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DISAPPOINTING BUT NOT FINAL.

The report of Chief Engineer Lumsden of the Transcontinental railway survey, on the rival New Brunswick routes, has been submitted to parliament, and is strongly in favor of the adoption of the Central route, which he urges on the ground of shorter distance and less cost for construction.

This, of course will be disappointing to the friends of the Valley route, but they would be worse than foolish to give up the fight even in the face of Mr. Lumsden's report.

The engineers' report is a distance saving of 28 miles in favor of the Central route, but this can be more than overcome by the easier grades of the Valley route; and Mr. Lumsden will be compelled to give very many details of the survey of both routes before his conclusions will be accepted as final.

The arguments in favor of the Valley route are such as to impress men who are reasonable and free from prejudice, apart altogether from the length or cost of the road, and these must be urged on the commission and the government with all the power and intensity possible.

If the chief engineer is no nearer correct in his conclusions as to distances and cost of the rival routes, than he is in his estimate of the character of the Central route as a colonization road, he is pretty far astray all around.

In connection with Mr. Lumsden's apparently excessive estimate of the cost of the Valley route, attention may be directed to the fact that he includes a costly bridge at Fredericton, and it is pertinent to enquire what is the matter with the present railway bridge at this point. Is it too light for the heavy traffic that would pass over the new road? The construction of a new bridge would add considerably to the cost of the new line this way and might prejudice the chances of the Valley route being selected. The government own the present bridge, and if it could be utilized for the Transcontinental, more than half a million dollars would be saved, and the cost of constructing the road by the Valley lessened that much.

Surely the possibility of utilizing the present bridge should have been carefully looked into by the engineer before he recommended to the commission that a new bridge will be necessary here if the Transcontinental is to come this way.

All that the friends of the Valley route demand, is a fair and unprejudiced report on the utility of the rival routes from every standpoint, and if it is possible to keep out of the calculation a half a million dollar bridge at this point, they would like the thing done.

The question will bear careful investigation. In the meantime we say to the friends of the Valley route, do not be discouraged nor cast down, but prepare to make a hot fight for our rights.

The chief engineer is not the final arbiter in the selection of routes. The government will be prepared to hear all the reasons the advocates of the Valley route can urge in its favor, and they must be furnished promptly before it is too late. There are other forces favorable to the Valley route besides the people immediately concerned in New Brunswick and he would be a poor fighter that would lay down his arms when the enemy has just come into view.

The battle of the routes is still on notwithstanding Mr. Lumsden's recommendations, and the Herald for one does not propose a surrender until the last opportunity for securing the road by the Valley route, has passed out of sight.

THE PRACTICE OF HECKLING.

"Heckling" is a word we seldom hear in connection with politics in this country, but it is a popular way in England of expressing the interruptions political speakers have to endure when on the stump in an election campaign.

Very often, however, "heckling" is turned against the "heckler" if the politician is ready and apt at retort, and this style of a speaker is not generally worried with interruptions. Premier Tweedie and Hon. Geo. E. Foster for instance, are men whom a heckler does not often care to risk with an interruption. They are both quick and effective in retort, and the interrupter is liable to be left in great confusion. The present Judge

Wilson, when an active politician, was a dangerous man for the heckler to tackle, the Judge's ready wit and powers of mimicry rendering him very effective in silencing interrupters and turning their own batteries against them.

There are occasions, however, says the London Tit-Bits, on which the candidate finds himself in hopeless difficulties when seeking for a retort. For instance, some years ago a Mr. Willis was orating at the top of his voice in a most strenuous manner, and happened to use the well-worn phrase from "David Copperfield," "Barkis is willin'," when a man at the back of the hall bawled out, "No, Willis is barkin'!" the laugh being against the politician.

One is bound to admit, however, that a ready-witted candidate has frequently extricated himself from a desperate situation in the most triumphant manner when other men would have been covered with confusion.

When Charles Burleigh, the abolitionist, was called upon to answer a cowardly and despicable "rotten egg" heckler, he did so by calmly remarking as he wiped his face: "This is a striking evidence of what I have always maintained, that pro-slavery arguments are unsound." The late Sir Henry Havelock-Allan got over the difficulty by fixing his eyes on the spot whence the almost winged messenger had been projected into space, and remarking, with just the slightest indication of disgust, "I say, my friend, the hen that laid that egg had a very bad breath."

With regard to the foreign quotation interpolation, probably no more effective way of dealing with it could be devised than that resorted to recently at a political meeting, in British Columbia, when Mr. J. H. Hawthornwaite, a member of the Legislature, innocently let drop a Latin quotation, with the usual result that he was admonished to "talk to us in a language we can understand"; whereupon, without a moment's hesitation, he turned to the heckler and made the hall resound to a stentorian cry of "Hee-haw! Hee-haw!" When the laughter had subsided the speaker completed his adversary's discomfiture by quietly adding: "I regard it as a duty to oblige my friends to the best of my ability."

IN HIS ELEMENT.

Mr. Tarte is representing his newspaper LaPatrie of Montreal in the parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa, and the other boys of the gallery find in the ex-Minister of public works, a very pleasant companion and a valued adviser. It must be a great advantage to Mr. Tarte as a newspaper man to have seen the inside of things in the cabinet, for a number of years, and it is said he is much happier in his present position, than when burdened with the cares and responsibilities of a cabinet minister. He is certainly in a much more independent and influential position, directing as he does one of the leading newspapers of Montreal, and it is understood too, that there is good money in his newspaper enterprise.

