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ELABORATE PROGRAMME TO ENTERTAIN GERMAN PRINCE.

Americans Arrange for a Three Weeks' Tour, Covering Boston, Milwaukee, Tennessee and New York -- No Sunday Traveling--Royal Yacht Left Gibraltar Thursday--Enthusiastic Preparations to Bid Him Welcome--Special Railway Trains.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Emperor William of Germany has approved the plans of the committee of arrangements for the reception of Prince Henry, as far as they go. He has left the arrangement of the details of the general plan to the committee and today the members were at work on these, particularly upon the contracts to be made [illegible] railroad agents for the running [illegible]ecial train which will be engaged [illegible] government for the journey of the [illegible] This train will be made up of [illegible]s of the finest description and one [illegible]e set apart for the exclusive accom[illegible]tation of the prince. The press will be [illegible] for as far as the limited space will [illegible]t.

[illegible] plans contemplate taking the dis[illegible]shed visitor as far into the south [illegible]ttanooga, as far west as St. Louis [illegible] far north as Milwaukee on one side [illegible]oston on the other. The prince will [illegible] in New York on Saturday and will [illegible]ly spend his first Sunday in America [illegible]hat city, paying a visit to Grant's [illegible] in Riverside Park. He will leave after midnight, arriving in Washington about 10.30 o'clock on Monday morning.

He will be met at the station by a military guard made up of a squadron of cavalry and a battery of artillery, both from Fort Myer. With this escort he will proceed to the German embassy and a detail of engineers from the Washington barracks will be detailed as a special guard of honor to watch the embassy day and night as long as the prince remains here. The second Sunday will probably be spent at Chattanooga and a visit will be paid to the great National Park at Chickamauga. The third and last Sunday of the prince's stay in America will be spent in New York, where he will rest and perhaps visit some of the German social organizations. In this way the committee has obviated the necessity of his travelling on Sunday.

Gibraltar, Jan. 23.—The imperial German yacht Hohenzollern arrived here today. Admiral Count Von Baudizyn, her commander, landed. He was saluted by a land battery; visited the governor and later re-embarked and the Hohenzollern proceeded on her journey to New York.

GOLD COMPANY MEETING.

The Montreal and London Decline to Buy Nova Scotia Mine.

Montreal, Jan. 23—(Special)—At an adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal and London Gold Development Company, held today, a report was presented on the financial position of the company, but no decision was come to regarding reorganization. The option on the Dufferin mine in Nova Scotia has expired without any action being taken by the holders.

Marconi Receives New Honor.

Rome, Jan. 23—King Victor Emmanuel has conferred the order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus upon William Marconi.

NEW GOLD MINE WORKING.

New York Capitalist Employs Many Men at Biggar's Ridge.

Hartland, Carleton Co., Jan. 23—(Special)—Some two years ago gold was discovered at a place called Biggar's Ridge, on the headwaters of the Miramichi, in Carleton county. Samples of the ore were assayed and it was found that they were very rich and that gold was present in a paying quantity in the whole lode.

This week a New York capitalist, Dr. W. D. Goff, purchased the land and proceeded to prospecting. He has at present 10 men engaged at the work, but hopes within a few days to have at least 100 men employed.

THE AUSTRIAN ARCHDUCHESS.

Elizabeth Renounces All Claim to the Throne in Consequence of Her Marriage--Receives Gifts Worth Many Millions--She is Only 18 Years Old.

Vienna, Jan. 23.—The Arch Duchess Elizabeth, grand daughter of Emperor Francis Joseph, was married today to Prince Otho Von Vindisch Greatz, at the Josefi chapel of the Hofburg, in the presence of Emperor Francis Joseph Countess Lonyay, the bride's mother, and a number of princesses belonging to the imperial family.

Vienna, Jan. 23—The Archduchess Elizabeth, in view of her marriage, January 23, to Prince Otho von Windisch-Graetz, who is not of the royal blood, today took the oath renouncing all claims for herself and her descendants to the Austrian throne. The ceremony occurred at noon, in the privy council chamber of the palace in the presence of the emperor, a number of statesmen and the foreign diplomats. The emperor's gifts to the Archduchess Elizabeth included securities valued at $1,600,000, yearly allowance of $250,000, jewelry valued at $1,000,000, a gold dinner service and several residences.

