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THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

The transcontinental railway commission is disposing of its preliminary business promptly and effectively. The various surveying parties for the eastern section are practically all organized, and the engineer who is to have charge of the New Brunswick section leaves Ottawa on Monday for this province.

There will be ten parties in New Brunswick and some of them will have their headquarters in Fredericton.

A survey is to be made of both the central and St. John river routes, and the people who are interested in the adoption of the latter route rely with confidence in the feeling that the engineer's report will strongly favor the river route, and that eventually it will be adopted. The Grand Trunk Pacific running through Fredericton would give this city a new lease of life, and promote its growth and development to a remarkable degree.

AN ABSOLUTE DENIAL.

Tory papers have been handling Hon. Dr. Pugsley's name very freely lately, intimating that he desired to and would ultimately replace Hon. Mr. Emmerson as Minister of Railways. It has been represented that the Attorney General was conspiring to get rid of Mr. Emmerson that his own political fortunes might be advanced, but the St. John Gazette, which is understood to be pretty close to Dr. Pugsley, gives the whole story an emphatic denial, and thus disposes one feature of the Tory campaign in this province.

The Gazette says: "We are assured that neither the Attorney General nor his friends have any desire or intention that he should take Mr. Emmerson's place. That gentleman, since he has become Minister of Railways, has so satisfactorily performed the duties of his position that he has greatly strengthened himself with the people of this province and in those other sections of the Dominion which are particularly interested in the successful and satisfactory management of the railways and canals. We believe that so long as Mr. Emmerson is desirous of remaining Minister of Railways, not only the Attorney General and his friends, but the Liberal party generally, would wish that he should retain the position."

SUNBURY AND QUEENS.

Although no Liberal candidate has yet been nominated in Sunbury and Queens, it seems to be taken as a certainty that the honor will fall to Dr. H. B. Hay, of Chipman, whose popularity and great strength in the constituency is undoubted. Mr. Wilmot's friends are very much disturbed at the report of Dr. Hay's probable candidature, and well they may be. The former's hold on the constituency can easily be shaken off, and with Dr. Hay as their standard bearer, the Liberals feel that they can win.

Sunbury and Queens are particularly interested in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which is pretty certain to pass through both counties, and aid in their development. Mr. Wilmot's leader and his party are on record as opposed to the new road's construction through New Brunswick, and on that point alone deserve the condem-

nation of Sunbury and Queens, as they do in every constituency in this province. There are portions of New Brunswick suffering severely from the lack of railway competition, yet the Tory party would deny the people the opportunity of conditions they would enjoy by the construction of another through line of railway.

An interesting fact revealed in the biography of the late Principal Grant just issued that he was offered an Ontario portfolio, has caused surprise in Ontario, as the fact was quite unknown. On the retirement of Hon. Adam Crooks in 1885, Sir Oliver Mowat offered the position of Minister of Education to the principal. Letters passed, and after serious consideration he finally declined. In after years Dr. Grant was seriously considered as a parliamentary candidate for the Federal House, but he declined to entertain the proposal. Dr. Grant would have made a great political leader. Most of his life he was a Conservative, but in his last years he supported Mowat and Laurier.

Twenty-six years ago today, on Sept. 17, 1878, the Mackenzie Government was defeated at the polls in a general election, and Sir John Macdonald and his famous N. P. came to the front. The news of the election was distributed to Fredericton people from the Western Union Telegraph Office, then situated in the building now occupied by the Herald, and there was great rejoicing among the Conservatives of that day. In York the Liberal candidate, the late Mr. John Pickard, was elected over Mr. C. H. B. Fisher by an enormous majority.

Mr. J. D. McKenna has secured control of the Sussex Record and says he will keep it independent of politics. Time will tell. Brother McKenna is a very ardent Tory, or at least he was when Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Sun and Halifax Herald, and we have had occasion to scourge him occasionally, but notwithstanding that, we bid him welcome to New Brunswick journalism. He is a bright newspaper man, and in time may become a good Liberal.

The Woodstock Sentinel understands that Mr. F. H. Hale, M. P., can have the Tory nomination in Carleton if he wants it, and that if he declines, Mr. J. Chip Hartley is likely to be given the opportunity for defeat at the hands of Mr. F. B. Carvell. The Sentinel also learns that Mr. Titus J. Carter will be the Tory candidate against Hon. John Costigan in Victoria and Madawaska a very easy proposition for the veteran Liberal candidate.

The organic union of the Baptists and Free Baptists of the maritime provinces will likely be accomplished in a short time. The maritime Baptist Convention recently in convention at Truro, voted for union, and the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, or at least the clerical part of it has given evidence of the same mind. Perhaps our Baptist brethren will beat the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists on the union question.

The Ontario election courts have disposed of another of Premier Ross' legislative supporters, Mr. Smith for Sault Ste. Marie having been unseated for corrupt acts in the bye-election. North Perth is also vacant and Ross' majority in the House is only one.

Mr. Borden told his audience at Aylmer, Ontario, that he would not care to remain longer in public life were it not that his wife was able and willing to accompany him about the country. Poor fellow! Is he afraid some naughty boo woman might steal him were he unprotected by his wife's petticoats? Canada is not in search of a premier liable to petticoat government, however much the people may admire husbandly devotion. This habit of politicians referring on public platforms to their own domestic affairs, is to say the least, rather nauseating.

"The men behind Borden" must be scarce in Ontario. The Tory leader in his tour of that province reached London yesterday, and the Sun gives the names of those who were prominent in his reception as Sir John Carling, Mayor Beck and Senator Carling. The first and last named are one and the same person, but, perhaps Mr. Borden is looking for the liquor vote, and so double prominence is given to Brewer Carling.

The "Oceana Limited," the new fast express train on the Intercolonial between Montreal and Halifax, put on through the efforts of Hon. Mr. Emmerson, has proved so popular with the people who travel that petitions to have it continued in winter as well as summer, are being signed along the line.

At a recent Toronto banquet at which Hon. Geo. E. Foster was present, Sir MacKenzie Bowell declared that the people like Mr. Borden's leadership "because he is a man they can trust." Wonder if the Hon. Geo.'s ears tingled when he heard this significant remark.

This is a great year for Mr. Borden. In addition to having a new brand of cigars named after him, he is soon to receive an honorary degree from King's college. What Mr. Borden wants most, however, is far beyond his reach.

Capt. Bernier is resigned to his fate. He has withdrawn his opposition to going on the Hudson Bay expedition as sailing master, and everything is peaceful in the Arctic, which sails on Monday on her trip.

A noted scientist affirms that there will be no Niagara Falls 3,500 years from now, so that persons desirous of seeing the great phenomenon should make haste and take advantage of present low excursion rates.

It is said that Major Cropley is willing to undertake the publication of a Tory organ in this city if Mr. Pinder can find the funds, but that is a difficult proposition for Truthful James.

The King of Italy is rejoicing in the arrival of a son and heir, and he feels just as good as the Czar does over his recent addition in the same line.

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