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## THE RAILWAY PROBLEM

At a meeting of the R. L. Borden Club in St. John last week, Premier Hazen in the course of a speech largely given up to the denunciation of the former provincial government, incidentally touched upon the Valley Railway question. That the premier's reference to a matter of such momentous importance to the province should have been merely incidental in his address rather than the chief subject discussed is indeed surprising. What was perhaps more surprising was the disappointing nature of the sentences which were uttered. As is usual with him, Premier Hazen criticised former administrations because they had not brought about the construction of the desired and desirable line and he then passed on to declare according to the report of the Conservative St. John Standard, that he "was prepared to go even farther than he had gone yet to insure the building of the St. John Valley Road."

Not a single word of definite announcement. Not a single statement that would give the people of the Valley any reason to hope that the Hazen government has evolved any policy which will result in the early construction of the road, which the premier and his friends have so often promised they would give. Mr. Hazen contents himself with a milk and water assurance that he is prepared to go even farther than he has gone! Truly, this is a pitiable admission for a Premier of New Brunswick to make. Pitiable! Potentially indeed when one remembers the importance of the matter and remembers, too, what Mr. Hazen has so far done. He has sought to shift the blame for his own failure on the Dominion government. He sought to tie up with the Canadian Pacific Railway in a scheme for an electric trolley line, which would not give the people through connections, would not give them a line to compete with the Canadian Pacific, would not even give them a decent local service. And now that even the scheme for electrified "seepers" has fallen through the premier is left without any plan whatever and rests content with talk of going farther than he has gone. But the people will not be content and this fact will be borne in on Premier Hazen and his associates, whenever the people are given an opportunity of expressing themselves at the polls. A high grade competing line with through connections, is what the people should have, must in justice have. And they will get it, despite the pucellity and incompetence of the present provincial government with its record of successive failures, which have been so damaging to the province.

## "A SOLID FRONT"

In his address at Chatham, Ont., Mr. Wallace Nesbitt made a reference to the naval policy of the government, which probably represents the opinion of many members of the Conservative Party who have been drawn, by force of party exigencies, into support of a policy which presents Canada to the world as divided on the subject of the assistance which she is prepared to give to the Empire if need arise. Mr. Nesbitt said: "Although my natural sympathies are always stated by my friends to be Conservative, I cannot help but think that Sir Clifford Laurier on the subject of our sharing our burden by taking part in the naval defence of the Empire, for a first step carried his party as far as he could, and while my own view would be to adopt what he did and to go further—at that time to have voted a cash

contribution if necessary and in the future to stand ready, if it became apparent to the governing powers that immediate action is necessary, to vote further money for the maintenance and defence of our trade routes—I think that all classes in the community should have maintained a solid front upon the line of action that was determined to be taken by the government as a government. Canada on the 29th of March, 1909, presented a solid front to the great advantage of herself and the Empire, and it is to be deplored that that front was not at least maintained with a universal pledge to go further, if need be. My view is that the War Lord of Germany would have called a halt if he saw a United Empire arrayed and not merely the three little islands."

The definite announcement that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be the next Governor General of Canada, will be well received by all classes throughout the Dominion. The Duke is the only surviving son of the late Queen Victoria and is an uncle of His Majesty King George. He served as a soldier during the Fenian trouble in Canada in 1866 and has since made several visits to this country. In 1869 he paid a visit to Fredericton.

While Hon. Mr. Fielding was making his statement to Parliament on the tariff agreement, Mr. Foster interrupted to enquire whether or not the British preference would be affected by the agreement. "The question of the British preference is one which the House is free to deal with in any way it chooses at any time, and it may safely be left in the hands of those who created it," was Mr. Fielding's rejoinder.

Woodstock Sentinel:—If Mr. Fleming had attended to his lumbering operations in the Blue Bell Tract and elsewhere, instead of attempting to make political capital out of the Cuban potato business, in all probability it would have been much better for DeWitt Bros., and certainly for about one hundred honest farmers of Carleton county.

The stockholders of the defunct Farmers' Bank include residents of all the provinces of Canada, except New Brunswick and P. E. Island.

## HALF A MILLION OFF N. T. R. CONTRACT

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Half a million approximately is to be deducted from contracts on the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway in respect to over-classification and allowances for over-break. This is the effect of the award of the arbitrators, Gordon Grant for the transcontinental commissioners, B.B. Kelher for the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Collingwood Schreiber, C. M. G. chairman. The report has been sent to the government and represents several months of work, in which the different sections were examined and notes taken on each cut.

