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THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

The Moncton Transcript, which a few months ago expressed a view friendly to the St. John valley route for the Transcontinental railway, has switched around and become an advocate of the central route and thus assists the contention of Nova Scotia, standing alone among the newspapers of New Brunswick in its attitude on the question of locating the road.

The Herald regrets to find so able an advocate as the Transcript opposed to the general desire of the people of New Brunswick and falling in with the views of the Nova Scotians, who evidently are needlessly alarmed over the possibilities if the valley route is selected.

The Transcript, however, in its zeal for the central route drops into error, and the cause it advocates must be a weak one when it uses information without the basis of fact upon which to build an argument. If the Transcript does not know already, it can easily discover on enquiry of the engineers of the Transcontinental that the work of trying to find a feasible route through the centre of New Brunswick is still being prosecuted. The most difficult section is from Plaster Rock southward, and Engineer Maxwell and his party have been in that region almost continuously for a year trying to find a route through the mountains and other obstructions of the locality. It is stated on good authority that to make an advance of fifteen miles, the engineers have had to survey a line forty miles long, to secure grades demanded by the state.

The Transcript's observations of the difficulties of grades in the valley route is all moonshine, as the engineers can testify. From Grand Falls to Fredericton there is a descent of less than four hundred feet, or about four feet to the mile, while the standard grade set for the entire road eastward is twenty-one feet to the mile. One of the engineers is authority for the statement that coming from Grand Falls to Fredericton an engine could pull a loaded train two miles long, while on the central route, to overcome the difficulties of the grades the engineers are suggesting at some points the necessity of pusher engines. The Transcript's argument about the difficulties of the valley route grades therefore entirely falls to the ground. The delay of the engineers in making up their final reports of the surveys, is entirely due to the almost insuperable difficulties they have experienced along portions of the central route.

The Transcript still clings to the view that great agricultural development would follow the routing of the road by the central route, but those who are conversant with the conditions will not take our contemporary's contention seriously. The Transcript's beautiful word painting of "the astonishing fecundity of the farms which will be established to meet the wants of the urban communities," makes very pleasant reading, but it won't wash in the face of the facts.

The Herald's observation that the selection of the route will not be made for some time yet, questioned by the Transcript, was made on the authority of a gentleman of high official position, one in whom our contemporary often expresses its utmost confidence. This gentleman in a statement which we have under our hand at this moment, says that the engineers' reports on the surveys are still far from complete, and not until the fullest information with respect to the rival routes is before the government will a choice be made.

The Transcript's advice to the Herald to prepare for a keen disappointment is no doubt kindly intended, but we propose to exercise whatever influence we possess, whether it be small or great, to secure to the St. John valley the routing of the road in this direction, and we shall not abandon the fight until the issue is finally decided. The keen disappointment we feel already is not because of the hopelessness of the cause we are espousing, but for the reason that a New Brunswick newspaper is found advocating a course inimical to the best interests of this province.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Fredericton always extends a generous reception to strangers, especial-

ly of the distinguished class, and Mgr. Sbarretti who comes as the special representative of His Holiness the Pope, may be sure of a cordial welcome. It is to be regretted that his stay in Fredericton is to be so brief, but he has a large field to cover and important duties demand his attention elsewhere. The Herald extends to Mgr. Sbarretti a hearty welcome on behalf of all classes in this community, and while we do not all worship at the same shrine as His Eminence, we are able to lay aside all sectarian considerations in greeting a distinguished visitor who bears the duties of an important mission in Canada.

We may say to Mgr. Sbarretti that while Fredericton until today has not been permitted to see him personally we have heard frequent mention of his name during the past few months, and that his kindly genial appearance does not bear out the assertions made by some people for political effect, that he is a very dangerous individual who goes about the country trying to upset the existing order of things.

It seems that the naval officers' bill which the Toronto exhibition managers declined to pay was one for champagne consumed by the gay sailor boys at the King Edward Hotel. The exhibition people did not intend to become responsible for the wine bills of the visitors, besides boarding them at Toronto's swell hostelry.

Besides sewerage, water purification, extension of water supply, tax commission and other difficult problems, the city council has a telephone dispute on its hands, and the lot of the aldermen is not a happy one. It is to be hoped that these questions will not be the means of the aldermen forgetting all about street extension.

Russia's troubles are but beginning, although peace has been signed with Japan. The Caucasian provinces are in a ferment of rebellion, and massacres and incendiarism are rampant. The rising of the Tartars is said to be a part of the revolutionist programme, which may spread and defy the power of the Czar and his government.

Probably the Tokio trouble will soon subside. When the little yellow men realize that the peace terms were agreed to by the Mikado, they will cool off and ascribe the close of the carnage with Russia to the most illustrious virtues of the Emperor.

King William, of pious and immortal memory, had his day in Fredericton this summer, now the Pope's representative holds the boards. Fredericton people are big enough and broad enough to welcome representatives of all classes and creeds.

It is a pity Mgr. Sbarretti could not have delayed his visit to Fredericton for a couple of weeks, and we could have honored him with an invitation to open our exhibition.

Sbarretti! Sbarretti! Where have we heard that name before?

