

Canadian Pacific to Increase its Ordinary Share Capital.

A Montreal despatch of the 8th, says: This afternoon Sir Thomas Shaughnessy made the following statement to the press:

"The Official Gazette of Saturday will contain a notice of a special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to be held at the head office of the company in Montreal, March 19th, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the recommendation of the directors that the ordinary share capital of the company be increased from the present authorized amount of one hundred and ten million dollars, of which the amount of one hundred and one million four hundred thousand dollars has already been issued, to one hundred and fifty million dollars."

"In view of the great increase in the company's business, and its continued expansion, it is desirable that immediate provision be made for still further increasing the facilities of the company on every section of its system. The directors have therefore decided, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the special meeting, to make an issue immediately thereafter of twenty million two hundred and eighty thousand dollars of ordinary capital stock, being eight million six hundred thousand dollars already authorized by the shareholders and eleven million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars of the proposed increase, thus making the total amount outstanding one hundred and twenty-one million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars, and, as in the case of previous issues of new stock, to give the shareholders of the ordinary capital stock the privilege of subscribing for the same at par in the proportion of one share of new stock to five shares of their registered holdings on the closing of the transfer books for this purpose on Friday, April 20th, 1906."

Editors Meet.

Prominent editors comprising the executive committee of the National Editorial association rounded up at French Lick Spring, Indiana, on the 8th for a conference to arrange the program for the annual convention of the association in Indianapolis this summer. The convention will assemble June 5 and remain in session a week. Following the adjournment of the gathering the editors, their wives and families will make a trip over the great lakes and down the St. Lawrence River, visiting the Soo, Detroit, Buffalo, Ottawa, Quebec and Montreal.

Shipbuilding in Great Britain.

The year 1905 produced the record output of the British shipyards. Exclusive of warships, 795 vessels were launched during the year, registering 1,623,198 gross tons. To the King's fleet 28 ships of 129,801 tons were added, making the total net tonnage produced 1,752,969. The increase in mercantile ships over 1904 was 418,000 tons, and there is an increase of 98,427 tons over the year 1901, which previously had the record. Of last year's new ships only 58 (of 16,372 tons) are sailing ships.

Great Britain builds ships for many countries, but 78 per cent. of last year's product was registered at home. The result of the year's operations has been a decrease of 123,000 in the net tonnage of the kingdom. It is supposed that about 50,000 tons of ship building was lost or broken up. Sales to foreign countries amounted to 59,000 tons, and a small quantity of sailing tonnage was bought. Steam tonnage owned in the country is said to have increased by 59,000 tons. Against 1,271,316 tons built and registered at home were losses of 138,000 tons, sale of 457,000 tons and captures by the Far East belligerents of no less than 42,779 tons. Of these latter our allies got 11 steamers of 39,038 tons and Russia one of 3,741 tons. Some 15,000 tons of steam shipping was bought for British account. The net increase of tonnage is not the largest in British marine history. In 1902 the increase of steamships and sailing vessels was 643,000 tons. Great Britain is almost holding her own in shipbuilding for other countries. Out of the total output a somewhat smaller percentage is sold abroad than six or seven years ago, but it is larger than in more recent years. Last year Germany alone bought 15 ships of 85,000 tons.

It is stated by Lloyd's that whereas in 1904 only 15 ships of more than 6,000 tons were built and only three over 10,000 tons, the number in 1905 was 25 over 6,000 tons, of which four were over 12,000. At present there are 37 vessels of 6,000 tons or over under construction, of which eight are over 12,000 tons. The fourth largest ship built last year was the Empress of Britain of 14,500 tons, for the Canadian Pacific line. She was scarcely more than half the size of the largest ship, the America, of 22,724 tons.—St. John Sun.

The new House of Commons of Great Britain, assembled in the Parliament Buildings, London on Monday last, for the purpose of swearing in, etc. This week will be devoted to organization of the appointment of officers and so forth. The formal opening is set for Monday next, when the speech from the throne will be delivered.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The battleship "Dreadnaught," which will cost seven and one-half million dollars, was launched at Portsmouth Saturday by King Edward.

