

BIG RAILWAY DEAL

New York Parties Applying to the Legislature for a Charter.

TO CONSTRUCT A LINE THROUGH FREDERICTON.

Is the Webb-Vanberbilt Syndicate Behind the Project?

SAID TO BE LOOKING FOR A SHORT ROUTE TO LOUISBURG.

A railway project of great magnitude and of vital importance to this city and indeed to the whole province is now on foot and if carried to a successful issue the fond hope long entertained by many Frederictonians that their beautiful city would one day be intersected by a great trunk line of railway shall have become a reality. It is no wild cat or kite flying scheme this time, but a genuine proposition put forward by gentlemen of high financial standing who have expressed a willingness to deposit a large sum of money as a guarantee of good faith.

A strong syndicate of New York capitalists are behind the movement and have made application to the legislature for charters to enable them to construct a line of railway from a point near Squatook Lake on the Maine border, down the valley of the St. John to Fredericton, and also from Moncton to the Nova Scotia boundary line. In addition to this the company asks the right to acquire existing charters which may be needed by them to complete their proposed route across the province. As a guarantee that the road will be built within the limit of the charter the company has agreed to put up \$100,000 as a deposit, the amount to be invested in New Brunswick government bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. A telegram to this effect was received by Premier Tweedie last evening.

One of the applicants for the charter is Arthur L. Meyer, a leading New York capitalist, intimately associated with Dr. Seward Webb, of the Webb-Vanderbilt syndicate which lately acquired the Canada Atlantic railway system, and the coincidence furnishes ground for the belief that the big syndicate is behind the application for a charter, with the object of obtaining a short route to the sea by way of Fredericton. It is difficult at this stage to secure positive information on the subject, but those about the Legislature who ought to be in a position to speak with some authority declare that the company's object in seeking a charter to build a line across the province, is to obtain an independent route to Louisburg, which is to be made their Atlantic terminus. The proposed route from Quebec will likely be by way of the western side of the St. John river to Fredericton, thence across the railway bridge and down the eastern side of the river to Chipman, thence to the N. S. border by way of Moncton. It is said that the company will build a line along the northern coast of Nova Scotia and extend it right to Louisburg.

The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company have a charter to build a line from Fredericton to Chipman, and it is thought the syndicate will either take this over, or arrange to secure running powers over the line after it is constructed.

It is said to be the intention of the syndicate to deliver its freight for trans-Atlantic ports at St. John and land all passengers at Louisburg, which is to be terminus of a fast line of steamers.

It is said that the company originally intended to deliver their passengers at Eastport, Me., and have them taken to Yarmouth by steamer and forwarded to Louisburg by way of the South Shore railway, but the scheme fell through which made it necessary for the company to look about for a land route. The company is not seeking government subsidies, all they want being the charter to enable them to build the road without delay.

Petitions praying for the necessary legislation were introduced in the legislature this morning, and the bill to incorporate the company are to be considered this afternoon. Two separate charters are asked for, one to incorporate the Fredericton and Western Railway Company and the other the Moncton and Eastern Railway Company.

HONOR FOR STRATHCONA.
(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, April 9.—Lord Strathcona, high

commissioner for Canada was presented with the freedom of Aberdeen this morning in recognition of his position as Lord Rector of the University and of his services to Canada. A distinguished assemblage was present at the ceremony.

AN AWFUL DISCOVERY. (Special to the Daily Herald.)

Pittsburg, Pa., April 9.—At Montour, near here, this morning, Garter, a bridge builder, found his wife's dead body lying by her month old child, who was unharmed, across a bed. She had been assaulted by some fiend and then murdered.

MOBBED BY SOCIALISTS. (Special to Daily Herald.)

Brussels, April 9.—King Leopold was mobbed by socialists this afternoon on his arrival from Biarritz. The King's automobile was surrounded by a crowd who shouted "Long live the Republic," "Long live universal suffrage." The King was not injured.

