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TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson made the gratifying announcement Tuesday in parliament that surveys of the rival routes for the Transcontinental railway in New Brunswick will be concluded within a few weeks, that next month the commissioners will be in a position to recommend which of the routes should be selected, that tenders will immediately thereafter be called for the construction of the whole eastern section from Moncton to Quebec, and that that portion of the line would be completed as soon as the road from Quebec to Winnipeg.

This is a complete and satisfactory answer to the allegations of Tory politicians and newspapers, that the road would never be constructed through this province, and when read with the recollection of the statement of local Tory stumblers during the last election that the survey was "a fake," puts these gentlemen in the position of false prophets, and mischievous and malicious perverters of the facts.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier solemnly stated in parliament that the road would be built from ocean to ocean, all the way on Canadian soil, the people of Canada accepted his assurance absolutely, and there never has been any doubt of the government's bona fides in the matter, except in the imagination and hope of the Tory party, which was paralyzed by the boldness, and popularity of the government's great Transcontinental railway scheme.

The work of preparation for spanning Canada with another band of steel has gone on persistently and satisfactorily, in spite of adverse Tory predictions and Tory opposition, and the enormous project which had its conception in the mind of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be early realized.

In the face of the unquestioned benefits for Canada from the construction of another Transcontinental railway, even Tory criticism of the wisdom of the project is now hushed, and no reasonable man in all the country, be he Tory or Grit, pretends to declare that the government did not adopt a wise policy in its efforts to develop Canada by means of the proposed road.

The question of the selection of routes in this province is one that very deeply interests the Herald's constituency, and there will be much anxiety until the choice is made.

We have the Premier's assurance that the selection will depend entirely on the reports of the engineers as to the most feasible route, having in mind, distance, grades and curves, and advocates of the Valley route feel confident that if the choice is made on these considerations, there is a fair reason to hope that the road will come this way. In the meantime every possible effort should be made to impress upon the authorities the advantages of the Valley route as the easiest and most natural line, and the best in the interests not only of New Brunswick, but of the project itself and of Canada.

The Valley route has strong and energetic advocates at Ottawa, in the persons of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., Senator Thompson and other prominent public men, and it may be taken for granted that these gentlemen are doing all they possibly can to further the interests of the cause to which they have already given much attention.

MR. FOSTER'S SENSITIVENESS.

Mr. Foster feels so badly over the way parliament made fun of him when his alleged journalistic detractor was solemnly escorted into the House of Commons last week, that he cannot rest content until the matter is finally disposed of.

On Tuesday he brought the matter up, and whined because the members had not treated his complaint seriously, but had unmercifully grieved him when Mr. Cingmars appeared at the bar. Mr. Foster is growing very sensitive when he is the butt of attack or ridicule, but he has little feeling for those who are so unfortunate as to arouse his hostility and the operations of his sarcastic tongue.

Mr. Foster as a public man, and a politician who has given much cause for criticism, should be above whining when he gets a dose of his own medicine.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while declaring that he couldn't stop the M. P.'s from laughing at Mr. Foster if they wanted to, assured the ex-prohibition

apostle that his case when it came to trial would be treated with all due decorum so far as the premier was concerned, but that will scarcely suit Mr. Foster who wants the members muzzled so that they will not poke fun at him at his effort to punish his newspaper critic.

Mr. Foster may be able to prevail upon the members to be good boys, and not laugh and interrupt when he next gets Mr. Cingmars at the bar of the House, but he cannot prevent the country from being most immoderately amused at his effort to pose as a greatly injured man. There are very many thousands of Conservatives throughout Canada who are giggling over the Cingmars episode, and one can easily imagine such prominent party associates of Mr. Foster as Sir MacKenzie Bowell and Senator Miller, poking each other in the ribs and winking with unfeigned pleasure at the festive manner in which the country views the ex-finance minister's effort to secure satisfaction for the alleged libellous attacks of La Presse correspondent.

In the meantime, until the matter is definitely taken up by parliament, and disposed of one way or the other, Mr. Foster would win more sympathy by not talking to the jury and attempting to excite sympathy for himself while the defendant is absent from the court.

CHURCH UNION.

Considerable opposition to church union is developing at the meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly, and while the clerical and lay delegates who assume that position have no feeling against the Methodists and Congregationalists who are the other parties to the proposed union, they do not like to see their old church name and some of its doctrines or dogmas swept away by what they call "the devised creed" which is the basis of union.

