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THE VALLEY ROAD.

It will be a matter of great satisfaction to the people of the Valley to learn that the prospects for the early construction of the Railroad are better than ever before. During the past week the Hon. Messrs Pugsley and Flemming have held a conference and have arrived at an agreement to be laid before their respective governments. While the full text of this agreement has not been given out enough has been made public to satisfy the people that the road will now be built and that it will be from Grand Falls to St. John and operated under I. C. R. management. This announcement will bring great pleasure and satisfaction to the friends of Mr. Carvell and Dr. Pugsley. Though it has been a hard fight and the undertaking of work of which the general public has no knowledge yet the representative of Carleton County in the Federal House never for one moment gave up hopes of getting this road in its legitimate place—in New Brunswick territory from end to end—and he is now to be congratulated upon the success attained.

The Gleaner of June the 8th in referring to the Valley road says:—

"The Provincial government, however, rather than see the country deprived of the road altogether, appears to have decided to yield to construction under part II. Are Mr. Pugsley and the Lieutenant Governor willing to act now?"

Many people are asking why this reference to the Lieutenant Governor? Is this the explanation of the noise like distant thunder which proceeded from the Government in Fredericton one day not long ago

A fire bug is a dangerous thing to have in a community and the action of the town in offering a reward for the conviction of the party setting the fires in town recently will be widely approved.

The rain is hard on the base ball fans but of untold value to the country at large.

REMEMBER THE MAMMOTH PICNIC AT ISLAND PARK, ON THE 22ND. GAMES OF ALL KINDS. SUPPER WILL BE SERVED ON THE GROUNDS.

THE COON COMES DOWN.

At last the Hazen government coon has begun to come down on the Valley Railway question. A few months ago we were told by the subsidized organs of the government that an electric railway with a two-hour service would meet the transportation requirements of the long suffering people of the St. John Valley. This wild cat scheme was boosted to the limit for a time and was finally laid away "unswept, unhonored and unsung."

More recently the Quebec and St. John Railway Company, to wit A. R. Gould, was brought into the limelight and it was announced that they were willing to construct a railway from Welsford to Westfield to a point in the Parish of Andover and extend the same through the State of Maine and Province of Quebec to the Quebec bridge. An application was made to Hon. Dr. Pugsley for the Dominion subsidy for this line, and on asking for some details in regard to the scheme he was informed that it was to be "a steam road." The Minister of Public Works was not favorably impressed with the idea, and in a letter to Hon. Mr. Flemming told him in plain language that the subsidy voted by Parliament was intended for a high class road to extend from Grand Falls to St. John and so far as the Gould scheme was concerned there would be nothing doing.

As the result of the firm stand taken by the Minister of Public Works to safeguard the interests of the province we already have the Hazen government in full retreat. The evidence of this is furnished by Hon. Mr. Flemming in a letter published in black-faced type in "The Standard of today and here it is:

"While I believe that the plan which we have worked out for construction through the Valley, crosses Maine and to Quebec, will give to the people more competition, better trunk connections and more ocean traffic than the connection at Grand Falls could give, yet if you are still positive in your refusal, we must abandon the idea."

Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen. This great railway, which we were told was to shorten the distance from Quebec to St. John by one hundred miles, abandoned by the Hazen government. In the days of old men sacrificed their lives in defence of a principle, but they were evidently made of sterner stuff than the members of the Hazen government.

If any further evidence were wanting to show how complete is the humiliation of the Hazen government, it is furnished by the following additional extract from Mr. Flemming's letter:

"The provincial government is most anxious that this Railway should be constructed without delay, and if you are prepared to make such modifications in the standard for construction and such other arrangements as will make it practical to have the Railway constructed under part two of our Act of last year, we are willing to work the project out along that line. With this end in view, I would propose a conference between a committee of the provincial government, the Minister of Railways and yourself."

"I am prompted to write you in this way in consideration of the fact that unless something is done promptly the project may be delayed until another year, and it seems to me most desirable, and it is the wish

MR. FLEMMING IN A NEW ROLE.

(Wireless from Foyaltin.)

Royalton, June 9th.—Mr. Flemming, who was so busy that he could not attend the important meeting at Andover the other evening discovered that he was entitled to a vacation and this afternoon drove all the way from Hartland to attend a public meeting of the W. C. T. U. of this place. Of course as Royalton is near the survey of the Valley Road no doubt it was easier for him to come to Royalton than again infringe upon the friendship of the C. P. R. and go to Andover and being a strong temperance advocate he preferred the dry welcome he received here to the warm one he would have received at Senator Baird's indignation meeting.

Mr. Flemming was the star performer at this evening's entertainment. Overlooking the fact that he is ever doing anything for the Dominion was enacted by Liberal Government's he told the public that any temperance legislation which was worth anything could be traced directly to him. He said that up to the time that the Hazen Government was elected the people had no vote upon the saloon question. This is the reason, no doubt, that Carleton County has had Scott Act for more than twenty years and other parts of the province has enjoyed local option.

Great man is Mr. Flemming. Mr. Flemming said he had signed the pledge when he was sixteen years of age and the people here are wondering how he did this in view of the other statement that he made—that he did not have a day's schooling until he was in his eighteenth year—we, prospective Valley Railway patrons, would like to know how it was done.

