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MR. EMERSON WAS FRANK.

Hon. Mr. Emerson, who has been making an inspection of the canals in Ontario, has been met at several points with demands for more canal expenditure, aggregating millions.

The Minister, while admitting the necessity of work in the line suggested, took occasion to speak very plainly to the Ontario people with respect to their criticism of Intercolonial expenditure.

The upper provinces are benefiting very largely from the development of the canal system, which has cost the country close on to \$100,000,000, and are free to traffic, but many of them captiously object to the country carrying out its obligations with respect to the Intercolonial, the construction and operation of which were in the terms of confederation. Mr. Emerson reminded his interviewers of the facts in the case, and in so doing was well discharging his duty.

The Ontario people have advocated selling the Intercolonial to a private corporation, they have attacked the management because of the alleged low rates on freight traffic, but how would they like the same demands made with respect to their canal system?

Mr. Emerson has pointed out that if the Intercolonial rates are low the benefit is for the traffic from west to east largely from Ontario, as seventy-five per cent of the road's business is east bound.

PARTIZANSHIP RUN MAD.

No Liberal paper has made the charge, as intimated in a Tory sheet, "that the surveying parties on the Transcontinental railway were instructed by the government and its friends to report a good line by the Central route regardless of existing conditions." Such a senseless observation proceeds alone from the Tory press. What is charged is that the engineers, apparently believed that the Central route was absolutely fixed by parliament, and that the survey of the Valley route was hurried and incomplete. The engineers, however, will be required to do the work over again, an evidence that the government, attention having been called to the matter, is determined not to select the route until the fullest possible information is available. That is all the advocates of the Valley route are asking at the present moment, and they are satisfied that their desires will be fairly met.

There are a lot of people, even in the district that would benefit from the location of the road via the Valley route, who are inwardly hoping that the Central route will eventually be selected, so anxious are they to secure campaign material against the government. The best interests of their country and the particular part of it in which they reside, and which gives them a living, are nothing to them so long as they may have opportunity to gain a political advantage.

THE CIVIC MACHINE.

The city council spent nearly \$800 in installing an electric light system at the City hall, and voted \$600 for a tax commission, yet when they are charged with neglect to carry out their promise of street opening and extension, they take refuge behind the excuse that they have no money to spend.

A citizen, in remarking on the Herald's charge of negligence against the council, says we forgot one thing the aldermen had accomplished—they had succeeded in securing the acceptance of one gentleman to serve on the tax commission. If the prospects are not deceiving, there will be quite a stir in the civic elections next March, but it is said that some of the "Reformers" of the present board will not hazard an expression of opinion on their acts by seeking re-election.

NOVA SCOTIA OPINION.

The Halifax Chronicle says:—"We may be permitted to say that the opinion of this Province is practically unanimous in favor of the interior or back route, which will give the shortest and most direct line across New Brunswick to Moncton and which will open up a large tract of promising country. We advocate this route because we believe its

adoption will best conserve the national and primary principle of the project, and in so doing we are actuated not by sectional motives, but solely by a desire that the great undertaking shall be carried out as to be of the largest benefit to the whole country."

The Chronicle writes without information on the subject of routes except the incomplete and prejudiced reports of the engineers, a great many of whom are Nova Scotians, and quite naturally we suppose are looking to what they believe are the interests of their own province.

The Chronicle editor should come to New Brunswick himself, or send a responsible representative to look over the rival routes, and the advantages of the Valley route even from a Nova Scotia standpoint would be obvious. This high sounding talk about "conserving the national and primary principle of the project" is all poppycock, in view of the fact that the best engineers could do in favor of the central route is to show a distance saving of seventeen miles as against the great advantage of easy grades on the Valley route. Both routes have a common point at Chipman, and we fancy that a heavily loaded train would reach there from Grand Falls via the Valley route as soon as it could make the run over the mountainous regions of the backwoods, of New Brunswick.

The Chronicle's view is a narrow, sectional one, based on inaccurate information, and is not entitled to serious consideration.

It took the Transcontinental railway engineers only a few weeks to survey the St. John Valley route, but they have been a year on the Central route and are not done yet. Why? A reasonable answer to the question should assure the commissioners that in common fairness a survey of the Valley route must be made, and that in comparison with the Central route the Valley offers the best and most natural location for the railway.

A Nova Scotia engineer is in charge of the party trying to find a way over the mountains of the Tobique region, for the Transcontinental railway. He succeeds a New Brunswick engineer, whose splendid ability and personality made him trustworthy. Why the change?

If Hon. Mr. LaBillois goes to the Senate, and Mr. H. P. McLatchey to the county court bench, Restigouche will require two new men for the legislature.

POISON IN THE TEA.

Three Laid Low by Unknown Hand, Hens Made Violently Ill and Horse Mysteriously Mutilated.

Great Barrington, Mass., Oct. 6.—Mystery surrounds the supposed attempt to poison Delmar Tryon, his daughter, Josephine, and housekeeper Mrs. Anna M. Granger of Monterey, yesterday. The family of three was taken sick last evening after supper. All were nearly unconscious when a visiting neighbor found them at the table. None had been able to give the alarm.