LAST RESTING PLACE. (Special to Daily Herald.)

Bulwayo, April 9. — After a brief and simple service at the drill hall today the remains of Cecil Rhodes, were started for Rhodes farm in Matopos Hills. They were escorted some distance by a long procession of mourners.

Senate Meeting.

A meeting of the University Senate to consider the proposal to amalgamate with other colleges of the maritime provinces is to be held at the education office this morning.

Dr A A Stockton, K C, of St John, is among the guests at the Barker today.

H E Wilson, inspector of an old line insurance company, is in the city looking for a man to take the general agency for the County of York.

Miss Florence Mitchell and Miss Winnifred Todd arrived today from St. Stephen, to attend the Governor's ball.

A Convenience.

The Herald is for sale every evening shortly after publication at the stores of Miss Dunlap, Cor. Northumberland and Brunswick Sts., P. Barnes, King st., and A. E. Eardley, Cor. St. John and King Streets.—d.

When Silk Was Costly.

When silk was first worn in England, two mantles on the shoulders of noble ladies belonging to Elizabeth's court attracted more attention than even the queen. The manufacture of goods from raw silk began in England in 1604 and was brought to perfection by the Huguenot refugees in 1688. Even at that time, however, silk was very costly, a pair of stockings costing in our money a little over \$100, a cloak a little less than \$1,000.

Among the 3,052 dresses left by Elizabeth at her death only twelve were of silk, and Leicester, more than his knighthood, prided himself on a pair of silk breeches which he had imported from Italy at an expense of over \$500.

Dignity.

The colleagues of a new German master at an English public school had warned him that if he was not very careful he would receive but uncourteous treatment at the hands of his class. So on his first appearance in school he walked up to his desk and tapped it smartly, "Boys," he cried, "ma name is Banck, B-a-n-c-k, pronounced in the German fashion, and Ah shtand no 'ombogs!'"

This suggests the story of the French master at Eton who on beginning his duties made the following speech: "I am M. Banck de Paris. I stand 5 feet 4 inches in my stockings, and I will not be bamboozled by you leetle English boys."

Kilkenny Cats.

During the rebellion which occurred in Ireland in 1798, or it may be in 1803, Kilkenny was garrisoned by a troop of Hessian soldiers, who amused themselves in barracks by tying two cats together by their tails and throwing them across a clothesline to fight. The officer, hearing of the cruel practice, resolved to stop it. As he entered the room one of the troopers, seizing a sword, cut the tails in two as the animals hang across the line. The two cats escaped minus their tails through the open window, and when the officer enquired the meaning of the two bleeding tails being left in the room he was coolly told that two cats had been fighting and had devoured each other, all but the tails.

A product of the heretofore unproductive deserts of Utah is a kind of watermelon which is picked in October. The melon ripens after it is picked.

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For Infants and Children.

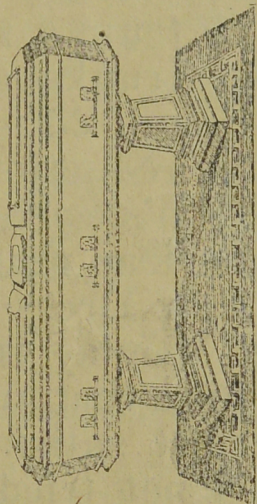
The face of the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Nobby Clothing.

Lucy & Co. ordered last fall from the leading manufacturers of Canada a large and well selected stock of clothing comprising suits, spring over coats, pants, vests, &c. Those goods have just arrived and take them all in all are one of the best lots of ready made clothing ever received in Fredericton. Nothing but the best material was used and the workmanship is of the very best description. These goods now open for inspection and persons requiring either a business or dress suit would do well to examine them. The stock comprises men's, boys' and children's.—d.

Seed Oats.

Alberta seed oats received today at G. T. Whelpley's. When in need of an extra quality of seed oats call and have a look at Albertas.—d.



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