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A MUCH-NEEDED BRANCH LINE.

The St. John Globe in replying to some observations made by The Mail regarding the proposed construction of a branch line of railway from a point in York County to connect the Valley Railway with the New England system has this to say:

"The Globe's opposition to this railroad measure is that all the purpose it can serve is to divert some of the traffic now finding its way to this province via already existing systems. To spend a million or two for that purpose at any time would be folly. To spend it in the present condition of Canadian finances would be worse than folly. The National authorities missed their chance on the long haul for American business when they allowed the C. P. R. to get possession of the natural connection, the Shore Line, and it would now be the height of folly to make a large public expenditure on no broader ground than is advanced for this project."

The authorities of the Canadian National Railway who have long felt the need of a direct rail connection with New England, and who are now having a survey made with a view of selecting the most feasible route, probably know as much about the matter as does our esteemed St. John contemporary, Sir Henry Thornton and his staff have under taken to put the C. N. R. on a paying basis and there is a pretty general disposition on the part of the people of the country to give them a chance to carry out their plans. It would not be an exaggeration to say that probably four-fifths of the lumber, fish and other freight carried from the Maritimes to the United States by rail originates on the lines of the C. N. R. This means that many C. N. R. cars cross the border into the United States every month, and often great difficulty is experienced in getting them back again. Naturally enough, competing lines are not very likely to do anything to facilitate the return to the C. N. R. of its empty cars. In this connection, it will be recalled that because of the failure of the C. N. R. to furnish cars to shippers during the years immediately following the great war, lumbering concerns in this province had American contracts cancelled, and in consequence lost many thousands of dollars. This is only one of many reasons why the C. N. R. authorities are anxious to be in a position to deliver and receive their cars at the International boundary on their own rails.

The Globe lets the cat out of the bag when it says that the C. N. R. "missed its opportunity to get possession of the natural connection for American business when it failed to take over the Shore Line Railway. We infer from this that if the Shore Line were still a ramshackle road and still on the market, the government, even under "the present condition of the country's finances," would be quite justified in expending several millions of dollars in acquiring and repairing it, in order to establish a New England connection. The Shore Line, it might be explained, has its eastern terminus at St. John, while the proposed branch line from the Valley Railway would start at some point in the County of York. It is that phase of the situation which is worrying The Globe: it is in fact the fly in the ointment.

The C. N. R. authorities could have acquired the Shore Line some years ago, but they evidently concluded that it would not serve their purpose. The Shore Line is now the property of the C. P. R., but it has not yet become, nor is it likely to become a great highway of commerce. Nobody in central New Brunswick heading for the United States unless it be some fugitive from justice, would think of going to St. John and continuing the journey via

the Shore Line, nor would the fishery concerns of the North Shore or the Mill owners in the vicinity of Fredericton ship their products by that round about way. We would like to know how many St. John people travel to Boston or New York via the Shore Line, and how much freight destined for New England points is now routed that way. Yet if we accept The Globe's statement it is the natural connection for American business.

It might be well to explain here in order to keep the record clear that the proposed Valley Railway branch line is not a political or a "pork barrel" proposition. The idea originated with the authorities of the Canadian National Railways, who have long felt the need of a direct connection between the Maritime provinces and New England. The Valley Railway branch was embodied in the Branch Lines bill, which passed the House of Commons last session by an enormous majority, but met defeat in the Senate. The bill provided for an expenditure of \$27,000,000 in the construction of branch lines, and the Valley Railway branch estimated to cost \$1,500,000, was the only one allocated to this province. We are pleased to note that the bill is to be re-introduced this session and we are earnestly hoping that it will pass. The matter of establishing direct communication between the Valley Railway and New England is of great importance to New Brunswick and no section of the province is justified in raising an objection on puerile and selfish grounds. Just suppose that the Federal Government were to bring down a proposal in Parliament to provide wharves in different part of the country at a cost of \$27,000,000 and allotted one to St. John at a cost of \$1,500,000. Would the Globe raise an objection to this and would we find the people and press of other sections of the province denouncing it as a useless expenditure on the ground that St. John already had sufficient wharves? No, the people of other sections of the province want St. John to grow and flourish as a national port but at the same time they want no "butting in" from that city in opposition to a proposal calculated to benefit other and equally important districts of the province.

