

VALLEY ROUTE FOR THE G. T. P.

Woodstock Editor Describes Recent Pilgrimage to Ottawa.

WARDEN SCOTT'S PATHETIC APPEAL FOR JUSTICE.

Delegates Hopeful That Their Mission Will Bear Fruit.

Editor Thorne of the Carleton Sentinel, a member of the delegation sent to Ottawa by the Woodstock Board of Trade to urge the adoption of the valley route for the G. T. P., has the following interesting account of the jaunt in the last issue of his paper:

"Saturday night a delegation composed of His Worship Mayor Jones, Councillors Nicholson and McManus of the town council; Warden Gallagher, Councillors Harry Carvell and Frank R. Shaw of the county council; President Sheasgreen and Messrs. A. C. Calder and N. Foster Thorne of the Woodstock Board of Trade, accompanied by Solicitor General Jones and F. B. Carvell, M. P., left Woodstock on the journey to Ottawa to interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues on the question of the location of the new Transcontinental railway in our province. At Benton, Conn. H. F. Grosvenor came aboard, and at McAdam the rest of the York County contingent, Warden Scott of Dumfries, Conn. Robison of Harvey, Mayor McNally and Alds. Chestnut and Hanlon, Senator Thompson and W. T. Whitehead, M. P., joined the party. The solicitor general was accompanied by his wife, who was the only lady to make the journey. The run through to Montreal was quite uneventful. Arriving in the commercial metropolis, the party put up at the palatial Windsor Hotel, and after a hearty luncheon set out to explore the city. Some went to church, a few contented themselves with aimless wandering around town, while others chartered rigs and saw what was to be seen. After luncheon the delegates again set out to see the sights. Some went to Sohier Park, a few to call on friends, and the rest journeyed out to Mile End, a seven mile street car journey, at which place they had the satisfaction of witnessing the Montreal base ball team trim the Jersey City bunch. Of course, we will not mention any names. Returning to the hostelry a delightful dinner was enjoyed. About eleven o'clock the delegation took the express to Ottawa and put up at the Russell. The next morning all hands took a jaunt around the city. As the premier was unable to receive the delegation that day, an opportunity was afforded for sightseeing. A trip through the parliament buildings is one of the first things that must be enjoyed by every visitor to the capital. The stately pile that crowns Parliament Hill is indeed a marvel of architectural beauty and grandeur. Perhaps the biggest surprise that one gets in the capital is the Commons chamber. It is really a most ordinary looking place. The senators are much better off. The library is simply splendid. The departmental buildings are quite in keeping with the main structure. Monday afternoon was spent in sightseeing. Some went to Rockcliffe and other nearby resorts. The grand event of the day was the twelve mile ride by the electric out to Britannia-on-the-Bay, where a grand vaudeville performance is given each night. There must have been four thousand people on the grounds. A few of the contingent enjoyed the trip immensely. Tuesday, of course, witnessed the grand climax. That morning at ten o'clock all hands went up to the premier's office to transact the real business. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had with him Finance Minister Fielding and Hon. H. R. Emmerson. The premier and his colleagues graciously received the whole party. In addition to those already named there was present O. Turgeon, M. P. of Bathurst, Hon. John Costigan, M. P. of A. B. Copp, M. P. P. for Westmorland, and one or two others. Mr. Carvell, M. P., introduced all the visitors to the cabinet ministers. Sir Wilfrid gave each a hearty shake of the hand, and did everything to make all feel right at home. Mr. Carvell, as spokesman, addressed the premier in a forcible and concise manner. By the aid of maps and diagrams, he very clearly showed the advantages of the valley route. Better gradients, a better country and numerous other points were touched upon. Senator Thompson followed with a rattling address that fairly bristled with information. Hon. Wendell Jones said that the opening up of the valley route would expose the vast timber limits to destruction by fire and thus deplete the provincial revenues. Mr. Whitehead, as manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company, said that the corporation he represented owned vast tracts of valuable forest land in the centre of the province, and did not desire colonization. Mayor McNally, Warden Gallagher, A. C. Calder, Conn. Grosvenor and Mayor Jones made brief and effective addresses. Warden Scott of Dumfries, spoke at some length, and appeared to make a deep impression on Sir Wilfrid. The genial warden told of his effort to carve out a home, in the St. John valley, how he had waited patiently forty years in the hope that a railway would run down through his section of the country. His sons and the children of his neighbors had gone from their homes. The old men still remained. For seven months of the year there was nothing but a stage line to accommodate the people in what was one of the richest farming districts in Canada. The warden made an earnest appeal for justice to the section in which he lived. In his reply the premier spoke in his usual guarded manner, but yet conveyed words of cheer. He said that the government must be guided in the first place by the reports made by the engineers. These reports were not by any means conclusive. The cabinet, although giving them due consideration, would not be bound by what the engineers reported. In fixing the location of the road it would seem to him that the better policy would be to build where the lightest grades could be obtained. The mileage alone was not everything. In a road 3000 miles in length the matter of ten or twenty additional miles was not of much importance. He could very well conceive that a road might be obtained slightly longer than another, but upon which much faster time could be made. He promised that in deciding the location the very fullest consideration would be given the arguments presented by the various speakers. The premier shook hands with all present, and wished the party a pleasant visit. The interview was then concluded. Several documents were filed by the various delegates.

