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UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENTS.

From what the Herald can hear, it is safe to say that the recent Fredericton and Woodstock delegations to Ottawa presented a practically unanswerable case to the federal government respecting the location of the Transcontinental railway down the St. John River Valley.

The delegates feel that they made a favorable impression on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, and the government has promised to give the views expressed serious consideration.

An article which we copied from the Toronto Globe shows that the arguments of the delegates were considered by that great newspaper as having great weight and the Ottawa Free Press, another leading Liberal paper, publishes an editorial along the lines of the Globe.

These facts are important for they show that the feeling in favor of the Valley route is spreading to localities outside of New Brunswick which hitherto had not taken any interest in the matter. A study of the question, however, has enabled such influential papers as we have quoted to give favorable consideration to the contentions so often put forward in these columns, and well expressed by our delegates at the recent conference.

The plan of sending the delegates was an excellent one, and even if it does not bear the fruit we anticipate, we shall feel that we have at least done our duty in the matter. The responsibility of choosing the route rests with the government, and we can only hope that in making their decision they will be guided by the wishes of the great majority of the people of New Brunswick.

There is evidently no agitation for the central route, certainly none in this province, and the interests of New Brunswick in the matter are entitled to respect, and the selection of the Valley route will be in the general interest of the country as well as of special value to New Brunswick.

BAD POLITICAL TACTICS.

The Boston Herald thinks that the English Liberals will make a tactical mistake if, following the lead of Mr. Redmond, they enter upon a plan of wholesale obstruction because Mr. Balfour does not consider the parliamentary defeat of last week a sufficient cause to force him to tender his resignation.

Mr. Balfour has apparently a parliamentary majority of substantially sixty votes upon which he can rely in the case of a motion of want of confidence. Under such circumstances it would be absurd for a parliamentary leader to resign for no other reason except that by a suddenly sprung vote he had been put in a minority.

The English Liberals have apparently at the present time the overwhelming support of the English people. They cannot afford to weaken what will be for them an ultimate great victory by the adoption of questionable methods, in this way making it appear to those whose votes they will later hope to obtain, that they cannot be trusted to act with good judgment. The English sense of fair play would be appealed to much more strongly if the Liberals in parliament assisted in necessary and entirely non-political legislation, while at the same time asserting that the Conservatives were unwarrantably holding office because they must know that the sentiment of the country, to which they dared not make an appeal, was altogether in opposition to them. Parliamentary obstruction is not a method of tactical procedure which a great national party can safely adopt except at a great crisis, and then simply to prevent the adoption of some grievously objectionable legislation, which is quite different from attempting to put a complete stop to the transaction of public business.

While the arrangements for the conference of the Japanese and Russian peace delegates are rapidly assuming form, the armies of the two nations in Manchuria are actively at work. Is the conference to prove only a sham after all?

The river has fallen to an unusually low level and the fields are parched for want of rain.

RIGGS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Notorious Fredericton Convict at Dorchester Nearly Ended His Life.

MADE A HANGMAN'S ROPE OF HIS BRACES AND SHOE STRINGS.

An Addition to the Fredericton Colony at the Penitentiary.

Moncton, July 31.—(Special).—A Dorchester report says that Briggs, the young man sentenced from Fredericton recently to a term in the penitentiary for writing threatening letters to a young lady, attempted suicide in his cell Sunday night by hanging.

Riggs utilized his braces and shoe strings in an effort to end his life.

He tied his braces to a clothes pole which stuck through the cell window. The weight of the convict broke the pole and thus saved the man's life.

When the guards found Riggs he was lying on the floor of his cell at the point of death from strangling.

Restoratives were applied and the life of the determined suicide was

saved.

Riggs made two attempts to end his life when in jail at Fredericton.

His attempt last night would have been succeeded but for the breaking of the pole.

A colored girl named Watters, sent to the penitentiary from Fredericton a short time ago, gave birth to a child Sunday night.