Mr. Tarte has had rather an eventful career in politics and journalism. He has given many hard knocks, and received many, but he has rendered good service to Canada in his dual capacity, the best of which was perhaps, when he took the lead in unearthing in Parliament in 1891, the rottenness of the Tory party, and led up to the great Liberal victory at the polls in 1896. The ex-minister personally is a most estimable man, a bright, witty companion companion, and a faithful friend.

CURRENT COMMENT

In Boston they are already calling for the street sprinklers.

Chief Engineer Lumsden of the railway commission seems to have got suddenly busy, and without waiting for the conclusion of the location surveys in New Brunswick has recommended the Central route. Such undue haste is at least suspicious.

A rumor is current at Halifax that Chief Justice Weatherbee of the Nova Scotia supreme court bench is to retire shortly, and will receive the honor of Knighthood. Hon. F. A. Lawrence M. P. for Colchester is mentioned as likely to receive the chief justiceship, and Attorney General Drysdale may claim the other vacant position on the bench.

Chief Engineer Lumsden takes the trouble to point out that the Central district of New Brunswick is without railway facilities, while the St. John Valley is already served in that respect. Mr. Lumsden, however, failed to note that sixty-five miles of the St. John River Valley is practically without railway accommodation. We trust the chief engineer has no prejudice against the Valley route.

Now if we had a united Liberal delegation in parliament at Ottawa from the St. John river counties, what a pressure we could bring to bear on the authorities to ensure a selection of the Valley route for the Transcontinental railway. The people of these constituencies with the exception of Carleton voted blindly in the last election.

BITS OF NEWS.

Governor Stokes of New Jersey has signed the bill just passed by the Legislature to substitute electrocution for hanging. The measure takes effect March 1, 1907.

At Providence, R. I., George Lees, 22 years old, was sent to the state hospital for the insane, having become mentally unbalanced by reason of a blow upon his head in a friendly boxing match with a shop mate Feb. 1. He was knocked down by the blow, and feeling badly was first sent to the Rhode Island hospital.

Gifted by his fiancée, Robert Speiss an expert mathematician in the employ of Post & McCord, New York, married another woman after an acquaintance of five days and then killed himself Thursday by inhaling gas in a flat which he had furnished for the girl who had been first in his affections. It is believed he intended to kill his bride, but she had become alarmed and kept away.

On the 20th of December last, a patrol composed of four members of the Mounted Police, a half-breed and an Indian left Dawson for Fort MacPherson and Herschell Island, at Arctic Ocean, also carrying mail for the U. S. whaling ships which were caught by the ice in the Arctic Ocean. Two members of the Police force arrived at Dawson on the 3rd inst., bringing a return mail from Fort MacPherson. Other members of the expedition, with a return mail from Herschell Island, are expected in Dawson in about 10 days.

The lives of four people were saved through the efforts of a dog in Auburn, Rhode Island, Friday morning. Mrs. Michael Lubrano and her three children were sleeping when the house from some unknown cause was set on fire. The dog, awakened by the presence of smoke, ran to Mrs. Lubrano's room and began tugging at her sleeve. She awoke and saw the kitchen was filled with flame. She had just time in which to seize the children and to make her escape by the front door. The house was destroyed.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

VanBuskirk's Team Won Rattling Victory Over Dickson's-Next Week's Program.

The bowling match at the Queen hotel alley, last evening between Capt. Dickson's and Capt. VanBuskirk's teams resulted in a win for the latter by 97 pins. Capt. VanBuskirk's team bowled in great luck, and the spectators applauded them heartily. Capt. Dickson's aggregation was not in the best of form last night and things went badly with them. The gallant Captain, who usually bowls in the nineties had to be content with an average little better than 70, and his hard luck, seemed to have a demoralizing effect on his followers. The teams and scores were as follows:—

J. VanBuskirk	71	70	80	221	73	2-3
W. E. Trites	87	78	97	262	87	1-3
R. Walker	73	73	73	219	73	
T. A. Wilson	86	85	79	250	83	1-3

J. H. Dickson	317	306	329	952		
D. E. Crowe	63	81	68	212	70	2-3
A. A. Shute	68	79	73	220	73	
S. Oken	63	68	72	203	67	2-3
Totals	72	76	72	226	73	1-3

Totals 266 304 285 855

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

Following is the schedule for next week's games in the bowling tournament at the Queen Hotel alleys:

Time 7 p. m.—Winslow-Flewelling.
9 p. m.—Allen-McLellan, Monday.
Time 7 p. m.—Staples-McLeod.
4 p. m.—Randolph-Van Buskirk, Tuesday.
Time 9 p. m.—Babbitt-Dickson, 7 p. m. Winslow-McLellan, Wednesday.
Time 7 p. m.—Allen-Staples, 9 p. m. Flewelling-McLeod, Thursday.
Time 2 p. m.—Randolph-Dickson, 4 p. m.—Flewelling-McLellan, 7 p. m. Babbitt-VanBuskirk, 8 p. m.—Winslow-Staples, Friday.
All games will start sharp on time.

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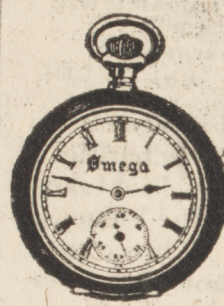
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An Ottawa despatch states that the site for the new I. C. R. shops at Moncton is practically settled and the department will call for tenders within a month. The estimated expenditure on the new works is \$1,000,000. The impression is growing that the shops will be removed to the west end.

Overseer Glenn Voliva, who has supplanted John Alexander Dowie as head of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, says that when Dowie returns to Zion City next week he will be accused of the following faults: before an ecclesiastical council; Extravagance of the most shameful kind; misrepresentation; exaggeration; mismanagement; polygamous teachings.



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