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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VALLEY RAILWAY

In his speech at Hampstead on Saturday Hon. Dr. Pugsley discussed the Valley Railway question and placed the delay in signing the contract on the shoulders of the Provincial Government, where it properly belongs.

After sketching the efforts of the Provincial Government to have the Valley Railway built as a trolley or electric line from some point on the boundary of Maine to some point on the C.P.R. at Walsford or Westfield and the refusal of the Dominion Government to co-operate in any such scheme, Dr. Pugsley told of the acceptance of the through line on the terms agreed upon, and read as the first letter of the correspondence that ensued, one received from Hon. Mr. Flemming on May 25. The quotation from this letter, which bears upon the subsequent delay, follows:

"We have secured the co-operation of a company who have arrangements made whereby they will be able to construct a first class line of railway from St. John to the International boundary in the Parish of Andover. They have also arrangements made whereby they are financially in a position to begin the construction immediately of a line both in New Brunswick and across the State of Maine."

"In this first letter you will note" said Dr. Pugsley, "that Mr. Flemming assured me that the Gould company had completed their financial arrangements and that all was clear in case the two governments could agree. I wrote Mr. Flemming on June 5th that with his assurance that the Gould company had the necessary financial backing and that if the railway were built it should run from Grand Falls to St. John, connecting with the Grand Trunk Pacific, with eighty pound rails and a grade of the same standard as the Grand Trunk Pacific that the federal aid was forthcoming, providing that the company would enter into an agreement to turn over the road to the government for operation as a part of the I.C.R. on a basis of paying forty per cent. of the earnings, the lease to run for ninety-nine years."

"This offer was accepted," continued Dr. Pugsley, "for on June 26th I received a letter from A. R. Gould, the president of the company, informing me that his company agreed to the terms and were ready to enter into a contract when the matter of aid for the bridges across the St. John River at Andover and at the Mistake and across the Kennebecosis was decided."

This letter was read by Dr. Pugsley, as was also his reply. The Provincial Government had assured the minister that they were entirely satisfied with the financial ability of the company and he was prepared to recommend to the minister of railways that the contract be signed.

"On July 25th," continued the minister, "Mr. Flemming, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Gould came to Ottawa for a conference with me and we agreed upon the draft of the contracts between the company and the Provincial Government and also between the company and the Dominion Government for the lease and operation of the road in sections as soon as completed. At that conference, when we were ready to sign the contracts, much to my surprise, Mr. Flemming requested that we should not, at present, enter into the subsidy contract with Mr. Gould's company as the Provincial Government desired further information as to the financial ability of the company to construct the road. Mr. Gould, he said, had been depending upon English capitalists to finance the second mortgage bonds of the road and the Government wished to make further inquiries as to the success of these efforts."

"You will see that with this request before me," said the minister, "I could go no further and accordingly on July 26th I wrote Mr. Gould enclosing the copy of the draft contracts between the company and the two Governments as settled upon at the conference, also a copy of the subsidy contract and the subsidies act, and in consequence of Mr. Flemming's request for delay, I inserted the following clause in the letter."

"I understand that before executing said contracts the Province of New Brunswick requires certain assurance to be given as to financial ability of your company carrying through the undertakings and that you desired copies of the contracts as settled between the various parties, for the purpose of submitting the same to your financial representatives in London."

"This, ladies and gentlemen, was July 25th last and since that time I have received no communication whatever, either verbal or written, from the Provincial Government on the subject."

This clear statement of the position of the Federal Government on this question was met with much enthusiasm and the people evidently are very well satisfied that Dr. Pugsley and Col. McLean have been

HOW THE TORIES PLAYED THE GAME IN FOUR ELECTIONS

Assailed the Late Mr. Tarte in 1900 and Afterwards Took Him to Their Bosom --Mr. Ames Magic Lantern Lectures and Denunciation of Sifton--Mr. Bourassa now in Favor among the Tories

(Montreal Herald)

Do you remember the election of 1900? What passion there was in it. How the country was flooded with copies of the Montreal Star, filled with denunciation of the inherent disloyalty of Quebec. How a procession of Laval boys bearing their colors was stopped on the street and the incident reported in two different editions of the Star so that the people away from Montreal got the idea that the boys were in insurrection, the French flag at their head. How vituperous walls came up from New Brunswick because troops flying to the assistance of Ontario would have to cross a hostile and disloyal province. How Laurier was damned and doubly damned as a crafty traitor who was to be driven back into Quebec. And Tarte. Ah, Tarte. He was the one. He was a traitor and an arch traitor. He fairly took his life in his hands when he went up to an Ontario town to open a public building. So high ran the anger that even his friends wanted him to stay away but he had a splendid heart in his wiry little body and they couldn't scare him and he went. A few days before election a circular was sent out of the Star office purporting (falsely) to be signed by the Conservative candidates in Quebec and flatly accusing Mr. Tarte of being in a plot to promote annexation. Why the anger seemed to be as great as it might be if we were actually in a state of civil war.

And then—Two years later they took Mr. Tarte to their bosoms. He knew them to the core, and when he faced his fate in the summer of 1902 he played up to them. They went wild over him, the Star and Sir Hugh Graham in the lead. They threw Mr. Monk out of the Quebec leadership to put him into it. They boomed him and praised him and lauded him and swore by him—until he undertook to win an election down river and didn't do it, and then they dropped him. The same brave little Tarte all the time mind, laughing in his sleeve at those who first denounced him and then fawned upon him.

