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THE MONOPOLY SURRENDER

The More the Yukon Deal is Stirred Up the Worse It Smells.

Contract Closed With Mann and McKenzie in a Beckish Way, and Mr. Blair Was Not Aware of What He Was Committing the Government to—Humiliating Admissions by the Minister of Railways—And After All There is a United States Trolley on the Line—Not Time in the House.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(Special).—The iniquitous Yukon railway deal, as Clarke Wallace termed it, was the place of rest and repose for the day. Mr. Haggart designated it a monstrous job, and these two frank statements fairly voiced the feelings of the Opposition regarding this contract. There would be no more of this kind of thing for the country, had it admitted it, the honest Canadian railway is not all Canadian, and that, on the contrary, Canadians will be at the mercy of American customs officials when they come to transfer from ocean steamers to Stikine river craft at Wrangell, the American port at the mouth of the river.

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A Carnival of Crime. A handful of Mounted Police would never be able to deal with the conditions which would arise if a shortage of supplies came about. There would be murder, and a perfect carnival of crime, which could not be referred to in the House.

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SHE WILL HAVE NO MORE ENDORSING.

Mr. Blair's only reply was to ask in turn if Mr. Foster had placed any value upon this contract.

Describing the Contract. Proceeding to describe the contract, Mr. Blair said in accepting this land subsidy the company took the risks, and would continue to pay 1 per cent. royalty on their gold output, even if the royalty clause were dropped from the general mining regulations.

Class 4, which he supposed would be called the "monopoly" clause, he said, he would not be a monopoly at all. In fact the Government would be the competitor of other companies building in order to get money, and it was necessary for the Government to adopt the policy of Mr. Blair.

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MRS. DAVIDSON'S DEATH.

Doctor's Commenced Post Mortem After the Coroner Had Withdrawn His Warrant.

A peculiar state of affairs arises out of the sudden death of Mrs. Davidson, which occurred, yesterday morning, at 112 York-street, yesterday morning.

The woman was 54 years of age, and was apparently enjoying good health, when she retired on Monday night, but at about 2 o'clock in the morning she awoke in her husband's arms, and died as if asphyxiated. Mr. Davidson, who was very ill, and had been in bed for some time, was called to the bedside, and found his wife dead.

Coroner A. J. Johnson was notified and issued a warrant for an inquest. All the doctors interested were present when spoken to by The World last night, but the opinion was expressed that another inquest might be ordered in order that the examination could be completed and the cause of the woman's death ascertained.

CRUSHED UNDER STRAW.

Mr. James Graham of Trafalgar Not Dead While Helping His Neighbor to Cut Straw.

Milton, Ont., Feb. 8.—Mr. James Graham, a farmer on the third line of Trafalgar, who was killed by a cow, was found dead in a field of straw, which he was cutting, on Monday night.

Mr. Graham was found by a neighbor, who called to see if he was all right. He was lying on his back, and was dead. The cause of death was asphyxiation, caused by the straw which he was cutting.

Mr. Graham was a well-known farmer in the district, and was much respected. He was a member of the local church, and was a very good man.

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