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THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Leader Murray's reference to C. P. R. running rights in his speech on the Address in the Legislature, gave Premier Foster an opportunity to make public some facts relating to this important matter which should be of great interest to the general public. It seems that when the proposal to build the road via Rothesay was abandoned by the old government, a promise was made by the Federal authorities that they would, in consideration of having been relieved of the cost of building expensive bridges over the St. John and Kennebecasis rivers, defray the cost of running rights over the C. P. R. from Westfield to St. John. The Premier drew attention to this matter in the Legislature and cited the leader of the opposition as his authority. He quoted from the debates to show that as acting premier during the session of 1916, Mr. Murray had informed the House that the Federal authorities had consented to defray the cost of the running rights.

When the road was completed and the present government asked the Federal authorities to carry out their promise, they were met with a flat refusal. In order that the public might not be deprived of the much needed accommodation, a temporary arrangement was entered into by the provincial government for running rights. Under that arrangement the railway is now being operated, but Premier Foster maintains, and he is justified in taking that position, that the Federal government must eventually bear the entire cost of the C. P. R. running rights. The old government, which was bowled out of office in 1917, appears to have been incapable of doing anything right. They bungled matters in connection with the Valley Railway all the way through, and because of that the present administration has had a big task on its hands endeavoring to get something like a square deal for the people. If the Federal government promised to pay for running rights over the C. P. R. they should be made to live up to it, and it is the intention of Premier Foster to take a decided stand on the question.

A GREAT SPEECH.

The Mail devotes considerable space today to a report of the great speech delivered in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Foster in reply to the criticism of the leader of the opposition. The Premier was in good form and his speech was undoubtedly the ablest of his career. He made a vigorous and effective reply to all matters of a controversial nature touched upon by the opposition leader and then proceeded to carry the war right into the enemy's camp. The black record of maladministration made by the old regime during its eight years of office furnished him with ample material and he was able to use it in a most telling manner. The Premier did not explode any bombs—the opposition leader has a monopoly if that kind of warfare—but he kept up a steady and rapid fire, more after the style of a machine gun, and the effect on Leader Murray and his rank and file was pitiful and disastrous. The Premier held the floor for nearly two hours and was heartily applauded by his followers on resumption.

If I ran a Hotel

—says Bobby

Everybody would have the same breakfast

POST TOASTIES
Superior CornflakesTHE PREMIER
REPLIES TO
GOVT. CRITICS

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Grand Fleet during the great part of the war and it was to him the message was flashed on the memorial night of August 4th, 1914 "Capture or destroy the enemy's fleet". His was the master mind of the British Navy which made Victory for the allies possible. As a maritime people New Brunswickers were proud to acknowledge the distinguished service rendered by the visitor. He came to the Province to inspect the harbour of St. John, and while there saw in course of construction what will be the largest dry-dock on the Atlantic sea-board. He was shown the natural advantages which prevail at Canada's winter port, not only for the repair of ships of the largest type, but for the construction of ships of all sizes as well.

He was hopeful that from the visit

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ing his seat.

The galleries were well filled with spectators during the afternoon, including many delegates to the Farmers' and Dairyman's Convention. They followed Hon. Mr. Foster's remarks with the greatest interest and when the House adjourned many of them made their way to the floor of the Assembly Chamber and personally congratulated the Premier on his great effort.

** THROUGH OUR SIEVE **

The only rhyme for "Cupid" is "stupid."

There are two kinds of girls—high brow and low neck.

The groundhog is a distant relative of the worm that turned.

There would be fewer marriages if it were the fashion for girls to wear curl papers in public.

One of the saddest sights on earth is watching a man who married for money earning it.

A man may always like to talk about himself, but when he does there are no acrimonious words spoken.

Sir Oliver Lodge says we are ghosts. But it's our notion that the girls would prefer being called fairies.

Some of our great adventures are those that we have "improved" by telling for twenty years.

Easter looms portentously on the horizon—that is, if one is of the bill-paying sex. Otherwise Easter hovers joyously.

Still, speaking of sad sights, there's the fellow whose girl jilts him while he's paying the instalments on the engagement ring.

FORMAL OPENING
OF CONVENTION
OF F. & D. ASSOC

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ed sheep to the farmers he had figured on ten per cent loss, but so far as he knew only two payments had been defaulted.

