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THE CONTRACT SIGNED

After a long period of hesitation and much quibbling and beating about the bush, the provincial government has at last entered into a contract which, when carried out, will give the people of the St. John Valley the railway facilities to which they are entitled. The contract for the construction of the road has been entered into with the Quebec and St. John Railway Company, of which Mr. A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, Me., is the leading spirit. It calls for the construction of a high grade road to start at or near Grand Falls, to extend by way of Lakeville and Centreville, to Woodstock and thence down the valley of the St. John River to the City of St. John. The grade between Fredericton and St. John must not exceed 4-10th of one per cent. going east and 6-10th of one per cent. going west, being practically the same standard as the Grand Trunk Pacific. The fact that it is to be a high grade road equipped with eighty pound rails and is to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific are features of the contract that will meet with universal approval.

The proposed railway will serve one of the oldest settled portions of British North America, the development of which has been greatly hampered by lack of proper transportation facilities. The section of country to be served by it is rich in natural resources, and there is not the slightest doubt in the world but that marked development and prosperity will follow the completion of the railway.

The movement which culminated in the execution of a contract for the construction of this railway really had its origin at a meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade early in the winter of 1908, although the agitation for a road had been going on ever since confederation. The Board of Trade took a practical step by calling a meeting of leading residents of the St. John Valley, which was convened in this city. At this meeting it was decided to apply for a charter for the road and incorporators were named from the different river counties. A representative committee was appointed to wait upon the provincial government and present the claims of the Valley for railway accommodation. The committee afterwards met the government in the Legislative Chamber—the House being in session at the time—and the matter was fully gone into by able speakers. Premier Hazen, in his reply, admitted that the claim of the Valley for a railway was a strong one, and pointed out that the province would guarantee the bonds of a company to the extent of \$25,000 per mile, providing the Dominion government would lease and operate the road when completed on a forty per cent. basis. This was satisfactory so far as it went, but it was necessary to obtain the consent of the Dominion government to the bargain. Fortunately New Brunswick was represented in the Dominion cabinet at that time by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, a gentleman familiar with conditions along the St. John Valley and who had for years been impressed with the great importance of providing this fertile section of the country with proper railway facilities. The task of inducing the Dominion government to consent to operate the road on the terms suggested seemed hopeless at first, but backed up by Mr. F. B. Carvell and other New Brunswick members, the then

minister of public works was able to put the project through and had it clinched by an act of parliament. After this had been accomplished, Premier Hazen and his colleagues suddenly woke up to the fact that they did not want I.C.P. operation of the proposed road; in fact, they did not want a steam railway at all, but an electric road starting at some point in the Parish of Andover on the line of the C.P.R. and ending at Welsford, another point on the C.P.R. They endeavored to boom the new scheme and foist it upon the public, but without success and they were finally compelled to abandon it. They tried various other schemes; with them it was anything to down Pugsley and Carvell, but the only result of their narrow minded policy was to delay the much needed work. They complained that the standard set up by the minister of railways was altogether too high; they made other excuses, but in the end were compelled to swallow a large sized fish of crow. All will rejoice that a contract has been signed and at last the long suffering people of the St. John Valley are to get a measure of justice. In adopting the plan formulated by Hon. Dr. Pugsley and contracting for the construction of a high grade railway down the Valley the local government has paid that gentleman a well deserved compliment. The people of the St. John Valley owe Hon. Dr. Pugsley a debt of gratitude for the great services he has rendered in their behalf. They also are under obligations to the energetic members of the Board of Trade, who gave freely of their time and means in the advancement of this great cause. They have rendered a great service to the country and one which ought never to be forgotten.

Hon. John V. Ellis, Senator, today celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as editor of the St. John Globe. The veteran Senator is probably the oldest editor in America so far as continuous service on one newspaper is concerned. He has been prominent in public affairs, having been a member of the Local Legislature, the Dominion Parliament and the Senate in all service. The Senator is a native of Nova Scotia but has been editor of the St. John Globe since he was twenty-six years of age. He is still in the enjoyment of full mental and bodily vigor and wields a most vigorous pen. It is the sincere wish of The Mail and his Fredericton friends that he will long be spared to mould public opinion and work for the advancement of New Brunswick and Canada.

London Advertiser—Conservative members in the late parliament put a series of questions to the Laurier Government regarding the Ne Temere decree, with the object of making party capital, in which they succeeded. The same questions are now being put by Liberals to the Borden Government with the object of exposing the injustice of the cry raised against the Liberal party. The present government is getting a dose of its own medicine and doesn't like it.

Toronto Globe—It is reckoned that sixty thousand electors who voted Liberal in 1908 voted against reciprocity in September. And now Mr. Borden is rewarding them by cutting off the heads of their friends in public office by the hundred. The Borden-McCord coalition seems to be making enemies as quickly as its most fervid opponents could wish.

Col. Sam Hughes was one of the speakers at a banquet tendered Hon. L. P. Pelletier at Quebec on Saturday evening. It looks as if the gallant colonel has buried the hatchet with his French compatriots.

