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THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Interest in the St. John Valley Railway, so long projected, and failure in the construction of which has been such a disappointment to the people who so much desire and need railway accommodation, is revived by the announcement that Mackenzie & Mann, who are constructing a transcontinental line, may incorporate a road down the St. John valley as part of their system.

These gentlemen have already a large part of their system in operation in the west, and are, it is said, looking for an Atlantic coast outlet for traffic. It will not be wise, however, to bank with any certainty on the likelihood of their constructing their road eastward, as outlined in the despatch published elsewhere, but certainly such a move as is mentioned would be hailed with delight by the people of the St. John valley from Woodstock to St. John.

One thing, however, seems reasonably certain that it will be but a few years before a railway will traverse the region spoken of, and whether it is the Grand Trunk Pacific or Mackenzie & Mann's transcontinental system will matter little to the people, so long as they have the railway accommodation so much desired. Our own opinion is that the Grand Trunk Pacific is coming this way, and it is based on recent advices from Ottawa sources which are admittedly of a reliable character.

REGRET AT PARTING.

Lord Minto well deserved the kindly words spoken of him last night in the House of Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden, and the favorable address passed by the House at the instance of the Premier. Lord Minto has been a popular Governor General and his departure from Canada a few weeks hence will be sincerely regretted by all classes of the people. He knew his duty, performed it well, and never exceeded his constitutional authority. Lady Minto, too, has endeared herself to the people of Canada and their best wishes attend the worthy couple for the future.

ST. JOHN SUICIDE.

Well Known Citizen Deliberately Drowned Himself in Ashburn Lake.

The suicide of James E. Fraser, for many years an employe of Manchester, Robertson & Allison, St. John, was effected under peculiar circumstances. The young man was mentally deranged some time ago, but on Tuesday returned from a Montreal asylum apparently cured.

Yesterday he went to Ashdown lake, a few miles from St. John, with Chas. T. Nevins to spend the day, and while the latter was cooking the dinner Fraser took a boat and went for a row. What happened afterwards is told in the Sun as follows:

Mr. Nevins rowed well across the lake and then stopped over a spot where the water was some 25 or 30 feet deep. His actions were closely watched on the shore and Mr. Nevins' suspicions were so strong that he and John McCurdy, a carpenter working on the club house, went to the water's edge, but did not dare set foot in a boat for fear of bringing matters to a head.

Seeking a pretext to lure him ashore, Mr. Nevins thought of the dinner, which was about ready. He called out to Mr. Fraser, who was then about a quarter of a mile from the club house beach, "Come ashore, Jim, the chops are done." To this Mr. Fraser answered, "All right." He seized the oars and the watchers on shore felt relieved when they saw him head for the landing. While the conversation had been going on Mr. Fraser's boat had drifted into more

shallow water near the farther shore. He pulled but three or four strokes, the effect of which was to bring him to the deeper water, and then dropped the oars. Standing up in the boat he took off his coat, laid it on one of the seats and then was seen to fumble at his throat, presumably taking off his collar.

There was no doubt in their minds when they saw his next act. Lying down in the boat and bearing with his weight on the side nearest shore until it was close to the water's edge, he deliberately rolled out into the water, with the anchor rope and a large stone attached to his neck. He sank out of sight at once, and only his hat floating on the water marked the scene of the tragedy. The body was recovered a few hours later.

The late Mr. Fraser was a son of Alexander Fraser, at present employed in the I. C. R. shops. He was in the 45th year of his age and unmarried.

WILL HOLD AN INQUEST.

Premier Tweedie Orders an Investigation of Woodward's Death.

Premier Tweedie who is acting as Attorney General in the absence of Hon. Dr. Pugsley has instructed Coroner Mullin to hold an inquest over the remains of the late Gerald Woodward who was drowned while bathing near the mouth of the Nashwaakie, on Wednesday evening. While there is no possible doubt as to how the young man came to his death, there are a number of persons who feel that there is a possibility of erroneous reports concerning the affair, reaching his relations in the Old Country and thus do harm to the province. They communicated their views to the Premier and he concurred in them.

Coroner Mullin in accordance with the Premier's instructions empanelled a jury at noon today, and after they had viewed the body he adjourned the inquest until Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The inquest will be held in the clerk of pleas' office in the County Court House.

The Jury is composed of Whitman Brewer, foreman; Alfred Keen, S. H. Logan, Willis Macpherson, J. C. Allen, J. D. Blair and A. W. Coombes. The witnesses to be examined are Augustus Bowder, Wm. Bowder, Thomas Fulingham, John Cowie and Charles Shanks.

Laid to Rest.

The remains of the late Gerald Woodward, who lost his life while bathing at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening, were laid to rest in the Church of England cemetery at Nashwaakie this afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. A. Bowder at 2 o'clock, and was attended by a large number of people, who manifested the greatest sympathy. An impressive funeral service was conducted at the stone church by Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie, appropriate music being furnished by the choir. A large number of floral offerings attested the esteem in which the deceased was held by his acquaintances. Undertaker John G. Adams was in charge of the arrangements.

Handed Them Over.

The watch and money procured by a St. Mary's woman under false pretences from a well known character about town, have been restored to the owner. The woman's husband who is an honest, hard working man, assisted the authorities in recovering possession of the goods.

Change of Postorate.

Rev. Z. L. Fash has sent in his resignation as pastor of the Albert Street Baptist church Woodstock and has accepted a call to the first Baptist church at Hillsboro, N. B.

Radium is not sold by the shovelful, nor can you buy for 25 cents a good liniment by the bucketful, but there is value in every drop of Kendrick's Liniment.

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 90¢. To the Narrows and return 75¢.—August 5, d2i.

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