The feeling of the Assembly however, is overwhelmingly in favor of union, but both sides agree that the question must be submitted to the various individual congregations, and this no doubt will be done, so that there is no prospect of immediate union.

It would not do for the Assembly or the Methodist general conference or the congregational Union, to force union without a vote of the people concerned. That was done by the Fathers of Confederation particularly in the case of Nova Scotia, and the result was incipient rebellion, and almost secession.

The clerical and lay gentlemen who are promoting union in the Assembly and Conferences must be careful to consult their constituents before committing themselves irrevocably to union, for the people who support the churches and the pastors, are jealous of their rights and will have their say on a question which so intimately concerns their spiritual affairs.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Old Homers who visit Fredericton during the coming celebration, will not only see a spectacular display that will strike their fancy and thrill their bosoms with pride in their former home, but will have the opportunity of hearing hearty oratorical welcomes from three selected speakers. The native eloquence of His Worship, the Mayor, the sturdy, rounded periods of ex-Ald. Farrell and the vigorous and rhythmic oratory of Mr. Harry F. McLeod, will be a pleasure and a delight to the visitors.

The evidence being submitted by the Tories in the Arctic enquiry, is largely the mischievous gossip and malicious inferences of some men who were on the steamer, and were jealous of others of their associates. The steward admits that he had a razor in his boot for Major Moodie, who was in command of the expedition, and whose every act seems to have been noted by the steward, and construed into something wrong. The bottom has practically dropped out of the investigation.

King Edward is a very tactful gentleman as well as a popular ruler. President Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. Longworth, and her husband are visiting London, and at a dinner given in their honor at the American Embassy, the King who was among the guests, bestowed especial honor on Mrs. Longworth, and at his request she was given a seat at his side during the banquet, taking precedence of all the duchesses and other ladies present.

The report of the directors of the St. John railway committee, which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the company on Wednesday, shows a net profit after providing for the interest on the bonds and all other charges, of \$51,047.32, out of which two half-yearly dividends of three per cent have been declared, leaving a balance of \$5,047.32, which has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

MORE MALICIOUS GOSSIP.

Arctic's Steward Admits that he was out for Major Moodie's Blood.

Ottawa, June 13.—At the afternoon session of the Arctic enquiry, the steward of the steamer, continuing his evidence, said that the men got one pound of tobacco a month. On feast days they got two or three cigars. The only one he ever saw smoking cigarettes was Major Moodie. The crew was taken into the cabin and Major Moodie gave them a drink of rum but a bottle would be sent to the mounted police. The witness did not think this was right. Once or twice in cold weather Capt. Pardee gave the men a drink.

The witness said that on two boxes of hats and feathers were on board the steamer when they left Quebec and he afterwards saw an Esquimaux lady wearing one of the hats at Fullerton. He could not say whether the boxes were purchased by the government or not. He was not certain whether there were two boxes or one. He did not know what became of the balance of the hats.

Duchess also complained that Major Moodie had given orders to stop giving fish at meals on Friday and gave it instead on Wednesday. Mr. Bergeron—Why did he do that? Duchess—I don't know. Captain Bernier and Vanasse complained of it.

Asked by Mr. Northrup is there was any gambling on board, Duchess answered that the photographs of him he lost \$300. He did not know personally, and he did not see any money on the table.

The witness said that the Esquimaux came first with their furs to the Arctic but afterwards went to the barracks. He was under the impression, but did not know, that the police gave orders to this effect.

Duchess put in an order from Dr. Flood asking him to give an Indian woman some brown sugar when she called, for medicinal purposes. The woman would call twice a week.

BOAT PROVISIONED ALL RIGHT.

To Pardee—Duchess said that the boat was provisioned right and the quality was good. "I did not see everything," he said, "but I saw considerable."

Referring to the furs Mr. Pardee asked if the furs were brought on board at Fullerton. Mr. Duchess said that the furs were brought on board at Fullerton in barrels and they were transferred to the Neptune on which Mr. Moodie left for the north. At any rate the barrels had a strong resemblance to the ones taken on board at Fullerton. The furs were in bales. The furs would fill a good part of the committee room.

"Why did you say?" asked Pardee, "that the furs came on board at Fullerton and afterwards were taken from the Arctic and placed on the Neptune with Major Moodie. Had you not your knife out for the major?" Mr. Duchess—Well, perhaps I had. Mr. Pardee—Just a little. Mr. Duchess—Well, I ought to, I had reason. Mr. Pardee—There was blood on the moon between you and the major? Duchess—Yes.