The friends of Dr. Conroy will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his serious illness. He had been attacked by blood poisoning resulting from an operation on a patient.

The Prince Street School concert held in the Opera House on Friday evening last was an immense success. There was an immense audience and all parts of the performance were well rendered.

In the train wreck on the Northern Pacific Railway at Helena, Montana, on the 6th, the Express messenger, Jessup, was burned alive, while the passengers tried to extricate him from the wreck in which he was pinned.

The New Brunswick legislature assembled for its regular session on the 8th, at Fredericton. The session promises to be one of unusual interest. Among the important measures to be introduced by the government is one providing for compulsory education throughout the province.

Another superb fighting machine will be added to the United States navy within the next few days when the battleship Rhode Island, built at Quincy, Mass., will be placed in commission. The Rhode Island is a sister ship of the Virginia, the New Jersey and the Nebraska, being of 14,948 tons displacement and of 19,000 horsepower.

Emperor William has allowed it to become known that he will probably send his son Prince Eitel Frederick to the United States next year to represent him at the opening of the Jamestown centenary commemorating the third centenary of the first settlement of America by the English. The decision of the Emperor is believed to be due to the announcement that King Edward contemplates sending a member of the British royal family to the opening of the exposition.

According to a despatch from Malta to the London Daily Mail, four British cruisers will soon be withdrawn from the Mediterranean fleet and four battleships from the Atlantic fleet, and all will be sent to the North Sea. The Daily Mail explains that the reduction of the Mediterranean fleet is due to the Anglo-French entente and says that it is not unlikely France will follow Great Britain's example.

A Halifax despatch of the 12th, says: There are busy times along Halifax harbor front. Saturday and Sunday no less than 11 steamers of over 31,000 gross tons arrived. During the time five of the steamers were being docked at the deep water wharf, the wharves and various immigration customs and railway officials had lots to do. Five hundred and fifty immigrants with baggage were being landed and inspected and forwarded to their various destinations.

The famous Horseshoe Curve on the Pennsylvania Railroad is to be removed. This has been definitely decided upon by the officials of the road. Two of the plans are for tunnels through the Allegheny mountains nine miles and the other eleven miles long. It is believed the nine mile tunnel will be adopted. In the world, the only one larger being the Simplon tunnel through the Alps, which is twelve miles long. The tunnel will accommodate four tracks and its cost is estimated at more than \$15,000,000. Expense.

An explosion of acetylene gas occurred in the King Edward Hotel Suite, Manitoba, on the 7th, wrecking several rooms. But fortunately no one was hurt. It is thought that there was a leak in the pipe between the ceiling and the floor, and that someone trying to locate it, caused the explosion. The windows in the room above were blown out and the floor and walls were badly damaged, while the plaster was knocked off the ceiling beneath and the walls throughout the building were cracked badly. A fire started but was extinguished before much damage was done.

This is the day of the civic elections in Charlottetown. The Mayoralty candidates are: Mayor Kelly and James Paton, Esq. The Councilor candidates are: Ward 1, D. O'M. Reddin, re-elected by acclamation; Ward 2, D. J. Piley, re-elected by acclamation; Ward 3, A. J. B. Mellish and Dr. Alley; Ward 4, B. C. Prowse, D. Stewart and P. S. Brown; Ward 5, D. L. Hooper, Benjamin Rogers, Charles Chamberlain and S. A. McDonald. Water Commissioners: S. W. Crabbe, Charles McGregor and Henry House, all re-elected without opposition.

An old man named Freeman Harvie living at Ellersburgh, N. S., was murdered in his own house on the night of Friday 9th, inst. The murdered man was bearded and his body was hid in the cellar covered over with potatoes. Suspicions were aroused against a man named George Stanley, who had been seen about the place. The body was found in the cellar, and the head in a box in another part of the cellar. Stanley had cleared out, but was chased, overtaken and arrested. A coroner's jury found a verdict of guilty against him in less than five minutes. He is now in Windsor jail awaiting trial.