Dairy Improvements

The Minister referred to the establishment of a butter factory at Moncton, and announced that plans are being completed to establish a similar factory in Fredericton.

The result of the departments efforts to improve the standard of cheese made in the province was shown by the fact that, while a few years ago dealers would not purchase New Brunswick cheese, on several occasions last year cheese made in the province had commanded higher prices than that made in Ontario.

Flour Mills

Flour mills established with government aid, now were in existence in every part of the province, with sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the grain growers.

The Minister reviewed other work of the department and closed with a tribute to the farmer and the importance of his plan in the life of the nation.

At the close of the Minister's address W. A. Walsh was heard in readings from Robert Service's war poems. A standing vote of welcome and congratulation on his return from overseas was tendered to Colonel H. Montgomery Campbell, a former president to which Col. Campbell made suitable reply.

Motion pictures demonstrating various features of agricultural activities were shown as the closing feature of the session.

STUMPAGE
RATE WILL BE
INCREASED

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been cancelled and the increased revenue obtained from stumpage in 1918-19 would have been lost. The hon. member having drawn attention to stumpage on private lands compared with that on Crown Lands might have made his comparison as complete as possible. He should have told the people that Crown Land Licenses made payments in addition to stumpage. He should have said they pay \$8.00 per mile per annum as a fixed charge, a wild land tax on every acre a fire protection tax and a bonus. In addition he might have said that the big lumbermen have heavy investments in permanent plants whereas private lands are frequently lumbered by portable mills. His hon. friend made no pronouncement on the question of stumpage in the campaign of 1917 nor at the St. John Convention. Had the famous or infamous order in council remained the present Government could not have increased the stumpage rate in 1917 and 1919.

The stumpage rate must be fixed each year prior to August 1st. In 1917 the Government increased the rate \$1.00. In 1918 he (Foster) wrote for information to four of the largest shippers of the Province. Owing to the submarine warfare conditions were precarious in the lumber trade and it was decided not to disturb the rate. In 1919, another increase of \$1.00 was made making the rate \$3.50 for Spruce. He was free to admit that conditions had changed materially. Since that time, the price of lumber had advanced but he proposed to deal with public business as he would with private. He would stand by the agreement which had been made and the stumpage would remain as it was until the time came for a change. If conditions continue the same until August 1st, 1920 there will be an increase in stumpage. Hon. members opposite could not fix the stumpage rate. The Government could and would at the proper time. For that reason he would ask his followers to vote down the amendment. He believed the people of the Province had confidence in the Government.

FARMER WAS
FINED FOR
MOONSHINING

Toronto, March 16—Deciding that it was a still Major Brunton at the County Police Court yesterday fined Deston Sheppard, a farmer of Belhaven, \$100 and costs for "moonshining." The conviction hinged on the evidence of George S. Strickland, who while employed by Sheppard saw what he considered was a still, and immediately informed his father, Josiah Strickland also a farmer. Strickland, senior, immediately informed the revenue officials of Toronto, but they, on their arrival at the Sheppard farm, found that the still had disappeared, but the boiler they found as considered by Major Brunton as sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

LOCAL NEWS

Smallpox at Chatham Head

Three cases of smallpox at Chatham Head, Northumberland County, have been reported to the Department of Health. The disease is of a mild type.

Must Not Make Punchboards

The police have visited persons in the city who have been making up punchboards and sending them to other places in the province. Some weeks ago the use of punchboards in Fredericton was forbidden and now the making of them also is stopped.

Train Service Restored

The coming of mild weather was a great assistance to the railways in clearing their lines of ice and snow. The hailstorm of Saturday following rain caused the rails to become badly iced. The Gibson Branch of the C.P.R. and the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railways were particularly affected. They are now in operation.



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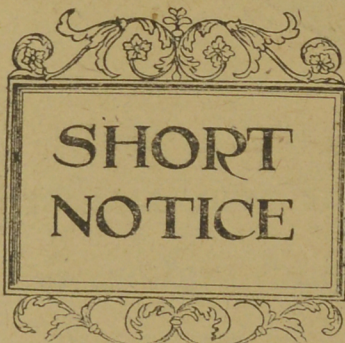
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Dated this fifth day of March, A. D. 1920.
J. D. P. LEWIN,
Solicitor for Applicants.

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7.15 and 8.40

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