THE PREMIER ON HIS **RAILWAY POLICY**

An Interesting Occasion-The Gov rnment Will In Addition to Its Guarantee, Loan the Company Over \$4,000 a Mile.

Railway Bill, was easily the most important of the session, and was await-

The speech of the Premier yesterday | word. Yet herein lies whatever s afternoon on the introduction of the curity the government holds for its normous guarantee of \$44,000,000. This section provides: "The Pacific Company shall cause to ed with general interest and with some be legally, issued, bonds does not be legally issued, bonds does not be anxiety. The full galleries attested total amount equal to \$35,000 per mile

. . . payable in not less than thirty years, with interest at 4 per cent. . . the deep concern of the general public in the occasion, while the rising and Such securities" shall be secured by cheering of government supporters at trust-instrument to trustees its close, although rather too palpably GRANTING A FIRST MORTGAGE. the result of careful rehearsal, indi-cated what importance the party which TION HEREUNDER) upon the speci-Mr. McBride leads in the House attached to the occasion. * * *

fic lines so to be aided, and upon the car ferry tolls equipment and property . . , and upon such of the franchises of the Pa The speech itself, in so far as it re- | cific company as may be appurtenant lieved the anxiety to which reference thereto has been made, was disappointing. |

With most of the matter it contained, there was no disagreement, and in so far as the Premier emphasized the re- COMPANY and any and all subsidies sources and dwelt on the potentiali- which may be granted to the comties of the different districts which will pany."

tioned in debate, which does not lend mit that mortgage to extend to, the itself to enthusiastic description. itself to enthusiastic description.

which have occasioned misgivings and ste the road, or sell it. The task of not a little anxiety. Whether by acci-dent or by choice, he skilfully passed out terminals, however, is obviously dent or by choice, he skilfully passed out terminals, however, is obviously over those features of the measure one that would tax the financial genius which have occasioned apprehension, of a Hamilton. dwelling only on the provision for the

employment of white labor (not yet before the House) and neglecting specific again and again emphasized the imclauses upon which the Legislature, or at least that portion of it which is not content to accept its policy, readymade, from the hands of the government, is entitled to information.

with a dignity and reserve, suitable to

opponents, and setting up men of "The Pacific Com straw for the pleasure of the exercise trust indenture culties, which, according to his state-

campaign. * * *

His statement, also, that his opponents were gleefully anticipating his in par. 6 and sub paragraphs g, h and i, failure to redeem his promises was another creature of imagination and scarcely worthy of him. In fact his

opponents, both newspapers and members, seem to have recognized the situation and appreciated it more accurately than the Premier himself. They

"THERE SHALL BE RESERVED from the operations of said trust in strument . . . ANY AND ALL TERMINALS OF THE PACIFIC

. rolling stock

be traversed by the line, his remarks were seconded, mentally, by perhaps every member in the chamber. It is a unique feature of this province that scarcely a section of it can be men-tioned in debate which does not lend

in the future the company defaults and The disappointment came in the vir it becomes necessary for the province tual failure of the head of the govern-to realize on its securities, it must do ment to elucidate sections of the bill, so in one of two ways. It must oper-

> Throughout his speech, the premier portance of two things. One was that through, and under, and over, all the sponsible railway corporation, the Canadian Northern Railway Company. Yet when he came to sub section k

The Premier was in good voice, and spoke with vigor, and on the whole, drawing the attention of the House to the grave permission there extended, the occasion. His parliamentary style namely, that which allows the Canashows, to some extent, the sobering dian Northern immediately the road is effect of public care, though he has not built, to escape practically al obligaquite outgrown a penchant of his tions with regard to it. The clause lin. But the Manitoba government se

. undertake with derived from knocking them down. For the government to accept the terms . instance he dwelt with some emphasis of this contract, and to construct the on the physical difficulties which he several works, make the several payalleged his opponents claimed existed ments, and do the several things which, on the Barkley Sound extension-diffistructed, paid or done by the Pacific ment, they regarded as insuperable. Company, all in accordance with the It is scarcely necessary to mention that this is a pure myth, which no rea-"Whereupon, and UPON THE COM that this is a pure myth, which no rea-ronable Liberal ever uttered in the PLETION OF THE LINES and ter-THE NORTHERN CO SHALL BE RELIEVED FROM ITS

COVENANTS herein except as agreed of this paragraph and in paragraph 1 (Paragraph 17 is that by which the

company undertakes not to seek Dominion incorporation; the others relate to the Victoria ferry connection.) at least concede that the country havVICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1910.