The wing of St. Patrick's orphanage, at Prince Albert, Sask., a charitable institution conducted under the patronage of Bishop Parnell, by Rev. Father Courtes, was almost totally destroyed on the 7th. The loss aggregating possibly \$3,000, is covered by insurance. Over a heated furnace the fire caused the blaze. About thirty boys are temporarily deprived of their homes. Just as the firemen got the blaze under control, the main shaft of the gasoline engine broke and a heavy fly-wheel in falling, narrowly missed seriously injuring Chief Foreman, as it struck him a glancing blow.

A Winnipeg despatch of the 10th, says: The feature of yesterday's session of the legislature was the threat of Premier Roblin against the judges, arising out of the election trials. Mr. Roblin was called to order by the speaker for his reflections on the judiciary, and when twisted about casting aspersions on this body, said: "I will do more than that before I am done with them. I am not afraid of the judges, because I don't strike any man's name off a list, and don't need their protection." The attorney general also said he believed better judges were needed.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Mrs. Susan M. Matthews, widow of Robert Matthews and for many years resident in the Old Ladies' Home St. John, N. B., observed her one hundredth birthday yesterday by giving a tea party to friends.

Donald McMaster, the eminent Canadian Barrister, who contested a seat for the Imperial Parliament in the recent British elections, has just won a \$300,000 suit in the Privy Council for a Montreal client.

E. B. Eddy, the famous manufacturer of paper, matches, etc., died at his residence at Hull, P. Q., on Saturday morning last. He was born at Bristol, Vermont in 1827 and came to Hull in 1854 and remained there till his death.

According to a London despatch the mill owners of the northern counties have granted the cotton operatives an increase of wages amounting to two and a half per cent., commencing with May. The increase will affect 150,000 operatives. This is the first time in thirty years that they have been placed on the full wage standard adopted fifty years ago.

Burglars blew open and robbed the safe in the Dover, N. H., shoe factory on Saturday when they boarded the Boston express from St. John. The police wired to Rockingham Junction to have the men arrested. When the train arrived there an Italian in the car becoming frightened attempted to go out. The thieves, imagining he was going for the police, fired five revolver shots, killing him instantly. They then fled but one of the men Joseph Gouin was arrested.

The following statistics regarding the Lepor Lazaretto at Tracadie, N. B., are published: There are now seventeen patients on the books—ten males and seven females. Those actually in the lazaretto all fifteen—eight males and seven females. There were no deaths during the year. Two new patients, both from neighboring districts, were admitted. One patient, a man of forty, is so apparently cured of all symptoms of the disease that Dr. Montzambert felt justified, at his last inspection of the lazaretto, in approving of his going home on condition of his reporting himself from time to time. He had been in the lazaretto for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyprion Handrahan, Tignish, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday last. A number of friends assembled at their home to congratulate them on their golden wedding. Rev. D. M. McDonald, P. P., acted as chairman. The celebratory feast presented with a complimentary address and two elegantly cushioned chairs. Mr. Handrahan replied to the address, on behalf of his wife and family. Speeches were then made by Rev. Father McDonald; Rev. A. J. McDonald; Mr. Hackett and others. Mr. and Mrs. Handrahan entertained their guests most hospitably and a very pleasant evening was spent. Of their twelve children, ten were present. Mr. Handrahan is 84 and is hale and hearty. We extend our congratulations.

A New York despatch of the 9th, says: After having lost practically the whole of her navy in the war with Japan, Russia is now making strenuous efforts to renew her vanished fighting strength on sea. Already the government of the Czar has obtained a complete fleet of torpedo boats, no less than two of these formidable craft having been recently completed and handed over to the government in full working order. This information comes from the constructor himself, a prominent American shipbuilder. These were all built in the Government navy yards at Sebastopol, where this man was given full control of a large section of the yards for the purpose. The construction of the ten torpedo boats was only commenced a year ago, and the last one has only just left the stocks.

A despatch of the 12th, from Cincinnati, to Chicago says: Hong Fong, the former secretary of the Chinese Reform Association who is visiting this city says he thinks the Boxer trouble in China is about to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times. He issued the following warning to several American friends last night telegraphing it to Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco. "The blow is about to fall." He cables warnings to friends to leave China at once and tells them to seek the protection of Germany temporarily before Feb. 24th. Fong is visiting A. H. Loowal, the wealthiest of local Chinese residents and after the message were sent he explained the purpose as follows: "I received word yesterday that an order had been issued to no more admit citizens of the Chinese Reform Association to throw off all foreign elements in our country starting February 24th."

