

Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry.—Tracklaying is being proceeded with, and it is expected that by the end of the year 60 miles of rails will have been laid from North Bay, Ont. Sixty-five miles of grading is expected to be completed by the end of the year, out of North Bay, and about 10 miles, from New Liskeard, southerly. The contractor expects to have the line completed from North Bay to New Liskeard, 110 miles, by July, 1904, about six months earlier than the date called for in the contract.

Respecting the proposed extension of the line from New Liskeard, northerly to a junction with the projected line to be constructed from Moncton, N.B., to Winnipeg by the Dominion Government, the Ontario Government has voted \$10,000 for making the additional survey. Legislative authority will be asked at the next session for the construction of this extension. W. B. Russell, Chief Engineer, reports that a reconnaissance survey has been made by one of the engineers on the staff, of the country north of New Liskeard, and that he states that the country will be a comparatively easy one in which to construct a railway. A further survey is in progress, and when this is completed a party will be organized to make the regular survey. It is thought at present that the line, to give the easiest curves and grades, will follow the valley of the Wabis from New Liskeard for about six miles, where there is an easy pass into the valley of the Blanche river. The survey would then follow the valley of the Blanche river to its source. (Sept., pg. 307.)

Thunder Bay, Nipigon and St. Joe Ry.—D. F. Burk, President, recently informed us that there had been no abandonment of this projected line from Port Arthur, Ont., to Lake Nipigon, and to the lake St. Joseph, Albany river, notwithstanding the arrangement to transfer a portion of the land subsidy voted by the Ontario Government to the Nipigon Ry. Co. He did not know when construction would be commenced, but negotiations were in progress to that end.

Tobique Valley.—J. E. Stewart, of Perth, N.B., is at the head of a syndicate of New Brunswick men, which is looking over the ground with a view of promoting the construction of a railway from Plaster Rock, the terminal point of the Tobique Valley Ry., further up the valley to the Forks, then to branch across country so as to effect a junction with the Restigouche and Western Ry., now under construction from Campbellton to St. Leonards, N.B.

Toronto and Hamilton Ry. (Electric).—The application at the current session of the Dominion Parliament of a company to construct an electric railway to connect Hamilton and Toronto, with powers to acquire other lines, has been approved by the House of Commons. It was opposed by a large number of interests including the Ontario Municipal Association, mainly on the ground that a Dominion incorporation would take away from the municipalities the right to regulate speed, etc. The bill was opposed by the same interests in the Senate, but it passed its third reading Sept. 24. Senator Kerr addressed a letter to the press in which he says:

"The bill is to incorporate a company to build a railway—I want to emphasize the word 'railway'—to build a railway from Toronto to Hamilton. The impression is that it is an electric tramway. I desire to have it understood here that it is nothing of the kind, but that it is destined to be a main through railway from Toronto to Hamilton, crossing the G.T.R. near Burlington Beach, and crossing at Burlington Beach, with the permission of the municipality, if that can be obtained, and which no doubt can be obtained of the townships of Saltfleet and Nelson, and to a point connecting with the other two

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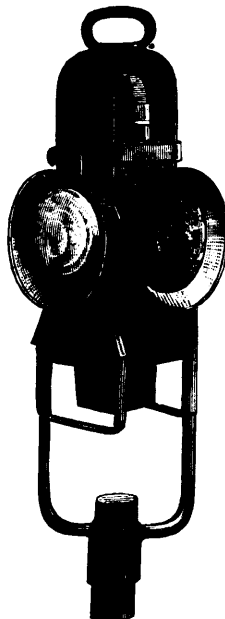
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