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THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

To say that the route of the transcontinental railway through New Brunswick is fixed by statute, and that unless the legislation authorizing its construction is amended the road must take the cross country or backwoods route, is absolute rot, and a deliberate attempt to deceive the public.

The selection of the route through New Brunswick rests with the government. The engineers were sent out to find the best available line, having regard to distance and grades and their report is before parliament and the country. They find that the backwoods route would save barely seventeen miles over the valley route, but the heavy grades of the former more than wipe out its advantage in distance. A practically level route has been surveyed down the St. John valley, and it is the natural, and in every way the most advantageous location for the road, which would traverse the garden district of New Brunswick, and tap such important places as Fredericton and Woodstock, and run through the extensive coal areas of Sunbury and Queens.

A local traffic awaits the transcontinental along the St. John valley, whereas by the backwoods route it would be many years before there would be sufficient business in the back country to pay for the axle grease of the trains.

The Fredericton Board of Trade, acting under the advice and frequent urgings of The Herald, is taking action in the matter, and we trust that a strong delegation will be sent to Ottawa to present the unanswerable arguments in favor of the valley route. The Woodstock Board of Trade has already expressed itself. The Telegraph is urging St. John to act, and if there could be a strong delegation representing every river county from St. John to Madawaska, sent to Ottawa a powerful influence would be exerted on the government.

It is to be hoped that no political feeling will enter with the discussion or efforts to secure a satisfactory solution of the question. The people of the St. John valley should be united as one man to secure the routing of the road this way. It is business with us, and an opportunity offered that will never come our way again.

The St. John valley lost the Intercolonial, and has been at the mercy of branch lines ever since. Isn't it worthy an earnest and continued effort to secure to Fredericton a position on the train line of a great Transcontinental railway?

Let politics drop for the moment, and let us all unite for our city and country's interests.

The choice of routes will soon be made, and the engineers will be sent into the field to locate the line, but let it not be said that the people of this city stood idly by, neglecting to put their influence into the balance in a matter that so intimately concerns the whole future of this city and the adjoining country.

The time to strike is now, and let us strike hard. The government is the public's servant, and whatever views that may be presented on our behalf will receive a respectful hearing and fair consideration.

The New Brunswick route for the Transcontinental Railway is not fixed by statute, nor is it fixed at all. The question is an open one, the conditions are in our favor, and we must put forth every possible effort to secure the decision we all so much desire.

CAME BACK CONVERTED.

Mr. Geo. U. Hay, one of New Brunswick's most prominent educationalists, who recently went to Western Canada to inform himself on educational questions, and who previous to his visit held the view that the autonomy bill was bad legislation and unpopular in the new provinces, returns with his opinions entirely changed.

The substance of Mr. Hay's experience is given in an editorial which we quote in another column from the Toronto Globe, and it cannot fail to have effect on the minds of people in the east who have been led to believe by Tory politicians and newspapers that the west was seething with excitement and opposition to the educational clauses of the autonomy bill.

Mr. Hay had this impression, probably he had been diligently reading

the fairy tales of the St. John Sun, but he comes back with his mind entirely disabused on the subject. He couldn't find anybody in the west who wanted to even discuss the question, and during a three days meeting of an educational gathering it was not mentioned by a solitary person, except Mr. Hay himself.

The fact is the Tory agitation over the autonomy bill is as dead as Julius Caesar, and they will not be able to galvanize it into life in the London and North Oxford elections where the Tory candidates announce themselves as running on the school issue alone.

Even the St. John Sun, which was chief of the sectarian agitators a few weeks ago, is hedging, if not actually receding from its former position, having discovered that it was fooling with a boomerang. The Sun says:

"We do not know that anybody has said that the people in the west desire to change their school system, or even that they are much excited over the school clauses of the autonomy bill."

New Brunswick has separate schools in practice in several cities and towns. Speaking generally it may be said that in St. John Protestant and Roman Catholic children do not go to school together until they reach the high school stage. All or nearly all the Roman Catholic children have teachers of their own faith, and if it is desired these children receive religious instruction after hours. There is no dissatisfaction, so far as we know, over this arrangement, and no demand for mixed schools where this system is in operation."

Then if the New Brunswick system is such a success, harmonizing all religious differences, why not perpetuate by law a similar system in the new provinces. If it is such a good thing and the west wants it, as Mr. Hay and the Sun admit, why not let the people there have it?

Then where does all the Tory outcry of coercion of the past three months come in. Of what import are the resolutions of the Orange lodges, and the hysterical appeals of Tory members in parliament, of the passionate outbursts of bigots like Mr. Foster and Dr. Stockton, and the little fellow who pretends to represent York county.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Henry Chestnut and the other gentlemen associated with him in the Local Improvement Association, are to be congratulated on what they have accomplished towards beautifying the city with the limited means at their disposal and in the face of considerable discouragement.

The association has effected a marked improvement in the appearance of Fenwick Avenue, especially in the vicinity of the B. and B. Club house, where the grounds have been neatly graded and sown. The association has also set out some hundreds of trees in various parts of the city, constructed flower beds, placed benches on the river bank and done other work towards securing the accomplishment of their aims.

In the present year they have about exhausted the small civic grant placed at their disposal, and if more work is to be done this season it will have to be through the assistance of private subscription, which the treasurer, Mr. Chestnut, will be glad to receive at any time.