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co's contest for naming the Pacific coast terminal of the company has ended with the choice of Prince Rupert, the name suggested by Miss Eleanor M. MacDonald of Winnipeg. Upwards of twelve hundred names were suggested. The name suggested by Miss MacDonald and chosen by the company, does not meet the conditions of the contest which limited the name to ten letters. In view of this fact, of the thousand dollar prize offered, \$250, has been awarded to each of the two contestants who suggested the name of Port Rupert, Mrs. John Orms of Bonaventure, Ont., and R. Kirkwood of Copper Cliff, Ont., as well as to Miss MacDonald, who also suggested the name chosen.

The bursting of a boiler connected with the heating apparatus in Standard block, on Catherine street west, Montreal early Saturday morning, partially wrecked the building, a large stone front five story structure, between Drummond and Mountain streets. King's Hall, where balls and other social functions are held, is located in the block, and at the time of the explosion a ball given by the 13th Street Dragons was in progress. The dancers, to the number about two hundred, remained remarkably cool, despite the crashing of glass and falling of plaster which followed the explosion. As the windows were all blown out and the heating apparatus went on strike, however, the ball had to stop, although some went on dancing for a short time after the crash in a spirit of bravado. One lady, standing near a window, was slightly out by glass, but outside of that there were no casualties reported. The damage to the building is considerable, a great deal of plaster having been dislodged, while the plate glass fronts of the branch post office, Eastern Township bank, up town branch, and a dry goods establishment were blown out.

The entire plant and equipment of the Poughkeepsie City and Wappingers Falls Electric Railway Co., was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning and Poughkeepsie is without any surface railway accommodations, 22 of the 23 electric cars of the company having been burned. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$80,000. The huge dynamos and engines were also destroyed.

Dr. St. Clair Gallant, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on Tuberculosis, in the hall at Kinkora on Monday evening last. Rev. J. J. McDonald, P. P., presided. The lecture was preceded by a musical and literary program in which the Rev. Pastor; Rev. J. A. McDonald and Rev. J. C. McLean, and several members of the congregation took part. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved, on behalf of the audience, by Mr. E. J. Smith and seconded by Mr. M. McCabe. The motion was supported by Rev. J. A. McDonald, Rev. J. C. McLean and others, and presented to the lecturer by the Rev. presiding officer. The lecturer suitably responded and the audience dispersed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Complaints About Canadian Cheese.

Mr. MacKinnon, Canadian agent at Bristol reports to the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, under date January 31st that complaints have reached him from handlers of Canadian cheese that on account of the inferior quality of the cloth in which the cheese is encased there is considerable difficulty in stripping them. The agent also mentions that rolled oats from Canada have been sent to England in bags of too light material, with the result that many of the bags were found on examination at the Bristol docks to be torn and some of the contents lost.

British Emigrants for Canada.

A London despatch of the 13th, says: The great contingent of British emigrants to be sent to Canada under the scheme formulated by Lord Rothschild, sailed for the Dominion today. The party consists of fifty families and it is planned to send three times that number later in the spring. At the expense of Lord Rothschild the emigrants are provided with clothes and food, the cost of their passages and sums of money to guard against emergencies. The total cost of each adult is placed at \$50, which is to be repaid in instalments. In selecting the families careful attention has been given to the state of their health, their respectability and qualifications for life in the Dominion. The success of the scheme will be awaited with much interest as it is regarded as a basis for the solution of the unemployed problem in Great Britain.

DIED.

At the residence of her brother, Allan McDonald, Lower Montague, on the 7th, inst., Margaret McDonald, aged 93 years, widow of the late Hon. Joseph Wrightman. May her soul rest in peace.

At the Charlottetown Hospital on the 8th, of blood-poisoning, John A. McDonald, of Cable Head. He had been brought to the Hospital a few days previously and had his thumb amputated; but he gradually grew worse until death came. He leaves to mourn a widow, and four children. May his soul rest in peace.