WHAT IS A "ROAD"? AATEPAYER-"Excuse me, mister, what do I get for this?"

FIRE IN STORE

government is empowered to au-thorize any amendments to the MET DEATH BY thorize any amendments to agreement which they please

Equally silent was he on the power taken by the company in its own act of incorporation to amalgamate .with any other company. In this respect it is in glaring contrast with the Roblin agreement in Manitoba whereby such fusion, especially with the C. P R. was absolutely forbidden.

It is in contrast with that agreemen also with respect to the control of 'rates. The tendency of the premier t "go the whole hog" was shown in his claim that his bill gives a better control than that obtained by Mr. Robyounger days for misrepresenting his reads as follows: opponents, and setting up men of "The Pacific Company shall, by the senger rate to three cents and incor-

porated that undertaking in the bill together with the provision for control taken by the B. C. government.

At the close of his speech the premier made a further disquieting statenent. He indicated that not only was government going to guarantee nds in the form with which the pubposed to go further. Realizing that to the building and the flames extinfor the first few years the rail-way company will be handicapped

three years.

roposes to advance to them as a year- | ing at 11 o'clock. loan the sum of \$840,000 for

In other words the line is to have adto three parts, and Buchart slept in the centre of the building where the a trin abroad. Smiling, he continued:

OLD SETTLER MURDERED.

found Dead in Bed in Parry Sound Hotel-Suspected Assailant Taken Into Custody.

Parry Sound, Ont., March 2 .- Michael J. Davis, 70 years old, of Lorain, Ont., was found dead in bed at the Mont-break through the snow to Wellington. gomery hotel Monday night with his skull fractured. A man who gives the name of Young, a steam driller from afternoon are Bogart, a mail clerk of Atlantic City, N. J., has been arrested on suspicion of having caused Davis's Seattle: Sam Field, E. W. Boles and his brother, of Vancouver, B. C.

Davis for the last thirty years has en a settler in Parry Sound district and came here to make a loan, putting manager of the Great Northern official up at the Montgomery hotel. He re- ly tired at 11 o'clock Monday night, are dead, 16 to 25 missing and 12 in

Young, who had been proviling about jured, were the railroad's latest figures on the Wellington wreck. alarmed the hotel clerk; came down The Great Northern has a man strug. stairs at 11:30 and went to the lava- gling through the snow from Welling tory to wash his hands. It was noticed ton to Scenic Hot Springs, where h

then that there was blood on the towel. will telegraph the list of dead. a fire which broke out in his tinsmith He afterwards went out of the hotel. The suspicions of the clerk were aroused, and upon going upstairs to investigate, he found Davis lying on the Great Northern train in the Welling bed dead with a wound from the point ton slide, has been heard from by bus of a screw-capped flask on his head.

> WILL NOT RETIRE. Wheat King Patten Declares Specula

> > lappy

nearest telegraph staion and comm tion Is the Spice of Life.

"There is nothing like taking chances.

It keeps you young and makes you

would retire within a short time, hav-

a vacation and that he expected to re-

FLEECING FARMER

ner" wheat was an impossibility.

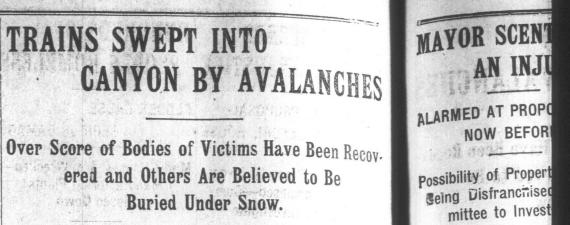
Another Man Implicated in

Bunco Game Given Three

SENTENCED FOR

cated with Spokane. C. S. Eltinge, of the Pacific Coast Deceased occupied a single fronted store in Oriental alley, where he has the spice of life. If I had to go along licved to be among the dead. Latest In other words the line is to have ad-vanced to it a loan of \$2,500,000, or an amount equal to over \$4,200 a mile, in to three parts and Buchart elemt in to three same rut I think I would want to die," declared Wheat King "Jim"

