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A REASONABLE PROPOSITION.

The government would seem to have ample justification for its action in taking hold of the properties of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company, including the old Central railway from Norton to Chipman, the new road from the latter place to Minto, and the coal areas in control of the company.

The country has invested a large amount of money in these enterprises, and if the property is to be saved and the desired development of that part of the province is to be forwarded, some such action as is embodied in the government bill, which passed the legislature early this morning, was necessary.

It is proposed to pass the management of the railway and mines over to a government commission, who are to report fully on the property before any more bonds are issued in connection with the enterprise, and if a moderate expenditure will place the property in a position to realize on the money already put into it, the country will justify the government in its action.

There is a general belief, with a strong basis for its existence, that the road will be, eventually, purchased and taken over by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to form part of its transcontinental line, and if this reasonable hope is realized the province stands to gain by the government's action.

It would be a miserable policy to permit the property to go to destruction, to be virtually sacrificed, when the way seems open for the government to bring back to the treasury the money already put into the enterprise, and at the same time aid in the development of the country through which the line passes, especially in the exploitation of the valuable coal areas of Sunbury and Queens.

If the opposition, however, had its way, this valuable property would soon fall under the auctioneer's hammer, and the province would stand to lose a large amount of money.

HON. MR. OLIVER.

The Sun quotes with approval the Toronto News' criticism of Hon. Frank Oliver, the new minister of the interior, but before adopting the Toronto paper's views, our St. John contemporary should have consulted Hansard, the official record of the debates of parliament.

Mr. Borden, the opposition leader, has sat in parliament with Mr. Oliver since 1896, and has had a better opportunity of judging the new minister's merits than the Toronto News, and speaking in the House of Commons March 31st, when it seemed likely that Mr. Walter Scott would be Mr. Sifton's successor, Mr. Borden said:

"I imagine that the honorable gentleman (Frank Oliver), would make a very good minister of the interior, and I am inclined to press his claims. He is a very good friend of mine, personally, though we differ somewhat politically; and I stand here to urge the claims of my honorable friend from Edmonton to this position. He is a gentleman of ripe experience and great ability, and, as we all know, a gentleman of absolute and perfect independence on all questions."

This is a strong commendation, and much more valuable than any opinion of the Toronto News, which is just now engaged in the work of stirring up a race and religious war in Canada, and judges all friends of the government from a prejudiced view.

Perhaps the Sun, in justice to Mr. Oliver, as well as to Mr. Borden, will be good enough to publish the latter's opinion of the new minister, since it has given place in its columns to the Toronto News' unjust estimate of that gentleman.

NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

(Special Correspondence to Herald.)

Mrs. Laura D. Brewer and daughter Alva of Marysville, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Charles MacNeill.

Miss C. R. Hallett, who is spending a few months in Fredericton, spent Sunday at her home.

Fred MacNeill spent Tuesday with Mrs. Freeman Gilbert.

Mrs. Michael White is very ill.

Mrs. J. Sanford Clayton entertained a few of her friends Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles French spent one day

this week with Mr. Fred MacNeill. Miss Ida Dickson of Plaster Rock, is spending some time with Mrs. Sanford Clayton.

The snow has nearly all gone off the roads, which are in a very muddy condition.

Mrs. John Owens of North Tay, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Woodford MacNeill.

Mr. Warren Manzer is suffering with a felon on his hand.

MEASURE JUSTIFIED.

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mate of a hard headed man of business. Two thousand tons a day means 600,000 tons a year, and that would give a royalty to the province of \$60,000 a year. The leader of the opposition says that my hopes have not been immediately realized, yet Sir Charles Tupper was equally astray in his predictions with regard to the development of our Northwest. Yet the development of the Northwest has come beyond Sir Charles Tupper's anticipation.

The leader of the opposition tells us that there is no hope of

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TAKING OVER THIS ROAD.

