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**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY**  
Corrected June 3rd, 1902.  
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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

**NORTHWOOD.**  
John Campbell, who had the misfortune to have his leg broken in two places while unloading a load of logs in the mill yard here, is doing as well as could be expected. The quarterly service of the Northwood circuit was held in the Methodist church here last Sunday. Rev. J. J. Noble, of Louisville, assisted Rev. Mr. Down, pastor of the church. Rev. J. H. Osterhout, of Ruthersford, called on friends here last Friday.

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**WABASH.**  
The Methodists have changed the hour for their Sunday school to 1.30 in the afternoon.  
Miss McKnight, of Thorncliffe spent Sunday with Miss Erbe Truesdale.  
Miss Phillips gave her girl friends a skating party on Saturday afternoon, and while Miss Louis was skating she fell and sprained her ankle.  
John Arnold has rented Joe Anderson's cottage and has moved into it.  
Jacob Daugherty, from London, spent Sunday in this vicinity.  
Allan Hopper's horses ran away last week, but didn't do much damage.

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**DOVER.**  
The high water has put the roads in dangerous condition for travelling in places.  
A few of our young people drove to T. Faubert's, Pain Court, last Thursday evening and spent a pleasant time. They were also accompanied by John McDonald, Jr., of Bear Creek.  
Owen Gallagher spent last Sunday through here.

**FOR STOMACH TROUBLES.**  
"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger, of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets." For sale by all druggists.

**GLENWOOD.**  
W. C. Estabrook is in Toronto this week as representative from the local council to the Grand Council of the R. T. of T.  
Born, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Smith, a son.

John Smith, who has been in Erieau for the past two months, returned last Monday.  
Mrs. Enock Newham is visiting friends in Chatham this week.  
John Mabbett, of Oury, is the guest of Geo. Hardy this week.

In a game of cards you can't always turn your luck with a spade.  
Coughs, colds, sore throats, and other ailments are quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

The busy press agent seems always to have a pressing engagement.  
Many a man never has any bouquet thrown at him until he is dead.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

## RAILWAY COMMISSIONS

PERSONEL AND CONSTITUTION OF CANADA'S NEW BOARD.

The Extensive Powers Which Will Be Entrusted to Messrs. Blair, Bernier and Mills After the 1st of February—Their Personal Conduct—Where the Board May Sit—Its Jurisdiction—Provision for Appeals.

A perusal of the Railway Act of last session gives something of an idea as to the vast amount of work to be done by the newly constituted Railway Commission. The Railway Commission of the Privy Council is abolished, and its place is taken by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada. The Commission is to be a court of record in the ordinary legal sense. The Commissioners may hold office for ten years during good behavior, but may be removed at any time by the Government. They are eligible for reappointment at the end of their term, but must retire at the age of 75. The Chief Commissioner is appointed by the Government, which may also name a Deputy Chief Commissioner. The salaries are \$10,000 for the Chief Commissioner, and \$8,000 for each of the others. The Board is invested with the powers and duties of the Railway Commission of the Privy Council. Not less than two Commissioners shall attend at the hearing of every case, except where there is no Commissioner.

The Government reserves the right to appoint a Commissioner and has where a Commissioner is interested by kin or affinity to any party interested in a case.

Their Personal Conduct.

The Commissioners must not hold railway stock, shares, bonds, debentures or other security of any railway subject to the Act, nor have any interest in any railway device, appliance, machine, or rolling stock, and on his appointment he is given three months to sell out.

Each Commissioner shall during his term of office reside at Ottawa, or within five miles thereof, or within such distance thereof as the Government determines.

The Commissioners shall devote the whole of their time to the performance of their duties, and shall not accept or hold any office or employment inconsistent with the Act.

To Sit in Ottawa or Elsewhere.

The Government, upon the recommendation of the Minister, shall provide, at Ottawa, a suitable place in which the sessions of the Board may be held, and also suitable offices for the Commissioners, secretary, staff, and other employees.

Whenever circumstances render it expedient to hold sessions without the city of Ottawa, the Board may hold them in any part of Canada.

The Commissioners may sit either together or separately, in private or in open court, but any party to a complaint may demand a hearing in open court. Any two members of the court shall constitute a quorum. The secretary will hold office during the pleasure of the Government. His duty will be to attend the sessions of the Board and keep its records.

His salary will be \$4,000. In his absence an acting secretary will be appointed. The Government may at times employ experts in matters in question to advise the Board. The Government itself will decide on the number of officials required to carry out the work of the Board, will make the appointments and fix the salaries.

The Jurisdiction of the Board.

As to the jurisdiction and general powers of the Board, the Act sets out that it shall have jurisdiction to determine any application:

Complaining that the company, or any person, has failed to do any act required to be done by this Act, or the Special Act, or by any direction made thereunder, by the Governor-in-Council, the Board, the Minister, or any inspecting engineer, or has done or is doing any act, contrary to this Act, or the Special Act, or any such direction;

Requesting the Board to make any order, or give any direction, sanction or approval, which by law it is authorized to make or give;

And the Board may order any company or person to do, as far as is not inconsistent with this Act, any act, which such company may be required to do under this Act, or the Special Act, and may forbid the doing or continuing of any act, contrary to this Act.