The preliminary examination of the Armstrong brothers, charged with stealing a lady's satchel from an I. C. R. train is going on in the police court today.

Supt. J. E. Price's condition is improved today.

MR. TAFT'S MISSION.

Mr. Taft of President Roosevelt's cabinet and the president's daughter who are on their way to the Philippines, are making a side trip to Japan and have been given a very cordial reception. Mr. Taft who was governor general at Manila and established some sort of constitutional government there, finds it is not working well, and it may be necessary to restore military rule. A great many Americans are arriving at the conclusion that the United States would be well rid of the Philippines, and that the purchase of the islands after their subjugation was a mistake. Imperialism, however, is popular in many sections of the great republic, and any government that would relinquish control of the islands would not last long. Our neighbors feel flattered that they have now a big hand in European and Asiatic politics and it satisfies their vanity, but perhaps when a serious complication arises from their new relations the prospect will not be so pleasant.

CHINA WILL NOT BE SILENT.

Her Claim Against Russia Will be Made in No Uncertain Tone at Portsmouth Conference.

Ferlin, July 31.—(Special).—The Local Anzeiger prints an interview with "a prominent Chinese diplomatist," evidently the Chinese minister at Berlin, who says that the Dowager Empress and the Emperor have sent a circular letter to all viceroys and governors and to Chinese ministers abroad, asking them to state fully their views as to what attitude China should take in the settlement of the Manchurian question.

The diplomatist further states that China in determining what indemnity to demand from Russia will include not only the reduction in public revenue during the war, but a sum sufficient to cover damages suffered through years of illegal occupation of that country. He assumes that Japan will keep her word and hand over Manchuria to China, but thinks that it will be impossible for China to install the old form of government there since the improvements that the Russians and Japanese have introduced make a modern system of administration necessary. The diplomatist concludes:

"China will no longer play the role of a mere spectator, but will assert its claims with energy in the Portsmouth negotiations, and interesting developments will certainly follow."

CHICAGO MAO WILL FLY.

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—(Special).—Frank M. Mahan of Chicago, President of the Lingren-Mahan Company, declared today that in the near future he will start for Washington in an airship of his own make and will reach that city within ten hours.

"I don't simply promise success," said Mr. Mahan. "I'll do it. I have studied the aerial navigation problem for sixteen years and I have its

solution. I can make from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty miles an hour in the airship I propose to construct.

Frank M. Mahan is a widely known engineer. He built the Kansas City waterworks, and others. He showed the State of New York how to equip its steam canal boats so that the wash of the propellers would not tear out the banks of the waterways. He originated the high-pressure water system which the City Council proposed to install in Chicago. He has taken out forty patents and his last one is for his airship.

At the forward end of the gas chamber will be placed a vane-shaped guide. The force of the air as the machine moves forward will act on the flat surface of the vane and the airship, it is said, can be depressed or elevated at will. Piston rods will run on each side of the gas chamber from a small gasoline engine in the basket car to the wings, and will furnish the motive power for their operation.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

TENDER FOR QUAY WALL.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Quay Wall, Halifax, N. S.," will be received up to and including

THURSDAY, the 10th day of AUGUST.

1905, for the construction of a Quay Wall of Cribwork at Halifax, N. S. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Terminal Agent at Halifax, N. S., and at the Chief Engineer's office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.
D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.
Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,
24th July, 1905.
July 27, dill.



Cheap Sale MILLINERY.

In order to clear we will sell the balance of our stock of SUMMER MILLINERY at half price. These include Hats, Toques, Tourist Hats and Veils, Children's Hats, etc.

Miss Morgan,
Willinery Parlors,
Wedding Hats Mourning and a specialty.

Fredericton

Exhibition

Tenders for Catering, Refreshments, Advertising, etc.

