

CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN.

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THE COMING SHORT LINE.

The recent purchase of the Midland Railway by the Dominion Atlantic Company prepares the way for the realization of what has been a good while dreamed of—a short line from P. E. Island to Nova Scotia and New England points. It extends the Dominion Atlantic system easterly from Windsor to Truro for the present, and this is taken to mean its extension to the straits of Northumberland, probably at Brule, which lies due south from Charlottetown and only 35 miles distant. There is a good natural harbor at Brule and with this extension built the Dominion Atlantic Line would reach from Brule to Yarmouth, and thence by the Company's own fast steamers to Boston. We are left to infer that with the building of the railway line to Brule the Company would put on its own steamer service across the straits.

A glance at the map will serve to show that the complete line would give an almost straight course to Halifax, contrasting strongly with the present circuitous route via Picton. It would shorten both the water and the rail route between Charlottetown and the Nova Scotia capital with a proportionate saving of time and a considerable reduction of fare. It would also save time and distance between Charlottetown and Boston and other New England points. No doubt the enterprising C.A.R. Company has an eye to the best traffic of the future as well as to the carriage of Island products to the markets of Halifax and New England.

These are matters of interest to Island producers and shippers who will not be displeased to have the facilities for our trade increased by added service and a shortened line of carriage.

PROTECT THE WORKERS.

Fortunately the general prosperity that has prevailed has left us with few industrial failures. And regrettably we have not so large a proportion of manufacturing industries as there are in the other Provinces of Canada. We have no bankruptcy law. These circumstances in part account for the fact that we have not, as most other provinces and countries have, a law which give to the employees of an insolvent firm or company a first claim on the estate for their wages. There is we believe some slight preference to the working employees in case an employer, firm or company makes an assignment, but not otherwise. Here is an omission which ought to be supplied by the Legislature, and the matter is one which the workers would do well to impress upon their representatives in the Provincial Parliament.

"Charlottetown, the Capital of the Garden Province," is the title of an appreciative and well written article from the pen of J. Macdonald Oxley in the December number of The National Monthly of Canada. The article is superbly illustrated with a dozen or more half page views of our best public edifices, the soldiers' monument, and well-selected scenes and landscapes. No portion of the Dominion makes a rettier display of attractive scenes and subjects for artistic treatment than our own city and the Garden Province. We notice among the views five or six that ought fairly to have been credited to W. S. Louson.

MEETINGS OF THE FRUIT GROWERS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The passing of resolutions took up the time of the last sitting. The following but the last were unanimously adopted:

Moved by John Johnstone, seconded by Rev. Dr. Chaisson:
Resolved that this Association concur and does hereby concur in the following resolution adopted at the last meeting of the F. G. A., of Ontario, held at Toronto.
Resolved, that this meeting urge upon the Minister of Agriculture of Canada the advisability of securing such legislation as will give inspectors under the Marks Act, the right of control over the loading of apples on shipboard for export for Canadian ports.

Moved by Harry Morris, seconded by James Ramsay.
Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Association through the press that an amalgamation of the Fruit with the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa is in contemplation.
Therefore resolved, that this assemblage of the fruit growers of Prince Edward Island do respectfully express to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture its unqualified disapproval of any such amalgamation as detrimental to the large and increasing horticultural interests of Canada, which call for extension in their central offices rather than restriction.

A. K. Henry moved and Walter Lea seconded a resolution of regret at the deaths of Dennis Clark of Orwell, and John T. Weeks of Alberton, two members.

Moved by A. M. McRae, seconded by Samuel A. Coffin.
Resolved that this meeting of the F. G. A., of P. E. I., in view of the difficulty of otherwise meeting the needs of general horticulture, respectfully suggest to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, the expediency of purchasing a complete set of horticultural tools and appliances for the horticultural department of the Experimental Farm, so that they may be thoroughly tested and exhibited and operated at the several fairs of the country to the advantage of the people.

Moved by C. R. Dickey, seconded by S. M. Cobe.
Resolved that the F. G. A., of P. E. I., fully endorse the resolution of the F. G. A., of Ontario, calling upon the Government to place express companies under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission, so that the many excessive charges and improper classification of fruit packages which now hamper the fruit industry of the country may be speedily modified or altogether removed.

Moved by Layton McCabe, seconded by A. McRae.
Resolved that this meeting the horticulturists of Prince Edward Island respectfully reiterate to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, the necessity of convening a central council of horticulturists at Ottawa, without more delay for the consideration of all the out-standing horticultural questions, as asked for by us at our last and previous meetings.

Moved by Prof. Ready, seconded by Chas. Pigott.
Resolved, that the Dominion Minister of Agriculture take such steps at once as may be necessary to place commission merchants under Dominion regulation, with a view to lessening the fraudulent practices now in vogue of withholding the full price realized for fruit sold on account of the fruit raisers of the country.

Moved by Richard Burke, seconded by F. Pigott.
Resolved that the Department of

Agriculture be asked to send to the province next year, for experiment, the power sprayer used elsewhere last year in the interests of Agriculture.

Moved by Walter Simpson, seconded by Mr. Gillis—
Resolved that this Association re-sume its connection with the Canadian Horticulturist at the rate of sixty cents per year of its annual fee; and further resolved that said publication be and is hereby declared its official organ.

There was a good deal of discussion upon the last resolution, some thinking it well to have the Maritime Farmer as official organ. Both the Farmer and the Horticulturist have lowered their rates to sixty cents. It was finally decided to let each member choose which he would take.

A resolution was moved by Mr. Dickey and seconded by Mr. Johnstone that the expenses of the President be paid. It was adopted unanimously by a standing vote.



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