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Mail and Empire: The unanimity with which the Ottawa Government is opposing all the proposed public safeguards in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract would indicate that the Ministers are the agents of the company, and not the representatives of the people.

We used to hear a good deal about the use of private cars by ministers and others says the St. John Sun. In eight years of office the ministers who found fault with this extravagance have added three new private cars to the former supply.

WORD comes from Quebec that Attorney-General Archambault is to become Premier of that Province in succession to Premier Parent who is to be appointed Chairman of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Commission.

PREMIER PETERS started for Ottawa on Monday morning. It is only a few days since he returned from the Federal Capital; but he has been called back, the Patriot says, "to settle if possible some of the disputed questions to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada."

THE current United States fiscal year, like that of Canada, closes at the end of June. Statements of domestic exports for ten months are available. They go to show that the value of home products exported by the United States this year will be greater than those of any other country.

Our Ottawa Letter.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

Much of the time of Parliament was wasted this week by a discussion of matters which could have been settled in a few minutes, had the Liberal members who indulged in speeches calculated to secure votes for themselves, seen fit to interview their leaders.

of some days. The leader of the Opposition offered a number of amendments calculated to safeguard the interests of the people. These changes, at the request of the Liberal leaders, were left over for consideration until the Grand Trunk officials had an opportunity of pronouncing as to the effect they might have upon the concessions granted to the railway company.

A vigorous protest was made by the Opposition, in behalf of the people of Ontario, in respect of the proposed increase in freight rates by the Grand Trunk in that Province. The Grand Trunk seeks to bleed Ontarians white, because of the extra expense of clearing their tracks during the past winter.

GOVERNMENT BY COMPANIES.

That the affairs of Canada have been to a great extent placed in the hands of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Companies, must be patent to every close follower of the events that have transpired this session in connection with the transcontinental railway project.

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WEIRD SCENES IN PARLIAMENT.

To the Premier of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the electors look for a dignity that should frown down on such scenes that have disgraced Parliament during the past few days. The First Minister, during the early part of the session, used language which called for an apology from him at a later stage.

come was more than the Prime Minister bargained for. Never in the memory of the oldest parliamentarian has such a spectacle been witnessed as that which followed. The chair was ignored. The leader of the Government lost control of his followers and pandemonium reigned. The best traditions of the Canadian Parliament were dragged in the dust.

A BUSINESS LIKE PROPOSAL.

The Government has undertaken to build a railway from Moncton to Winnipeg, which will be leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific for a period of 50 years. In addition, there is the obligation on the part of the country to guarantee the bonds for three-quarters of the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific line from Winnipeg to the Pacific.

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A PECULIAR FEATURE OF CONTRACT.

It will appear to the average voter that the Grand Trunk, in effect, is the government to build \$151,000,000 worth of the new transcontinental railway, while the company pays for only \$14,500,000 worth of it, would have been satisfied. But there seems to be no limit to the demands of the men who are engineering the deal.

assenting to such generous terms for the company, have stipulated that, at the end of the lease, the Grand Trunk shall have running rights for a further period of fifty years over the Eastern division. That means that the Grand Trunk will be in a position to compete with the government over a line built exclusively by the people.

News of the War.

Mukden, May 18.—The main body of the Japanese forces is advancing on Hai Cheng about ten miles southeast of New Chung and Keping thirty-five miles south of New Chung and a smaller force is marching in the direction of Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The following telegram from General Kuropatkin to the Emperor was given out to-day: Towards noon seventeen Russian steamers approached Hong Yoo Chang and opened fire upon the town. While the vessel approached the shore at 1:30 three large steamers appeared off the Cape and at 3:20 the enemy landed at Huang-tai Tung and commenced to march in the direction of Keping.

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bandits were found in the villages, the inhabitants of which answered evasively. As the force was returning from the village of Shandaidze, twelve kilometers west of Liaoyang considerable numbers of bandits were discovered at a spot where they had been concealed by the villagers. The riflemen attacked the bandits who occupied the outskirts of the village, from which they were dislodged. They left twenty dead and three wounded.

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St. Petersburg, May 18.—One of the reasons for the desperate effort of the Russians to get to Port Arthur what is officially called an "Ammunition train" was revealed today. There was little need, it was said, for more ammunition great quantities being stored away in the fortress, but General Stoessel was exceedingly anxious to be provided with balloons. The highest part of the fortress is the "Eagle's nest" from which much of the surrounding country can be seen, but balloons will facilitate observations. Before the war the Russian authorities loaded on a vessel a complete balloon equipment for Manchuria, but it was captured by the Japanese, who will use it perhaps in their operations.

Wei-Hai-Wei, May, 20.—The British sloop of war Espiegle has started for Nanchwang to protect the British interest.

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