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Real Estate Boom in Up-River Town

New Railway Facilities Awaken the People of Edmondston, Thriving Town to Gain Impetus From Added Transportation.

(Special Correspondent Daily Mail)

It was a wise man indeed who said that there is no new thing under the sun. It is true. Yet it might have been added, that there are old things continually coming to new places, and old experiences to new people. So betides it that times pass not, nor grow stale. For the things that have been become the things to be.

Take the "boom" for an instance. There's novelty indeed when a boom hits the town of Pike's Hollow. Yet thousands of years ago Babylon had a boom and booms are as old as the world. The inference is not here to be drawn howbeit, that the way of all booms is like the ending of that great city, because there are booms and booms. There is the gold boom of the fevered West. It comes in a day, is gone in a night and leaves its own headstone in a graveyard of deserted shacks.

Then there is the boom of the East, a hardy variety of boom, that matures not so quickly but lasts. Like other solid things this boom creates small talk and no excitement. It is the bubble that begets comment, the reality is far too common. So it comes that in this very day and hour certain towns for certain reasons, are booming in the Province of New Brunswick. And the Province of New Brunswick is not yet aware.

In the north and unsung is Edmondston. Yet Edmondston is one of these towns, and today real estate in that hamlet is changing hands at prices that would be big in St. John. Of course, as say the advertisements of a certain famous breakfast food, "there's a reason." Mostly that reason is spelled in one single word, and definitely that word is "Railways."

It's a long cry from the days that were. Time was when the Madawaska waterway of the Malécites, swung in from her lone grey hills and joined her sister St. John where were more grey hills and tall factories. In those days the Indian brave and his mate paused their paddles to worship the moon, and an owl called loud to the river, where busy shops stand now. Now of an evening the old man of the hamlet smoke their pipes on the hotel verandahs, and always they talk of the future. Otherwhere such gatherings are not known. Mostly where old men mingle the talk of the winter of '60, or the pioneer days of their fathers but men only talk of the past where the future holds little of promise, and the past is easily lost where tomorrow may mean the unheard of.

Once from across the continent a great railway crept into Edmondston. This was about thirty years ago, and then it was, that "the ev-

ening and the morning were the first day." Chronologically this was scarcely her birthdate. To be commercially correct it is. Before then the place existed, but as only an inanimate cell. The railway became its first artery, and the pumping heart was started. But evolution is natural, and a natural process is slow. So for perhaps nearly three decades, the little town gathered strength only slowly. There came nothing into her history to excite a writer of romance, nor call aloud to the sons of adventure. Thus had it gone for years; when conditions were changed in a moment.

Once more from the great outside has a railway crept into the town. With the added artery new life, a second step has been made in the township's evolution. And back of this second step is the gathered strength of these years. So it is that when the old men gather, the talk is all of tomorrow, and of course there is some romancing. The trite way of it all is, that Transcontinental divisional shops, are assured of location in Edmondston.

To the practical man this may appear to mean not a great deal, simply so far as he sees, the housing here over night of some score perhaps of big engines, moguls of the road, that have earned a night's rest and an oiling. It cannot mean to the town what a factory would, or machine shops. Yet these men will not look at it in that light, and if they persist in a vision who knows what the dream may come to. There had been no tower of Babel had the builders imagined less high than Heaven. And so, while these shops may not mean so much in themselves yet they have begotten a spirit. It is hopeful. It is optimism itself. And what no railway or government on earth may do for any people, they may with proper encouragement begin to do for themselves.

At anyrate real estate there today changes hands at hopeful figures. A town hall is told of, an opera house proposed, and electric power is certain. Sewers are greatly discussed, and of course a pumping station, and in fact whatever else can well be built into the dream of a awakened and hopeful people.