Mr. Flemming quoted scripture though we do not know which portion applied to his private car ride. He told the people it was wicked to sell their votes but did not say he thought it wicked to buy them. It was a great meeting and the statement of the chairman that Mr. Flemming had come all the way to Royalton and would not take a cent for his services brought out great applause. It was a great moment for Mr. Flemming.

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of the provincial government to have construction begun at the earliest day and the work well under way during the present season."

The idea of a conference between representatives of the Dominion and Local governments to arrange for a modification of the standard of the proposed railway is not Mr. Flemming's. It was suggested by the Minister of Public Works over a year ago and was then ignored by the Hazen government. In the light of the facts the intelligent people of the St. John Valley must readily see how untenable is the position of Hon. Mr. Flemming and his colleagues at the present time.—Mail.

THE TUPPER-FIELDING COMBAT.

Sir Charles Tupper's criticism of Mr. Fielding's career and of the part he has played in the reciprocity agreement, as well as Sir Charles' interpretation of what the reciprocity agreement means and will mean to Canada, has called forth the inevitable reply. Sir Charles opening complaint was that Mr. Fielding had referred to him in his Montreal speech, and that he should have been exempted from public attack, because he is of advanced age and in retirement. Mr. Fielding answers that Sir Charles has played a large part in Canadian affairs during half a century, and that as a public man, discussing the issues of the day, especially reciprocity, such a reference was unavoidable; and that Sir Charles as nothing to complain about, since the statement made by Mr. Fielding concerning him were absolutely correct in every particular and fairly given. It had been claimed at the Montreal meeting, but some of the hecklers, that the Liberal Government had only been carrying out the National Policy of Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper, and therefore deserved no credit for the present national prosperity. In disproof of that common allegation, Mr. Fielding legitimately quoted Sir Charles Tupper himself, who, as leader of the Opposition, had bitterly attacked the Liberal tariff in the House of Commons, had declared that the industries of the country were all ready paralyzed in consequence of it, and had repeated what he spoke of as 'the sorrowful wail of those industries,' in the Montreal Gazette, 'where, he said, one manufacturer after another were ruined, that their mills must close, I feel,' he said, far from rejoicing at it from a party standpoint; I deplore from my heart the ruin that is going to be inflicted upon the best interests of Canada and upon her great industries.'

Mr. Fielding was quite justified in making that quotation from Sir Charles. From the time when the Liberals were returned to power in the fall of 1896 to the time when Mr. Fielding brought in his budget in 1897, the Tories and the manufacturers were continually uttering such wails, and Mr. W. W. Ogilvie was only one of many who threatened to close their mills and wipe the dust of Canada off their feet. The wails were continued up to and through 1898, when the British tariff preference was increased from 25 per cent to 33-1/3 per cent; and they were so prevailing afterwards that Mr. Fielding was coerced into lowering the British preference for the sake of giving increased protection to Canadian textiles and other manufacturers. In fact, it was not until the reciprocity agreement was arranged that the manufacturers ceased to wail and complain about the mischievous tariff tinkering of the Liberal Government. Mr. Borden spent a campaign summer denouncing it. But the reciprocity agreement changed the complexion of things to the privileged. Then they began to say that 'everything is lovely,' they began to protest that we can never be better off than we are, demanding to 'leave well enough alone,' and to claim that the national policy was still practically in force, and the real causes of such a perfect state of things.

Sir Charles Tupper accused Mr. Fielding of having spoken in depreciatory terms of the work he accomplished in Washington during 1887 and 1888, which the United States Senate failed to ratify. Mr. Fielding did not, however, find fault with what was then done, as those who heard him in Montreal will remember. He did, however, say that the exigencies of the situation compelled Sir Charles and his colleagues to make an offer to the United States of free access to the fishing privilege of Canada, in addition to the exchanges of free trade in natural products. For this he gives chapter and verse from Sir Charles Tupper's own mouth and pen. Mr. Fielding has Sir Charles Tupper at his mercy where Sir Charles bewails the fact that the reciprocity agreement would 'whittle down the British preference.' He shows that under the trade policy of the Conservative party, Canadian imports from Great Britain actually decreased by eighteen million dollars in the fourteen years previous to 1897; while in the next fourteen years under the Liberal government's tariff which Sir Charles attacks, the imports increased by seventy-one and a half million dollars. There can be no denying the truth that if Sir Charles and his friends had had their way there would have been no British preference, and for him, under those circumstances, to find fault with the Liberal government for 'whittling it away' is fantastic. He himself and his former colleagues

TORONTO METHODIST CONFERENCE ACTION.

Toronto, June 13—(Canadian Press)—The Toronto Methodist Conference expressed itself positively upon two questions of burning interest yesterday. After one of the most spirited debates that has ever characterized the meetings of the conference, church union was endorsed by the overwhelming vote of 241 to 46.

An uncompromising resolution denouncing the ne temere decree and pledging the conference to do all in its power to have it made an offence for any one to challenge the validity of a marriage celebrated according to civil law, was unanimously passed all standing and singing the national anthem.

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1 qt Good Pickles 19c	5 bars Yerxa's Soap 19c
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