Patten denied the report that he man, who with nine others, struggled



(From Tuesday's

In the legislation no y the B. C. Union .of ayor Morley scents so ay result in the disfra fifteen hundred vor Victoria, and to aver legislative con incil this morning vernment on the g the attention of the natter last night the ad just learned that funicipalities were ash nts to the acts govern cities, including Vict he franchise exercised wners to the actual r this request were his opinion, have th ng off the list of me 1,500 names. Th eat injustice and ok into the matter ayor cited instances ardship would be work who had purchased stallment plan and arters of the purchase ebarred from voting, lor of the property wh a one-third interest w ote attaching to the o

Ald. Fullerton quite a ayor that a mistake w by the Union of Munic oped that the matter died before it was too la City Solicitor Mann point which had been decided by a county of action which had be New Westminster. The nicipalities had gone very thoroughly and in proposal was a just Mayor Morley hinted or the introduction had been thrown on asked that official sible for the Union

taking it up. In reply, Mr. Mann the city barrister, gone into the ques and reported to the Ald. Fullerton was great injustice orkingmen if the nent were secured. should be entitled to Ald. Mable did not proposed arrangement as the mayor would have eve. He knew of wh were empowered to v oast and this would ha It was finally decid confer with the munic

> MUCH FREIG BOOKED

the legislature at once

Opening of Stewa

Enlivening E



IS INTERRUPTED

Inquest To-morrow on Victim of Oriental Alley Blaze

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Andrew Buchart, a native of Scotand, over seventy years of age, died

from suffocation early this morning in store in Oriental alley. Deceased was found lying on the floor by Captain Zeigler, of the Victoria fire brigade, lic are already familiar but that he after an entrance had been obtained

guished. The body was removed to revenues because of the B. C. Undertaking Parlors and an deals in making freight connections he inquest will be held to-morrow morn-

Deceased occupied a single fronted

addition to its huge guarantee.

SMOKE SUFFOCATES ANDREW BUCHART

If the guarantee of the Canadian ing spoken on the railway question Northern is important, as the premier further argument on route, or general rolicy, is superfluous. They accept that again and again re-iterated, why is understand some of the glaring weak- ing is two stories, of brick with lath situation, and are concerned not only with seeing that the bargain thus authorized, is the very best obtainable. turns on it? * * * Those not familiar with Mr. McBride's weakness for persiflage might have judged from his speech yesterday that ure of the work-roadbed, grades, and of the House, and its representatives he was about to enter a political campaign in which the rallway was his principal policy, rather than that he was consummating an important vision that "the character of the coun-agreement in which every clause and try through which the lines pass shall torate absolved them from, and in turn The fire was discovered by R. be taken into consideration." phrase required the most careful and * * * sidered scrutiny. His speech had a little too much the exultation of success at the polls, and too little of the critical poise so important to the prov- the standard of the main line of the duly but it is an obvious one. ince at the present time. And it goes C. N. R. as constructed between Win without saying that his following re-quire the latter more than the former. In the conditions of that line was when first completed and constructed." The The extravagance of his statements premier asked the house to enthusiasin one or two particulars, too, weak- tically endorse a guarantee of a line ened, rather than strengthened, his whose gradients ballasting etc., will be case. A claim that the bed of the Can- not of a certain per cent. as to grades Sailing Vessel is Badly Damadian Northern in Manitoba, and its and curves, or of a specified standard rolling stock, is superior to that of the as to roadbed, but equal to the "original C.P.R. is so obviously absurd that the Fremier would scarcely have made it had he not thought it necessary in or-der to justify the loosely-worded clause of a most perfunctory type. The fact in the bill which makes the original that it was passed by Dominion enroadbed of the Canadian Northern in gincers, cited by the premier, is of no that province the standard for the new 'significance, because the mileage subsidy given by the Dominion was low, Royal Mail line, states to-day that the line in British Columbia. and in any event the road was needed. Tagus collided with the schooner Re-The points on which the Premier to relieve the wheat carrying congesfailed to enlighten the House included tion, and the country was glad of any several of the most vital importance; relief. The premier evidently relies on the docility of his large following in and on these he was dumb. Prominent among these was the question of sethe House to stand for anything. curity-a matter of more importance with every prudent investor, than even There was an amused smile passed the return upon his money. In respect over the faces even of government supporters when the clause which is to to this primary feature the contract is lions of dollars" as described by the scene. The accident occurred in a chief found the flames had been sub-premier was read. This clause prosingularly weak, and while there is no disposition to suggest that the Premier wilfully left out of the contract, essen-