Romance and all dreams aside, the town is certainly busy. The terminus of one of the C. P. R.'s oldest lines, it is also the centre of the railway of Temiscouata, and in another year will be the divisional point of the Transcontinental and clanging with bells and whistles. Across the river from it, another new line is running, a Bangor & Aroostook tenacle. There is even talk of a bridge. And over

there lies a romance, where the once sacred graves of the dead are being moved to make way for express trains. A tale of the progress of ages, grew on the newspaper man, as he viewed these opened tombs. Yet the brawny builders of railways, who laugh loud and long at rocks, hills, hollows and rivers that come in the way of their progress, worked slowly and with reverence into this the long home of the dead. Once past it, and the dynamite again and the blasting.

The future now planned for Edmondston rests of course with her people, since towns, like men must work for what they covet. A hopeful feature of all is, that the provincial press may awaken. The habit for years of the press has led it to forget. It has failed to realize that there are places and other places, and to neglect the rim of the world. There is a service due the people, not some of the people, sometimes, but to all of the people always, and to that end must the people themselves stand behind a willing press.

To talk after the manner of guide-books, there can be no doubt at all that Edmondston is advantageously located, since it is on the main line of the Transcontinental, and as above stated the Atlantic divisional point as well as the terminus of two other roads, the Temiscouata and the C. P. R. The place affords a large number of hotels, best among which is the Royal, under the efficient management of Mr. A. W. O'Brien the proprietor. It is large and airy house with free hack to all trains, and does the larger part of the commercial and tourist trade.

Beautiful private residences are abundant in Edmondston, chief among which are the homes of Mayor Dugal, Dr. P. C. Laporte, Customs Officer Cyr, Mr. R. W. Hammond, Dr. Guy, Sheriff Gagnon, and others too numerous to mention. There are branches of both the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal, and a splendid court house. The Roman Catholic Church is an imposing structure and there is also a well built convent. The business men are all prosperous, among the leading merchants being, Mayor, L. A. Dugal, R. W. Hammond, Richards & Burpee, H. S. Wade, J. Wirt Hall and others.

The big mills of James Murchies' Sons, Ltd., form the leading industry of the town with a payroll of about \$400 per week, running about nine months or more of the year.

Time will not suffice to go into greater detail, but it is certain that from now on the little town will be speaking for itself.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier in The West

A Sketch in Alberta



At Mundare, a Ruthenian settlement, where the Premier laid the corner stone of a new church, he and his party enjoyed the novelty of a ride

behind a sextet of oxen. "The Maple Leaf" and other airs were sung by a choir of children alternating with the chanting of their native anthem

by the Ruthenians. The Ruthenian women were all bedecked in their brightest garments making a most interesting scene.

CALAIS LOST ANOTHER TO ST. STEPHEN THISTLES

St. Stephen, W. B., Sept. 10.—This afternoon on the driving park diamond, fully 2,000 persons saw the fourth of a series of six games to be played between the Calais Stars and the Thistles. The score was 6 to 5, in favor of the Thistles, who have won three of the four games played. Battery for Calais, Swampstead, of Lynn (Mass.) and Wilson; for the Thistles, Carter and Watt.

The wild elephant has a keen sense of smell. At a distance of 1,000 yards it can scent an enemy.

FOR RECIPROCITY

U. S. Must Take the Initiative

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—There is a rumor abroad that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has invited President Taft to initiate tariff negotiations between the United States and Canada. There is no ground for this. The Hon. W. S. Fielding, in whose care are tariff matters, returned to Quebec from Europe today and proceeded to Nova Scotia. It is therefore unlikely that anything will be done for some weeks. In any case it is extremely unlikely that Canada will take the initiative

action. Several months ago the United States Government invited Canada to enter into negotiations regarding the tariff, but the Dominion replied that such a discussion could more conveniently be entered into in the fall.

Russia ranks third among European countries in the number of cotton spindles. More than 8,000,000 are now being operated.

Switzerland has a Bex salt mines which have been worked for 248 years. The galleries are 25 miles in length, and the profits £15,000 a year.

The death was announced on the 26th ult. in Londonderry of Mr. John Cooke, one of the best known business of the city.

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