

cause of their again going to the Pacific province is owing to the claim that some of the work on the C.P.R. construction is of such a character as to be effected by the breaking up of the winter. This fact the arbitrators and counsel will determine for themselves on the ground. Counsel for the Government left for British Columbia on Saturday, April 25th.

The new system of fares introduced by the railway managers in Austria and Hungary is said to be the cheapest in the world. The usual fare for third class passengers is about $6\frac{1}{2}$ mills a mile—which would be \$6.50 for a 1,000-mile trip. The commutation rates for local service are still lower. Workmen can travel to and from their places of work for two cents a trip up to six miles; for four cents, up to twelve miles; six cents, up to eighteen miles; eight, to twenty-four, and ten, to thirty miles. Yearly tickets good for thirty mile trips are sold for \$17.40. Strange as it may seem, these rates have proved profitable to the railways, the traffic having increased so rapidly that the accommodation is taxed to the utmost. United States managers have been considering its introduction.

The first locomotive to pass through the G. T. R. tunnel under the St. Clair River, Sarnia, did so on the 9th April, making the run through the tunnel from the Canadian to the United States side, and then returning, having a flat car attached to it. The run back from the United States side was at the rate of 15 miles an hour. The track was in first class shape, and everything worked smoothly. As the approaches were far from completed, a temporary track was laid to the mouth of the tunnel on the Canadian side, and the engine and car were lowered to the tunnel entrance by the use of cables. It is expected that the tunnel will be formally opened about June 1st. The towns of Sarnia and Port Huron are arranging opening exercises of an unusual character. There is to be a grand dinner down in the tunnel. The table will be set just on the international line, with one half in the States, the other in the Dominion. At the head of the table, in Canada, will sit President Harrison, while at the other end, in America, will be seated the Governor General of Canada. Such at least is the proposed programme.