It is true that nobody in this province with any pull is advocating the claims of the central route. Its only advantage is the apparent difference of ten or twenty miles in length. To offset this there are innumerable disadvantages. It may also be stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific people are inclined to view the valley route with considerable favor. Its marked superiority from an engineering standpoint and the absolute certainty of a large and constantly increasing local traffic are calculated to very materially impress them with its advantages. While it is far too soon to state that the valley is sure to get the road, it may be said that everything looks favorable. There is this much that may be said with certainty. The various municipal bodies and boards of trade have done their part, and well at that. The delegation was one that reflected credit upon the various bodies represented. A cabinet minister at the capital remarked that it was the best delegation that had visited Ottawa during the year. It is safe to say that every man enjoyed the trip. To several it was the event of their lives. If the Grand Trunk Pacific comes down the valley, the gentlemen who were on the delegation may well claim no small share of credit for helping to bring it. It is only fair to state that the utmost courtesy and attention were shown to the visitors. The C. P. R. officials placed a private sleeper at the disposal of the delegates, both going and coming. The trip was one that will live long in the memory of every one that participated in the journey.

THE PRINCE TO SHOOT TIGERS.

Will be a Feature of Visit to India.

No Drugged Animals Will be Marched Out Either—His Royal Highness to be the Guest of Three Princes.

Calcutta, July 29.—Those responsible for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to India in October are in perfect fever of preparation. No one but those associated with the preliminaries of a state event of this magnitude can imagine the extent of perplexing detail—detail of etiquette, of uniform and of diplomatic respect for acute matters of creed and caste—with which the

court functionaries have to deal. The Prince, when he reaches India, will be the guest of three great native princes—the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Maharajah of Kapurthala and the Maharajah of Uluwar. Hints of the great fetes and sports which these immensely wealthy native rulers will show the Prince of Wales are already current. Although the giving of presents has been expressly forbidden, no restraint has

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While in Kapurthala the Prince will be able to take part in the greatest of all Indian sports. Six days are to be devoted to tiger shoots. On one of the remaining days a great state ball, to which the elite of India, both native and European are expected, will be given.

The Maharajah of Kapurthala has expressed his intention of giving the Prince of Wales a real "shoot", not the sort of thing given by some who have entertained distinguished European visitors.

The method pursued on these occasions has been to carefully "plant" in the district freshly killed bullocks, whose flesh has been impregnated with narcotics. When the brutes, carefully beaten up to their "prey," have been thoroughly gorged with opium-laden flesh, they are driven, sleep and listless, toward the spot where the elephants of the shooting party are making their way.

From the howdah of his elephant the visiting sportsman has been able to easily add a tiger to his bag. The beaters are the only persons who run any risks.

Indian gossip declares that Lord Curzon has been made a victim of this sort of well-meant kindness. In order to insure the safety of the Viceroy, his tigers were beaten up to him in a peculiarly lazy condition, and evinced no particular objection to being shot.

Both the Prince and the Maharajah are too good sportsmen to "countenance" such methods as these. There is no doubt that on the six days on which his Royal Highness will be able to indulge in tiger shooting he will see some real sport.

From Kapurthala the Prince will go to the neighboring State of Uluwar, where Maharajah Jai Shing will be his host for two days. In the ancient city of Uluwar the Prince will see many strange customs of old India.

In this city, also, a great polo match will be played, and both Maharajahs, who are two of the finest exponents of the game in India, will exhibit their prowess before their royal visitor.

Lansdowne Palace, the foundation-stone of which was laid during the time when Lord Lansdowne was Viceroy of India, one of the most magnificent modern residences in India, will be allotted to the Prince of Wales during his stay in Uluwar.

WILL HELP SCARRED SISTER.

Young Women to Undergo Operation in Unusual Skin Grafting.

Paterson, N. J., July 31.—An interesting case of skin grafting will be performed by the physicians of the General Hospital tomorrow. Skin taken from the two sisters of Minnie Mertz, whose face was burned by sulphuric acid thrown upon her, will be grafted where the burns are the most severe. At present the victim of the acid thrower lies in the hospital, with a mask of cloth which is never taken off, except for treatment.

Minnie Mertz was one of the prettiest girls in Bloomington. When an unknown man threw sulphuric acid upon her while she was sleeping, her face, neck and hair were terribly burned. Since her entrance to the hospital the natural robust health of the young woman has enabled her to rally from the effects of the burns.

The physicians have now decided that, if the skin is to grow back upon the face of this girl without leaving awful scars, grafting must be performed. Gertrude Mertz, a younger sister, who was in the bedroom on the night the acid was so mysteriously thrown and who was injured, has volunteered to have skin taken from her body for the relief of her suffering sister. A married sister will also give part of her skin for the operation. The ordeal will be a trying one for the sisters, as the girl's face and neck are raw from the effects of the acid.

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While he would not hazard an estimate as to the size of this year's wheat crop, he said it would certainly be the largest by far of all that have ever been grown in the west. As far as he had been able to ascertain there was not the slightest sign of rust.

A quantity of fall wheat had been grown in Alberta this year and the farmers who planted it were jubilant over the results. There was no question in his mind that there are districts in British Columbia, such as the Kootenay country, which will yet produce all the fruit and vegetables required for consumption in the Territories and Manitoba.

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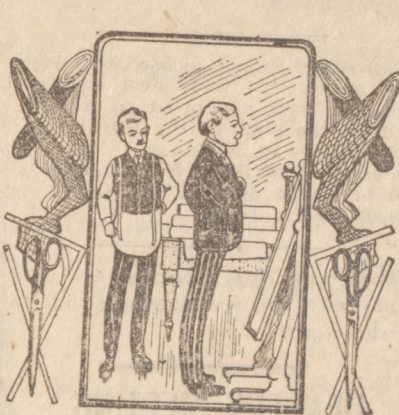
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