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CONSTRUCTION on the Ottawa and New York Railway is being rushed pretty rapidly.

JOSIAH J. ANDERSON, of Sackville, N.B., has been appointed collector of customs at that port. The vacancy was caused by the dismissal of Mr. Milner.

THE Bank of British North America on Saturday last withdrew from the sub-treasury of the United States \$150,000 gold for shipment to Canada. The Bank of Toronto also obtained by express \$100,000.

A BY-LAW to grant the Toronto Rubber Shoe Company a bonus of \$6,500 has been almost unanimously carried in Port Dalhousie. The vote stood 115 for and only 11 against. The people celebrated the event by having a huge bonfire.

MR. JAMES ROBINSON, wholesale boot and shoe jobber, Montreal, has purchased the whole of the present stock of the Bresse factory. It is reported that the price paid for this lot will reach nearly \$50,000, and it will require several cars to ship it to Montreal.

EARLY last Friday night trains brought in 1,500 people to Winnipeg on harvesters' excursions, and during the night eight additional trains deposited some 3,000 or 4,000 more. Hotel accommodations were severely taxed, and several of the men walked round the streets all night.

THE miners' strike at Lethbridge, N.W.T., is settled, the men resuming work on the 24th inst. The miners secured for concession steady work, better ventilation and facilities for handling cars, but no increase in wages. The guaranteed output will be about 12,000 tons per month.

THE plot of land on the Hudson's Bay reserve upon which the gateway of old Fort Garry stands, has been presented to the City of Winnipeg as a jubilee gift by the Hudson's Bay Company. The gateway, which is all that remains of the historic fort, will be preserved, and the surrounding land be turned into a public park.

It is not regarded at Ottawa, according to an advice, as probable that the Customs Department will grant the request of Toronto wholesale houses that French exporting houses in London and Liverpool be given the benefit of the reciprocal tariff on goods not sent into Canada direct from France. The goods must be direct from the country of origin on a through bill of lading, otherwise full duty will have to be collected.

EDWIN CORBIN, of Chicago, as a London, Eng., advice, Aug. 24th, states, has closed a deal amalgamating the United States and Canadian lake fisheries companies, whereby the control of twenty companies passes into the hands of a British company with £1,000,000 capital. Mr. Corbin sails for the United States next week, accompanied by a staff of British accountants, to talk over the business and initiate the consolidation.

THE convention of the Stationary Engineers at Brockville closed on the 25th inst., when the following officers were elected: President, E. J. Phillips, Toronto; vice president, J. W. Chapman, Brockville; secretary, J. G. Robertson, Montreal; treasurer, R. Pettigrew, Hamilton; conductor, G. P. Risler, London; book-keeper, T. C. Morrongton, Toronto. The question as to the advisability of holding bi-annual sessions evoked a lively discussion, and was voted down. For the next convention Hamilton was selected. On behalf of the Association, Mayor Downey presented the past grand president with a valuable jewel.

THE *Japan Weekly Mail* says that one of the important demands for Japanese timber comes from China, where ties are wanted for the projected railways. The Japanese consul at Tientsin recently forwarded two reports on this subject. Lately three firms in England, France and Russia secured contracts to supply 240,000 ties. The English firm is to furnish 103,000, the French 60,000 and the Russian the remainder. The French firm has already received a consignment of Japanese timber, and the English contractors have placed an order in Japan for a part of their allotment. It is said that the export of timber from Siberia has been forbidden by the Russian Government, because of the enormous quantity required for the Siberian railway. Hence the contracts for the Chinese railways must be placed in Japan.

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