Fredericton which has always labored under the disadvantage of being commercially sidetracked is at last going to be switched on the main line.

Premier Borden has been in New York talking about civil service reform. Here in New Brunswick his followers are busy decapitating Liberal office holders.

At last the long suffering people of the St. John Valley are to have railway facilities—providing there is no further hitch.

The St. John Valley Railway contract has been signed at last.

DUKE AND DUCHESS WELCOMED AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Princess Patricia of Connaught, arrived in Montreal at three o'clock this afternoon for a visit which will extend four days. Immediately on their arrival they were driven to the City Hall, where the civic address of welcome was read together with loyal addresses from the British Army and Navy Veterans and the Canadian Army Veterans. The royal party then drove to the Royal Victoria College, where a special convocation of McGill University was held and the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon His Royal Highness. Following this the Duke and Duchess of Connaught entertained a small party at dinner and this evening attended the public reception in their honor at the City Hall, which was attended by several thousand citizens anxious to welcome the new governor general to the city. The weather today was most inauspicious and the governor general and his party drove from place to place over streets inches deep in mud, in the midst of a steady drizzle of rain. Despite the weather and the fact that the mayor's proclamation of a public holiday met with little response from employers owing to the Christmas rush being on, the streets were lined with people and cheers for the royal visitors were often heard.

CROWDS GREET THEM.

The train bearing Their Royal Highnesses arrived in the Windsor street depot at 2:55 p.m., and no more royal and dignified ceremony than that which greeted their arrival could be imagined. Within the station there was a gathering of dignitaries of the church, state and army, with leaders in civic and civil life backed by the guard of honor.

In sharp contrast to the orderly exclusion within the station was the scene immediately outside, where thousands all around the building and over Dominion Square struggled to gain a point of vantage from which to view the arrival of the royal governor general and his entourage. An hour before the arrival of the royal train the station had been cleared of all save those who had business with the decorations had been lavishly hung, and a rich crimson carpet laid from the place where the visitors would alight to the exit.

The guard of honor picked from the Royal Victoria Rifles was lined up along the platform.

At 2:55 the train backed slowly into the station and His Royal Highness was seen standing alone on the back platform in the uniform of a British field marshal. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was the first to greet the governor general and was followed by Mayor Guerin, Archbishop Bruchesi, Bishop Farthing, Col. Roy and other officers of the headquarters staff, and others. The Duke inspected the guard of honor, while the Duchess and Princess Patricia were met by a deputation from the Daughters of the Empire, who presented them with bouquets. The royal guests were then escorted to automobiles and then proceeded to the City Hall.

CIVIC RECEPTION.

At the City Hall the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia, accompanied by Col. Lowther and Miss Pelly, were met by Mayor and Messrs. Guerin, Controller Lachapelle, and Sir Montagu Allan and escorted to the council chambers.

Here the civic address was read in English and French, the governor general responding, also in both languages.

The convocation hall at McGill College was crowded with some 600 guests when the Duke and Duchess arrived to receive the honorary degree. The address of the University was presented by Principal Peterson and the Duke responded at some length.

The McGill LL.D. is the seventh University degree to be conferred upon His Royal Highness. This evening's reception was a brilliant affair, thousands of citizens being present, including all the leaders in business and professional life.

YOUR GRAY HAIRS QUICKLY VANISH

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BISHOP FARTHING 50 YEARS OLD

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Bishop Farthing head of the Anglican Synod of Montreal quietly celebrated his fiftieth birthday anniversary today. Though a native of Cincinnati, Bishop Farthing was educated in England and has been a resident of Canada ever since his ordination. Prior to his election to succeed the late Bishop Carmichael in this city he had served for some years as dean of the diocese of Kingston.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

Notice of Meeting

A public meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber on Thursday evening, December 14th., at eight o'clock under the auspices of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

This meeting will be addressed by Mr. W. Leonard Palmer of The London Financial News. Citizens are invited to attend.

H. S. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Executor's Notice

All persons having claims against the estate of Anne Cassidy, late of the City of Fredericton, widow, deceased, will file same duly attested with the undersigned.

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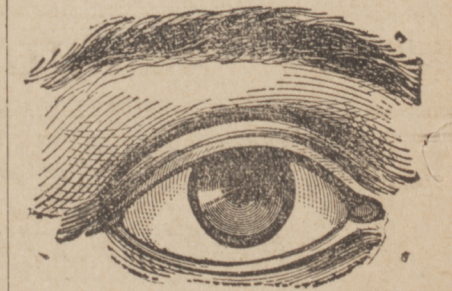
DEATH AT CORK

The death of John Maloney one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Cork Settlement occurred at his home Monday afternoon. The deceased is survived by a widow and two brothers, Patrick and James both of Cork and by one sister Mrs. Higgins of Johnville, Carleton County. He was seventy-three years of age. The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Father Cormier. Interment will be made at Cork.

Mr. Fred W. Tresham of Toronto, is at the Barker House.
Mr. W. R. Gillen of Hartland, is in the city.

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