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MR. ROBINSON'S SPEECH

The people of New Brunswick will have confidence in the leader of the Opposition after the clear exposition he made of his views on the Valley Railway last evening. He made it clear to every one who heard him that he was in favor of the early construction of the railway down the St. John Valley, recognizing that such a railway was a necessity for the development, not only of the centre of the province, but also for the benefit it would be to other sections as well. Of the two propositions placed before the country by Mr. Hazen he favored that in part two of the bill, but he pointed out that this section might as well have been omitted from the bill because of the impossible conditions imposed on the constructing company. This ludicrous feature of the bill is just now being realized. Mr. Robinson showed that it would be impossible to get a company to invest money in constructing and equipping a road which admittedly would cost more than the subsidies amounted to, without the hope of some return on their investment. Yet this is Mr. Hazen's proposition. The government of Canada is to pay to the government of New Brunswick 40 per cent. of the gross earnings received from operating the road and retain the remaining 60 per cent. There is not a cent left for the company to pay interest on the cost in excess of the subsidies. Mr. Sproule spoke of gold bricks. Was ever such a gold brick offered to men willing to invest their money as Mr. Hazen puts up in part two.

Mr. Robinson was strong in his denunciation of the plan set forth in part three of the bill. His description of this road as commencing at one point on the Canadian Pacific and ending at another showed the house that Mr. Hazen had undergone a complete change of heart in three years. Then he objected to a subsidy of \$15,000 a mile for a railroad which did not form a part of a transcontinental system. Now he was willing to guarantee \$25,000 a mile to a railroad that is nothing but a local line. Mr. Robinson spoke strongly against the adoption of part three of the bill which clearly was for the construction of an electric railway. He contradicted the statement of Mr. Hazen that electric railways cost more than steam railways by reading from an official source the relative cost in Canada of these railways, which shows that electric roads cost less per mile to construct than steam railways do. No one who spoke on the government side attempted to advance any argument in opposition to the views expressed by Mr. Robinson. In effect each of them gave as their sole reason for supporting the bill the fact that it was brought in by the government. It was the worst exhibition of subservience that has ever been witnessed in the legislature. It was humiliating to see men supposed to possess the power of reasoning for themselves, following their leader in a policy which they must realize is directly opposed to the best interests of the province.

Mr. Hazen knew that his bill for an electrical railway up the Valley of the St. John would not stand the light of day and held it back until the close of the session. The bill was prepared two weeks ago and had it been an honest measure instead of one for enriching a few people would have been in the hands of the legislature ten days ago.

Who are the men forming Mr. Hazen's company willing to undertake the construction of the Valley railway. The people are entitled to know their names that they investigate their abilities to carry out so large a project as Mr. Hazen is willing to entrust to them.

What was Mr. Hazen's object in holding back this electric railway bill for the St. John Valley railway for ten days? Was he afraid that the sensible honest freemen of the country would turn down this worst attempt in the history of the province to legalize the looting of the treasury

Mr. Burchill of Northumberland, spoke strongly against the province assuming such a tremendous liability without the strongest kind of a guarantee that the road would not become a public burden. Mr. Burchill is opposed to any large increase in the public debt by guarantee or otherwise.

Mr. Byrne of Gloucester, voiced the opinion of many that in a matter of such vital importance to the people of the province, as the Valley Railway they should be given an opportunity of expressing their views at the polls before the project was finally disposed of.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

The only large society event of the week was the "At Home" given by Mrs. A. R. Slipp, at her beautiful residence, Church Street. Mrs. Slipp looked charming in pink silk, and carried a large bouquet of purple violets. The entire house was darkened and light was supplied by a great number of candles. Mrs. F. E. Winslow ushered the guests to the dining room, which was very prettily decorated with purple violets and cream tulips. Mrs. W. J. Osborne and Mrs. R. B. Hanson presided at the tea table and was assisted in serving by Miss Sadie Waycott, Miss Valerie Steeves, Miss Hazel Edgcombe, Miss Edith Carter and Mrs. B. C. Foster. About twenty-three hundred invitations have been issued for the state ball at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, March 30th. A great many guests are expected from out of town, and it promises to be the most brilliant social event the capital has seen for many years.

The Neighborhood Bridge Club met this week with Miss Maud McKee. The highest scores were made by Miss Louise Kinghorn and Dr. B. Crocker.

Mr. Steve Whitehead spent a few days home this week.

Mrs. W. P. Keenan gave a very delightful children's party for the pleasure of her little daughter on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Campbell of Leinster Street, St. John, is visiting Miss Beatrice Crockett at Salamanca.

Mr. W. E. Trites is spending the week with Mrs. Trites at Salamanca.

Mrs. (Dr.) Crocker was hostess at a most enjoyable little bridge of two tables on Friday evening.

Mrs. W. A. B. McLellan is entertaining at bridge this afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoons now, the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church are very busily engaged sewing. They are preparing for a grand bazaar which will be held shortly after Easter.

Miss Doris Walker is home from Mount Allison Ladies' College to visit her parents, Alderman and Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. W. J. S. Myles of North End, St. John, is visiting Mrs. J. E. Carter, King Street.