THE LOGGERS' WAR.

An Important Move for a Settlement of Upper St. John Dispute.

A special from Washington says: Secretary Root purposes that the wars of lumbermen and the cutting of booms on the St. John river on the Maine border, shall cease. At his suggestion and with the co-operation of Senator Hale, who on Saturday reported the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, that measure contains an item of \$30,000 "for the expenses of a joint commission to be constituted if the government of Great Britain concurs to investigate and report upon the conditions and uses of the St. John river, and make recommendations for the regulation of the use thereof by the citizens and subjects of the United States and Great Britain, according to the provisions of treaties between the two countries."

A. P. Barnhill K. C., of St. John, was shown the despatch by a Telegraph reporter, and was asked to speak on the matter as representing the St. John river lumbermen.

Mr. Barnhill said: "It had been suggested that the matter might come before the International Waterways Commission but that idea had not been received with favor by the St. John river lumbermen. At the time the suggestion was made I expressed on behalf of the lumbermen, strong disapproval of the matter coming before any commission, as it was a question of rights under the law as it stands at present, and I felt strongly that it ought not to be referred to any commission."

The case of the Attorney-General of New Brunswick vs. the St. John Lumber Company, which involves the piers, etc., at Van Buren, is set down for hearing on the third Tuesday of July. Asked about the effect of a commission on this suit, Mr. Barnhill said he did not think whatever was decided that the suit should be delayed.

St. John, June 13.—(Special)—The life insurance underwriters met this morning and decided to organize the New Brunswick Life Underwriters Association.

E. R. Machum was elected temporary president, G. S. Gordon, secretary, and a committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, composed of E. R. Machum, G. S. Gordon, G. W. Merritt, G. M. Parver and C. S. Everett.

Pardee—You said that you were going to tell Mr. Monk? Duchess—I said I was going to tell Mr. Monk.

Pardee—And when you were going to give evidence you said there was to be war with Moodie? Duchess—I don't know that I said that.

At the afternoon sitting Mr. Pardee cross-examined Duchess at length. Witness had seen the natives get tobacco and he gave them a piece himself. A little liquor was handed out to make the boys feel good. At first a bottle was sent to the fore-castle but as there was a little row over it Moodie afterwards gave it out himself, to the men. Two sailors got drunk. The same thing happened with the police but the privilege was not taken from them. With the exception of the row he mentioned there was no over drinking.

The witness said that 20 or 25 barrels of furs came on board the Arctic yet he would not say that there were more than ten left with Moodie on the Neptune.

Duchess said that Moodie had not treated the French-Canadians right, but admitted that after the vessel left Quebec he had taken a bottle of gin from a box that had been opened, became intoxicated on it and was fined. He added that French Canadians were being fined but could only mention his own case and that of the second crew for stealing a knife. Later he admitted that five English-speaking persons were similarly fined.

He believed that if Capt. Bernier signed anything that it was correct. As for Major Moodie he vowed vengeance against him.

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A LAW

An amendment to "A Law to prevent the running at large of Cattle and other animals."

G. J. McNALLY,

Mayor.

(L.S.)

Be it Enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Fredericton, as follows:

1. Section one of "A Law to prevent the running at large of cattle and other animals," passed on the twentieth day of June, A. D., 1895, is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub-section thereto: (2) No horse, sheep, swine, goat, cow or other neat cattle, shall be permitted to run or go at large or be herded or pastured on any part of Forest Hill road (so called) from the Canadian Pacific crossing extending up the said hill to Owen O'Rourke's upper line, under a penalty of one dollar for each horse, sheep, swine, goat, cow or other neat cattle so found going at large or herded or pastured on said road, to be paid by the owner or person owning or having possession of same.

Passed and enacted this fifth day of June, A. D., 1906.

J. W. McCREADY,
City Clerk.

GRAND PILGRIMAGE

TO
St. Anne de Beaupre.
July 3rd.

The people of Fredericton desirous of joining the Pilgrimage, presided by His Lordship, The Right Rev. Bishop Casey, may do so by taking the regular morning train, and thus make connection with the Pilgrims at Chatham Junction.

The Pilgrims train shall leave Moncton at 3 p. m., reach Chatham Junction towards 6.30, and on the 6th return to Chatham Junction towards 10 a. m.

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