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

Archibald Blue, chief census commissioner, is in the west arranging for the taking of the census of Manitoba and the new provinces next year.

It is said that W. E. Stavert, general manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, St. John, is about to resign and enter the service of the Bank of Montreal.

Father Savage, the new pastor of St. Bernard's church, Moncton, who has been ill ever since coming to Moncton, was able to be out Thursday for the first time and is rapidly recovering.

Three horses stolen at Great Village, N. S., have been heard from in Queens county, New Brunswick, and detectives are on their trail. During the last two weeks horses were stolen owned by F. Lawson Jenks, Parrsboro; Charles Layton, Luther Spencer and H. Chisholm, Great Village, and this is the first clue obtained of them.

H. E. Johnston, teller in the Bank of Montreal at Moncton, for the past two or three years, has resigned his position to go west, where he enters the service of another bank. Charles McMillan, accountant in the Bank of Nova Scotia, also of Moncton, has also tendered his resignation, to take effect shortly. McMillan belongs to Pictou and Johnston to Chatham.

Two persons were killed, one of them a girl sixteen years old, when a building at Grand and Mott streets, New York, collapsed Thursday. The building is said to have been condemned two years ago, but had been permitted to be occupied since. Thomas McGarron, a foreman in the building department, is under

arrest in connection with the collapse on a charge of criminal negligence.

A Waxahachie, Texas, despatch tells of the burning Thursday night of Steve Davis, a young negro, who confessed to outraging Mrs. S. P. Norris, aged 20, last Saturday night. A mob of 3,500 persons tied the negro to an iron post, piled faggots around him and set the mass on fire. The sufferings of the negro were of short duration. The husband of the woman is said to have set the match to the tinder and started the blaze.

Morris K. Jessup, a friend of Commander Robert E. Peary, who is now making an attempt to reach the North Pole, is in receipt of a message from Commander Peary, mailed from Cape York August eighth, and received here by telegraph from St. John's, Nfld. The message reads: "Unusually favorable voyage north. No ice. Arrived Cape York 7th. Abundant Eskimo dogs and walrus secured. Leave Etah Aug. 16. All well."

While Alva Lounsbury of Lewis Mountain, Westmorland county, was in Moncton attending the Labor Day sports, his little boys gathered in the barn, playing with matches. One lit a match on the barn floor, but stamped the fire out. Another little fellow put a match in the hay mow, and the barn was soon enveloped in flames and totally consumed. The barn contained twenty tons hay, one hundred bushels of oats and other articles of value, and as there was no insurance the loss is heavy.

Captain Barton, wife and crew of the three-masted schooner Gertrude L. Trundy, plaster laden, from Hillsboro for New York, were landed at Rackport, Mass., Thursday by the Gloucester schooner Volant. The Trundy foundered thirty-five miles east-northeast of Thatcher's Island Wednesday. The vessel struck a gale off Matineus, Me., on Sunday night, sprung a leak and was dismantled. All hands were rescued by the Volant just before the vessel sank. Mrs. Barton displayed heroic action in assisting and cheering the crew.

The election of provincial W. C. T. U. officers at St. John Thursday resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Dr. Gray, Fairville.

Vice President—Mrs. McLeod, Newcastle.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Nellie Asker, Campbellton.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Herbert McDonald, Chatham.

Treasurer—Mrs. Carrie Robinson, Fredericton.

Auditor—Mrs. Gillman, Fredericton.

Recording Financial Secretary—Mrs. Miles, St. John.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—(Special).—The stock market quotations this morning were:

Dominion Coal, 76½.

Dominion Iron & Steel, 21½, 21½.

Dominion Iron & Steel, 70, 70.

Nova Scotia Steel, 64, 63½, 63½.

Twin City, 115, 115, 115.

C. P. R., 162, 164½, 164.

Montreal Power, 90½, 91½, 90½.

Rich. & Ont. Navigation, 77½, 76½.

76½.

Longfellow's "Evangeline" has been excluded from the schools of British Columbia because it is tainted with an anti-British spirit.

It is stated that for the first time within the memory of living man every Turkish official received his full salary on the first of April.

PRESERVING PLUMS.

Green gage, blue and red preserving plums, preserving peaches, just in, at G. T. Whelpley's.

STAR LINE S. S. Co.

CHANGE OF TIME

FALL ARRANGEMENT.

COMMENCING

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Steamers Victoria and Pokanoket will leave Fredericton for St. John and intermediate points every morning, (Sunday excepted), at

8 o'clock.

Steamer Majestic will leave Fredericton daily, (Sunday excepted), for Gagetown and intermediate points, at

4 o'clock, p. m.

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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

SPECIAL FARES

—TO— TORONTO EXHIBITION

August 28th

—TO—

September 9th

Return tickets from all stations between St. John and Campbellton, including Fredericton Section, from August 28th to September 9th, at FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE. On August 25th and September 5th, \$16.50.

Stations east of Moncton, including the Prince Edward Island Railway, FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE on same dates. On August 25th and September 5th, first class one way fare, added to \$6.50 from Moncton. All tickets good to return up to September 13th.

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