

# WOULD BORDEN REPEAT CANADIAN PACIFIC DEAL

### Mr. Borden Misrepresents Facts to Alarm the Public at the "Staggering" Cost of the Government Owned Section of the National Transcontinental Railway—Why?—Says We Should "Pause," But Followers Say "Give It Up."

**By a Staff Correspondent.**

Ottawa, July 15.—We are now finding out what Mr. Borden and his friends really think of public ownership of railways—that is, of the public ownership which consists in building government-owned railways instead of in talking.

Mr. Borden discussed the subject the other day—that is, the subject in concrete form. He began his remarks by declaring his intention of gaining the results of some computations "touching the cost of the eastern division of the transcontinental railway." As the eastern section is the part being built by the people Mr. Borden thus announced his purpose to be an exposition of what the government-owned section was likely to cost. It is interesting to note how he followed out this avowed purpose. For in his method of treating the subject is reflected an attitude toward government ownership anything but complimentary to his declarations of four years ago.

After announcing this purpose of discussing the cost of the eastern section Mr. Borden went on to say: "It was provided that government should guarantee the bonds, with respect to the construction of the eastern section, to an amount not exceeding \$13,000 per mile, and with respect to the mountain section to an amount not exceeding \$20,000 per mile. By section 4 of the agreement of 1904 that was modified so far as the mountain section is concerned, the guarantee of \$13,000 per mile is reduced to \$10,000 per mile. It is in the opinion of the government that whatever that cost of construction may be, it will be observed that it is not to the eastern but to the western section in any manner of estimate or form, but to the eastern section in any manner of estimate or form."

It was not until this point that Mr. Borden explained the purpose of the calculations he was about to make. He said that the calculations were made for the purpose of showing that the cost of the eastern section was not so "staggering" as it was represented to be. He said that the calculations were made for the purpose of showing that the cost of the eastern section was not so "staggering" as it was represented to be.

**REAL ESTATE MEN ORGANIZE.**

Strong Western Canada Organization Formed at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., July 15.—"That this body of real estate men now assembled in the city of Winnipeg, representing the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Western Ontario, do hereby now form an association for our mutual and individual benefit, and that such officers be appointed as by-law governing such organization."

A convention of real estate men of Western Canada assembled at Winnipeg last week to discuss the question of organizing an association of real estate men of the west. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange and several hundred invitations had been sent out. The acceptances were numerous, and it is evident that the idea has taken hold among those interested. About a hundred and fifty were present, a considerable proportion of them being from outside points. E. D. Wank, president of the Winnipeg Real Estate Exchange, called the meeting to order and explained briefly to the assembly the reasons for calling for an expression of opinion from others, and several responded.

**TIES ON THE TRACK.**

Cold Blooded Effort to Wreck the Spokane Flyer or Other Train.

Frank, July 20.—The Frank paper says: "For the past two weeks the police have been working on a singular case, strenuously endeavoring to unravel the mystery surrounding it, but they are unable to reach any definite conclusion. Presumably, however, it was a dastardly attempt to wreck the Spokane Flyer, or the regular passenger train, which has been made with robbery or revenge, there being no indication, and to date there is not the slightest clue to the perpetrator of the deed."

"One morning, about two weeks ago, an extra freight train, which was passing through the side of the day before getting out, and it is presumed that one of the planks used in the freight being derailed and the ties bent up on the track later some are of the opinion that that pure vandalism was the motive."

**BURGLARS IN CALGARY.**

Enter House By Means of a Skeleton Key—Temperance Address on Sunday.

Calgary, July 20.—The residence of A. Goodwin, of 715 Tenth avenue west, was entered on Saturday in broad daylight and robbed of jewelry and valuable knickknacks. The work was done during the afternoon. The robbers entered by means of a skeleton key and the front door. The police are working on the case, but as yet have made no arrests.

**SLAVERY IN GUATEMALA.**

Nineteen Survivors have at Last Secured Liberty After Slavery.

San Francisco, July 20.—Nineteen survivors of several hundred South Sea Islanders kidnapped eighteen years ago from their native land and sold into slavery among the coffee plantations of Guatemala returned yesterday on the steamer City of Panama. They are free and homeward bound, and in addition to this they are travelling as tourists with their government paying expenses. The islands were kidnapped by Captain Blackburn, now dead, who sailed away. They were supposed to be contract laborers bound to their Guatemalan employers for three years. Ignorant of the language and in a land where law is something of a novelty, it was easy to keep them until their plight attracted the attention of the British government, which, however, was not until eighteen years had passed.

**THE APOSTLE OF PEACE SPEAKS.**

London, July 20.—Goldwin Smith, writing to the Manchester Guardian, states that England goes in state to the peace conference at the Hague, and next thing we hear she has sent out the largest fleet ever seen in its history, but a challenge to all nations to continue the mad race of naval armaments. He then points out the absurdity of the ordinary services, including the public works program in 1907, involving an outlay of \$57,000, but to pro-

# PREMIER SCOTT TO THE ELECTORS

### Leader of Saskatchewan's Government Enunciates Clear and Concise Policy.

**Regina, Sask., July 22.**—Following the dissolution of the first legislature of Saskatchewan and the calling of the elections on August 14th, Premier Scott has issued the following address to the electors of Saskatchewan reviewing the work of the government during the past three years, outlining the main lines of future policy and pledging a continuance of prudent and progressive administration.

**To the Electors of Saskatchewan.**

Gentlemen—To give effect to a measure for the enlargement of the representation of the people in the legislative assembly, the House elected in 1905 was dissolved, and you were required on August 14th next to choose the members of the larger assembly.

