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THE SEWERAGE QUESTION.

Mr. Whitehead, the city council and the citizens will stand pat in their attitude towards the sewerage question as indicated in Thursday's Herald.

A conference is to be held with the government on Tuesday to take into consideration the Premier's proposition to extend government assistance to the extent of \$2000 or \$3000 a year towards the erection of a sewage purification plant, but it cannot be seriously entertained. The scheme would cost at least \$8000 a year, and the city is not in a position to engage in such an enormous expenditure, and besides, the erection of such a plant would seriously interfere with the growth and prosperity of the city.

It would simply be an enormous cesspool and would have to be erected adjacent to the best residential quarter of the city, depreciating the value of property and creating a nuisance.

The citizens feel that the case of the Sunbury people has been greatly exaggerated and, anyhow, they agree with the proposition that the St. John River is the natural drainage channel of this portion of the province, and that its first service is not to provide water for domestic purposes unless a purification process is employed.

The legislature has declared that restrictions against the disposal of sewage in the river should be removed, and the people of Fredericton, through the bill which Mr. Whitehead is pushing forward, are only asking that the House carry to a legitimate conclusion the course marked out by the vote already taken in that body.

No surrender, no compromise that involves the erection of septic tanks at an enormous cost to the city, should be the motto of those who will meet in conference on Tuesday next on behalf of this city's interests.

We repeat what was said in these columns on Thursday. If the legislature has money to spend, to settle the disputed sewerage question, let it be employed in providing wells for the few Sunbury people who claim they are now without an adequate water supply.

THE RAILWAY PROJECT

Would you believe it?

After casting all kinds of slurs at the valley railway proposition introduced in the legislature by Premier Pugsley, after contemptuously referring to it as a mere election device, another effort to deceive the people and as "Pugsley's dream," Mr. Hazen and all of his followers in the House were compelled to vote unanimously for its adoption.

Not only that, but Mr. Hazen and his first lieutenant, Mr. Flemming, were constrained from their places in the legislature, to commend the enterprise itself, and the method by which the government propose to carry it forward.

Mr. Hazen declared his belief that the railway would not cost the province a cent.

Think of it, getting over 100 miles of railway through the St. John valley without a cent of expense to the province, and, yet, at the inception of the proposal, Mr. Hazen ridiculed it and would have the people believe that it was only a government scheme to capture votes.

Mr. Flemming, who criticizes almost everything the government does, appeared as a strong advocate of the railway scheme. We quote from his speech on the resolution in the House.

"I think it desirable that we should do what lies in our power to promote the construction of the line. The question affects not only this St. John valley, but every other section as well. If the building of the road will hasten the bringing of another great transcontinental railway through the province to the Atlantic I can think of nothing equal to it which will so aid the development of the winter port. I look at it from the point of view of every person in the province. Looked at locally, it would give to those sections of the province the means of development from the lack of which they have suffered for years. There is above

HEARTY RECEPTION.

Rev. Father Ryan on His Return from Europe
Presented with an Address and Purse
of \$600 by His Parishoners.

Rev. Father Ryan, the popular Mary's pastor of St. Anthony's Church, St. Mary's, returned on Thursday evening from Ireland, where he, with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Ryan, have been spending the past five months. The esteem in which the reverend gentleman is held in this community was shown by the large number of persons from this city who were at the depot to welcome him when the train pulled in, as well as by the hearty welcome he was given at the reception afterwards held at St. Mary's, by his own congregation. Father Ryan was accompanied to the city by his mother, and by Rev. Father McLaughlin, who has been acting as pastor of St. Anthony's Church during Father Ryan's absence, and who went to Fredericton to meet his friend. A delegation representing the different sections of St. Mary's, and a committee from St. Mary's Division A. O. H. met the party at the station and drove to St. Anthony's hall, St.

Woodstock, one of the richest and one of the most productive tracts of country in the province, which has been asking for years for the means of development. If it should happen that a transcontinental railway should cross the county of Carleton, in the vicinity of Woodstock, it would give the inhabitants the facilities they have been asking for for years, and I would give my hearty support to the project.

Think of it, Mr. Hazen's chief lieutenant compelled to use language like that with respect to a government project, after all the opposition sneers at the contemplated work.

And when the vote came to be taken every mother's son of the opposition, from Mr. Hazen down to Mr. Glasier, were compelled to vote with the government.

Was there ever such a surrender in any deliberative assembly?

Was ever a political party compelled to swallow its own words so completely?

The legislature has unanimously endorsed the valley railway scheme as proposed by the Premier, and it will be no fault of the government if the road is not built and in operation within a reasonable time.

The Province undertakes no financial expenditure in connection with the road. Not a cent of a local subsidy is to go into it. The legislature merely authorizes the government to guarantee MacKenzie and Mann's bonds, and it has Mr. Hazen for authority that it will not cost the Province one cent.

ABSOLUTE DENIAL.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson has met the serious charge preferred against him

in Mr. Fowler's newspaper, with a denial that is absolute and unqualified, and unless better evidence than the newspaper article in question is furnished, the people of Canada will unhesitatingly accept the Minister's word in preference to that of his slanderers.

If Mr. Fowler believes the charges made in his newspaper, let him stand up like a man in his place in parliament, make his accusation against Mr. Emmerson and take the responsibility for his course.

That would be the honorable way of doing the thing, and until he has adopted that course, and made good his charges, he need not expect people to believe the irresponsible ravings of his newspaper.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A report is in circulation that King Alfonso of Spain is a victim of tuberculosis.

A Presbyterian clergyman startled a Montreal audience by declaring that the principle of the Roman Catholic confessional should be adopted by the Presbyterian Church.

A dozen western Senators and M.P.'s, who came to St. John on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Emmerson, are investigating the terminal facilities of that city, and leave this evening for Halifax for a similar purpose.

"They came to scoff and remained to pray." This quite accurately describes the changed attitude of the opposition on the valley railway question. They sneered at it for days, and then unanimously supported it in the legislature.

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Capital punishment in Denmark is executed publicly with an ax. If several are to be decapitated on the same date, one is not present while another is executed.

A Cento.

A cento is a coat made of patches. In literature it is a poem made up of lines or passages from different authors and put together so as to make a new poem with a new meaning of its own.

When Spectacles Were Rare.

Spectacles were fashionable in the sixteenth century. They were costly, the usual price being an equivalent of \$5. It was believed that the larger the lenses, and the heavier the rims the greater the dignity added to the wearer's appearance.

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