



**W**E must have the tunnel! Such is said to be the cry of Prince Edward Island. And some newspapers even talk of secession from the Dominion if this certain communication with the main land is not forthcoming. However, this kind of talk savors of politics.

Seven hundred deer have been shipped out of the districts east and west of Algonquin Park, Ontario, thus proving beyond a peradventure that sportsmen sometimes shoot something besides each other.

People are prophesying that Manitoba elections will be held between seed time and haying of the coming year but Premier Roblin is too busy talking telephones to bother with such minor matters.

Prof. Wm. Osler, regius professor of Oxford, in an address in the Medical Building of Toronto University, charged that it was a reflection on the sanitary intelligence of the Canadian public that typhoid fever exists so generally. He advocated the establishment of an academy of medicine for the clinical, medical and pathological societies.

The Winnipeg School Board recently decided by a unanimous vote to make a second attempt to induce the Manitoba Legislature to legislate in favour of compulsory education. Manitoba teachers have resolved along the same lines. And now comes the Western School Journal and points out that compulsory education is, to say the least, a mixed blessing. It says: "It is questionable, indeed, whether our schools, with their present curriculum and under their present discipline are adapted to the education of youths whose natural inclination is to truancy." Verily it is a thin question that hasn't two sides to it.

The Great West admires a hero but it idolises a heroine, and at present all British Columbia is standing hat in hand to Mrs. Thomas Patterson, wife of the light-keeper at Cape Beale. When the bark Colmar was wrecked off that point, Mrs. Patterson fought her way over the almost impassable trail to Bamfield, and sent from there the Quadra which arrived just in time to take off the crew of the doomed Colma. Mrs. Patterson's terrible night trip, in the wildest storm and with trees crashing on every hand was a remarkable feat both of endurance and courage.

Recruits at Esquimalt are as scarce as farmhands in Ontario. The required strength of the garrison is 300 men, but at present it is down to 105 and a reinforcement of two lieutenants and 25 men is on the way west from Quebec.

The agitation against compulsory flag flying on Manitoba schools grows apace. It is partially provoked by a spirit of economy and partially by a Canuck's repugnance to doing anything he is told he "has to."

Dominion Parole Officer Archibald says only  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. of paroled prisoners return to criminal careers.

A suggestion to introduce the parole system into politics is in order.

Montreal is again talking Georgian Bay canal. It would follow the course of the French River from Georgian Bay through Lake Nipissing and Trout Lake to the Ottawa River, and down it to Montreal. Friends of the project estimate it would cover 3c. per bushel on grain transportation, and that alone, going as it always does, to the producer, would mean \$3,000,000 more for the people of the West or enough to pay interest on the 100 millions required to build the canal.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, Minister of public works in the Alberta Government, has been visiting the state capitols of Minnesota and Wisconsin gathering ideas to be embodied in Alberta's new legislative buildings. They are to be worthy of the great west, built of stone, and costing a round million dollars.

While the prairies talk of zero and fuel famines the Victoria "Times" tells of strawberry plants in blossom. All of which shows that one half of



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Canada has some difficulty realising how the other half lives.

Edmonton and Victoria have formed Canadian clubs. Hon. C. W. Cross is the leading spirit in the former place while the mayor is the instigator in the latter.

The first through train has been run over the Halifax and Southwestern, and a through passenger service has been inaugurated. The new road is 230 miles long and runs along the sea shore of Nova Scotia from Halifax to Yarmouth through the Annapolis Valley.

Commissioner Coombs states that the Salvation Army will bring 25,000 to 30,000 people from the British Isles during the coming year. And still there's room for thousands more—if they'll work.

A project to reclaim 380,000 acres of semi-arid land near Medicine Hat by irrigation has been financed. The work will cost about a million dollars and will start as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Lumber has struck the highest price ever known on the Pacific Coast. A log famine is given as the cause, and there are no signs of relief as heavy snows are driving the loggers from the woods.

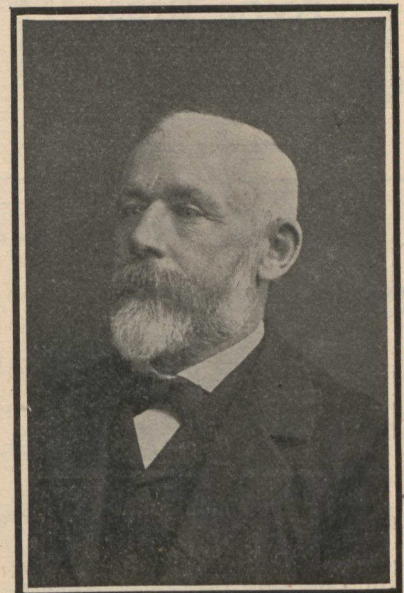
The fuel shortage in the Western provinces is still causing much suffering. The strikes at Lethbridge and Fernie started in March. They were settled when the thermometer struck zero. The railroads have done all in their power to help matters, even putting fuel cars on express trains. But it takes time to get mines that have been practically lying idle in working order and more time to dig coal after they are working. Fuel promises to be a luxury in the West all winter.

The prairie provinces are looking for a record year in railway work next year. The four great lines, the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Northern, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Great Northern are all reaching out for new territory. New records in mileage and construction speed are looked for.

The youthful criminal and how to handle him to the best advantage is occupying considerable attention at different points. Winnipeg wants a children's court, while the management of the Boys' Home in Montreal purpose purchasing a farm of 200 acres near Montreal and to equip it so that boys convicted of petty offences may be cared for there. Imagine sentencing a boy to hoe turnips or pick potato bugs! Takes all the romance out of crime, doesn't it?

The extension of the Quebec Central Railway to St. George, Bruce Co., has been officially opened. Hon. W. A. Weir, Provincial Minister of Public Works officiated at the opening ceremonies.

The resignation of Hon. R. F. Green, Commissioner of Lands and Works, the dissolution of the provincial parliament and an election on Feb. 2nd, will keep British Columbia talking for the next month. Hon. R. F. Green's resignation looks like a concession to the public outcry against the Kitamaal and Kaien Island scandals, and despite his popularity the Hon. Dick McBride may have trouble ahead.



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