We do not base our expectations on that contingency. That railway will want our coal and even if they do come a few miles north of Chipman they will come to us for coal. There are only two routes which the railway can follow, one down the valley of the St. John to Fredericton and thence to Moncton, going over our line to Chipman, and the other down through the centre of the province, which will at all events go near Chipman. I am looking forward with confidence to the railway coming to Chipman. If anyone looks at the map he will see that it is impossible that it can go except by this line. If we can believe the assurances of public men, this road will be taken as part of the Grand Trunk Pacific system. The statement of Mr. Wade on that subject that they are looking towards the port of St. John as one of their winter ports, should satisfy anyone who is willing to be satisfied. We also have the assurance of the Minister of Railways, and I do not believe that he would make a statement to the people of St. John that he is not prepared to carry out. Now what is wanted from the House? It is proposed to get rid of the very thing to which the leader of the opposition objects, the stockholders of the Company. No stockholder has received a dollar from this railway. Yet if we had asked to guarantee more bonds it would have been said that the government was financing the road. We propose that the Company shall relinquish their interest in the road.

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Then the crown will be in a position to sell or lease it. We have provided that there shall be two commissioners, one of whom will be Mr. McAvity, and the other a gentleman not connected with the legislature or the government in whom everyone will have confidence. The money obtained from the sale of the bonds will go to pay off \$169,000 worth of liabilities, to pay of \$24,000 of interest, to purchase a new locomotive, to repair the present one and to provide rolling stock and to build bridges, the estimate for the latter being \$21,300. I may say in conclusion that this has been undertaken with a good deal of reluctance, but we saw that there was no other course open if we were to bring the enterprise to a successful conclusion, and I may say also that I have more confidence today in the ultimate success of the enterprise than I ever had before. As to the statement made by the leader of the opposition that the members supporting the government were forced to accede to this, I may say that the house are not the men to be forced. They are men of an independent mind, and I am proud to believe that they are supporting us in this matter because they think it is in the best interests of the country and will receive the sanction of the people of this province.

Hon. Mr. Hill spoke against the bill, but regretted that the opposition leader had been abusive.

He said: "I have no sympathy with the somewhat abusive names that have been used by the leader of the opposition. I do not believe that there has been any hoodlaming as it is called, but I think this road is going to be a white elephant on our hands. I regret that the words hoodlaming and rascal have been used for these words will be printed in all the newspapers and there will be the impression that there has been a great deal of wrong doing. For that reason I trust that the government will see their way clear to have a commission of enquiry for the purpose of showing that every dollar has been properly expended, for I believe that the words which have been used are unjustifiable."

The question was spoken to by Messrs. McLatchy, Copp, King, Osman, Robertson, Sweeney, Jones, Burns and Legere on the government side, and Griener, Maxwell, Morrissey and Flemming for the amendment. A vote was reached at a quarter to five this morning, Mr. Hazen's amendment being defeated by the following vote:

Yeas—Hon. Mr. Hill, Messrs. Hazen, Griener, Flemming, Smith, Clarke, Morrissey, Glasier, Maxwell, Hart, Morrison.—11.

Nays—Hon. Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley, Farris, Jones, Sweeney, LaBilbois, Whitehead, Copp, Scoville, Osman, Ryan, Carpenter, McLatchy, Campbell, Burden, Goggin, Barnes, Murray, Burns, Young, Johnson, Lantala, Legere, Clair, Martin, King, Purdy, Robertson.—28.

The bill was then carried on the same vote reversed.

FEATHERED MIMICS.

Ostriches Roar Like Lions and Jays Are Great Imitators.

"The roar of the ostrich resembles the roar of the lion because the ostrich stole from the lion this sound, even as one playwright steals from another a plot."

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"Buntings imitate pipits, and greenfinches imitate yellowhammers. They seek their food in the winter together, and they gradually steal each other's call."

"The jay is an insatiable imitator. Some jays will include in their repertory not only the whoo-oo of the kite, the scream of the buzzard and the hoot of the owl, but also the bleat of the lamb and the neigh of a horse."

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