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A REALITY NOW.

The bill authorizing government purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway and its operation as part of the Intercolonial has passed all stages of the House of Commons, has been sent to the Senate and will become law when the Governor General gives his assent on Monday. The road will immediately thereafter pass into government possession. The opposition put up a very weak case against the government proposal and were easily answered by Mr. Emmerson, whose opening speech will be found elsewhere in our columns today.

There is great rejoicing here over the successful outcome of the long agitation to secure the transfer of the road to the government, and unbounded praise is heard on all sides for Mr. Emmerson and the government.

FREDERICTON'S PROSPERITY.

A spirit of hopefulness pervades the citizens of Fredericton with respect to the future of their city, and it is given a great impetus by the government's acquisition of the Canada Eastern railway bringing the city into direct touch with the great government system of railways connecting the upper and lower provinces. This however, is felt to be but the beginning of railway development in this vicinity. There is a general feeling that the Grand Trunk Pacific will pass through Fredericton, tapping the districts along the river not yet enjoying the advantages of railway connections, and it may be that in the near future the C. P. R. will have its main line through Fredericton.

Generally this city was never more prosperous than it is today. There are practically no vacant stores or houses, many new buildings are being constructed, property has advanced in price and there is employment for everybody at remunerative rates. A business failure among the merchants of Fredericton is rarely heard of, our manufacturing industries and the farmers of the surrounding country are flourishing, and along all lines the outlook is most encouraging. Fredericton stood practically still for twenty years, up to say a decade ago, but since then its progress has been steady, healthy and most satisfactory. No citizen of Fredericton is ashamed of his home, but rather glories in its position, progress and prospects.

It is said that Paul Kruger, before dying, even forgave the English. He is represented as saying on his death bed: "I no longer hate the English. It is a pity there was a war, but I believe that everything will come out right in the end."

Mr. Emmerson made such a good case for the government acquisition of the Canada Eastern railway, that Mr. Gourley of Colchester, one of the most uncompromising Tories in the House was constrained to support the proposition.

Lord Dundonald, before his departure, impudently advised Canadians to keep both hands on the Union Jack. His Nibship should keep both hands on his mouth. That's what got him into trouble.

DOG IN THE MANGER.

The Sun, which would like to oppose the government acquisition of the Canada Eastern Railway, but for political reasons does not have the courage to take that stand, admits that the change will be popular with the people of New Brunswick, when it says:

"The transfer of the Canada Eastern will be regarded as a good thing for the people who live along the line. It will probably give them lower freight rates and a better service. The rolling stock will be improved, more trains will be put on, the pay of employees will perhaps be increased, and a large sum will be expended for repairs and betterments which the revenue of the road was too small to enable the late owners to provide."

The Sun professes to be worried because the taxpayers of Canada will have to foot the bills for any improvements that may be made in the Canada Eastern, but it supported a government which expended many millions building canals in Ontario. People, however, who are better posted on railway matters than the Sun believe that the acquisition of the road will be a source of profit to the Intercolonial, as it is bound to contribute towards the development of central New Brunswick.

Here is an extract from the speech of Hon. John Haggart, Tory ex-Minister of Railways, opposing the government purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway: "As a feeder to the I. C. R. the road would be no good. If every pound of freight carried on the Canada Eastern were handed over to the I. C. R. the Government road would gain nothing. It would be cheaper for Canada to throw \$800,000 into the sea and let Alexander Gibbons keep his road."

That stormy petrel, Hon. Joe Martin, was expelled from a court room at Vancouver Thursday for protesting too vigorously against the alleged illegality of information against a client.

Private Perry, the Canadian who won the King's prize at Bisley, is to be given a hearty reception at Montreal this evening and Tuesday evening he will be feted at Toronto.

Even the doubters are silenced by the passage of the Canada Eastern railway bill.

PLEASANT PICNIC.

Children of St. Anthony's Church Enjoyed a Successful Outing.

The Sunday School picnic held yesterday on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church, St. Marys was highly successful. The children enjoyed themselves to perfection and their older brothers and sisters also attended and spent some pleasant hours.

The tables and games used at Wednesday's picnic were again utilized and the different events were successfully carried out. An orchestra provided music for

dancing, in the evening and many whiled away an hour in that joyous pastime.

At yesterday's picnic, Rev. Father Haunigan won the first prize on the large bagatelle and Mr. Walter Donohoe or Harvey captured the second prize.

On the small bagatelle Mr. John McManus won the first prize.

It was announced yesterday that ticket No. 1317 won the gate prize at Wednesday's picnic—the prize is a costly steam cooker. Mr. D. E. Haunon guessed the number in the trunk at Wednesday's picnic and won the trunk.

Yesterday's picnic in addition to giving the Sunday school children a good time also helped to clear the expenses of the Wednesday's picnic so that \$500 is clear on the first days picnic.

Father Ryan and his congregation are working hard to build their new church and deserve every encouragement. The church, when completed will be an ornament not only to St. Marys, but to this locality and the people of this city are showing their appreciation of the efforts of the pastor and congregation of St. Anthony's church by lending them a helping at their picnics. A large number attended the picnics this year than any other picnic in the history of the parish.

The train will be held over until after the festival Monday and Tuesday evening to give the Marysville people a chance of having an evening of pleasure in the mammoth Arctic Rink.

Cheap Excursion.

The Steamer Aberdeen is now ready to take excursion parties or picnics to points along the river. The steamer will leave the wharf on Wednesday, August 10th, and go to Coles Island and intermediate points to convey a picnic to this city. They will arrive here on Thursday, 11th, and after stopping two and one half hours in this city will return to Coles Island the same evening, arriving back in Fredericton on Friday, 12th. This will be a good chance for persons from this city to enjoy an outing, as they can go down on the Aberdeen on Wednesday and return on Friday. From ten to twenty rooms can be had at Washade-moak and refreshments will be served on the boat by E. L. Parsons. The R. C. R. I. band will accompany the excursion. The fare is very low. Fare to Coles Island and return 90c. To the Narrows and return 75c.—August 5, 6, 12.

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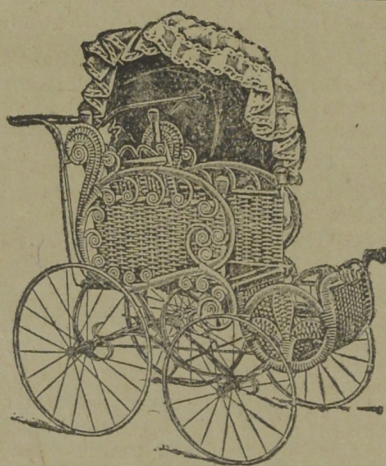
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