At Southport, on the 11th, inst., Angus McInnis, in the 59th, year of his age. May his soul rest in peace.

At Morell, on the 31st, ult., after a lingering illness, Margaret, relict of the late Martin Simons, aged 72 years. May her soul rest in peace.

The Prices.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Butter, Eggs, Flour, etc.

The woman who buys Dress Goods now-a-days, has yet to buy right; but buying right does not mean a matter of "How Cheap." A-how cheap dress that is old fashioned and that will not stand the wear and tear is not the one wide awake people buy. They want a dress right up-to-date in every particular, Quality, style, we have, and good wear resisting qualities. This is the kind we sell. Send for sample.—Stanley Bros.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Dominion Parliament is called to meet on March the 8th.

Seventeen inches of snow fell at Hooisick Falls, N. Y., on Saturday, causing the most complete traffic tie up of the present winter.

The city of Campos, near Rio Janeiro, Peru, with a population of about 30,000, has been inundated to the depth of twelve feet, by the rising of the Parahiba River.

The market was not very largely attended yesterday, and prices, with the exception of eggs, had scarcely changed from last week. Eggs sold for sixteen cents a dozen.

Five thousand men and boys are rendered idle at Shamokin, Pa., owing to the majority of the colliers in that region being compelled to suspend operations on account of a snow blockade.

It is reported from New York that John A. McCall, former President of the New York Life Insurance Company is at death's door. The last rites of the Catholic church were administered to him yesterday.

Rev. William H. O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, Maine, has been appointed coadjutor, with right of succession, to the Archbishop of Boston. Bishop O'Connell was a priest of the Boston diocese, so that he is but returning home.

The official report of the accident on the Southern railroad at Greensboro, N. C., early Sunday morning, received at the office of the company, in Washington says that four employees were killed and two injured. No passengers were injured.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co., have awarded the contract to the Dominion Steel Car Co., whose works are located in Montreal, for five hundred steel cars to be completed this summer, at a cost approximately of three-quarters of a million dollars.

The Government ice-breaker Montcalm has returned to Quebec from Seven Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to which point she took physicians, nurses and medical supplies for the purpose of combating an outbreak of diphtheria on the Islands.

The schooner George D. Edmunds from Stonington, Me., for New York, lost her foretopmast off Cape Cod during a fresh northerly breeze last Sunday night and in falling the spar tore the foremast. The Edmunds stopped at Vineyardhaven, Mass., for temporary repairs.

An earthquake shook lasting eight seconds caused serious damage in Calabria on the 11th, especially to Cantanzaro and Monteleone, the populations of which places became terror stricken, left their homes and camped in the streets, notwithstanding the stormy weather prevailing.

Two small boys, Edward Burton, aged eight, and Willie Gogerty, aged ten, were drowned Sunday afternoon while skating on the St. Lawrence above Victoria bridge, Montreal. They skated out too far where the ice was thin and broke through, being carried under the ice by rapid current. The bodies have not been recovered.

Two children of Mrs. McIntosh of Glouce, Ont., Bertha and Sylvan, aged 10 and 12 years, were instantly killed on the way to school by being struck by the G. T. R. train, No. 23, at one o'clock Monday. They were crossing in front of the train and evidently did not see their danger until too late.

Bruce Walker the Canadian Government agent in Great Britain says: "For the coming season Scottish emigration to Canada already gives the strongest evidence of being greatly beyond anything known in the past history of the movement from Scotland. The majority of those who already sailed are either going out to friends or are capitalists going out to prospect for locations in the Northwest."

Three men were struck and killed by an accommodation train on the Northern Central railroad near Sefton, 18 miles south of New York City, Saturday. The men who were killed comprised part of the crew of a fast northbound freight train. The dead are: Silas Alder, conductor of Baltimore; John C. Baughman, engineer, of New Freedom, Pa.; Frank McFadden, brakeman, of Baltimore. One of the ties on the driving wheel of the locomotive had burst and the men were repairing it when the train struck them.

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