tial safeguards, the more charitable vides that the railway will buy all their conclusion is that he was worsted in materials in British Columbia if they the framing of that agreement by men can be bought on "as good terms as whose long experience in such matters those obtainable elsewhere." This has made them exceedingly wily in drawing up their contracts. While this is the case, if the government carries it any wonder? through the Legislature an agreement

in which the province is shorn of the ost reasonable of safeguards, they take a grave responsibility, which unfortunately may become an actuality only after those responsible for it have passed off the stage.

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Section nine, relating to the bonds to e guaranteed, and the terms of the ust deed securing payment of these nds, the Premier dismissed with a be guaranteed, and the terms of the trust deed securing payment of these

bonds, the Premier dismissed with a ! taken under section 18 whereby the she died within an hour

fire is said by the members of the fire It is well that the public may clearly department to have started. The buildthat road specifically relieved of al-most all its responsibilities immediate-. Liberalism, which voices the need for have broken out about 3 a.m. in or bely the line is built and before a wheel economy and a proper conservation of neath the bed occupied by deceased, our natural resources and our wealth as beneath the bed there are two large while legitimately aiding enterprise, holes burnt through the floor and the

Equally weak is that important feat- are measurely represented on the floor mattress is entirely consumed. When discovered deceased had left curves. Grades, and curves are not cannot in the nature of things do much his bed and gone on hands and knees fixed beyond the perfectly idle pro- to make the government pause in its to the rear room, evidently trying to it falls on the more independent Con-servatives, who must share the grave tian blinds, who occupied the adjoin-

The standard of the roadbed is responsibility of enacting this legisla- ing building. He was asleep and was equally vague. It "shall be equal to tion. It is naturally an unpleasant awakened by smoke in the room about 3 o'clock. He had to crawl on hands and knees to escape being suffocated,

> and was able to make his escape b the front door, where fortunately, the key had been left in the lock on SCHOONER IN FOG

aged-Tug Sent to the

Scene

New York, March 2 .- A wireless mes-

the schooner was badly damaged. The

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Kansas City, Mo., March 2.-Because on the floor.

ously damaged.

the inside. "Had the key not been there I should never have got out to give the alarm,

Years he said this morning. "My store was thick with smoke and the fire had been burning some time when I awoke. It was with great difficulty that I was able to get from my bed to the door, and I was in a state of collapse when land, yesterday to three years in the my train, consisting of engine, baggage gation works, breaks in canals reached the outside air. I called for

help and some men came from Johnson street and turned in the alarm." he last curtain has been rung down. stood the fast mail, on which were six-In Straingeway's store, at the join-Two of the men charged with fleecing teen or eighteen mail clerks. About 16 ing of the walls and ceiling, are the the Beilingham farmer, Lars Olson, track laborers were also sleeping on being many thousands of dol discolorations showing that the smoke were found guilty and are to spend the train in the day coaches. that nearly ended a second life had equal terms in the penitentiary, while public off Thomaston, Maine, and that made its way in freely.

the third was allowed his freedom the mountain on a switchback. Sunday, The fire brigade was called just bethrough turning King's evidence. Conley was implicated in the affair far above us an enormous cap of snow

schooner. The steamer was not seri- trance from the front. The flames, however, prevented the men getting in-Harry Overton, the man now free. W. clinging to the sparse timber. to the building, and a hose was run to play on the flames from the front, one, who was caught here with Over- the east side of the hotel, carrying tim-The collision occurred 30 miles south- play on the flames from the front, east of Barnegate light. The wrecking while an entrance was attempted from ton, was sentenced to three years last ber with it in a great avalanche of tug Relief has been dispatched to the the rear. Returning to the front, the snow. That night there was a slide a autumn. Olson, who lives in Bellingham, com-plained to the police here last summer that he had been fleeced into betting

