

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Ontario Government to Build and Operate Road From Cobalt to Sudbury.

Will Give Toronto an Alternative Route to the Northern Country.

RICH MINERAL AND FOREST COUNTRY.

TORONTO, April 6.—Government activity, if all accounts be true, is not to be exhausted in the development of the Gillies limit mineral deposits. The success of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario road in its incidental as well as its intended results has led to the determination to extend the principle of Government railway building still further, should the observations of a more deliberate survey justify the expectations aroused by preliminary reports. The region to be traversed by the new line, as the press is informed, is that lying between Sudbury and Cobalt, and survey parties will engage in the necessary work of location as soon as the season renders it practicable.

It would, of course, be premature to attempt to define with any degree of accuracy the route to be followed by the new railway, and the whole district is so rich in minerals and forest resources that alternative courses will frequently present themselves. The grades to be met in the general direction are said to be of such an easy nature that the most favorable anticipations present themselves from an engineering point of view.

To Toronto the matter is one of immediate interest and importance, as a

line from Cobalt to Sudbury at once gives an alternative route by the C. P. R. to the new territory of northern Ontario stretching through the clay belt of the Abitibi country as stage on the way to James Bay it is unnecessary to enlarge on this advantage. The distances from Toronto to Cobalt by either route differ but slightly, and between Sudbury and North Bay there lies seventy miles of country. In the triangle of which this forms a base, with the two Government roads on the other sides, there is enclosed probably the richest mineral country in America. As the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Matheson, intimated in his budget speech last year, the survey of the northern territory is to be extended to James Bay, and preliminary work in this direction, it is understood, has at last been performed. The Railway Commission is occupied with the consideration of the erection of a hydro-electric plant on the Montreal River, with a view to the intended electrification of the Temiskaming road, but waterpowers are so abundant in the north there will be no haste in arriving at a final decision.

LOWEST TENDERS FAVORED

Contracts for National Transcontinental May Be Awarded Today—Government's Dilemma.

OTTAWA, April 6.—The general impression seems to be that the Government will accept the lowest tender in each case for the two sections of the transcontinental railway. A decision by the Cabinet is not expected, however, to be made until Saturday. There is very little opportunity at the daily meetings of the Council to transact business of prime importance, seeing that the sittings barely occupy an hour, and on such occasions are usually devoted to settling matters which call for greater consideration than is possible at a sitting which necessarily is hurried in its character. In the present case the Government's task would be much simplified if they had before them a unanimous recommendation. But rumor has it that the Transcontinental Commissioners are divided in their opinion, and that the member in the minority has submitted a carefully worded report in support of his views. If, as it is stated, the Government engineers consider the lowest tender for the Quebec-

La Tuque section to be much below what the work could be done for, it is conceivable that this might form one ground of objection to the acceptance of such tender. In case of work on the eastern division, namely, from Winnipeg to Superior Junction, a dissentient member might perhaps feel that even with an increase in price it would be in the public interest for the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, which is constructing the branch from Lake Superior northward, to also have in charge the other section for complete communication between Winnipeg and the lake. The question, however, arises whether the lowest tenderers are men of assured standing, and able to carry out their offers. If they are, there would seem to be but one course open to the Government and that is to accept the bid. The report was in circulation tonight that fresh tenders would be called for and to this some members of Parliament were disposed to attach credence. There is no evidence at present to warrant any such belief, and inquiries in an authoritative quarter tended to discredit the idea.

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DEMAND INVESTIGATION.

Canadian Co-operative Company's Affairs Mismanaged.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—Contract holders of the insolvent Canadian Co-operative Company have decided to sell the securities and to demand a searching investigation of the Company's affairs by the Attorney-General. The general feeling is that there was a big leak somewhere, and that misrepresentation was practiced from the very inauguration. The paid-up capital was stated to be \$500,000, but it appears that not a cent was paid up. Blocks of stock having been allotted to directors as a bonus when the organization occurred.

EVENTS AROUND GIBSON.

The Grim Reaper Does Not Pass the Village By.

Called to the West by Accident to Husband.

Society Matters and Notes of Personal Interest—The Churches.

GIBSON, April 6.—Rev. D. H. Simpson preached very acceptably Sunday morning in the Broadway Baptist Church, his text being Col. 12:16, Let the spirit of God dwell in you richly. In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Dr. McLeod. The worthy gentleman spoke of the uniting of the two bodies, Baptist and Free Baptist. A large crowd was present and all enjoyed his discourse very much. At the close of the service the Lord's Supper was dispensed. A special collection for denominational work was taken Sunday evening.

After the Sunday School session in Broadway Baptist Church practice was held for the Easter concert. The funeral of the late Mr. Macklin took place Tuesday afternoon from the home of his nephew, Mr. Morris Macklin.

Last Friday evening Miss Mildred Sewell entertained a number of her friends. After spending the evening in conversation the gathering broke up about 11.30.

Mrs. Dr. Duffy is very ill at her home suffering from her recent fall from a sleigh.

Mrs. C. H. McClusky and son Isaac have returned from their recent trip to Woodstock and Houlton.

A small party was held last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lawson in honor of her little daughter May's fourth birthday. The pleasant fête lasted from three to five o'clock. We wish little Miss May many more happy birthdays.

The W. M. A. S. of Broadway United Baptist church met last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Colwell, St. Marys.

Mrs. Wm. Sadler of Maple View, Vic. Co., is visiting her niece, Miss Allie Robinson.

Our sidewalks are all cleared but travelling is very unpleasant. June is quite far off, yet we hear wedding bells beginning to peal.

The Royal Templars held a concert Monday evening. Refreshments were served towards the close of the evening.

Master Frank, son of Mr. Albert Bennett, who has been ill at his home with la grippe, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Scott and two children, Alta and Ralph, left Wednesday for the West. Some time ago Mrs. Scott received the sad intelligence of her husband's accident.

Mr. H. F. McGill left a few days ago for Woodstock to take charge of the Grammar School there. Mr. Charles Richards, the teacher of that school, is ill and Mr. McGill is to take his place.

Our community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. S. Peters after a few days illness from pneumonia. Deceased leaves a sorrowing wife a large number of children, some of which are very small. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family and relatives.

Miss Marion Simpson entertained a number of her friends last Saturday afternoon, the happy occasion being her thirteenth birthday.

Miss Ada Minus is very ill at her home suffering from la grippe.

Miss Lulu Fletcher will soon be able to be about again.

THE WINNIPEG STRIKE

No Settlement Yet—Electricians May Be Called Out.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—Settlement of the street railway strike is still indefinite, although negotiations are in progress, and another conference will be held tomorrow. There is a rumor current tonight that unless a settlement is effected speedily the electricians of the company may be called out in sympathy. As the company supply private lighting for the city, such action would create a serious state of affairs.

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