Dr. Bidwell was called and said that all three were suffering from paris green which had been put in their tea.

Mrs. Granger who made the tea, is unable to account for the occurrence, and said the poison must have been in the tea leaves when she made the brew.

All three are dangerously ill, but are expected to recover.

The same evening Mr. Tryon's hens were made violently sick, supposedly from paris green placed in their water tanks. Mr. Tryon's favorite road horse also was badly mutilated about dusk by having its tail denuded of hair with a razor or scissors.

Police are investigating, but can find as yet no motive for the happenings and no clues as to the perpetrators.

BOOK AGENT'S LUCK.

Met an old Feline and Captured Her While Distributing Cook Book.

New Haven, Oct. 6.—While directing the distribution of a premium cook book through West Haven, near this city, Edward McSherry, of 134 East Thirty-sixth street, New York, opened up a romance that was abandoned over twelve years ago.

Just a week ago McSherry was disposing of some of his kitchen literature when he noticed a very good looking woman passing through the house at which he had stopped. There was something familiar about her face he thought.

After spending the day in West Haven, McSherry determined to make inquiries about the woman. Returning he met the woman and she said her name was Mrs. Mary F. Clark, widow. McSherry discovered that the widow was formerly a sweetheart of his 12 or 15 years ago, but business ventures took McSherry from New York city where his sweetheart had lived, and time had parted them.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Clark became Mrs. McSherry.

Mrs. McSherry has been for some time proprietor of the Franklin House, a leading hotel at West Haven.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Interesting Reports Submitted at Thursday and Friday's Session.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 6.—(Special)—The synod convened this morning at nine o'clock and the first matter taken up was a petition regarding the Campbell will case. A resolution passed after some discussion by which the synod agreed to receive a portion and expressed appreciation of the motive of petitioners in sympathy with Mrs. Campbell.

While not in any way contravening the decision of the general assembly the synod appointed a committee assisting of Rev. J. W. Falconer, Horace Flemming, with Rev. E. McCurdy, agent of the church, as convener and treasurer, to receive contributions for Mrs. Campbell's benefit, which may be sent to them and will be forwarded to her.

Upon motion of Rev. J. A. Greenliss, a resolution of sympathy with Rev. D. Henderson of Chatham, who is suffering from a severe illness, was passed.

Rev. T. C. Jack reported on behalf of the committee on obituary notices and tributes were paid to the memory of the late Rev. J. F. Forbes, D. Drummond, A. McCrae and M. Buchanan.

Principal Falconer brought up the subject of burials. He referred to the commendable interest taken by some gentlemen in St. John and Fredericton, who had recently made valuable contributions.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and after a brief devotional service the synod adjourned to meet in St. John's church, Moncton, the first Tuesday of October 1906.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 6.—The Synod opened at ten o'clock yesterday morning with the usual devotional exercises. Rev. Dr. Pollock delivered an interesting address on the condition of the Church of Scotland.

The following were named as the visitors to the Ladies' College for the ensuing year: Rev. Edwin Smith, D. D., E. D. Millar, D. D., Rev. Anderson Rogers, Rev. D. K. Grant, J. B. Calkin.

Rev. D. Lang of St. John reported for the young people's societies. There are one hundred and seventy-eight societies, six thousand and forty-nine thousand members and two thousand one hundred and seventy-three communicants. The amount given was four thousand two hundred and seventeen dollars. There has been an increase in some of the Presbyteries, but in the majority there has been a decrease in the number of societies, membership and contributions. The guild has attracted many of the young people because it presents greater opportunities.

The Campbell will case was then introduced. In this matter the General Assembly decided some time ago against the claim made on behalf of Capt. George Campbell's widow, and the object of the present movement on the behalf of Mrs. Campbell's friends is to petition the General Assembly to re-open the case.

Dr. Smith of Sydney, reported on behalf of the Sabbath schools. On account of the success attending the summer schools it was decided to continue them next year.

The report on temperance was presented by Rev. H. R. Grant. The report urged that the instruction of the young in the principles of total abstinence was of the utmost importance. No progress had been made in the matter of legislation except in Prince Edward Island. Nevertheless the sentiments of the people were still strongly in favor of suppressing the traffic. In the last few years there had been a sad increase in drunkenness and crime. Mr. Grant closed his remarks by moving a resolution expressing unqualified disapproval of the action of the Nova Scotia local government in neglecting to investigate the surreptitious passing of certain legislation unfavorable to temperance.

The resolution was strongly supported by Rev. Geo. B. McLeod, D. Stiles, Fraser and G. L. Gordon.

The report on church life and work was presented by Rev. H. K. MacLean. Among the subjects covered by the report were temperance, Sabbath observance, and church extension. The report was regarded as encouraging, but the necessity for vigilance was urged.



the Indian was so elated by being guide to a real Prince that he could not wait until he reached the hunting grounds but started in "calling moose" on the streets of Petitediac in the wee small hours of the morning.

Perhaps the explanation of the boarding house spring chicken is that it has been born again.

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