Buchart, for it was not until he reon the races at Minoru park by means it snowed continuously with terrific of supposedly sure tips given out in a room in a Granville street block by Overton and Stanton, who claimed to turned, following Capt. Zeigler, that the latter discovered the body lying

rosy outlook failed to elicit a cheer she slapped her baby brother for teas- From the position of the holes in the even from the well drilled ranks. Is ing her, Doris Blond, five years old, is floor it is believed by Fire Chief Davis him that they were in a position to get all-day battle with the snow reached ing her, Doris Blond, five years old, is dead to-day from burns she received when the little boy set fire to her before going to sleep, and that when the little boy set fire to her before going to sleep, and that the hereway was officially given out. the news was officially given out.

Victorians were eager to hear whether the provision for a ferry ser-vice may be accepted as an under-taking to deliver unbroken carleads of their home when the taking to deliver unbroken carloads of in the nursery of their home, when the a native of Scotland, aged 71. He came arrested and committed for trial. It freight in this city, or whether a accident occurred. Morris had been to Canada at an early age, and has developed through Overton that there steamer scruice may not comply with teasing the little girl, according to her been in Victoria about twenty years. all the terms exacted by the bill. On nurse. When she struck him the boy He was married, but his wife pre- given as Jas. Conley, of Portland. De-

ing made \$12,000,000 by speculation. He train Monday and made their way out "I left Soap Lake just a week ago said his trip abroad was to be merely Two Men Lose Their Livesby the Great Northern. By the time reached the mountains the train turn to his work refreshed in mind and Property Loss Will Be ad about seventy passengers aboard. At about 6 o'clock Wednesday morn Heavy In the course of his remarks at parting we were stopped at the east por ing, the wheat king said that to "coral of the Cascade tunnel. We remained there until Friday. (Times Leased Wire.) "On Friday night we left the east portal, and a few hours later an ava-Boise, Idaho, March 2 .- All stream anche wiped out the station and bunk Southern Idaho are to-day hig ouse, killing two men. We pulled than ever before known, and da brough the tunnel as far as Wellingas a result of the floods is of proportions. Railroad traffic is on, about a half-mile beyond the west standstill, and Boise and other a "At Wellington there are three in this section of the state are pletely cut off from outside commun acks. On the track nearest the mounain side stood Superintendent O'Neill's cation, except by wire. private car, two box cars, the engine Five miles of track on the main the Oregon Short Line is w and three of the electric motors; used of to haul trains through the tunnel. On out west of Glenn's Ferry, and be several days before the trains these cars were the superintendent, Vancouver, B. C., March 2.-With train crews and porters. On the second be operated. the sentencing of Jas. Conley of Port- track from the mountain side stood The greatest damage has been to penitentiary for complicity in the bunco car, two coaches, two sleepers and an reported from all sections of the i racing gambling game of last summer, observation car. On the third track sated sections. The Twin Falls country is everely, the loss to farmer Two men were drowned 1

TRAINS SWEPT INTO

Buried Under Snow.

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ton, where two trains wer

the ravine by an avalat

Wild and unauthentic

the railroad officials are

The Great Northern officials had

The only authoriative info

and 20 missing, 12 are known

lrifts which have buried the tracks and

blocked all roads and trails make the

That there is work of great he

being carried on by the surviv

now and debris in hope of r

Ellensburg, Wash., March 2.

Milwaukee silk train, bound

snowslide in the Cascade

ion to the telegraph wires, a

train escaped or perished in the

nolished. Will wire developm

Hot Springs, at 1:15 this after

was the first authentic news from

avalanche received here since

chief coroner in Seattle, who will leave

SAN FRANCISCO TRAGEDY.

Man Held Pending Investigation Into Death of His Wife.

San Francisco, Cal., March 2 .- Pend-

ng an investigation into unexplained

events' surrounding the death of Mrs.

J. Rote from a gunshot wound in th

nead, her husband, John Rote, is in

Late last night the sound of a revolver shot was heard at the Ro

ome on Fulton street. Neighbors rus

ed to the house and found Mrs R

lying on the floor dead with a bulle

Later her husband was taken int

custody. Rote runs a grocery stor

the city prison to-day.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC

in her brain.

wreck. The message was sent

night if possible."

on the next train.