The Archduchess Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Emperor Francis Joseph and only child of the late Archduke Rudolf, the crown prince, and Princess Stephanie, second daughter of King Leopold II of Belgium. Prince Otho von Windisch-Graetz belongs to the noble house of Windisch-Graetz; but he is only a son of a junior branch and a lieutenant in a Uhlan regiment. He was born October 7, 1873. The young couple first met at a ball and the archduchess, after much persuasion, won the emperor's consent to their marriage on condition that nothing definite should be decided until she attained her 18th birthday, which was in September last.

CATTLE BREEDERS CONVENE.

Plan Big Canadian Exhibit at St. Louis and Elect Officers.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—(Special)—The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association at their annual meeting held here today decided to begin making arrangements at an early date for an exhibition of live stock at the St. Louis fair that is expected to be even more successful than was that at Buffalo.

The officers chosen were as folows: President, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont.; vice-president, Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont.; secretary-treasurer, A. P. Westervelt; vice-president for New Brunswick, T. W. Peters; vice-president, for Nova Scotia, E. B. Elderkin, Amherst; vice-president for Prince Edward Island, Judge F. Hazzard, Charlottetown; vice-president for Newfoundland, Hon. Thos. C. Duder, St. John's.

THE SITUATION AT PANAMA.

Skirmish on the Railway Line with Ten Casualties.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 23.—The situation on the isthmus remains unchanged. Although quiet prevails both here and at Panama, these two ports are upon the tiptoe of expectation and the resumption of hostilities between the government forces and the Colombian Liberals is expected at any moment.

American and British warships are expected at Colon shortly.

A slight skirmish occurred on the railroad line between here and Panama yesterday in which there were 10 casualties among the Liberals. This skirmish came as a result of the vigilance of the government troops who are closely watching all outlets along the railroad line to the interior of the country.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CONCENTRATION.

Will Employ Seven Thousand Men in Montreal Building Rolling Stock.

Montreal, Jan. 23—(Special)—The C. P. R. announces that it will concentrate all its cars and locomotive works in Montreal with the exception of the Carleton place works, which will not be interfered with. For that purpose 250 acres of land has been acquired in the east end of Montreal at a cost of $750,000. The shops will employ 7,000 men. It is claimed this will constitute the largest industry of its kind in the world.

AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN IN SESSION AT AMHERST.

How to Make Cows Pay Their Board--Value of Bugs and Weeds--The Best Manure for Potatoes--Commercial Travelers Learn a Thing or Two.

Amherst, Jan. 23—(Special)—Soft weather, a regular January thaw, greets the Farmer's and Dairymen's Association of Nova Scotia that is assembling here for a three days' session of meetings. The hotels and boarding houses are being taxed to accomodate the people and again, as at the Fat Stock Show of a month ago, the people of this town are beginning to realize that the farmers of Nova Scotia are a very important class of our population and they take great pleasure in welcoming them to this town, which is so well adapted for holding these kind of meetings. The town people have decided by a large majority to erect a suitable building at once in which to hold an annual Fat Stock Show. This in itself speaks well for the enterprising spirit of the citizens of this place.

This forenoon was taken up with a meeting of the executive of the association and a trip over to Nappan to the government Experimental Farm, which is under the supervision of Mr. R. Robertson. Mr. Robertson made arrangements for a special train and did all he could while at the farm to make all enjoy themselves.

The conversation around the dining rooms and lobbies of the hotels have completely changed and instead of having travellers talking of the state of trade in their respective lines, you will find farmers grooped together discussing beef raising, pork production, the poultry industry or the growing of the various crops, telling one another what success they had the past year in the various farm lines. Occasionally you will see the commercial man conversing with a farmer and one cannot help but be struck by the intelligent manner in which so many of the farmers can discuss not only their own business but others as well. Also we notice the commercial men are anxious to get information in reference to the condition of the ordinary farmer. They are beginning to realize that it is the farmer who is at the foundation of all the other industries in our land and are beginning to respect him more and more.

