

WILL RUSH WORK ON THE ISLAND

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY WILLIAM WHYTE

Railway Construction and Land Clearing Operations to Be Proceeded With

Winnipeg, April 27.—After spending three weeks in travelling over western lines and inspecting works of improvement, consumed during the season, Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., returned to this city last night.

So favorable are the reports which have been received that the company has decided to rush construction work ahead with all possible haste and before the season closes several new lines will be in position for carrying freight and passengers.

As climatic conditions on the island are not such as to seriously hamper the work of construction at any time of the year, it is expected that the greater portion of the contemplated work which is planned for Vancouver Island will be well under way by the end of 1907.

Mr. Whyte also announced that the work of clearing a large tract of land on Vancouver Island would also be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

The contract calls for the clearing of 10,000 acres adjacent to Victoria at a figure of \$15 an acre involving an expenditure of \$150,000.

DEATH OF THE INNOCENTS. Many Children Die of Measles Aboard Emigrant Ship.

Honolulu, April 27.—The steamer Heliopolis has arrived from Malaga with 2,200 Spanish immigrants. During the voyage there were 14 births and 10 deaths—all of children from the measles.

VICTORIA SURPASSES ALL OTHER CITIES

Increases in Bank Clearings For Past Week Greater Than Elsewhere in Dominion.

Bradstreet's weekly trade returns show that in the matter of bank clearings, Victoria occupies the first place among the cities of Canada in the matter of increasing business over that of the same month last year.

Some of the clearings given by Bradstreet for the week are as follows: Montreal, \$26,085,000, decrease 1.9 per cent.; Toronto, \$22,533,000, decrease 2.2 per cent.; Winnipeg, \$11,077,000, increase 2.2 per cent.; Ottawa, \$5,990,000, increase 31 per cent.; Vancouver, \$3,432,000, increase 43.8 per cent.; Halifax, \$1,701,000, decrease 1.1 per cent.; Quebec, \$1,701,000, increase 22.9 per cent.; Hamilton, \$1,671,000, increase 14.6 per cent.; St. John, N. B., \$1,243,000, increase 12.6 per cent.; London, \$1,389,000, increase 22.4 per cent.; Victoria, \$1,124,000, increase 80.3 per cent.; Calgary, \$1,389,000, \$1,122,000.

GOTCH AGAIN CHAMPION.

Chicago, April 27.—Frank Gotch, of Iowa, last night defeated Fred Beal, of Wisconsin, for the American wrestling championship, winning the first fall and the third fall with toe holds in 36 minutes and 15 minutes respectively. Neither man wore shoes. Gotch was 50 pounds heavier than Beal, but Beal put up a great fight. He won the second fall in three minutes with a combination bar lock and grape-vine hold.

SHOT BY FORMER SWEETHEART. Young Woman Killed Man and Then Ended Her Life.

Ottawa, April 25.—Thaddeus Stevens Ross, of this city, was shot three times and instantly killed here yesterday. The tragedy occurred in the office of Dr. Geo. W. Mares, while the doctor was at lunch. Both victims are of good family. Ross was to have been married last night to Miss Drusilla Samuel of this city. There were no witnesses to the shooting. The murderer and suicide was a former sweetheart of the dead man. Ross was dining at home with his family, discussing his coming wedding, when the telephone rang. His father answered the call, and a woman's voice made inquiry after "Thad." Mr. Ross called his son and the young man, answering, picked up his hat, and informed his family he had to go to the doctor's office for a few minutes, but would return as soon as he could. This was the last his parents saw of him alive.

THWARTED VON BUELOW. Favored Italian Compromise Regarding Limitation of Armaments.

Berlin, April 25.—According to reliable information received here, the attitude of Germany toward the Italian compromise proposition in the matter of discussing at The Hague peace conference the question of the limitation of armaments is due to the interest policies of the emper. Prince Von Buelow, the German imperial chancellor, was sincere in agreeing with Signor Tonelli, the Italian foreign minister, at Rapallo concerning the substance of that proposal, but according to the reports received in Rome, Herr Von Tschudi, the German secretary for foreign affairs, who is rather influenced by the anti-Italian current, was the person who had the proposal rejected. By doing this he pleased the party in Germany that is opposed to Prince Von Buelow.

BROKEN RAILS. Report Issued by New York State Railroad Commission.

Albany, N. Y., April 25.—Broken rails removed from the tracks of railroads of New York state during the months of January, February and March just past were many more than in the corresponding three months of either the past two years, according to a bulletin issued to-night by the state railroad commission, which has just completed its investigation of the breakage of rails on the tracks of the principal railroads of the state. The report says:

"The unusually large number reported during the last winter caused the investigation of the matter by the state commission. There was a total of 1,041 breakages on the principal lines during the quarter ending the corresponding three months of 1906 the total was 825, and during the corresponding three months of 1905 the total of 1,281.

The matter in detail has been presented to the American Railway Association, which is now holding its convention in Chicago, and it has been requested that the matter be taken up for discussion and action by the various railroad managers. It is probable that the convention will bring into the cause of the greatly increasing number of breakages, and that a conference will be held with a view to discovering whether the alarming number of breakages is due to the method of manufacture or to the metal's composition."

