special Permanent Bridge Account that a deficit might appear as apparently a surplus!

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What an admirable system of book-keeping the province now has! The Auditor General's report states that the receipts from game licenses for 1909 were \$37,296.25. On the other hand, the Surveyor Generals report says that the receipts were only \$33,166.11.

The Auditor General says that the over-expenditures for roads and bridges totalled \$24,937.51. On the other hand, the Public Works Department report says that the over-expenditure was \$37,937.51. Perhaps these will be explained as 'typographical errors,' like the one in the Central Railway report whereby the government sought to damn Hon. Mr Pugsley.

How long would a merchant keep in his employ a book-keeper who had a difference of over \$17,000 in two totals supposed to agree? This is the Flemming style of keeping provincial books!

Speaking of finances, the people who pay the bills will be interested to learn that last year the Hazen people increased the bonded debt of the province by more than \$705,000. The debt has now reached the record mark of \$6,090,026.41. This is how Mr Hazen and Mr Flemming are reducing the debt.

On ordinary account Mr Flemming claims his subsidy of \$4,444.97. Had he not adopted transparent subterfuge of transforming to the 'permanent bridge account' that \$15,679.75 made up of expenditures such as are charged to 'ordinary bridge account' there would have been an admitted deficit of over \$11,200.

It certainly costs money to have Messrs Hazen, Flemming, Grimmer, Morrissey, Landry, McLeod and Maxwell at the head of affairs. This is made plain by the Auditor General's report. In salaries last year these gentlemen drew \$11,572. They set out their travelling expenses as amounting to \$3206.50. A casual glance however, through the report shows that they incurred other expenses which bring this total up to \$4239.36. No doubt a closer scrutiny of the items in the report would show that there are still other expenses which have been overlooked just now.

Taking the total of salary, however, at the figures given in the report and taking the amount of expenses, the total paid these gentlemen by the people of the province last year for the exercise of their transcendent abilities in conducting the affairs of New Brunswick was \$15,811.36. Are they worth it? It may be borne in mind that last year the government increased the salaries of two of its members by \$400 each per annum.

In 1907 the travelling expenses of Hon. Mr Pugsley, the Attorney General, were \$325. The travelling expenses of Hon. Mr Hazen last year, as given by the Auditor General, were \$575.

The regular travelling expenses of the Provincial Secretary in 1907, Hon. L. J. Tweedie, were \$225. Hon. Mr Flemming's travelling expenses as given by the Auditor General for 1909 were \$436.50. The Solicitor General's travelling expenses in 1907 were \$400. The travelling expenses

of the Solicitor General in 1909, as given by the Auditor General, were \$90.

Moreover, the expenses for 1909 given above are simply those grouped under the heading of 'travelling expenses' in the Auditor General's report as already pointed out other expenses are shown in different places throughout the report.

These facts, however, are sufficient to give some idea of how much Mr Hazen and his colleagues are costing the people in salaries and expenses.

Fredericton, March 2.—Why doesn't Premier Hazen like to discuss the whereabouts of that missing \$219,000 of stumpage? Why he dislikes to do so can only be conjectured, but that fact of the dislike remains.

Last week the premier took advantage of a transparent technicality to avoid answering a question bearing on the matter. The question was asked by Hon. Mr Robinson. The opposition leader wanted to know whether or not the government intends to take any action to collect the missing sum.

The premier took exception to the form of the question and appealed to the chair. Mr Robinson did not test the feeling of the House on the points of order his only comment being:—"If the government doesn't want to answer the question I won't argue the matter now."

But the opposition men do not intend to let the province lose that \$219,000 if their efforts can lead to its being brought into the people's treasury, where it belongs.

What is the secret of the missing amount? Why doesn't Premier Hazen take into his confidence the people whose money it is and whose faithful servant he should be?

But the \$219,000 is still missing and apparently the government isn't trying to collect it. Therefore, pay the increased highway tax and look pleasant, Mr Ratepayer, with the knowledge that somewhere is \$219,000 which ought to be devoted to provincial needs.

Since the close of the fiscal year the government has paid out over \$7,000 for school books. The receipts have been some \$2,000. The losses on the operation of the school book policy are apparently piling up.

## To Editor of the Carleton Sentinel

DEAR SIR,—It was hoped by many when the change in the Editorial Staff of one of our contemporaries took place, that more care would be taken in the publishing of items from the correspondents of the country round, and the readers of that paper would be spared the eye sore of the "I wonder why?" which is fast making it the laughing stock of the country. Some of the items published are of a personal nature, and it is decidedly uncomfortable to any one, more especially a lady, to be the brunt of some one's cheap wit.

Although it has never been the misfortune of the writer to have been written up by one of these "would be funny men," (for we would not attribute such erroneous nonsense to a lady) yet he, like many others, deprecates the fact that a paper published in this community would aid persons who are too cowardly or too contemptible to state openly what they think of anyone who have had the misfortune to incur their displeasure. And any paper would be better employed by trying to better conditions and building up the community through which it is circulated, than by giving space to such items which are not only displeasing and disgusting to those about whom they are written, but also to those who read them.

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Local Agent.

## OBITUARY

On Saturday, Feb 26th, the community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Fred Shaw of Lower Wakefield, at the residence of Miles Clark, of the same place.

Deceased was in usual good health until Friday morning, when he complained of not feeling well, and continued ill all day and through the night, but not what his friends thought very serious; but about five o'clock a. m. he passed quietly away to the world beyond. He was a son of the late Amos Shaw, of Lower Wakefield, and leaves to mourn their loss two brothers, one in the West unknown to the writer, and Murray, at present visiting friends in this county, also two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Shaw, of Middle Simonds, and Mrs. Miles Clark, of Lower Wakefield, who cared for him in his last hours.

All was done that kind friends could do but of no avail.

The cause of death as near as could be learned was heart failure. The funeral service was held in the Primitive Baptist church on Sunday at 2 o. m. Interment was made in the church cemetery and was conducted by Rev J. M. Mallory, assisted by Rev J. H. Copeland.

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At Hartford, Conn., on Feb. 28th, to the wife of Albert McBride, a daughter.

To the wife of Edwin Palmer, on Feb. 21st, a son.

## Marriages.

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. T. Astle, in East Bangor, on Feb. 7, by the Rev. G. A. Martin, Henry Dibble of Kennebec, Me. formerly of Northampton, N. B. and Maude Robinson of Glassville, N. B. (Other Woodstock and St John papers please copy.)

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