The first regular session commenced in Parish hall, with First Vice-President John Donaldson, of Port Mildams in the chair, the president having not yet arrived on account of pressing duties at home. The chairman read the president's address, which was first on the programme. In a few appropriate words Col. S. Spurr moved that this address of the president be received and adopted, which was seconded by J. V. Thomas, and carried.

On account of the lateness of the train on which Prof. Grisdale was to arrive, his address had to be postponed.

Mr. Simpson Rennie, of Toronto, who has been doing some institute work in New Brunswick, was called upon to speak upon the cultivation of corn field roots, and potatoes. At the close of his speech a lot of questions were asked. The discussion ran along the growing of potatoes, every farmer present apparently wanting to give his system of growing them. A good many favored the using of commercial fertilizers while others favored barn yard manure. Professor Shutt, who was present, said he thought barn yard manure which contained liquid manure in which was to be had the potash, was all that was required.

Dr. Fletcher spoke at some length upon bugs, weeds, etc., giving in detail the experiments carried on at the experimental farm.

The evening session opened with the vice-president again in the chair. J. A. Dickey, mayor of Amherst, on behalf of its citizens, extended a hearty welcome to the association.

B. W. Chipman, Nova Scotia, secretary of agriculture, read a letter from Professor Kennedy, of Iowa, regretting his inability to be present on account of ill-health.

Professor Grisdale was asked to take up the subject of the dairy cow. He wanted to impress the farmers with the necessity of a balanced ration and yet he wanted them to understand that it only served as a foundation on which to start, as each individual cow had to be dealt with according to her peculiarities. He said that by careful investigation at the experimental farm they had found some cows not paying their board while their best cow had given them a profit of $60 after paying for her feed. He was followed by Professor Jas. W. Robertson, of Ottawa, who spoke to a considerable length upon education in our rural schools.

IN REGARD TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

French Shore and Naval Reserve Matters Considered.

London, Jan. 23.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today, Mr. Arnold Forster, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, said legislation would be introduced to place the Newfoundland naval reserve scheme on a permanent basis.

Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, answering a question on the subject, said that, although communications were proceeding with France, his majesty's government was not yet in a position to make a definite statement on the French shore question.

Changes in the New Contingent.

Halifax, Jan. 23—(Special)—Gray, the trooper arrested on suspicion of being Gordon, wanted at Winnipeg on a charge of murder, has been discharged from the 2nd C. M. R. Five other troopers—Gladwin, Craig, Barrett, Garrett and Webb, were given their discharges today and A. Murphy and G. N. Hill have been attached for service.

MINISTERS IN CHINA ATTAIN THEIR GOAL.

Entered the Forbidden City Yesterday in Gorgeous Yellow Chairs.

EMPRESS BEHIND SCREEN.

The Emperor Sat Silent and Stolid While the British Representative Gave Him Quite a Lot of Good Advice in a Very Diplomatic Fashion.

Pekin, Jan. 23—The ministers of the foreign powers here have attained the goal which has been their aim since intercourse between China and the powers began. They have been received as representatives of sovereigns equal in rank to the Chinese emperor.

The audiences yesterday between the emperor and the ministers were held in the innermost large hall of the Forbidden City. The emperor sat upon a dias behind a table. There were four princes at the back of his chair and a dozen officials on each side. The Dowager Empress was concealed by a screen, according to the stories of the attendants, and remained invisible. The audience chamber was furnished ornamentally in contrast with the dingy rooms which served for these audiences under the old regime.

The secretaries translated the addresses of the ministers, copies of which were handed to the emperor. The replies to these addresses were delivered by Prince Ching. The emperor was silent throughout the audience and remained stolid and impassive. Formerly the emperor replied to the ministers in Manchu and the princes interpreted what he said. Today the emperor appeared as an automaton and the secretaries of the foreign ministers who were present report that he looked weaker, less intellectual and more childish than prior to the siege of the legations.

Sir Ernest Satow, the British representative, made the following address:

"My august sovereign has charged me to express to your majesty his sincere desire to see the independence and the integrity of the Chinese empire maintained intact and that the prosperity and happiness of the Chinese people may be hastened by the removal of obstacles to the free exchange of commodities, by the extension of manufactures and by the utilization of the resources of the soil.

