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### THE VALLEY RAILWAY

If Mr. Hazen is sincere in his expression of desire to give the people of the St. John Valley some adequate means of transportation in the shape of a railway, now is the time for him to re-open negotiations with McKenzie & Mann, the former of whom has just openly avowed the desire of his company to obtain access to the Eastern ports, even if to do this should involve the acquisition of the Intercolonial. When Dr. Pugsley offered Messrs. McKenzie & Mann a guarantee of bonds to the extent of \$15,000 a mile, they said it was not enough, but if the guarantee could be increased to \$30,000 they would take the matter up at once. There is now \$31,400 on offer for a railway in guarantees and subsidy which is more than McKenzie & Mann asked for, and Mr. Hazen should take the matter up, as by this means the people would be guaranteed the facilities of a road controlled by an up-to-date management and they would in addition be provided with a competitive road to the C. P. R., which is what they need if they are to have a road at all. If Mr. Hazen is so dead set against Intercolonial operation, he should try the Canadian Northern, if he really wants to see a railway down the Valley. Of one thing he may rest quite assured, the people won't let him dabble in any electric scheme, at their expense.

### THE TRIUMPH OF WIRELESS

The arrest of Dr. Crippen is described in some quarters as the crowning achievement of wireless telegraphy. There can be no doubt that it is owing to its agency that Scotland Yard now has that notorious individual in its grasp, and to this extent society is indebted to the wizard who first made that method of communication possible. But if there can be any crowning achievement at all in a science which is every day unfolding some other fresh mystery, and which so far appears to have no limits, then such achievement must be not the arrest of a fugitive criminal, but the saving of life at sea. The world has had several instances already of ships which have met with disaster and by means of wireless have been able to summon assistance at distances of scores of miles. The ability to do this is worth considerably more to humanity than the capture of a miserable sinner who is endeavoring to flee from the hands of justice, however heinous his crime.

### CAMPBELLTON'S FUTURE

In a misplaced attempt to be funny at Dr. Pugsley's expense the St. John Standard quotes the following from the London Free Press:

"Hon. Mr. Pugsley has been so Campbellton. He saw the desolation that followed the fire, the people housed in sheds and lacking the necessities of life. His heart was touched. His impulses of sympathy were stirred. At once he gave orders that the Government building should be restored and a wharf built."

The Free Press is too far away from the scene of action to be intimately acquainted with the position of affairs and its ignorance therefore is to some extent excusable. But the same remark by no means applies to the Standard which knows perfectly well that Dr. Pugsley's assurance that the railway works, shipping facilities and public buildings would not be taken away from Campbellton but would be immediately rebuilt has done more to restore the confidence of the people for the future of their town than anything else. With the railway divisional point and port facilities taken away, the town would never attain much greater importance than a country village, and there would be

little inducement to rebuild. With Dr. Pugsley's assurances people can now go ahead and rebuild with the prospect of having in the future a bigger and more important place of business than before.

### MR. OLIVER'S ARCTIC TOUR

The Minister of the Interior is determined to know something of the country. When Lord Grey shall have made his trail and canoe journey to Hudson's Bay he will be beaten by Hon. Frank Oliver, who has crossed country from Edmonton to the Mackenzie, followed that stream to its mouth at the Arctic circle, walked ninety-four miles to the Porcupine River, and followed this stream hundreds of miles by canoe to the Yukon. This trip of some twelve weeks has left Mr. Oliver in Dawson, with a record of having endured much hard work, hard living and exposure, having risked all the ordinary dangers of Arctic travel on foot and by canoe. Canadians have added respect for a public man who does such things, either for his own instruction or for the joy of adventure.

The Lethbridge (Alberta) Herald asks: "Can he come back?" Who? Bill Staples M.P., who wants to see Wilfrid Laurier for ever hold the Premier's chair. Where? To the Conservative caucus at Ottawa. Staples' admiration of Laurier may cause him to be read out of the Conservative Party, where R. L. Borden and the Winnipeg Telegram are the sole creatures entitled to admiration.

### WHAT IS NEWS

(Halifax Echo)

There are few newspaper readers who are not firmly convinced that they could run their favorite paper better than the Editor. Even this journal of unusual excellency finds critics occasionally.

There is one esteemed subscriber, for instance, who takes objection to the space given by the Echo recently to the reports of the Crippen murder and the world-wide search for the man whose crime has made a dogday sensation for the press of Europe and America. Our correspondent sees therein sad evidence of the editor's moral obliquity and of the degenerate taste of the public to which he is able to appeal with such news.

This journal of good intent is not concerned with this or any other criticism of its Editor, but rather the imputation against its public. The interest of the average man in reports of crime is testimony not to his possession of criminal instincts, but to the fact that the idea of crime is foreign to him, a thing apart from his daily custom—and is, therefore, news.

The inevitable routine of everyday life is not news. The Dartmouth ferry, for instance, sails back and forth, back and forth, day in and day out, as regularly and as uneventfully as the ticking of the clock. What interest would there be in the daily chronicling of the fact that the ferry sailed so often, with so many passengers, and came back without mishap? But let the ferry miss a trip, or meet with an accident, or carry an unusual number of passengers, or make or lose a striking amount of money—that is news. Whether the incidents which vary the usual routine be good or evil in themselves, they are news. If sin is news, as one cynic has said, that is simply because the average routine of the average newspaper reader is not sinful; it is a testimony to his rectitude.

The man who lives an ordinarily good life, does not provide much newspaper copy. He gets a headline only when he does something unusually bad, such as robbing a bank or committing murder, or unusually good, such as saving a life at the risk of his own, or giving of his substance for charity. The fact that there is more interest when he does wrong than when he does right is evidence that wrong is farther away from the normal than right is.