One of the commission's tables analyzes the total loss to weight of rails and appears to show that while the breakages in 1905 and 1906 were chiefly in 80-pound rails, the largest number in the quarter just passed was in the 100-pound rails. Another table analyzes the figures as to the dates when the removal of rails was made, and apparently showed the heaviest breakage totals in rails rolled since 1905, and especially those rolled in 1906 and 1907. This table shows also that some rails are in use, especially on branch lines, which were manufactured as long ago as 1872.

ANARCHISTS ARRESTED.

Believed to Be Implicated in Plot to Kill Prince Albert of Belgium.

Brussels, April 25.—An anarchist armed with a dagger, a loaded revolver and other weapons was arrested in a church where Prince Albert of Belgium, nephew of King Leopold, and his presence was about to visit. One of the attendants of the church accidentally discovered the man in hiding in a confession box, locked the door and called the police. Later three other anarchists, similarly armed, were arrested in the vicinity of the church. The man later admitted that they were French anarchists. The authorities are convinced that the prisoners were engaged in a plot to assassinate the Prince.

FIRE IN A CONVENT.

Quebec, April 25.—A serious panic was narrowly avoided when fire broke out in the Bon Pasteur convent at midnight. The flames by heroic work confined the flames to one flat, but the loss is heavy.

FARM HAND KILLED.

Carman, Man., April 25.—Charles Hugo, aged 40, was killed in a runaway this morning on the farm of Joseph Russell at Barnesley. He had been working for Russell one month. He was sitting on a wagon near another man driving the team, which got frightened at the noise made by the wagon on the frozen ground, and ran away, throwing the driver's head on the hard ground and breaking his skull. He lived only fifteen minutes, not realizing consciousness until he was taken to Hampton Court, England, last September, and worked in the Union Bank in Winnipeg for three months when he came back to work and learn farming with Russell.

APRIL SNOW.

Kansas City, April 25.—Snow in northern Kansas and northern Missouri and freezing weather extending from the Nebraska-Texas state line south into the Panhandle of Texas was reported to-day with predictions of colder weather by night. The temperature here this morning reached 59 degrees. All animals naturally exposed to pursuit from their enemies—the hare, rabbit and squirrel—can see all round them, and all the rodents squint.



THE CENTRAL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Winch, H. Sargison, B. Robson, W. Cox. The Central Rugby Club, since its organization in 1903, has held an enviable record. That season they won the city Junior championship, and the following two seasons were successful in the intermediate class. The season just closed they challenged the James Bays to a series and won 3 games out of 4 played.

OBTAINED ORDER FROM THE COURT SHIPWRIGHTS SEEK TOOLS AND EFFECTS Claim That These Are Illegally Detained—Action Against Salvation Army.

Yesterday in the County court a order was made on behalf of the shipwrights who came from Scotland to work in Bullen's yards and who allege that they have been deceived by the Salvation Army immigration department. Complaint has been made by the men that their tools were sent on to Victoria while the checks for them were forwarded to Bullen's. Application was made before Judge Lammpan yesterday by Mr. Brydon-Jack, acting for the men, looking to the recovery of these tools and effects, and an order was accordingly made. Sheriff Richards will probably act on it to-day or Monday. The tools are supposed to be in the freight sheds of the C. P. R. wharf.

PRICE OF LUMBER IS AGAIN ADVANCED. Lumbermen Give as Reasons Small Log-Cut, Scarcity of Labor and Car Shortage.

Edmonton, Alta., April 27.—Unofficial, but at the same time thoroughly reliable advice has been received from Vancouver that the British Columbia lumber manufacturers have decided to advance the price of lumber again. The Mountain Lumbermen's Manufacturing Association have decided to make the following advances: Dimension timber and boards, advance 32 per thousand; shiplap, 14 to 23 per thousand.

MARRIED AT SPRING RIDGE. Mr. R. H. Neelds and Miss Banfield United in Matrimony.

The Spring Ridge Methodist church was the scene of a very pretty event on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., when the Rev. G. K. E. Adams united in the holy bonds of matrimony Robert Henry the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Neelds, of Cook street and Margaret Fernina, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Banfield of "Ridge Slope," Victoria.

TORONTO NOTES. President of University—Midland Local Option By-Law Quashed.

Toronto, April 25.—After considering eighty names and spending months in consultation, the governors of Toronto university have finally decided upon Robert Falconer, M.A., for president. The appointment was made at the regular meeting of the board this afternoon, and was unanimous. Quashed. Chief Justice Mulock has quashed the local option by-law passed by Midland in January last. The vote was 477 to 224 in its favor. Increasing Capital. The government will consent to the increase of capital applied for by the Toronto Electric railway from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Goes to Pentitentiary. Fred Chambers, alias Frank Cameron, was sentenced at Peterboro to-day to six years in the penitentiary for stabbing a number of people in Peterboro. He is from the United States, and had a bad criminal record.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE. A sawyer employed in the McNaughton lumber camp, near Lund, B.C., was killed on Tuesday by a falling tree. His fellow workmen in the camp knew very little regarding the dead man, beyond the fact that his name was Erickson. The steamer Comox took the body to Vancouver on Wednesday.