"The wonderful improvements in the means of communication between different parts of the world, through the development of steam navigation, railway and telegraphs, has brought all countries into much closer relations than was possible in former times. Thus the nations of the world are enabled to profit by the lessons to be learned from each other in the art of government, in methods of education, in the administration of justice and the application of the public wealth to the advantage of the whole people. If, under the enlightened rule of your majesty, the barriers which in the past hindered the free and mutually advantageous intercourse of China with the rest of the world be completely removed and her domestic institutions wisely regulated, it is certain that China, advancing along the path of progress, will attain to a height of prosperity unknown in the past."

The ministers of the foreign powers entered the Forbidden City at the main gate, leaving their military escorts outside. At the second gate they entered yellow chairs, like those furnished for the prince and secretaries. They walked through the inner courts of the Forbidden City, and their cortege retired from the city by the east gate.

NEW YORK TO ST. LOUIS BY TROLLEY CAR.

Arrangements Being Made for a Through Line System.

La Porte, Ind., Jan. 23—Representatives of a syndicate of eastern and western capitalists are securing options on interurban systems and purchasing rights of way for a trolley line system which by January 1, 1905, will connect St. Louis and New York. The syndicate is expected to purchase many of the smaller electric lines in operation between the two cities. These with the new lines will be converted into an immense trunk system having double tracks part of the way.

The maps show the road will run from New York to Rochester and then to Buffalo. That it will connect Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and other Ohio points, and service will be given to Detroit and other cities in Michigan. The route will then touch the principal cities in nothern Indiana and connect Chicago, Springfield and Illinois cities with St. Louis.

The Montreal Mayoralty.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Mayor Prefontaine has formally offered to withdraw from the mayoralty contest in favor of the English candidate. The situation, however, is not quite cleared yet, as James Cochrane declares he will fight F. Wilson Smith to a finish.

NOTES AT THE CAPITAL.

OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR HALIFAX TO FAREWELL THE CONTINGENT.

North American Fish and Game Association to Meet at Ottawa—Many American Sportsmen to be Present—Tailors Propose to Strike.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Hon. F. W. Borden, minister of militia; Col. Pineault; Col. MacDonald, director of stores; P. W. Borden, accountant; P. Weatherbee, chief engineer, and Col. Cotton, quarter master general, will leave tomorrow morning for Halifax to see the troopship Victorian with the second detachment of the third contingent take its departure.

The North American Fish and Game Protective Association will meet here in January, next year. The holding of this convention in Ottawa will mean a visit from some two hundred sportsmen from all parts of the United States.

The Tailors' Union, which comprises the most competent tradesmen in the city, has notified the employers that after March 15 the present scale of wages, 18½ cents an hour, and the maximum time allowed to finish a garment will not be acceptable. They will ask for an increase in the scale of wages to 20 cents an hour and an increase in the maximum time allowed at present for the completion of a garment.

A. F. G. MacDonald, president of the Canadian Press Association, has written the mayor that the dates for the annual meeting to be held in Ottawa are February 27 and 28. Sir Sandford Fleming has been requested to read a paper on cheaper telegraph rates.

Elias Joseph, the Assyrian pedlar who is confined to the Protestant general hospital as the result of a bullet wound received last Monday at East Alfield, this morning identified David Kingsbury, the man under arrest at Hull, as his assailant. The prisoner denies the charge.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, with Mr. Schrieber, deputy minister of railways, and Mr. Tiffin, traffic manager of the Intercolonial, had an interview with Mr. Newall, general manager of the White Pass, today in regard to having rates changed by that company. Nothing definite was done, but the result will be that rates will be reduced.

GRANITE QUARRIES BUSY IN MAINE.

Heavy Contracts Obtained and More Are Soon Expected.

Waldoboro, Me., Jan. 23—A contract recently has been made whereby the Booth Brothers & Hurricane Isle Granite Company will have a large part of the $600,000 contract for granite for the naval academy at Annapolis. This work is to be finished in Maine quarries within two years and W. S. White, of Rockland, manager of the Booth Brothers & Hurricane Isle Granite Company, has closed the contract.

