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RUMOR SET AT REST.

There has been considerable speculation regarding the future political course of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the accomplished attorney general of this province, and rumor has been quite general that that gentleman intended abandoning the local arena and entering the wider field of federal politics, contesting King's county in the next election with that end in view.

The Herald is in position to state on the authority of Dr. Pugsley himself, that he has no such intention or ambition as has been ascribed to him, but that with the permission of his constituents he proposes remaining for the present at least, in local politics.

This announcement will be pleasing to the attorney general's colleagues in the government and legislature, and to the country which has learned to very sincerely appreciate Dr. Pugsley's energetic and public spirited action in his capacity of legislator, and as a responsible minister of the crown. Dr. Pugsley has unbounded faith in the early development of the important natural resources of this province, and it is satisfactory to know that his eminent services are to be retained in the promotion of provincial interests. There is no doubt however that should he abandon the local field and occupy a seat in parliament at Ottawa he would immediately take a leading place in the ranks of the most eminent men in that body.

However, whatever the future may have in store for the learned and efficient attorney general, it is pleasing news that he intends remaining in his present position to assist in wisely guiding this province in its material affairs.

PRESSING OUR CLAIMS.

Members of the St. John board of trade, quite naturally, are not satisfied with the prospects of securing the extension of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to the Maritime Provinces, and have sent another telegram to the Minister of Railways urging that no government aid be granted the company unless they undertake to build an all-Canadian line.

The efforts made in these provinces to bring about a much desired object are no reflection on the able Minister of railways, who nobody doubts is doing his very best to serve his native province in the matter, but there are powerful influences behind the Grand Trunk which even the combined influence of the maritime province ministers may not be able to overcome, and they have in addition to meet the indifference of Ontario politicians, who on many occasions have given evidence of indifference to maritime province interests.

The St. John people, while trusting Mr. Blair, knowing that he will do his full duty in the matter, but realizing what a fight he has on his hands, do well to present the case in the strongest possible manner.

The impression is abroad, and it has been strengthened by the discussions in the railway committee, that the Grand Trunk people desire to continue Portland as their winter shipping port, and that while they might make a traffic arrangement with the Intercolonial, the bulk of the business would continue to go to Portland.

The maritime provinces want an independent line, and their representatives in parliament should exhaust every legitimate effort to secure the extension of the Grand Trunk road through these prov-

inces. Unless the company agree to that proposition they should be bowled out of parliament, and all public aid withheld from their enterprise.

Citizens generally will applaud the decision of the city council to purchase another street sprinkler.

A BEAR STORY.

Marysville Men Who Went Fishing and Caught a Cub.

It was a jolly fishing party that left Marysville on the afternoon train of the Canada Eastern Monday, their destination Big Hole Brook, near Doaktown. Station Master Samuel Hallett, Elbridge Staples, Bert Lint and Boss Tapley of the cotton mill made up the gathering of nimrods who were to bring home baskets of speckled beauties, and the whole town was to be provided with fresh fish on their return.

The fishermen returned Tuesday much to the surprise of their friends, and without the promised fish. But they brought something they valued far more, a real live bear's cub about a foot long, but healthy and chirpy.

The fishermen had only nicely disposed themselves along Big Hole Brook Tuesday morning when the cub running violently from the forest joined the party, creating a guinine surprise. The animal however realizing that it was in the wrong camp speedily made retreat but was followed by the station master of nimble feet, his companions joining in the chase. The cub was soon overtaken and captured, but there was no more fishing for the party. They concluded that the cub's mother must be in the vicinity, and naturally enraged at the loss of her young, she would probably make trouble for the jolly fishermen. Hastily winding up their lines they made tracks for the railway station and took the first train for home with the cub safely stowed away in one of their fish baskets. The scared look in their faces told of their dread of being pursued by the mother bear, and they were glad to escape with whole skins and the cub.

That is why Marysville people have no fresh trout for their midday meal, but the town is proud in the possession of the cub, and the lives of her gallant fishermen.

Travels in Europe.

The lecture by our esteemed townsman, Mr. Henry Chestnut, on his travels in Europe, in the vestry of the Methodist church last evening, was attended by a fair sized audience and was thoroughly enjoyed. The lecturer gave a most entertaining and instructive account of his wanderings in the countries of the old world, describing in detail many points of historic interest, as he went along. Mr. Chestnut is a graduate of the great university of travel, and being a very pleasing speaker had no difficulty in holding the rapt attention of his audience throughout. He has promised to further discuss the subject on some future occasion. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

A Young Lady's Death.

The death occurred this morning at her home at Lower St. Marys, of Miss Carrie A. youngest daughter of the late John A. Peppers. She was 34 years of age, is survived by one sister and four brothers, one of the latter being Dr. H. S. Peppers of Centreville, Carleton county. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon, Undertaker John G. Adams having charge of the arrangements.

Board of Education Meeting.

The Board of Education this morning adopted regulations for the governing of manual training schools in the province, and Prof. E. E. McCready of this city was appointed director for the province. Premier Tweedie and Dr. J. R. Inch were appointed a committee to visit Halifax in the near future and arrange for admission of deaf and dumb pupils to the school in that city.

Leave of Absence.

At the St. John Presbytery meeting yesterday, Rev. William Ross of Prince William, who has occupied that pastorate for 27 years, a record for the province, made application for three months' leave of absence for the first vacation he has had in all that time. It was granted.

Referee in Equity.

R. W. McLellan, barrister of this city, has been appointed a referee in equity for York county.

Victoria Day.

The Star Line S.S. Co. will issue excursion tickets to St. John good going Saturday, May 13, returning May 25th or 26th at one fare, \$1. May 20 d. 2j.

NOTICE.

Tenders for Stone and Brick in the old Deaf and Dumb Institution on the Bot-ford property, (so called), will be received at the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, until MONDAY, June 1st, 1903.

C. H. LABILLOIS,
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May 20—dtr

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Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the undersigned at Ottawa, and at the office of the District Officer Commanding who will furnish any necessary information if applied to therefor.

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A. BENOIT, Major,
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