The finding of arbitrators does not say in so many dollars how much is to be deducted, but it takes each particular part of the work complained of and lays down a ruling as to what the measurements and allowances should have been. This will be compared with what was allowed and if the latter was in excess of the arbitrators' findings, deductions will have to be made accordingly. As stated about half a million dollars will be taken off the contractors and sub-contractors. It will come out of drawbacks held by the government.

The complaints were made by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, whose concern arises from having to pay interest on the total cost of the line. If dissatisfied with the award those who are affected will have the right to appeal to the exchequer court. The contracts involved are about \$60,000,000.

## MURCH'S

Jan. 27.—R. A. Logan, Esq., of Gibson, York Co., is at work with a crew of men rebuilding the Murch bridge. He is also going to replank the Brown bridge in a few days. Both bridges were in very bad shape, and by many considered unsafe to travel on. There has been more or less sickness from colds in this place since the cold weather set in, but all are improving now. Mrs. Albert Jordan has been quite poorly for some time, but is now able to leave her bed. Most of the farmers are getting out a few logs this winter. They have got them yarded and are now waiting for snow enough to enable them to haul them to the river bank. We have had some very cold weather lately but on the whole a very fine winter so far. About four inches of snow fell last night.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO BE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught the only surviving son of Victoria "the Good" brother of Edward the "Peacemaker," and uncle of His Majesty King George, will in September next become governor-general of Canada in succession to Lord Grey. Official notification to that effect has been received by the government.

The appointment of his royal highness is for two years, but it may at the end of that time be further extended. The Duke and Duchess with their suite will take up their residence at Rideau Hall in September, meanwhile some improvements are contemplated for that somewhat unimpressive building to make it more in keeping with a royal residence.

It has been found that owing to the need of his highness' presence in England as next in rank to the king in respect of official state functions, pending the minority of the Prince of Wales, he could hardly be spared to Canada at present. Any difficulties in this respect have, however not been deemed unsurmountable, and the original desire of King Edward that the importance and status of Canada as the first daughter nation of the empire should be suitably recognized by the appointment of a foremost member of the royal family to represent the crown here, will be carried out.

Both because of his high position and because of his own personality and unblemished record as soldier and administrator, the duke's appointment is cordially welcomed by the people of Canada as a whole. Official information to this effect has been sent to King George.

It is understood that there is no intention of establishing a royal court in Canada. His highness, will like his predecessors be a democratic governor, and save for the fact of his royal lineage and the added éclat and dignity thus given to the post of governor-general, there will be no change in the present happy relationships of government and people with the representative of the crown at the Canadian capital.

The duke's connection with Canada is a long and pleasant one. Forty years ago when a youth of twenty, the duke came to Canada and served as a soldier during the Fenian raid. Since then the duke has several times returned to Canada, each time enhancing not only his own but his family's popularity. It will also be remembered that his son, Prince Arthur won golden opinions in Canada, when he toured the dominion four years ago.

## POWER STOCKS WERE ACTIVE ON THE MONTREAL EXCHANGE

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Power and Shawinigan were the features on the stock exchange today both issues advancing on heavy buying orders.

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

Open Noon	
Amalgamated, .....	62½
Atchison, .....	107
Smelters, .....	78
Brooklyn, .....	77½
Canada Pacific, .....	210
Great Northern, pfd., .....	127½
Northern Pacific, .....	121½
Pennsylvania, .....	127½
Reading, .....	156½
Southern Pacific, .....	119½
Union Pacific, .....	176½
U. S. Steel, com., .....	78½
Dominion Iron, com., .....	57½

## MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Quebec Ry.—2 @ 60.  
Dominion Iron.—150 @ 57½; 175 @ 57; 20 @ 57.  
Detroit—25 @ 71; 80 @ 71½; 25 @ 71½; 80 @ 71½; 100 @ 71½; 50 @ 71½.

## INTERESTING STATISTICS ON CANADA'S LUMBER

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—An illuminating return of the lumber production of Canada was issued today by the Dominion Forestry Department. The figures are for 1909, the latest year for which complete returns are available. The total increase in production was 13.9 per cent., and among the interesting features brought into light are that Ontario alone produces two-fifths of the Canadian lumber; that spruce is the leading Canadian species; that only six per cent. of the wood produced in Canada is hard wood and that the production of square timber for export has declined to such an extent that only one-twelfth as much is produced as formerly.

The total production was 3,814,942,000 feet, board measure and its total value \$62,819,477. Large as this may appear, it is a little less than one-ninth of the lumber cut in the United States for 1908 and a little less than that cut in Washington State in 1907.

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