More than $500,000 worth more of Maine granite will probably go into Maryland in the next year or two on contracts to be made here in the treasury department. Last year congress authorized a new custom house for Baltimore and the treasury department is just getting around to letting bids for the granite. The Mount Waldo Granite Company, of Frankfort, Me., has put in the lowest bid, but there are rival firms which are trying to beat them.

BIG EXPLOSION AT A GOLD MINE.

Three Men Injured by Dynamite in Montague, N. S.

Halifax, Jan. 23—(Special)—A serious accident occurred at Sydney Bau'd's property at Montague today. Three men were preparing dynamite for a blast when it caught fire and exploded with a huge blaze and report.

Three men were more or less injured, but one, Joseph Barker, was so badly burned about the face and body that he was brought to the V. G. hospital, this city, this afternoon.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY

Sending Coal to Cuba and Europe—Competition at Quebec.

Montreal, Jan. 23—(Special)—Cornelius Shields, general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, who is here conferring with local officials, states that the company expects to find a big market for its product in Cuba, where some coal has already been shipped. He says that European shipments have been successful as fresh orders have been received from countries where coal has been tried recently for the first time.

Quebec, Jan. 23—(Special)—Mr. Graham, representing the Dominion Coal and Steel Company, met the harbor commissioners this afternoon and made application to them on behalf of his company for a site on the Louise embankment. This company intends competing with the Dominion Coal Company for coal coming to this port. The harbor commissioners will consider the proposition.

Presbyterian Church Schemes.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Warden has issued a financial report of Presbyterian church schemes for the year ending Feb. 28; $92,050 has been subscribed, but it is estimated that the amount required will be $291,000, making a sum of $198,950 required within the next six weeks to end the year without debt.

SIGNS OF THE END IN THE BOER CONFLICT ARE MULTIPLYING.

Miss Hobhouse, Who Wanted War Secretary Brodrick to Let Her Sue Him, Lord Kitchener and Others on the Charge of False Imprisonment, Fails in Her Plans--Interesting Statements of the Cost of the War, New Colonization Scheme, Etc.

London, Jan. 24—The attempts of Miss Hobhouse to sue Lord Milner, Lord Kitchener or other officers concerned in refusing to allow her to stay in South Africa, have failed owing to the interference on the part of the authorities. Finally Miss Hobhouse asked Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, whether he would take the responsibility and allow her to sue him. Mr. Brodrick declined this proposition. Miss Hobhouse was the first person to agitate regarding the condition of the concentration camps. She went to South Africa again recently, but was not allowed to land there by the British authorities. Suit was begun by her uncle, Lord Hobhouse, against Lord Kitchener, Lord Milner and others on the charge of false imprisonment.

London, Jan. 23.—It is rumored in the lobbies of the House of Commos that last June a Boer delegate from Acting President Schalk-Burger saw Lord Rosebery and submitted peace proposals to him. Lord Rosebery acquainted Lord Salisbury, the premier, with this fact but, according to the rumor, the cabinet declined to consider the matter, on the ground that the war was coming to an end with the unconditional surrender of the Boers.

London, Jan. 23—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Johannesburg, Transvaal Colony, dated Tuesday, January 21, says General Methuen overtook a Boer command, near Boschpoort, January 20, and after a running fight of eight miles capturned all their wagons and cattle and 24 Boers. General Bruce Hamilton made a night march against General Botha, near Witbank, January 18, but the Boer commander had left the camp when the British reached the spot. The latter, however, captured 27 prisoners.

The government has issued the text of the petition received from the Boer prisoners at Bermuda, which was referred to by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in his speech in the house of commons. It is dated September 24 and its signers represent the prisoners encamped on Tuckers Island. The petitioners say they are aware of the impossibility of the Boers retaining their independence and are averse to the continuance of the war, for which they blame those who are still fighting. At least 300 of the prisoners express their willingness to take the oath of allegiance to Great Britain, while the remainder are willing to take the oath of neutrality. It is asked that those taking the oath of allegiance be allowed to return to South Africa, they promising to do their utmost to promote the interests of Great Britain, especially in the direction of ending the war.

