

sale, as provided by this section, whether concerning or incidental to the appointment of the sequestrator, the duties, rights, or powers of the sequestrator, the operation or sale of the railway, the distribution or application of the proceeds of such sale, or otherwise, shall be in accordance, as nearly as may be, with the procedure in similar matters in force in such province with respect to the sequestration or sale of railways within the legislative authority of the legislature of such province.

"3. This section shall have force & effect only with respect to such companies as are designated from time to time by proclamation of the Governor General; & it shall cease to have effect with respect to any such company on & after a day to be mentioned by proclamation of the Governor General."

In regard to the last amendment proposed by the bill, the Minister, in introducing it, said: "It appears that there are, or is, at all events, a railway company which has been in the receipt of aid from one of the provinces, which has operated a part of its line, but which does not choose to operate the remainder of its line, & the non-operation of which is a great detriment to that section of the community. The object is to enable some tribunal to deal with such a condition of things, & to insist, by the exercise of the pressure which an authority of this kind will confer on the tribunal, upon its being operated. It operates a part of its line profitably already."

Snow on the White Pass & Yukon.

The fall of snow in Alaska & Yukon during the past winter has been unusually deep & the operation of the White Pass & Yukon Ry. has been attended with greater difficulties than was the case during the winter previous. The exact snowfall during the entire winter we have not been able to ascertain, but during Dec., 1899, the snowfall at Glacier, on the line of the road, was 90½ ins.; the fall at the summit of White Pass was 55 ins.; & at Log Cabin, between the summit & Lake Bennett, it was 74½ ins. The snowfall during Jan. was heavy, although not quite as much as during Dec. During Feb. & up to Mar. 10 there were snow storms at occasional intervals, with more or less obstruction to the passage of trains. In anticipation of trouble from deep snow a narrow gauge snow-plow of the ordinary rotary type, specially constructed for the road, had been provided in season, & owing to the drifting of the snow, which has been the

principal source of trouble, the services of this machine have been indispensable to train operation. Except during times of temporary blockade two passenger trains have been run each way, daily, all winter, besides freight trains, the necessity for keeping the traffic moving being more urgent than otherwise for the reason that construction work on the extension of the road beyond Lake Bennett has been carried on all winter with a force of about 500 men. The greatest difficulties were encountered during a few days ending with Mar. 10, when, in a determined effort to raise the blockade, the rotary was kept continuously at work for 105 hours. The experience with the rotary plow under the conditions which have prevailed on this road, has shown some of the weak points in rotary plows as ordinarily constructed for narrow gauge lines, the result of which is that specifications have been drawn, & work is now proceeding on the construction of a new plow along improved lines, for service next winter.—*Railway & Engineering Review.*

Nova Scotia Legislation.

Among the acts passed at the recent session of the N. S. Legislature were the following:—

To encourage manufacturing & ship building.

Relating to the Stewiacke Valley & Lansdowne Ry. Co.

Relating to the re-appraisal of lands in the Municipality of Barrington required for track & station purposes of the Halifax & Yarmouth Ry.

To amend the act to incorporate the Canso & Louisburg Ry. Co.

To confirm the contract between the Government & the Inverness & Richmond Ry. Co.

To amend the act to incorporate the Liverpool & Milton Tramway Co., hereafter to be called the Liverpool & Milton Ry. Co.

To incorporate the Nova Scotia Coal, Iron, Copper & Ry. Co.

To amend the act incorporating the Valley Telephone Co.

To amend the act incorporating the Barrington & Cape Island Steam Ferry Co.

To amend the act respecting the N. S. Southern Ry. Co.

To incorporate the Cape Breton Electric Tramway Co.

Relating to the Inverness & Richmond Ry. Co., & to the act incorporating the Co. & the acts in amendment thereof.

To incorporate the Weymouth Terminal Ry. Co.

To amend the act incorporating the Cape Breton Ry. Extension Co.

To amend the act incorporating the Liverpool Marine Co.

To amend the act incorporating the Sydney Ferry Co.

Snow Hedges for Semi Arid Plains.

A Reinisch, Lawrence, Kan., writes: *Eleagnus angustifolia*, or Russian olive, deserves to be placed first in the list of trees for snow hedges. It was brought to this country by the Russian Mennonites, who settled in Kansas & Nebraska since 1837, & has proven to be perfectly hardy in its new home, adapts itself to nearly all situations & soils, & transplants easily. The wood is hard & heavy; bark shining brown; leaves willow shape, dark green, glossy, silvery white underneath; flowers small, deep yellow, very fragrant & appear abundantly in May & June; fruit a small nut, with a whitish downy covering, ripening in October. It is one of the prettiest lawn trees on account of its contrast with trees of heavier foliage. Its value as a snow hedge consists in its adaptability to the most varying conditions of climate, remaining green when other trees become parched with drouth & hot winds, & coming out of the severest winters unharmed. It naturally grows bush-like & quickly makes a dense hedge, & by trimming, a fine ornamental hedge. Its value as a construction timber has not been fully tested, as it takes some time to prove its durability in the ground as a tie or post.—*Railroad Gazette.*

C.P.R. Reports Wanted.

Wanted copies of the annual reports for 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 & 1886 in pamphlet form. Any one having copies is requested to communicate with The Manager, RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, Toronto.

C.P.R. Prizes for Live Stock.—The C.P.R. Co. has donated 15 cash prizes, to be awarded at the Winnipeg Twentieth Century Industrial Exhibition next July, for thoroughbred cattle, bred & raised in Manitoba or the N.W.T. This is in line with the Co.'s policy in encouraging the live stock industry of the Canadian West by the importation of thoroughbred sires recently.



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