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CIVIC NEGLECT.

In answer to an enquiry from the Herald as to why the city council had made no effort to carry out its street opening and extension program, an alderman said the matter, he supposed, had been left to the roadmaster, who had taken no action.

It is to be regretted that the work has not been carried forward, and the responsibility for this civic neglect should be placed where it belongs. Perhaps the roadmaster will not agree with the alderman.

The city cannot be expected to grow unless the land available for building lots is opened up, and the council can render no better service than opening up new streets and extending old ones. It is not too late in the season even now to proceed with the work, and it is to be hoped that some enterprising alderman will bring the matter up at this evening's meeting of the council.

In other cities streets are opened and sidewalks laid ahead of the demand for building lots, and the latter is stimulated by civic enterprise. Why could not Fredericton follow the example. The land is available in various parts of the city, there are purchasers waiting for their opportunity, and it is a reflection on the council that the new streets are not already opened.

MR. BURPEE'S VINDICATION.

New Brunswick friends of Mr. Isaac Burpee will read with pleasure the extracts which we publish elsewhere from the Yukon World, showing that that gentleman has been completely vindicated from the serious charges made against him by a former business partner, reports of which were published in the newspapers of this province last year. The man who caused Mr. Burpee's arrest and extradition, makes ample explanation and apology for his act, doing tardy justice to Mr. Burpee, whose reputation was seriously impugned in the first instance. The Herald congratulates Mr. Burpee on his vindication, and hopes that he may be able to hold responsible and punish the person who did him such a gross injury.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS.

The Consolidated school idea is apparently taking a firm hold on New Brunswick, largely through the energy with which Dr. Inch is pursuing the subject and through the example set by Sir William Macdonald at Kingston and Hon. A. R. McClellan at Riverside.

The new school building at Florenceville is nearing completion, exteriorly, and will be ready for the beginning of the next school year, the Hamptons are getting into shape for business in the same line, and ratepayers of Centreville and vicinity have met the chief superintendent and discussed with him the advisability of starting a consolidated school.

All this shows fairly satisfactory progress, but there is room for greater advance. York county has made no practical move yet, although there has been talk of establishing a consolidated school at Burr's Corner, and the North Shore counties are apparently taking little interest in the movement which is destined, within a few years, to exercise a great influence in the educational affairs of this province.

Rev. Leonard Gaetz, at one time Methodist clergyman in this city, is the Tory candidate for the Alberta legislature in Red Deer. Dr. Gaetz retired from the ministry some years ago on account of ill health, and settled at Red Deer, taking up the life of a farmer. He seems to have fallen into evil political associations in the west, and now appears as a Tory candidate, which is quite a drop from a place in the Methodist ministry.

There seems to be a pretty general belief that Hon. C. H. LaBille is the land one of the vacant New Brunswick senatorships. Mr. LaBille has strong Acadian support and also a powerful influence with the English people.

Already Fredericton ladies are wondering who of their number will have the honor of dancing with the Prince.

The steel rail industry is one that has been developed in Canada under a Liberal government. There are two flourishing steel rail factories, one at Sault Ste. Marie and one at Sydney. Only yesterday it was announced that the latter had secured a four million dollar contract from the Grand Trunk Pacific company.

At Sussex, last night, Hon. Mr. Farris, commissioner for agriculture, formally opened the exhibition, which is said to be quite complete in all its departments, and promises to be a success.

The telephone tangle seems to have superseded the water, sewerage and other important questions in aldermanic circles.

DR. INCH'S TOUR

Visited Several Schools, and Attended Meetings in the up River Counties.

Chief Superintendent Inch returned on Saturday evening from an official visit to points in Carleton and Victoria counties. On Tuesday he visited Bristol and held a conference with the trustees of that place, who are very anxious to have a superior school. He examined the building and grounds and decided that another site and a new building would be necessary if the change were made. He held out strong hopes that a superior school grant would be given the district, unless it is found that some other locality has a better claim.

On Wednesday the chief superintendent paid a visit to Plaster Rock, for the purpose of viewing the beautiful scenery along the Tobique. He enjoyed the trip very much and speaks highly of the accommodation furnished by Donald Fraser & Sons' new hotel at Plaster Rock. On the same day he visited the Grammar school at Andover, now in charge of Mr. Guy McAdam, and also inspected the school garden in connection therewith.

On Thursday the chief attended the Victoria county Teachers' Institute at Grand Falls, and delivered an address. He also spoke at a largely attended public meeting on Thursday evening. The other speakers were Rev. Father Joyner, Rev. Mr. Bradley, Rev. Mr. Ridout and Mr. Chas. Curless.

On Friday the chief superintendent visited Florenceville and inspected the new Consolidated school building now in course of construction. The building is to be of brick and the walls are now about completed. The doctor expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the people of Florenceville, in providing themselves with an up-to-date school.

On Friday the chief superintendent attended a public meeting at Centreville called for the purpose of discussing school consolidation. The meeting was largely attended and much interest was manifested. The list of speakers, in addition to Dr. Inch, included Inspector Meagher, Hon. G. W. White and H. T. Scholey. The people of Centreville appear to be in favor of consolidation but there is opposition in the outlying districts on account of the increased taxation bugbear. The doctor is hopeful that five districts will soon be united.

