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Another Classification Scandal.

The other day Chief Engineer Lumsden, of the Transcontinental Railway tendered his resignation to the Federal Government, through the Minister of Railways. The cause of the resignation is said to be the extortion practiced in connection with classification of cuttings along the line of construction.

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other than sand, the Government officers returned 16 per cent. solid rock and 44 per cent. loose rock, or 60 per cent high class.

Mr Woods gives a number of such instances where, as he said, the false statement were not made through error in judgment by the resident engineers, "but by arbitrary orders from their superior."

In concluding Mr Woods said:—"To such classification as mentioned above, increasing the cost of the work to such an alarming extent, we must seriously protest."

The effect of classifying sand as rock will be understood when it is remembered that on the contract to which Mr Woods referred the price for solid rock was \$1.50 per yard, loose rock 50 cents, and common excavation only 21 cents.

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great lone land of the Arctic Interior is shortly to be connected by means of wireless with the outside world. The statement is made that a station will be erected at Peel River, two thousand miles north of Edmonton, and from there messages will be despatched to Eagle, relayed to Valdes on the Alaskan coast, and from there to the various stations at Vancouver. There are high hills in the vicinity, it is said, upon which the instruments will be placed.

Simultaneously from London and Cape Town comes the intelligence that General Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, is on his way to England, for the purpose of opening negotiations, at the request of the South Africa National convention, for the acquisition of Rhodesia Territory, south of Zambesi. The chartered South African company, it is stated, is willing to see the territory and retain Northern Rhodesia for future development. It is said to be believed at Cape Town that \$100,000 will be offered to the chartered South Africa company; but it seems to be doubted in London that so large an amount will be offered.

Sir Charles Cheered at 88.

Dominion Day celebration in London, Thursday, far outran all records as regards the representative character of the assemblage and in both British and Canadian enthusiasm. Canada is evidently at the very top of her fame.

At a calculation of a cut where Mr Woods gives the quantities shows that the 95,000 yards cost \$71,725, whereas if the engineer was right, the proper price would be \$31,800.

Down to August 31, 1908, the contractor on this contract had been paid the following: For solid rock \$3,944,269 For loose rock 595,124 For common excavation 297,777

If the quantity of rock has been doubled the country overpaid \$180,000 on 100 miles of railway, but the work was not then finished. Down to ten months ago, this part of the road (from mile 50 to mile 150 west of Quebec), had cost \$69,862 per mile, without the sleepers, rails, fastenings or buildings.

These records go some way to explain why a railway estimated by the Government to cost \$28,000 per mile is now computed by the Government at \$62,000 per mile.

Thursday last, Dominion Day, was the forty-second anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Of course Prince Edward Island did not become a Province of the Dominion until six years after the union of the four original Provinces federated in 1867; consequently we are only celebrating our thirty-sixth anniversary as a member of confederated Canada.

Mr. Tiffin makes the statement that the Intercolonial passenger earnings for the current year to date are considerably larger than for the same period last year, and also that there is some gain in freight earnings. But he fails to give out anything about expenditure or net earnings. The owners of this road are practically kept in the dark respecting its financial

progress. In this respect the Government railway is away behind the times. All other important roads on the continent give out every week a statement of their gross earnings. Those of the Canadian Pacific are usually printed within three days of the end of the week.

Swept By Fire.

As the result of a fire which started in a Chinese restaurant at Cobalt, Ont., on Friday morning one man is dead, six men were injured and two children are missing. 3,000 people are homeless and half a million dollars' worth of property, comprising the heart of the business section of the city is in ruins.

Drowning Accident.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Egmont Bay on Saturday. Alexander C. Gallant and his brother John Peter Gallant, lobster fishermen, were returning from their traps in their boat about noon when a sudden squall struck the craft swamping it.

Earthquakes at Messina.

On the last, Messina, Italy, experienced two terrific earthquake shocks at about half-past seven o'clock Thursday morning, which were accompanied by roaring sounds and were followed by a stronger and more gustatory movement than the earthquake of last December which destroyed Messina, Reggio and other cities, laid waste many villages in Calabria and killed 200,000 people.

Twenty Men Perish.

Advices of the 2nd inst. from Newport, Monmouthshire, England say: It is estimated that twenty men perished today by the sudden collapse of the west wall of the long lock at the entrance to the Alexandra dock. The extension of the dock work has been in progress for some time and fifty men were working in a trench sixty feet deep preparing for the laying of a concrete foundation.

Two Drowned.

Mrs. Devenish, wife of Fred Devenish of the editorial staff of the Montreal Witness, and Jack Cain were drowned Thursday afternoon by the upsetting of a dinghy in which they were enjoying a sail.

Scant Intercolonial Information.

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Muscular Rheumatism.

Mr. H. Wilkinson, Stratford, Ont., says:—It affords me much pleasure to say that I experienced great relief from Muscular Rheumatism by using two boxes of Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price a box 50c.

The Market Prices.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including Butter, Eggs, Flour, and other goods with their respective prices.

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Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by Public Auction in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown on Tuesday the 27th day of July A. D. 1909 at the hour of twelve o'clock noon under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an indenture of Mortgage bearing date the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1885 and made between James Gallant of Oyster Bed Bridge, Lunenburg, P. E. I., and Township number twenty four in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Charlotte Gallant his wife of the one part and the undersigned of the other part.

JOB WORK!

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DIED

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