The latest Parisian styles are known by Miss Julie O'Grady quite as soon as by the colonel's lady.

The older generation is worrying about the younger generations, and always has.

Every political campaign has an overhead that the public hears nothing about.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Add Familiar Sayings: "The police are baffled."

Sometimes it seems that the less a woman knows about a thing the more she likes to talk about it.

If a man really did want but little here below he would probably be better off in the end.

Lima Beane says the dog that wears a muzzle might as well wag his tail.

A Mind Your Own Business Week would probably interfere with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In the mad pursuit of happiness there is the danger of rushing right by it if not stumbling over it.

Collarmakers have at last succeeded in turning out an article the laundries can demolish in two attacks.

If March, which we see by the calendar is on the way, behaves as well as February no investigation will be started against him.

Putting pictures of weeds in the seed catalogues would make them true to life but we suppose they would destroy the romance.

There is some justice in the world after all, and the "hired girl" makes the employer pay well for chattering about her "maid."

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Margaret Jaffray of Fredericton is spending a short time in Ottawa. She is the guest of Mrs. W. A. C. Hamilton.

Mrs. J. F. Vanbuskirt of Fredericton left for Boston on Wednesday evening to be gone about a week. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Hawthorne.

T. J. Lord of St. John is in the city.

M. D. Coll of St. John arrived here this afternoon.

G. B. Brosseau of Montreal is a guest at the Queen.

J. P. Mooney of St. John is in the city today.

J. T. Woodrow of Montreal is registered at the Queen.

ASSESSMENT CHANGES WILL BE DISCUSSED

(Continued From Page Eight.) ing any changes. A year would not be any too long. He did not see how there could be legislation before 1926.

The Legislative Committee is composed of Ald. Clark, Ald. Oils, and Ald. Cooper.

Fire District.

In connection with the section of the report relating to Water Department, discussion arose concerning the building laws and fire district. It was maintained that the present Buildings Law was not satisfactory and that changes should be made. One proposition was to extend the fire district. At present it extend from the river to Brunswick street but the regulations are rather complicated. One proposal was that fire-proof roofs be insisted upon for the entire city.

Ald. Farrell was elected to the committee on Building Law, the other members being Ald. Dickson and Ald. Oils. Doubt was expressed if any legislation could be obtained this year.

It was stated that the Fire Committee would be prepared to bring in some recommendations Monday night.

The civic survey report will require a number of additional meetings.

Seek Information.

The Fredericton Board of Health has been asked concerning James Cameron Bell said to have been born in Fredericton in 1825. A birth certificate is wanted. The inquiry comes from England.

The word Propaganda begins to lose its meaning now that it is stretched out to include any concerted demand of a majority of the public.

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature by the Board of School Trustees of the City of Fredericton for the passage of an Act authorizing the said Board to issue debentures for a sum not exceeding \$150,000 over and above their present limit of issue, the said issue to be for the purpose of raising moneys to erect a new school building.

Dated the 28th day of February, 1924.

R. D. HANSON, Secretary of School Trustees.

CAPITOL

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY

TOM MIX

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3	Combination Grease Guns.....	Regular	1.00	now	.60
12	Ford Fan Belts.....	Regular	.60	now	.35
5	Ford Bar Radiator Caps.....	Regular	1.15	now	.70
12	Tire Irons.....	Regular	.65	now	.25
4	Dash Lamps.....	Regular	2.00	now	1.25
3	Dash Lamps.....	Regular	2.25	now	1.36
3	Dash Lamps.....	Regular	1.50	now	.95
2	Hand Klaxon Horns.....	Regular	6.75	now	5.00
2	Acme Oil Gauges for Ford.....	Regular	4.75	now	3.00
7	Pair Scholer Roadlighter Lens.....	Regular	3.50	now	2.20
7	Ford or Chevrolet Wheel Pullers.....	Regular	1.85	now	1.34
1	Pair Parking Lamps.....	Regular	6.00	now	3.52
3	Pair Parking Lamps.....	Regular	2.85	now	1.75
2	Pair Parking Lamps.....	Regular	5.00	now	3.89
4	Ford Engine Gaskets.....	Regular	.85	now	.50
4	Sets Carbon Scrapers.....	Regular	1.75	now	1.15
1	Only Bearing Scrapers.....	Regular	1.00	now	.50
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