Has Supreme Court Powers.

In this regard the Board is to have all the powers of a superior court. The Board may act upon its own motion or at the request of the Minister of Railways. It may make regulations respecting the speed of trains, the use of steam whistles, passing from car to car, coupling of cars, shelter for employees, devices to avoid fires, and the general protection of property, the employees of the company and the public. The Board may provide that, otherwise than those specified in the Act, these penalties shall not exceed one hundred dollars. As to the practice and procedure to be observed in the Board, the Act makes an interesting provision for the development of the function of the Board as a court of record. Every document purporting to be signed by the Chief Commissioner and secretary, or by either of them, or by the Minister or inspecting engineer, shall, without proof of any signature, be prima facie evidence in all courts, and shall be sufficient notice to the company and all parties interested, that such document was duly signed and issued by the Board, Minister or inspecting engineer as the case may be; and if such document purports to be a copy of any regulation, order, direction, decision or report, made or given by the Board, or the Minister or inspecting engineer, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of the fact of such regulation, order, direction, decision or report, and when served on the company, or any person, shall be sufficient notice to the company or such person, of such regulation, order, direction, decision or report from the time of such service. And similarly plans, profiles and the like, signed by the Board, shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of such documents. The Act makes elaborate provision for the giving of notice to parties interested in matters to come before the Board, the publication of regulations and orders, the notice of applications for enquiry. The existing orders of the Railway Commission may be made rules of the Exchequer Court, or of any superior court of any Province, and penalties for infraction of these rules may be exacted by the new Board. In like manner decisions of the Board may be made rules of court.

Provision for Appeals.

The Board itself is empowered to make rules governing its own procedure under the Act, and it shall be independent of judgments of other courts on questions of fact not binding on it. In other words, its judgment of fact shall not be dependent on simultaneous suits in other courts. The order of the Board shall be final, having the right of review by the Government and appeal to the Supreme Court on questions of jurisdiction or of law. In case of such appeals, the Board may be represented by counsel.

Neither the Board nor any member of the Board shall in any case be liable to any costs by reason or in respect of any appeal. The Governor-in-Council may at any time refer to the Board for a report, or other action, any question arising under this Act, or the Special Act, and the Board shall without delay comply therewith.

The Board is empowered to fix its own scale of costs, and may make its own orders as to the responsibility for the payment for any construction it may order. It may initiate enquiry into accidents or casualties, and exercise the right of inspection of the company's works and documents, and will hold the power of an ordinary court to demand the presence of any person for enquiry under oath.

Applications for running rights by railways, within forty yards of the track must be made to the Board, which will exercise also a general supervision of the taking or using of lands by railway companies.

The Board will be charged with the regulation of the construction of branch lines, crossings, and junctions. In the latter regard the Act provides that "the railway lines or tracks of any company shall not be crossed or joined by or with the railway lines or tracks of any other company until leave therefore has been obtained from the Board."

Its Powers are Sweeping.

It must enquire into all matters affecting works in navigable waters, highway crossings, telegraph, telephone and other lines, and in all these respects must wield a potent influence in the reconciliation of warring interests, drainage, farm crossings, fences, gate and cattle guards, bridges, tunnels, and other structures, including station, will all come under the jurisdiction of the Board.

It will preside at the inspection of all new railways, and generally supervise the operation of the roads in respect of train service, equipment, telegraphs and telephones, fire protection, and the like.

In the large matter of tolls it is armed with authority to inspect all tolls and provide against unjust discrimination between localities. The whole questions of tolls, freight classification, tariffs, discrimination and general provisions respecting carriage, will be under constant supervision by the Board, which the Act has clothed not only with wide powers of discretion, but hard and fast rules for the protection of the interests of the people at large.

In the whole scheme of Canadian railway development there is hardly one important phase of the relations between the railway corporations and the public, which will not be subject at one time or another to the scrutiny of the Commissioners. Plainly it is a large order, and the Commissioners who are able to fill it must earn their salaries.

An Ingenious Orilla Lady.

One day recently a prominent young lady of Orilla lost her post-office key and soon after complained repeatedly of not receiving any mail. The postmaster and clerks assured her that parcels and letters had been put in her box as before, so she immediately suspected that some dishonest person had found her key and was appropriating her mail.

Last Friday she wrote a decoy letter, stating that a certain amount of money would be sent through the office on Saturday and would reach Orilla at noon. On Friday the lady saw the decoy letter in her box, but left it there, and soon it disappeared in the usual way. That night she again complained to the postmaster and told about sending the decoy letter and how it had disappeared from her box; so he said he would immediately send word to Ottawa and a detective would be sent to attend to the matter. The lady, however, saw the necessity for immediate action, and on Saturday morning asked to be allowed to set a trap, so she put a parcel in her box with a bell fastened to the far end by a long cord, which allowed the bell to extend to the floor of the postmaster's department, where she waited to see what the result would be. At noon, when the decoy letter said the money would be there, the parcel in the box was interfered with, the bell gave the alarm and the person found there was arrested on the charge of being caught robbing the mail.

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When Holman Hunt illustrated Tennyson's poem, "The Lady of Shalott," Tennyson was somewhat taken aback by his first sight of the lady.

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