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GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Dispite Numerous Handicaps That Important Public Work Has Been Pushed Along---Will be Completed Early in 1918---Business Like Methods Have Been Employed---A Payment on Subsidy Account.

At the meeting of the directors of the St John & Quebec Railway Company this month, the report submitted covered a considerable portion of the work done during the summer and the present state of construction the railway.

The inspecting engineer, B. M. Hill, reported to the government that eighty per cent. of the work of construction had been done and that under the difficult conditions that accompanied all railway work this year, the progress had been satisfactory.

At the meeting of the directors, Mr. C. O. Foss, the chief engineer, reported that the concrete abutments at the Nerepis river were approaching completion, only the abutment on the west side now remaining to be done while the foundation of this already has been completed. There was very little other concrete work to be done on the road, he said, even that at the quarries being nearly finished.

The Bedford Construction Company, sub-contractors below Gagetown, have completed the long fill across the Otanabog mouth and are now hauling the rip-rap material to the embankment.

The grading over nearly the whole road is almost finished. There is but little more excavation except at Woodman's Point where the heavy rock cutting will yet take some time for completion. A new water supply pipe has been laid at Westfield in co-operation with the Canadian Pacific Railway. This work was done by Contractors Powers and Brewer. The chief engineer also said that most of the right of way claims had been settled or were in process of settlement. There were some few which would be submitted to arbitration.

The president and general counsel of the company, Hon. W. P. Jones, reported on the existing relations between the Prudential Trust Company and the railway. Hon. Mr. Jones has been giving very close attention to this matter which always has been much involved and in doing so has had the close interest and co-operation of Premier Foster. When the present directors were appointed to the board the Prudential Trust Company had overpaid the St. John & Quebec Railway Company a very large amount, and it was necessary before any further sums were paid to the railway that much construction work should be done. Up to the present time the government, represented by the railway company has not received any sum from the Prudential Trust Company, which has about \$600,000 derived from the sale of bonds in its hands, since it came into power but now as sufficient work has been done to overcome the balance against it, progress estimates are being sent forward to the Prudential Trust Company for payment out of the moneys in their hand on account of construction work.

The chief engineer also reported that sidings and shelters had been built on that portion of the railway now under operation, namely: At Gunters, Babbitts, Logues and Hawkshaw, also that freight platforms had been built.

Partial Subsidy Payment.

The secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. S. Carter, reported having received a subsidy check from the Dominion government of \$278,000 which however, is only a partial payment. This amount was applied to reduce the construction indebtedness incurred at the Bank of Montreal. The authorized issue of bonds at the last session of the legislature amounting to \$1,000,000 to provide for the completion of the road has not been placed on the market and when it is will be reduced by the amounts of the subsidy and other sums received from the Prudential Trust Company.

Mr. Carter also reported having had a very satisfactory interview with Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals, with respect to the rail situation. For some months the sub-contractors on the road have been inconvenienced—if not delayed—by the scarcity of rails and only by the most diligent efforts on the part of the chief engineer who succeeded in securing a few miles of second hand rails, was the work of grading and filling able to go on.

The Canadian Government Railway management undertook to provide relay rails for the Valley Road between Gagetown and Westfield at a cost of \$31.50 per ton, but owing to the demands upon the different steel companies for raw material for munitions it was not possible to provide the new rails which were to replace the relays consequently the management of the government road was unable to carry out its contract as promptly as was necessary.

The minister of railways, however, recognizing the importance to the province of New Brunswick as well as to the Transcontinental road of having the Valley Railway completed as soon as possible, assured Mr. Carter that the rails necessary to make the connection would be forthcoming as early in the spring as they would be needed. This was most satisfactory news as, fearing that it would be impossible to secure rails anywhere else the government at its last session took authority to commandeer the rails upon the Northern Sea Board Railway between Bathurst and the Gloucester county mines. This, however, does not seem at all likely to be necessary now.

Little Winter Work.

The construction work upon the railway is about ended until the spring opens up. Apart from some rip-rap work and cleaning up there will be nothing of importance going on except the blasting in the big rock cut at Woodman's Point. Or, course, the time for the completion of the road depends upon the general conditions that will be prevailing next spring, particularly with regard to labor, but it is hoped to have the line completed as early as possible in 1918.

Guides in Session.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association is being held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon. Those in attendance include Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake; Edward Menzies, of Newcastle; Arthur Pringle, of Stanley; and Mr. W. H. Allen, of Penniac. The guides are somewhat stirred over a report that the government contemplates shortening the open season for moose and caribou.

Provincial Government.

The Provincial Government sat last night and also this morning and afternoon. A large amount of routine business was transacted, the schedule for this meeting being extensive.

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