MONUMENT TO D'ARCY MAGEE. Ottawa, April 25.—Next session there will likely be a grant for a monument to D'Arcy Magee.

SAVINGS BANK INTEREST. Ottawa, April 25.—In the senate to-day Sir Richard Cartwright said that the government had no intention of increasing the savings bank interest. It was not a good thing for the country to change the interest rates frequently.

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DOMINION HOUSE NOW PROROGUED FIVE-MONTH SESSION BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Ottawa, Ont., April 27.—Parliament was prorogued at 1 o'clock to-day. The guard of honor was supplied by the Governor-General's Foot Guards and the battery fired a salute from Nepean Point. The only legislation of any great importance was tariff revision. Notwithstanding this the session lasted five months and five days. The obstructionist tactics of the opposition were largely resorted to. Parliament met on Nov. 22nd, 1906.

PEARY'S EXPEDITION. Rushing Preparations for Polar Trip--Lack of Funds is Causing Explorer Uneasiness.

New York, April 25.—Robert E. Peary more hopeful than ever of reaching the pole, is rushing preparations to take the Roosevelt again. He hopes to leave New York by the end of June or in the first week of July. After wintering on the north coast of Grant Land, he will make his dash for the coveted prize in February and hopes to return triumphant about fourteen months after starting from New York. Only the lack of absolute certainty that enough money will be forthcoming to finance the expedition is troubling him. "It is incredible with so many men in New York who can spare \$100,000 without missing it, that the expedition should have to be abandoned for lack of funds," said Mr. Peary. "Honestly I have no doubt that the money will come from somewhere, though I have no absolute assurance of it as yet."

THE LORDS' DAY ACT. Newsboy Charged With Selling Papers on Train on Sunday.

Guelph, Ont., April 25.—Newsboy Rattye, of the Canadian Railway News Company, appeared to-day before Magistrate Saunders, charged with violation of the Lord's Day Act, in that he sold copies of the Sunday World while the westbound Grand Trunk train was passing through Guelph on Sunday, April 14.

NAMES OF DEAD. Seven Were Badly Wounded in Yesterday's Disaster.

Black Diamond, Wn., April 27.—The three men killed in the accident in the mines here reported in yesterday's Times were Mike Bentley, Alberto Bonino, single; Joseph Delmont, single; Mike Michelletti, R. Rees, John Sobrado and four others are badly injured.

DRAGGED TO DEATH. Portland, April 28.—An Oregonian special from Walla Walla says: Louis R. Rizzuto, 8 years old, was dragged to death by a frightened cow two miles south of here. The boy was attending a cow in pasture and had tied the rope around his waist. The frightened beast ran a quarter of a mile, dragging the helpless child through a barbed wire fence and into the Yellow Hawk river before she was stopped. The body was badly bruised and torn and practically stripped of clothing when taken from the river.

MRS. PERKINS ACQUITTED. Cayuga, Ont., April 25.—Although it is but a few hours since she was acquitted of a charge of poisoning her husband, Mrs. Mattie Perkins plans a dressmaking establishment here in Cayuga, near the home of her aged father and mother. Mrs. Perkins told some of her friends about the time of her arrest that she had made \$500 with her needle.

POOL CHAMPION. Greensburg, Pa., April 26.—Thomas Hueston, of St. Louis, retains the pool championship of the United States, having defeated W. H. Clearwater, of Greensburg, in a series of three games. Hueston's total was 800, Clearwater 557.

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STREETS COMMITTEE MET LAST NIGHT Question of Garbage Collection Came up and Will Be Further Considered.

The streets committee last night spent most of the evening in the consideration of the proposition to take over the collection of the garbage. Hitherto this has been done by private individuals. They have a fixed scale of charges and make a good living from the business. The city proposes to charge 50 cents per load for the collection of refuse. It is estimated by the mayor that this would pay the cost of collection and net the city a nice little revenue besides. The committee are, however, looking into the question themselves, and the city engineer has been instructed to report as to the cost of carts and the number of horses and carts necessary to the taking over of the business by the city. He will also submit a report as to the cost of maintenance. It has not yet been decided to dispose of the garbage by means of an incinerator plant. At present this is believed to be hardly practicable. As to the idea of turning the whole over to a private company, the committee are undecided, but the general feeling seems to be that if a private company can make the scheme pay the city can do it. The city engineer has been instructed to report as to the cost of carts and the number of horses and carts necessary to the taking over of the business by the city. He will also submit a report as to the cost of maintenance. It has not yet been decided to dispose of the garbage by means of an incinerator plant. At present this is believed to be hardly practicable. As to the idea of turning the whole over to a private company, the committee are undecided, but the general feeling seems to be that if a private company can make the scheme pay the city can do it.

TO ANNUL MARRIAGES. Ottawa, April 28.—A bill from the province of Ontario was introduced by the minister of Justice to annul marriages of those between 14 and 18 years of age, entered into without the consent of their parents. It was defeated in committee.

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