The above message

Message for Coroner

Seattle, Wash., March 2 .- "Undout

edly 60 dead. Train completely of

coroner Borthwick, dated at Sce

net known whether the cres

eported here late this after

acoma to New York, is

Details are lacking owing

some of those who are believed still a

Another Accident. Reported

the scene and by the men o

ton is known. They are s

against the great avalanche

was received over this wire.

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The terrible volume

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been sent out of this cit

vicinity of the acciden

failed no

Everett, Wash., March 2 .- Twenty- | noon that twenty-five persons ar

three bodies recovered, twenty-five still and that about twenty are

Two trains, Spokane local No. 25, and their statements.

missing and twenty injured, is the

summary of the casualties in the

snowslide which swept two trains down

the mountain side at Wellington at 4

fast mail No. 25, an exclusive mail

otors, one rotary snow plough and

Supt. O'Neill's private car, were hurl-

The reports that Wellington was also

ous. The two principal buildings in the

village, the depot and the hotel, are

anding, and no damage was done to

The trains were all standing on side

tracks a few hundred yards from the

tation. This morning's list of identi-

E. R. Longcoy, secretary to Supt

Louis Walker, porter on O'Neill's

Watchman Johnson, killed in separ-

Sunt O'Neill is believed to be alive

He was not on his car when the slide

The wires to Scenic have been down

all morning, cutting off all news from

the scene of the avalanche. One relief

with some of the injured, according to Great Northern officials. Seventy men

with provisions left Everett this morn-

ing on No. 4. This train will go as far

as possible into the mountains. The

break through the snow to Wellington. Among those known to be on the

wreck and still unaccounted for this

Spokane; John D. Fox, a mail clerk of

Official Report.

Seattle, Wash., March 2 .- The traffic

The Great Northern has a man strug-

Spokane Man Missing.

Merritt, Spokane, a passenger on

Spokane, Wash., March 2 .- J. W

ness associates here. According to meager information he was not seri-

usly injured, and on extricating him-

self from the wreckage, hurried to the

Tramp Through Snow to Safety.

story of John S. Rogers, a real estate

through the snow from the stalled

Everett, Wash., March 2 .- This is the

announced this afternoon that 25

rain is due back at 6.30 this evening

Trainmaster A. R. Blackburn.

swept away by the slide are errone- injured.

ed to the bottom of the canyon, a dis-

train, three engines, four electric

o'clock yesterday morning.

tance of about 150 feet.

fled dead is as follows:

ate slide at Drury.

ame

"Years ago the railroad climbed over King Hill while trying spension bridge over the we noticed on top of this switchback river. Bridge Carried Away last summer, through the evidence of hanging precariously on the side and Walla Walla, Wash., March

heavy rains and warm ter The ting the snow and augme flood here every stream in is to-day running bank full are out of their regular the excellent system of and division of the stream city is saving Walla Walla fi damage. As it is, in the town the stream has escaped nd houses are surroun

ter, which in places is four Garrison and Yellow Hawk also turbulent to-day. washing out the Fourth s and stopping traffic on car l south part of the city. There is danger that the S ridge will go out, thus cutt hom; August Van Larken, Seattle; Guisseppi Dinatalo, Portland; H. L interurban street car line The O. R. & N. has but

operation, that to Pendletor branch going out of Twenty Missing this morning. Reports from surrounding 1 Everett, Wash., March 2 .- The Great Northern officials announce this after- the floods are the worst in y

Wertz, Hillyard; E. W. Bowles, Van-

Busine There is promise freight and passenger north this spring. All ship companies are ahead and it is now the business done thi outdo anything that h the coast for many y The C. P. R. freigh will leave for the n week commencing th series of cargoes wh been secured. There machinery to be ta and all sorts of ne supplies to the Queen Charlotte Isla and coast inlets. The opening up stewart will in itse usiness to keep m f steamers busy, and t will be an excee luring the coming For the next year, plies to that place ern section of the the coast. The business to be don ately guaged. The right indeed that t are liable to fail far culations. The building of the ern railway is also iness on the coas tainly bright times a

FAVOR S

Terireers and Firem if Demands an

ing as well as all

the province.

Minnipeapolis, Minn men and engineers on ern and Northern have completed a is rumored to-day h whelmingly in favor unless the roads m made last Novemb outsiders that men favor a strike