This is an argument, of course, that can be pressed to absurd extremes as in the defence of newspapers which take advantage of the facts upon which it is based to stimulate public interest in scandal. But in the main, it is correct.

The newspaper is a commercial institution. In order to exist, it must sell so many copies daily. In order to sell those copies, it must print such matter as the public want to read, and because the average man is mediocre in his goodness or his badness, he is interested in the doings of those who surpass him either way. And that the general trend is toward goodness, that crime is more unusual than virtue, there is emphatic evidence in the keener interest of the average newspaper reader in reports of crime.

### DIED

On Sunday, July 31st, Fannie Addison, widow of the late M. S. Hall, Funeral from her late residence, Brunswick St., on Wednesday at 8.30 a.m. Interment at St. John.

WAIT! August 18, That's It.

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## CAMPBELLTON RELIEF FUND RECEIVES MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Two Thousand Dollars was Added Yesterday Besides Many Gifts of Food and Clothing---The Prospect of Having Some Decent Shelter for the Winter Cheers the Drooping Spirits of the People---The Ottawa Government will Receive the Deputation From the Stricken Town Tomorrow.

Campbellton, N. B., Aug. 1.—The marked increase in the financial assistance received here during the past two days has had a very telling effect. Hope is beginning to reign now where before all was despair. Realizing that the outside world is gradually becoming conscious of their deplorable position, the people are displaying that indomitable courage that characterized them in the early days of the fire. Their miseries and sufferings are being tolerated with a light heart now that they are beginning to get a glimpse into the future.

Besides over \$2,000 in cash, donations of clothing, food and earthenware were received here yesterday, all of which are greatly needed. The total list of donations received yesterday are as follows:

### MORE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Widow's Mito, Westmount, \$2.  
A. R. Fraser, Quebec, \$50.  
Ladies of Edmundston, N. B., \$61.  
F. H. Marsh, Toronto, \$5.  
N. W. Rowell, K. C., Toronto, \$25.  
"A. C. W.," Point St. Charles, \$5.  
Alex. Penden, Montreal, \$5.  
Miss Adeline McDermott, Toronto, \$2.  
Copeland Chatterton, Ltd., Toronto, \$50.  
Through The Montreal Star, Semi-Ready Company, Limited, \$100.  
"A Boston Friend," through R. C. Holden, Montreal, \$50.  
Citizens of Charlottetown, \$500.  
M. R., Ontario, \$5.  
J. H. Mitchell, Pembroke, Ont., \$5.  
John L. Saltonstall, Boston, \$500.  
John W. McManus, Memramcook, \$50.  
Mary E. Chapman, Wallace, N. S., \$4.  
Orange Lodge, No. 126, Dorchester, \$10.  
John Stewart, Halifax, \$10.  
Town of New Glasgow, \$500.  
Charles R. Scoles, general manager of the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway, New Carlisle, \$100.

In addition to this there were donations of clothing from D. Magee & Sons, St. John; citizens of Amherst; Mrs. Plunkett, Edmundston; All Saints' branch of women's auxiliary to mission society, Campbellton. The Thomas Davidson Mfg. Co., of Montreal, also sent a very acceptable donation, consisting of six cook stoves, stove pipes, 110 pieces of enamel ware, kitchen utensils as well as tinware and sheet iron goods. These are some of the things the people have been looking for since the day of the fire.

In addition to the sick list, which is increasing daily, the relief commit-

tee is kept busy tending to the wants of many elderly people who are in a helpless condition. A case of an old woman over ninety years of age who has been living in a tent alone, was brought to their attention yesterday. Efforts will be made to have her sent to an asylum but in the meantime, she and many others will be public cases.

### WANT CHILDREN TO ADOPT.

The correspondence received here by the Mayor and G. G. McKenzie, chairman of the relief committee, is of a rather varied nature. Letters are being received from people who are anxious to adopt children, others from those who are looking for servant girls and still some who are anxious to secure laborers. So far none of these requests have been gratified.

Mayor Murray, who since the first days of the fire has given his individual time and attention to the relief work, resigned from that yesterday, and from this out will confine himself chiefly to council work. His worship found it necessary to do this owing to the momentous questions which are every day arising in connection with the rebuilding of the town.

If there is one man in Campbellton deserving of men for faithfulness to duty, it is Dr. Murray, who has sacrificed everything, including his large medical practice, in the interests of his town's people.

From this out, G. G. McKenzie, chairman of the relief committee, will have full charge of the relief work, and all donations will be received and acknowledged by him.

Excellent progress is being made in the building operations and nearly 300 temporary shacks are now in the course of construction. In addition to the banks of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, one or two other permanent buildings are also being erected. The feeling is strong here, however, against doing anything of a definite nature until the governments have given their final answer.

### HEARING AT OTTAWA TOMORROW

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 1.—The members of the Campbellton deputation headed by Messrs. Reid and Carvell, M. P.'s, are here to interview the government respecting federal aid for the fire sufferers. Owing to the absence of most of the ministers from the city today the deputation will not formally present their request for aid until Wednesday, when Hon. Mr. Pugsley has arranged to have all available members of the cabinet present.

to fall and half to climb down the tree.

The citizen then ran down stairs and got into a tussle with the officer, who proved too strong for him, and the two men surged into the street in a violent struggle, the citizen with nothing on but his night clothes, and these much disarranged.

Then a policeman came up, the officer was arrested and locked up in the station till this morning. Today the charge of the citizen was withdrawn and efforts made to hush the incident up, but the whole garrison is talking about it.

Mr. Stephen Whitehead, who is engaged in railway construction work at Souris, P. E. I., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

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