Tenders for the Catering at Fredericton Exhibition to be held September 21st to 27th will be received by the Secretary up to

Monday, August 14th

The Dining Hall on third floor of the Main Building is being enlarged and when completed will seat from sixty to eighty more people than before.

Tenders will also be received up to above date for the sale of Confectionery, Fruit, Nuts, Ice Cream, Soda Water, Non-Alcoholic Drinks, Cigars, etc. Ample space for the above lines will be provided in the Main Building and on the enclosed grounds.

Tenders will also be received at the same time for the Advertising Privilege on the outside of Cattle Sheds on Smythe and Saunders streets.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted, unless approved by the Executive Committee.

Further information can be had from the Secretary, B. 2 150, Fredericton, N. B.

W. S. HOOPER,
Secretary.

JOHN A. CAMPBELL, M. P. P.,
President.

July 25—dill

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

TENDER FOR WATER TANKS.

Separate Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Tank, Truro," or "Tender for Tank, Riviere du Loup," as the case may be, will be received up to and including

MONDAY, the 7th AUGUST, 1905,

for the construction of two 80,000 gallon Water Tanks, one at Truro, N. S., and one at Riviere du Loup, P. Q.

Plans and specification may be seen at the Station Master's office at Truro, N. S., and at Riviere du Loup, P. Q., and at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,
22nd July, 1905.

Fredericton People Know a Good Article

A very large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity given them in our store on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for testing the famous

McLaren's

Jelly Powder and Extracts.

All were delighted with the goods, showing that they appreciated the quality of same, by securing some of them for their homes. The total number of packages of Jelly sold were 320. Also 36 bottles of Extracts and 68 tins of the McLaren Pure Cream Tartar Baking Powder.

The above results are the largest ever made in same length of time in the province.—McLaren's Demonstrator.

We will continue to sell these goods.

E. G. HOBEN
27 York street.

IT MAKES ME SMILE

"I've been wearing Glasses. I couldn't read half the print of the news, and now I can read it all. This pair makes me feel like a three year old."

WE SOLD THOSE GLASSES and now he's happy. Our Glasses will do as much for you. No occasion for being cross when you wear them. Try them, buy them and see. Don't cost but a trifle.

Jas. D. Fowler,
The Optician and Jeweler,
Opp. Post Office - Fredericton

JULY 26th

THOSE NEW

Chambrays,
Checked Gingham,
Mercerized Sateens,
etc., etc.

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JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

Agents for Standard Patterns.

SPARKLETS.

We sell Syphons and Bulbs for the instantaneous preparation of Soda Water at home. No summer camp should be without them. They are easy to use and the cost is small.

Have you tried our Pure West India Lime Juice? Compare it with others and note the superior flavor.

QUART BOTTLES—25 CENTS.

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DRUGGISTS, - - - QUEEN STREET.

At Our Soda Fount

You can get all the latest flavors, including

Cherries Ripe with Fruit,

Pineapple Ripe with Fruit,

Strawberries Ripe with Fruit

LIME JUICE, KOLA CLARET, ETC.

It is the only place in town where you can get the great American drink, MOXIE.

ARTHUR J. RYAN.

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GEO. Y. DIBBLEE,

PEOPLE'S DRUGGIST, - - - Opp. City Hall.

DINNER SETS

AT ESPECIALLY LOW PRICES

These are strong durable ware but the Sets are slightly damaged and mismatched.

1 Dinner Set, 82 pieces, reg price \$6 50 now \$3 25

1 Dinner Set, 83 pieces, do 7 50 do 4 50

1 Dinner Set, 78 pieces, do 5 50 do 2 90

1 Dinner Set, 46 pieces, do 4 25 do 2 16

1 Dinner Set, 36 pieces, do 3 50 do 1 75

1 Blue Tea Set, do 2 75 do 1 50

1 White Tea Set, do 2 50 do 1 45

If you need common dishes you will find these are just what you want.

LEMONT & SONS.

HOUSE FURNISHERS.