The Manchester Guardian says it has good reason to believe that Kaiser Wilhelm is indirectly using his good offices to bring about peace in South Africa.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach stated in the house of commons yesterday that the cost of the Boer war from April, 1901, the commencement of the current financial year, to December 31, was $231,500,000.

New Whatcom, Wash., Jan. 23—Rev. I. W. Barre, rector of Episcopal churches in this city and Fairhaven, has gone to South Africa, it is said, to arrange the final details of a gigantic colonization scheme which the British government will shortly undertake there. It is the idea of the British government to induce a number of British-born subjects now residing in the United States to emigrate to South Africa and, mingling with the Boers, eradicate the feeling of hatred which dwells in their breasts. To induce British subjects in this country to go into the Transvaal the British will offer great inducements in the shape of large grants of lands, cattle, farming utensils, etc.

ENGLAND AND THE BALKANS.

Interesting Statement of the Relations That Include Austria, Turkey, Russia, Montenegro and the Slav States.

London, Jan. 23.—The Times prints a summary of an interview in Vienna in which "a diplomatist residing in London" professes to state the position of Great Britain as to the Balkan provinces on the authority of "a member of the British cabinet.

"English interests in the Balkans and at Constantinople are identical with those of Austria," says the authority. "Recent experiences show that the idea is mistaken that the best Balkan policy is to help Greeks, Bulgarians and Servians to develop into independent civilized nations. Most of them seem to prefer a Russian protectorate to independence. England would be glad if Austria would come to some agreement with Turkey to prevent the Slav states in the Balkan peninsular from becoming a de facto part of Russia. Whether Austria and England would fight as allies would depend on the state of English public opinion at the time of such a crisis. At present they would not enter into an engagement to that effect."

The Vienna correspondent of the Times adds that the relations between Russia and Montenegro have become less friendly than usual, as the Prince of Montenegro objects to the Russian suggestion that his finances be intrusted to some competent foreigner.

CHURCHES TO COMBINE FOR MISSION FIELDS.

Anglicans, Presbyterians and Methodists Plan to Unify Work.

Toronto, Jan. 23—(Special)—A conference of leading men of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches of this city was held tonight at the residence of Rev. Dr. Caven to consider the advisability of dividing up mission territory into such a manner as to secure the greatest possible returns for the money expended and to lessen rivalries now frequently so detrimental to the cause of religion.

As a result of the discussion a strong committee was appointed to draft a memorial setting forth the case for co-operation, which will be laid before the governing bodies of the churches represented at the conference.

Pugilist Fitzsimmons Badly Hurt.

New York, Jan. 23.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, has been badly hurt by falling down a flight of stairs in the Orpheum Theatre, Fulton street, Brooklyn. It is thought his spine is injured.

MILD EARTHQUAKES NOW IN MEXICO.

But the People Were Jarred Too Severely to be Complacent.

Mexico City, Jan. 23.—Another slight earthquake shook Chilpanoingo yesterday afternoon and terrified the people, but no harm was done.

Official data shows that 614 houses, not including the government buildings, were destroyed in the first and second earthquakes. The people continue panic-stricken and fear additional shocks. They are leaving their homes to establish themselves in other towns and cities.

Moncton Schooner Stranded.

Halifax, Jan. 23—(Special)—Word was received this morning from Liverpool, N. S., that the schooner Gladstone, from Sherbrooke for New York with laths, was stranded at Sandy Cove, near there, and in a dangerous position. The Gladstone is 149 tons. She was built at Advocate Harbor in 1891, hails from Moncton and is owned by F. W. Sumner.

HALIFAX AND YARMOUTH RAILWAY.

Statement That Dr. Seward Webb and Friends of New York May Take Over the Contract.

Montreal, Jan. 23—(Special)—A local paper is authority for the statement that serious differences have arisen between Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, and Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, contractors for the Halifax to Yarmouth railway, that as a result the latter may give up the contract and that Dr. Seward Webb and friends, of New York, are willing and anxious to take it up.