COMMISSIONERS HERE.

The National Transcontinental Railway Commissioners, Hon. S. N. Parent and Messrs. McIsaac, Reid and Young, accompanied by Senator Thompson and Mr. W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., arrived by special over the Gibson branch at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and are being driven about the city by the Fredericton gentlemen. They will remain here over night at the Queen.

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

G. W. Hill Troop, eldest son of Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martins, Montreal, has been appointed curate of St. Paul's church at Halifax.

George C. Crocker, of Warrham, Mass., a member of the class of 1907 at Phillips-Exeter Academy, is believed to be dying as the result of internal injuries received during football practice last Saturday.

W. W. Price, Pettitcodiac, and R. M. Holesworth, Shubenacadie, are the two oldest station masters on the I. C. R. Both saw duty long before Confederation. We do not know how it is with Mr. Price, but as for Mr. Holesworth, he is only a boy yet.—Halifax Herald.

Word has been received that Prince Louis of Battenburg will arrive in St. John by rail from Halifax on Thursday, Oct. 19th, instead of Saturday, 21st, as was at first announced. The ships will be there for three full days. The original intention was to send one of them to Campbell, but this will not be done.

There was trouble in Otte Valley Baptist Church, near Port Burwell, Ontario, between Rev. Mr. Walker and certain members of his congregation. At a church meeting held the other evening Mr. Walker moved to have a new church clerk appointed, when Deacon McCurdy objected vigorously, and Deacon Grandson interfered. A lively fight was the result, in which blood stained the sacred edifice. A church trial took place to try to straighten out the matter.

DARING EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Great Northern Overland Train Held up by Bandits

WHO RIFLED THE EXPRESS SAFE AND HELD UP THE PASSENGERS.

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 3.—(Special.)—A despatch to the Oregonian from Seattle, Washington, says that the Great Northern Overland train, which left Seattle at 3:30 o'clock last night, was held up and the baggage express car dynamited about five miles from Ballard.

Three men are known to have been at work, although two days eluded the baggage car and took advantage of the situation when the train was halted, and went through the train, holding up the passengers.

No one was killed but it is reported that Chas. Anderson, the express messenger was slightly injured.

The robbers obtained the contents of the safe, and departed in an easterly direction.

Manager Waring, of the Great Northern Express Co., said he did not know what the contents of the safe were, but he believed it contained only a small amount of money.

The train was flagged, and as the engineer slowed up, two men, wearing rain coats and slouch hats, climbed over the tender and pointed revolvers at the engineer's head.

Conductor Grant's report of the hold-up shows that at least seven men were engaged in the robbery. He says there were other men further down the track, but they did not take an active part.

Once inside the car the robbers began shooting, first exploding six sticks of dynamite.

While the robbers were engaged at the safe, two boys, who had been riding on the blind baggage, slipped off and went through the train attempting to hold up the passengers.

Without avail. The contestants appeared at the police court before Squire Blockhouse at Port Burwell with their counsel and friends. The case was adjourned until Wednesday.

The non-commissioned officers and other important questions in aldermanic circles.

Quebec depot under command of Major Fages, have received instructions to proceed to Halifax to perform garrison duty on the 10th. Only the commanding officer and half a dozen men will be left there. It is also expected garrison artillerymen will be ordered to Halifax.

Gabriel Mitton shipped from Salisbury N. B., on Monday for the St. John market the carcass of a fat young bear which he captured in a back orchard on his father's farm. Bruin was found of fruit, but avoided all traps till one was cleverly arranged, covered with sods and leaves, etc. Some choice fruit was placed near, and Bruin walked into the trap where young Mitton shot him.

Truro Daily News.—On Saturday, Sept. ninth, Mr. George Waller, of this town, bricklayer, who for years has held the record as the fastest bricklayer in the Province, broke all his previous records in chimney building. In nine hours he built a forty-two foot chimney with a fire place opening; also thirty feet of a sixteen inch flue in the new house for G. H. Vernon, Alice street.

Halifax Chronicle.—An aged and much respected old lady passed to her rest early Sunday morning at the Old Ladies' Home, when Eliza Kaizer, widow of Charles Kaizer, died quite suddenly. The deceased had reached the age of ninety-one years. She was a native of London, England, and her maiden name was Thistleton. Alfred G. Kaizer, of A. G. Kaizer and Son, furriers, Granville Street, and Frederick and Charles are sons of the deceased.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

C. P. R. Still Maintains a High Place

Montreal, Oct. 3.—(Special.)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:
Dominion Coal, 79½, 79½.
Dom. Iron and Steel, 23½, 23½.
Dom. Iron and Steel, pfd., 75½, 75, 76.
Nova Scotia steel, 65, 65.

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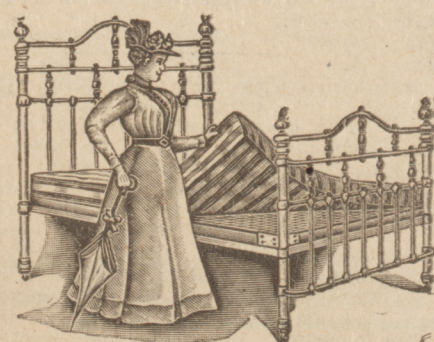
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