

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

Says "Insider" Facts Concerning the Much Talked-of Yukon Railway Transaction.

The United States Powerless to Obstruct Canadian Passage of the Stikine River.

Some of the Capitalists Who First Offered to Build the Railway.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The House of Commons has had under consideration the Canadian Yukon railway bill all week. Much of the opposition which was taken to the measure when it was first introduced is now disappearing on account of the additional information that has from time to time been submitted by the government...

The question of routes has been discussed in the House of Commons. It has been emphasized in its policy that nothing but an all-Canadian route would satisfy the Dominion. Sir Charles Tupper has had no difficulty in expressing his opinion that the route of the road should be taken out of that part of the country. In other words the territory ought to bear the expense of its own development.

A great deal has been imported into the debate about the United States being determined to obstruct Canadian traffic at Wrangell at the mouth of the Stikine, where the coast steamer requires to transfer to the river craft. Some ground is being furnished for this by the action of Senator Hansborough, who proposes at Washington not only to annex an international treaty but to deprive Canada of its rights and threatening to interfere with domestic law. The senator's bill provides for withholding bonding privileges from Canadian merchandise on the Stikine river until the Canadian government has agreed to a satisfactory settlement...

But should congress force the United States executive to take any action which would interfere with Canadian rights to navigate the Stikine then the ministers at Ottawa would be prepared to bring the matter before the British government and have the whole question submitted to arbitration. There is no reason to suppose that the United States administration is doing this. Take in the first case the action of the United States government in respect to the Fortuna Bay affair in 1874 in the Newfoundland coast, she had the right to make certain regulations which would have for their object the preservation of the fisheries. The United States had fishing rights under treaty on the Newfoundland coast, which included Fortuna Bay. The Newfoundland government insisted on enforcing their regulations and the United States fishermen refused to obey them; and ultimately by force destroyed the obstacles which were put in their way. Newfoundland brought the matter before Great Britain, and the home government decided in favor of the United States. The point in this case is that the Newfoundland government could not impede in any way by their regulations or otherwise that which was granted by treaty to another nation, as well as themselves. Take again the Halifax fishery award. In this case the decision was against the United States, but the principle on which the question was decided was exactly the same. The United States government had certain treaty rights granted them under the treaty of 1818. These were changed in 1871. After 1871 the United States continued, for instance, to fish within the three-mile limit although this privilege was taken away from them. They continued doing so for some years and finally the case was submitted to arbitration and Canada got in round figures \$4,000,000, while a million dollars more went to Newfoundland in the way of damages. This showed that treaty rights when acquired must be preserved, and that as long as Canada has granted to her the free navigation of the Stikine for commercial purposes that the United States authorities unless they very good cause.

Of course, if interfered with, it will take time to obtain a settlement. But meantime navigation would be proceeding from Fort Simpson, an all-Canadian port, by way of the Stikine, across which will not be interfered with by the United States authorities unless they very good cause. It is not often that a physician recommends a certain medicine when he does, you may know that it is a good one. Dr. J. P. Cleveland, Glasgow, Va., writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my practice, and it has proven to be an excellent remedy when a thorough course of medicine had failed with me. I recommend it to my patients every time for colic and diarrhoea." Many other progressive physicians recommend and use this remedy, because it always cures and cures quickly. Get a bottle and you will have an excellent doctor in the house for all bowel complaints, both for children and adults.

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LOVE-MAKING IN PUBLIC.

It is evident from her letter to the February Ladies' Home Journal, that Miss Lillian Bell finds much in Paris to interest and amuse her. Among other things she writes that she is waiting for a French bride and bridegroom, in all the story of their bridal array—white satin, veil and orange blossoms—driving through the streets in open cars, and hugging and kissing each other with an uncouth freedom which is new to the public among the lower classes in this world will become accustomed to it, but you get accustomed to a great many things which are new to you.

LILLOUET'S RICHNESS

Something Like a Boom Now on the Bridge River and Other Districts.

Nothing like a boom now on the Bridge River and other districts. The miners are delighted with the fine showing made by the claims. No one who has not paid this flourishing little town a visit recently can imagine the bustle and excitement that is prevalent here now that spring is in sight. The miners who have come from moneyed men about the bridge river district, and every day a number of miners are entering the town, while numbers of men are leaving to buy their supplies for the Bridge river mines.

THE IMPERIAL HOUSE

Mr. Chamberlain Advocates a Bold Policy for Great Britain in West Africa.

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PROVINCIAL HOUSE

The Government Embarked on a Campaign of Dogged Obstruction to Good Measures.

Anything Proposed by the Opposition for Benefit of the Country is Good Enough to Kill.

A Measure Asking for a Fair Redistribution is Defeated by the Government.

The Government's Extraordinary Attitude on the Mortgage Tax Question Exposed.

Victoria, Feb. 28th.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers were offered by the Rev. A. B. Winchester. The debate upon the third clause of the address was resumed by Mr. Sworlow. Turning to the public accounts as presented, he spoke of the increase in the amount of the mortgage tax, and more than might have been expected considering that some of the old assessors were probably included in the amounts. He remarked that he had hoped that the provincial secretary would consult with the house before repeating the same old story of the regulations under the water clauses act.

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