

MR. WILMOT'S VIEWS

The Member for Sunbury-
Queens 'Advocates St.
John Valley Route

FOR G.T. PACIFIC THROUGH
NEW BRUNSWICK.

Another Amendment Pro-
posed.

Ottawa Aug. 29.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. D. Wilmot, Conservative member for Sunbury-Queens N. B., continued the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway project.

He said that in all his parliamentary career he had never been called upon to vote on such an important question, involving the expenditure of unknown millions. He was surprised that parliament should be called upon to pronounce on such a large measure with so little information at hand.

Mr. Wilmot in the course of his speech dealt with the differences of conditions existing today and at the time of the construction of the Canadian Pacific. Arguments which were advanced in favor of that scheme could not be applied to the scheme now under consideration.

Mr. Wilmot pointed out that the agitation for a branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific to the maritime provinces was carried on before the scheme was known as at present. From the New Brunswick standpoint he felt that the line would pass through a country with few possibilities. At best the government only hoped to save 100 miles for the Grand Trunk Pacific and the effort was to cost \$1,180,000. No such distance would be saved, however.

Mr. Wilmot advocated a line direct to St. John via Edmundston, if one was to be built, and quoted from the Telegram in support of his contention. The shortening of the route proposed by the government was only on paper. If the line was run via Chipman it would be materially lengthened on account of physical obstructions to be met with. In the valley of the St. John river a splendid level country was to be found, and it is through that section that any road could be more profitably operated. He ridiculed the idea of calling Moncton a terminus. By ending the road there St. John would be injured, and Halifax would not be benefited.

Mr. Wilmot called attention to the article in the Toronto News calling upon the government to abandon the eastern section. Was this intended to call off that feature of the scheme? The News also advocated the adoption of Mr. Borden's scheme of the extension of the Intercolonial to the great lakes. In the face of such strong opinions the government should pause before committing the country to such an enormous expenditure of money. Mr. Borden, Mr. Wilmot said, had laid down a policy which was acceptable in the hearts of the majority of the members of the house, and he hoped the government would have courage to avail themselves of it.

Girard and Davis, Liberal, and Ward and Richardson, Conservatives, defended and opposed the scheme respectively.

Mr. Boyd concluded his speech by moving an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Pattee as follows: "That all words in the amendment after the word policy in the third line be left out, and the following substituted therefor: Extending and developing in system government railways and placing operation thereof entirely beyond the influence of party politics." The amendment will then read as follows: "By reason of growth in population and rapid increase in the productiveness and trade of Canada, and especially the western part thereof, the time is opportune for the adoption of a definite policy of extending and developing our system of government railways and placing the operation thereof entirely beyond the influence of party politics."

THE SUN'S ROMANCER.

Indites Another Chapter on Mr. Blair and the Government.

The following despatch from the St. John Sun's Ottawa correspondent is given for what it is worth:

"Yesterday the ex-minister of railways and Laurier had a two hours' conference. It is said that ministerialists, notwithstanding Blair's strong antagonistic speech

on the railway question, are very anxious that he should take the chairmanship of the railway commission, but the ex-minister is not anxious for the position. He is willing enough to oblige the government in this matter, but he refuses to do so at the sacrifice of his own principles. It is persistently rumored the government will drop the eastern section of its transcontinental railway policy, but liberals who are in the confidence of the government scout such a suggestion.

A meeting of ministers was held in Fielding's room this morning to hear the report of the conference which took place between the prime minister and Blair. So long as it is the settled policy of the government to push the railway scheme, Blair, it is reported, is willing to accede to the government's view if the line be built from Levis to Edmundston and St. John, instead of from Levis via Edmundston to Moncton. Blair's alternative is not acceptable to the Nova Scotia contingent. It will therefore be suggested that a compromise between Blair's views and those of the Nova Scotia members can be reached by running a line from Edmundston to Fredericton instead of Moncton. It was to consider this proposition that the ministers met today.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested

Miss Isabell Scott of Oromocto, was in the city today.

Mr M A Hagerman of Bear Island, is in the city today.

Mr Thos P Pagsley of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr Alfred Saely of St. John, is a guest at the Queen today.

Mr E B Allen of New York is among the guests at Windsor Hall.

Mr Henry Braithwaite returned at noon yesterday from a trip to Boston.

Mr A Roy McDougall of Halifax, is among the guests at the Queen.

Coun A E Cliff of Kingsclear was among the visitors to the city today.

Miss Beebie White of Oromocto, was among the visitors in the city today.

Mr W H Whitney of Philadelphia, is among the guests at Windsor Hall.

Mr M D Pride of Amherst, left for home by the 9.20 train this morning.

Mr W Tom Murchie and child, left today for Keswick to spend a few weeks.

Miss Agnes Davis is enjoying her vacation very pleasantly among friends at St. John.

Mr W Tom Murchie leaves this evening to spend Sunday at his old home in Calais.

Mr John Ingraham of Upper Queensbury, was among the visitors to the city today.

Mr J Douglas Black arrived from New York at noon today, and is a guest at the Queen.

Squire Peacock a well known resident of Williamsburg, is among the visitors to the city today.

Miss Annie Lynn returned home today after a pleasant vacation among friends at Queensbury.

Hon A G Blair returned to Murray Bay yesterday from Ottawa, and will be back to the capital on Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Murchie, who has been visiting friends in the city, returns to her home in Calais this evening.

Mr James M Scott of Damfries, was in the city today on his way home from a trip to St. John and St. Stephen.

Mr George L Haviland went to St. John by the early train this morning, to visit friends for a couple of weeks.

Mr John Kilburn the well known lumberman has returned from a visit to the scene of his lumber operations at Quebec.

Mr D W Newcombe, superintendent of the northern division of the C.P.R., was among the guests at the Queen last evening.

Dr and Mrs David Wheeler, of Buffalo, N Y, passed through the city yesterday en route to the Little Southwest Miramichi, on a fishing and hunting trip.

Dr Frank Kilburn, a leading physician of Presque Isle, Me., arrived here this morning en route to Macquaque to visit his father, John Kilburn, of that place.

Dr Sydney F Bridges of Philadelphia, brother of Dr J W Bridges, arrived in the city yesterday to spend his holidays. He was accompanied by his friend, A J McBeath, jr. of Philadelphia.

Miss Brown, of Toronto, Dominion Secretary of the King's Daughters, who has been visiting Miss Thorne, has gone to St. John for a few days, and will return to attend the provincial convention of the society.

Mr and Mrs W H Norton-Taylor and Miss Marguerite Winslow returned last evening from a pleasant two months' holiday trip to the old country. They are receiving a hearty welcome from their many friends.

Agency for Fruit Trees.

Thos. W. Rainsford has been engaged as the representative for the county of York of Brown Bros. Nurserymen of Welland Ont. Mr. Rainsford is well known throughout this section of the country, and it is needless to say that orders left with him will not be neglected. He will make occasional trips through the county, but parties wishing to place orders in the meantime may leave them at the office of Henry B. Rainsford, County Court house. The representative may generally be found there ready to give all information along the line of apple trees, plums, small fruits, climbing vines, hedges, ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, strawberries, etc.—d&w.

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