It is a great pity to hamper the association's efforts by restricting their financial means to the small amount that finds its way into their hands. The civic grant could very well be increased to \$500 double the amount at present voted by the council, and there would be no complaint from the taxpayers.

If the association were provided with sufficient funds the members would be able to undertake the improvement of Queen's Square, that sadly neglected piece of public property. It is a reflection on the aesthetic taste of the city that the square should be permitted to remain in its present condition, and the movement of some public spirited citizen living in that locality to secure an improvement should receive hearty support from the public. The city council is not disposed to give the association any more funds this year for the general work, but a small vote to start Queen's Square improvement would meet with the favor of the ratepayers.

The Improvement Association deserves and will receive the hearty commendation of the people, and the members of that body while laboring under discouraging conditions, and without the financial and other support due them, have done wonders in making Fredericton a more attractive place of residence.

Many Fredericton friends sincerely regret the death of Mr. John McMillan, of St. John. He was a frequent visitor to this city and his genial manner made him a great favorite with his acquaintances.

They expect a dull summer in Fredericton. Lieutenant Governor Snowball has closed government house for the season.—Moncton Transcript.

Nonsense. While the governor and his family are always welcomed to Fredericton, this city has long since passed the stage of snobocracy which is most patent in provincial towns where the first families do not date back further than their immediate ancestors. Fredericton society is famed of course, and the envy of less fortunate cities, but we do something else here besides toadying. Fredericton is a commercial and manufacturing city as well as a social, military and educational centre. But why should green eyed jealousy devour her sister provincial cities.)

Ralph Connor's first two books, "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot," have been translated and are running serially in Germany, Sweden and Hungary, and will be issued in book form in both Germany and Sweden this year. It is interesting to recall that "Black Rock" went begging among the leading publishers of New York and Chicago for more than a year after it was issued in Toronto. Their "expert" readers reported that its "religion and temperance" would kill its sale. At least a million copies have since been circulated in the United States alone.

The name of Hon. Clifford Sifton has been mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, vacated by the lamented death of Mr. Wade, but the position may go to a Maritime Province man. The west is already represented on the commission by Mr. Young of Winnipeg, while the sole Maritime Province representative has passed away.

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

Lt. Col. John R. Murray, for many years paymaster and storekeeper for the militia at Halifax, is dead.

Mr. T. B. Blair, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Fredericton, has been appointed manager of the Royal Bank at St. John.

The marriage of Miss Margaret MacDonald, of Sydney, to Mr. Reid McManus, of Memramcook, will take place June 14th, at Sydney, N. S.

Miss Ann McKenna died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. McLaughlin, Irish Settlement, Carleton Co., on Sunday week at the ripe old age of 100.

Mr. R. F. Quigley, the well known lawyer, after two years residence in Montreal, has returned to St. John and opened an office for the practice of his profession.

The writ for the federal bye-election in Levis was issued Wednesday. Nomination is fixed for June 6th and polling on the 13th, the same day as London and North Oxford.

The Canadian Pacific railway station at Cranbrook, B. C., collapsed Tuesday while undergoing repairs, and eleven men were injured. Four of the injured may die and five others are severely injured.

The wedding of Miss Grizelda Houston Hull and Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, formerly of the United States navy, and a hero at Santiago, took place Wednesday afternoon at the cottage of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Houston Hull, Tuxedo, N. Y.

Premier Greenway says that within the next five years the Grand Trunk Pacific will spend \$150,000,000, the C. P. R. \$100,000,000, and the Canadian Northern \$50,000,000, making in all \$300,000,000, 75 per cent. of which will be spent west of Lake Superior.



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A Canadian newspaper correspondent in London understands that later on in the year Prince Henry of Prussia, accompanied by the Kaiser's second son, with a large fleet, will tour around the world, visiting Canada amongst other places on the way.

Richard Armstrong, a Canadian resident of Chicago, gave a dinner at the Calumet Club on Saturday night in honor of Hon. A. G. Blair. The following guests were present: Jos. O'Shaughnessy, Charles T. Long, A. B. Shaw, Dr. Thomas Woodruff, W. K. Pattison, John C. Macpherson.

The Royal Society of Canada in annual session Wednesday at Ottawa elected Dr. Alex. Johnson of McGill, president, and Dr. Saunders, of the Experimental Farm, vice-president; Dr. Fletcher, treasurer, and Dr. Dawson, secretary. Hon. Sydney Fisher delivered the annual lecture, his subject being Our Western Neighbor, Japan, profusely illustrated with limelight views.

Thomas Fyche, when he retires from the general managership of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, will receive a bonus from that institution, amounting to \$50,000. This handsome sum is equal to two and a half year's salary, as it is generally known that Mr. Fyche received from the Merchants' a yearly stipend of \$20,000. This, of course, is in addition to the life allowance of \$6,000 a year.

Herbert A. Johnston, aged 50, of Rome, New York, a cheese maker at Schuyler's Corners, was found drowned in a milk vat Friday morning. He was subjected to epilepsy, and is supposed to have fallen into the vat some time Thursday while suffering from an attack. He was alone, and the accident was not known until a patron went to the factory with his milk next morning.

Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held in the city council chamber, on Friday afternoon at four o'clock, to discuss the proposed routes through New Brunswick of the Transcontinental Railway. A full attendance is requested.

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