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THE BRANCH RAILWAYS

The question of the federal government taking over the various branch railways, or the roads that serve as feeders to the Intercolonial, is a live one, and will not be dropped by those who believe that it would be a good policy to adopt—good for the Intercolonial itself, for the branch lines, and the various parts of the country they traverse.

Parliament is to prorogue this session without action in the matter, but the project has strong friends who will not cease to push it forward until what is desired is really accomplished.

To Hon. Mr. Emmerson, backed by the late government of this province, is due the credit of making the question a live issue, and it is quite apparent that their representations have made a marked impression on the federal government. Mr. Emmerson has advocated the change with great vigor in parliament and out of it, and has succeeded in arousing the attention of the authorities to the matter. In answer to an inquiry in the House the other day, as to whether there was any intention of taking over the branch lines of the Intercolonial railway in New Brunswick, the Minister of Railways made the following statement:

"That is a very large question. If I were the manager or president of a company owning the Intercolonial, I would at once proceed to see what branch lines would be of benefit to my main line, and try to get hold of them. Another announcement will be made before the close of the session on the question of the branch lines."

Here we have the Minister of Railways practically committed to the scheme, and it doubtless would have taken practical shape at the session which closes Monday, had the business of the country not been obstructed for weeks by the Tory party in their effort to make political capital against the government.

In his speech answering opposition condemnation of the new railway subsidies Thursday, Sir Wilfrid, in speaking of the branch railways, said the government had given the matter consideration and would take it up again, and the Premier's strong emphasis on the continued need of railway development in Canada, arouses the hope that in the very near future government ownership and operation of the Intercolonial feeders will be an accomplished fact.

PULLED THE WEEDS.

The Right Honorable John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, has been here this week and pulled the weeds out of those government flower beds on parliament square. It was quite a tough job, and took so much of Mr. Morrissey's time that he had to postpone setting out new flowers until his next visit. Neither had he time to replant the bed on the Normal school grounds, or take out the dead cedars in the hedge. The Herald will be obliged to call Mr. Morrissey's attention to the government neglect of these spots until both localities are restored to their former attractiveness, and if he fails to respond, we shall ask the Local Improvement association to look after the matter and remove the reproach due to petty government meanness.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Was ever rain more welcome—welcome to the farmers, and thrice welcome to those parts of the country being ravaged by forest fires?

Members of parliament, who have had to put up with the bumpiness and boredom of Mr. O. S. Crockett for seven months, will doubtless welcome prorogation on Monday.

The Tory newspapers exhibit great glee that a public official who was driven to suicide by his defalcations, has been proven to have absorbed a larger sum of public money than was intimated in his own confession.

Mr. O. S. Crockett in parliament opposed the grant of \$5,000 proposed by Hon. Dr. Pugsley for surveying the St. John river between Fredericton and Woodstock, with a view of rendering it navigable, but the item passed in spite of the little fellow's efforts to block it.

Canadian athletes have not so far made much of a showing in the London Olympic games, but we are all looking to Tom Longboat, the Indian sprinter, to show everybody a clean pair of Canadian heels in the long distance runs. Tom recently met with a slight accident in training, but expects to be all right for the competitions in which he is entered.

Usually when a court or similar tribunal meets for the conduct of public business, it is necessary for a quorum of its members to be present. Mr. Hazen's Central Railway commission, however, is an exception. Only the chairman was present at today's session, but business appeared to proceed as usual without the other members.

The Hazen government continues to pile more taxes on to the people of New Brunswick. The road tax is doubled under the new highway bill, and now the screws are applied to the lumbermen by an increase in stumpage on fir, hemlock and railway ties. Mr. Hazen must find money to pay his numerous commissions, and he is going to take it out of the people by increased taxation.

Mr. Hazen and his friends made a great row in the legislature because the late government guaranteed the bonds of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co. at St. John to the extent of \$90,000 on a \$160,000 plant, and here we have them agreeing to guarantee the bonds of a Woodstock company to the extent of 75 per cent. As the medical commissioner of agriculture would observe, "Consistency thou art a jewel."

The local graft organ seeks to cast doubt on Mr. Hazen's hair-raising moose story, a reflection on his veracity which the premier will not relish. Pretty soon somebody will have the boldness to arise and declare that Surveyor General Grimmer's turnip yarn and brindle cow creation were all fiction. Even in story telling, as in their political addresses Tory politicians, it appears, do not stick uncomfortably close to the facts.

The Telegraph which pretends to be amazed at the figures which the Sun receives for federal government printing, was paid at exactly the same rates when it supported the Liberals. These rates are regulated by the King's printer, and yield only a living profit to the printer. It was the Telegraph which charged the late local government such an enormous price for printing a book that Mr. Hazen in the legislature charged our contemporary with all kinds of graft. The Telegraph is hypocritical.

St. John Times: An immigrant farmer from England states that eastern Canada is seldom heard of in the old country. This is a matter to which the New Brunswick government must pay some attention. (Surely the immigrants must be preparing to flock to New Brunswick in great droves, in consequence of Mr. Hazen's great forward colonization policy. Are we not spending \$2,000 a year for a two inch square advertisement in a London newspaper to induce immigrants to come this way? The Tory organ's reflection on the local government is unkind to say least.)

Lord Roberts is the centre of attraction at Quebec, and no wonder. He is the greatest living British general, with a record of victories that rivals that of Wellington, and withal he is a modest unassuming Irish gentleman. "Bobs" will not be neglected by the crowds assembled at Quebec, even after the heir to the throne has arrived next week, but will always be a popular favorite. He says he is to remain in Canada five weeks, and is to see something of the country. It is to be hoped that Premier Hazen will prevail on the old hero to visit this province. The people would like to have a look at the man who won such great triumphs for Britain in India and South Africa.

It is said that Mr. James Robinson sought to make an agreement with Mr. Donald Morrison that neither should canvass for the Tory nomination in Northumberland, that Mr. Robinson did not try to influence the delegates, and thought Mr. Morrison would also abstain, but the arrangement, it is alleged, was broken by Mr. Morrison, who succeeded in packing the convention on his own behalf.

Mr. Robinson is a man of few words, but he is doing some vigorous thinking on the scheme that was worked to do him out of the nomination, and is reported to have declared that Mr. Loggie will easily defeat the aspiring Mr. Morrison.

REMOVED FOR CAUSE.

Mr. Andrew Dunlop of Hainesville, according to the last Royal Gazette, who was removed from the office of parish court commissioner for "cause", was in the city today. Asked for an explanation as to why his head had been cut off, he said he had been given to understand by the solicitor general, that it was because he had interrupted Mr. O. S. Crockett.

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at a political meeting in Hainesville during the recent election. Considering the enormity of the offence, the only wonder is that Mr. Dunlop was not drawn and quartered.

STRATHCONA COMING

LONDON, July 18.—Lord Strathcona left London yesterday morning for Liverpool to embark on the Virginian for Quebec. His lordship is accompanied by his two grandchildren, Donald and Francis Howard, the former of whom will be the future Lord Strathcona.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Walter McFarlane, late of the Parish of Douglas, deceased, are requested to file the same duly attested within three months from this date with A. J. Gregory, Solicitor, Carleton Street, Fredericton, N. B., and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to Albert C. Smith, one of the undersigned Executors at the New Brunswick Foundry, Fredericton.

(Signed) ALBERT C. SMITH,
HARRY A. SMITH,
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Executors of the last will and testament of Walter McFarlane, deceased.
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