Do you remember the election of 1904? The Grand Trunk Pacific measure had been put through Parliament in spite of vigorous efforts to kill it or to overload it. Here was another desperate business. Here was another move for Annexation. Do you remember the picture of the Grand Trunk cow, feeding in Canada and being milked in the United States? Do you remember the act of brigandage practised upon La Presse? Do you remember Mr. Hugh Graham's evidence about the "gifts of money" he made when he was Zandrak and Mr. T. Chase Casgrain was Zandrak?

And now—They are protesting that if reciprocity goes through the Grand Trunk will be justified in breaking its contract with the country, because the G. T. P. was built to keep trade away from the States.

Do you remember the election of 1908? Do you remember the cheering thousands who used to go to see Mr. Ames' magic lantern pictures and hear him lambaste Mr. Sifton? Do you remember the righteous indignation that fairly rang through the cheers and the tobacco smoke as Mr. Ames and his friends called upon the people to turn Laurier out as Sifton had been out of the Cabinet for nearly four years? It was about all there was in the election, but didn't the feeling run high? Didn't our Tory friends appear to be passionately determined that Sifton should be banished and Laurier destroyed on his account?

And now—Behold Mr. Sifton. The one really intelligent Liberal in the whole country. A statesman, far-seeing, cold, calculating, of sure judgment, of high purpose. What logic, what insight, above all what courage, what character, what splendid ability as an organizer. Oh, for a man, mark you, Sifton is the man. Never was anything like him. Why, honey will hardly melt in their mouths when they talk of him.

Do you remember the opening of the naval controversy? Dreadnoughts, it was, by day, by night, in the car, on the street, sleeping, waking, working, dining, swearing, praying, it was Dreadnoughts. Dreadnoughts all the time until the air fairly swam with them. Laurier was again a traitor. He was out hot foot

guarding their interests in this matter as well as in all the public questions affecting this part of the province.

for independence because he wanted a Canadian navy of which Canadians would keep control. And this man, Bourassa! B-r-r-r, the thought of him made them shiver. It was with the greatest difficulty they could restrain their feelings and keep their language under control. Indeed, in the local St. John election they actually voted against him. And Mr. Monk. If ever a man learned what it is to be execrated by his friends it was Mr. Monk. They read him out in their newspapers. They looked for someone to put in his place. They made it impossible for him to confer with them in Parliament. A sensitive, high strung man, he visibly suffered.

And now—Why Mr. Monk is a grand man. And as for Mr. Bourassa—well, as for Mr. Bourassa they had to bring out a brand new orator, Mr. Cahan, to sound his praises. He is IT, is Mr. Bourassa.

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THE STOCK MARKET A LITTLE STRONGER

New York, Sept. 7.—The stock market, after a protracted period of inactivity, took on some life this morning and many railways and industrials advanced in price.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

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Atchison.....	104½	104½
Smelters.....	71½	71½
Brooklyn.....	76½	76½
Canadian Pacific.....	230	229½
Great Northern, Pfd.....	124½	124½
Northern Pacific.....	118	118½
Pennsylvania.....	121	121
Reading.....	144½	143½
Southern Pacific.....	110½	110½
U. S. Steel, Com.....	71½	71½
Virginia.....	54	54½

Aberdeen, Wash. Sept. 6.—The bodies of 19 year old twin son of Henry Beaver, a farmer were found yesterday by deputy sheriffs in a lonely spot twenty miles from Montesano and near the shack of the boys uncle John Tarno. Bullet holes in the heads of both boys indicated the manner in which they met death. A posse is in search of Tarno who is missing. The two boys went bear hunting Sunday. When they did not return at night the father started a search and later notified the sheriff who sent out a posse, with a bloodhound to take up the trail. A dead bear was found and it was first thought the lads had been killed by the animal. The bloodhound soon found the bodies covered with leaves.

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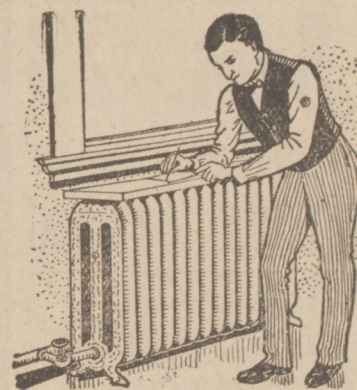
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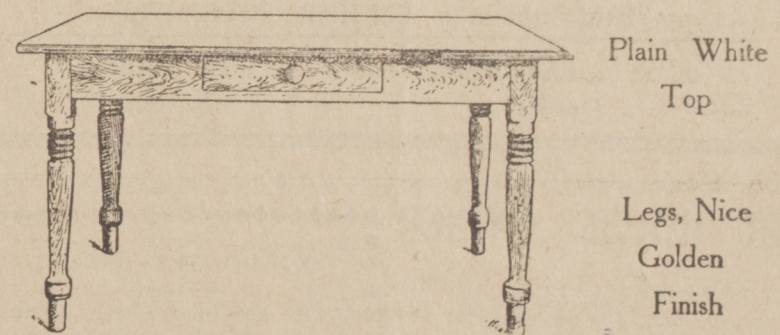


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