Chancellor and Mrs. Jones very pleasantly entertained the senior class of the University on Friday evening.

Miss Helen Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moore, was the very pleasing little hostess at a large party for her young friends on Friday evening.

Fredericton will be well represented in Europe this summer. Among those who will make the trip are His Lordship Bishop Richardson, Mrs. Fred B. Edgcombe, Miss Louise Edgcombe, Miss Edith Edgcombe, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Giles, Mr. Jack Giles, Mr. Montie Giles, Miss Edna Golding, Miss Edith Davis, Miss Lynds, Miss Sadie Sterling.

The many friends in this city of Mr. John Rogers, at one time teacher in the Model School, will be glad to know he is now at Cranbrook, B. C., tutoring in a private family of that place.

Miss Jennie Belmore spent Wednesday in St. John.

MR. PINDER OF YORK

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man who was stated not to be an expert in such work at all.

It was again noticeable this morning that the government members of the committee make practically no attempt to investigate the accounts for themselves. Opposition members bring up accounts for consideration and the government members defend the expenditures and methods. Apparently, the government men are not very keen on investigation. One can hardly blame them in view of the facts that have already been brought out about the accounts and the way work was done under the government.

As usual this morning, Mr. Pinder had some remarks to make about the former administration. Mr. LaBillois turned the tables by reminding the York man that the old government never spent \$43,000 on road work in the fall of the year or at any other time to help federal candidates and by declaring his willingness to have the public works accounts of the old government for the last six years of its rule placed in contrast with the accounts for last year under the Hazen ministry. If this contrast was made, he said, the showing would be very much adverse to the present government.

STOCKS CLOSE DOWN UNDER POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

New York, March 19.—Wall street.—Only trivial price changes resulted from the dull opening dealings in stocks. The movement was irregular, showing both gains and losses. Chesapeake and Ohio and Rocking Valley certificates advanced 1 and American Telephone ½.

New York, March 19.—The market closed heavy and dull. The anxiety which showed itself in the decline in prices was due to fears that the western railroad firemen would strike, to uneasiness over the outcome of the New York city bond sale on Monday and to the political upheaval at Washington. Rumors were current that the American Tobacco decision would be handed down on Monday. A fresh rise in London discounts renewed discussion of gold exports. Union Pacific and Reading fell 2, St. Paul, 2½ and other leaders more than a point.

Quotations at noon were:

Amalgamated Copper, 78½; Canadian Pacific, 179½; Great Northern, pfd., 135½; Erie, 30½; Pennsylvania 136½; Rock Island, 48½; Soythner Pacific, 126½; Union Pacific, 186½; U. S. Steel, 85½.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 19.—Cotton features opened steady; March 15, 11 to 15 17; May 13, 65; July 14, 76; Aug. 14, 25; Sept. 13, 33; Oct. 12, 93; Dec. 12, 77; Jan. 12, 74, bid.

NIP AND LA ROSE.

Nipissing and La Rose directors meet in New York Monday to declare dividends.

No change in the rates paid is expected. The Nipissing Company's annual report will not be ready until some time next month. It is said that it will show the largest surplus in the history of the company.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago.—Oats opened, May 43 3-8; July, 41½; Sept. 38½.

Corn, May, opening 61½; July, 64½; Sept., 65.

SUNDAY SERVICES

GEORGE STREET BAPTIST

Rev. A. A. Rideout, pastor. Morning service at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Evening service at 7 p. m. All are welcome.

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST.
The usual Sunday services will be held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. H. MacDonald, will preach morning and evening.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith.
11 a. m., Preacher, Rev. Dr. Keirstead of the University.

7 p. m., The Pastor, Subject, "The Social Enemies of Youth."

2.30 p. m., Sunday School and Bible Classes. The Men's Class will be conducted by Dr. Keirstead.

All cordially welcomed to all the services.

On Friday evening, at the residence of her brother, Deputy Sheriff Winter Brunswick Street, Miss Hazel Winter very pleasantly entertained at bridge. About sixteen young ladies and gentlemen were present, the prize winners being Miss McVey, of St. Marys Ferry, and Mr. Isaac Spicer.

The Sewing Circle of the Ladies' Committee of the Y. M. C. A. was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. D. J. Shea on Tuesday evening.

Miss Nellie Harmon, of the U. N. B., left on Friday morning for her home in Mars Hill, Maine, being called there on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Charles T. Duffy, of Boiestown, who has been undergoing treatment at the Victoria Hospital, is improving nicely and expected to be able to return home in a week or so.

Bijou TO-DAY

"Belshazzar's Feast"

The Writing on the Wall

Jean and the Stranger

Another great "Imp" picture

Don't Miss this—It's a Star

Other Fine Pictures

Illustrated Song

By Mr. Carson

Trap Drums

Daily Matinee 3 to 5

RIFLE CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Civilian Rifle Club will be held Monday evening, March 28th, at 8.30 sharp, at the Curling Rink.

All members, old and prospective, requested to attend.

F. A. GOOD,
Secretary.

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