**Government's General Policy.**

The government formed at the inauguration of the province whom you yourselves elected in 1905, and who have the honor to be the head, ask you to pass judgment on their general program and with particular reference to the following subjects:

(1)—**Railways.**—To procure rapid extension of branch lines.

(2)—**Telephones.**—To connect immediately all the settled portions of the province, extending to the coast, under government control and operation; to enable municipal ownership and operation of local exchanges; and to encourage the development of rural service by public aid in the form of necessary poles delivered at the nearest railway station, and that should be supervised, and as to rates and service controlled by a department of the government.

(3)—**Education.**—To distribute free of cost to school boards for free use of all pupils the Alexandra readers and to reduce the cost of other school books.

(4)—**Rural Municipalities.**—To pass into law at the first session of the new legislature an act creating the same. With a degree of confidence I appeal to you upon the above policy and upon the government's administrative and general program, and ask you to vote at the outset, so as to secure prompt, progressive and practical conduct of affairs.

**As to Administration.**

"Respecting our administrative policy, I beg to state that I have had in view the aim of the government to continue progressively and economically. Our record of three years past is our pledge for the future. We have acted to preserve in full strength the service in the province of the Royal North-West Mounted Police, whose progress has been marked. In this matter will remain unchanged.

The activities of the agricultural department under the encouragement of all branches of the main industry of the province and the policy of employment of public work, which has been maintained. The organization of an agricultural college will be an important feature of the work of the department. I point with no small degree of pride to the work of the department in providing for our people living and bridges, the achievements to our well-being, to the fine steel bridges erected and in course of erection on two branches of the Saskatchewan river, to several handsome public buildings already occupied or nearing completion in various provincial centres, and to the magnificent design obtained for and the very satisfactory contract entered into for the construction of the provincial capital buildings."

**As to Education.**

In view of the accusations respecting schools, which were urged against the government in 1906, I wish to draw your particular attention to our educational administration. I claim, and challenge denial of my claim, that the public record disproves each and all of the accusations. I further claim that the now admitted validity of our High Schools act proves my interpretation, and proves that Saskatchewan under the Autonomy act possesses powers respecting education which entitle us to the highest respect from every citizen of the province.

**Financial Administration.**

The records of the provincial treasury are available to you and inspection is invited. To date ordinary revenues are not only sufficient to provide for the ordinary services, including the public works program in 1907, involving an outlay of \$57,000, but to pro-

# FATAL RAILWAY WRECK.

### One Woman Killed and Many Seriously Injured in Connecticut.

Greenwich, Conn., July 20.—One woman was killed and two were seriously injured, and nearly a dozen persons were seriously hurt when the White Mountain express of the N.Y., N.H. and H. railroad was wrecked one hundred feet west of the station here.

The train was crossing a bridge over a cut when the engine slipped and the train fell. The passengers were hurled into a ditch, where they collapsed like paper boxes. The train was carrying about 150 passengers, many of whom were seriously injured. The engine was wrecked and the train was completely wrecked.

# ROBERTS WELL PLEASED.

### The Field Marshal Tells of His Visits to the West Coast.

Quebec, July 20.—In a brief interview, Lord Roberts said he was particularly pleased that he had come to Canada, because he had never seen the country, which now occupies so important a place in the British Empire.

"I have always obeyed the call of the 'cue,' as he remarked with a smile, 'and now I am entering on an entirely new experience in taking my first voyage west in a ship. I have been a young man that is being built up here under the British flag.'

"I must say that from one point of view, that of security, the West Coast has already been amply repaid for my trip."

In his stay in Canada, Lord Roberts said that he was sorry he would not be able to make an extended trip, as he would not be able to do so. He would visit Montreal and hoped to visit Niagara Falls and Toronto.

# Auto Kills Liquor Dealer.

Baker City, Ore., July 20.—J. Muller, wholesale liquor dealer, of Baker City, was killed and his wife seriously injured when they were struck by an automobile in which they were making the trip from Baker City to Boise. Muller had let the machine coast down a hill and at the bottom struck a culvert that had been washed out. The machine turned over twice.

# CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, July 22.—The cattle trade was about steady today. Some 1,200 head of cattle were sold, but the total supply was moderate, and Monday's prices were held. Lambs were slow at \$6.00 to \$7.00 for the week. Sheep were firm at \$2.50 decline. Good heavy lambs sold at \$8.25. 1,500 cattle arrived, which was enough to fill the moderate demand.

# BUSINESS IS IMPROVING.

Bank Statement Shows Slow But Steady Betterment of Conditions.

Ottawa, July 22.—The bank statement issued today shows a steady though slow progress towards improvement in the business situation. The deposits on demand show an increase of eight million dollars, while those on notice show a falling off of less than one million. Call loans in Canada show an increase of about half a million, and outside of Canada have increased over four millions. Current loans in Canada have shown a decrease of over three millions. The total liabilities show an increase from 754 to 746 millions, but on the other hand the assets have increased from 908 to 926 millions.

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# ANNUAL PICNIC AT CLOVER

### Farmers of Oldest District in Forgetful at Hortenberg Wednesday.

The sound of the busy round of household duties daily eased in the Clover Bar and Agriculture district Wednesday, July 22nd, when they attended the joint picnic at Hortenberg under the auspices of the Farmers of the A. F. A. T. There was a huge success in every way. By 1 o'clock there were fully 200 people on the grounds, including members of the department of Agriculture and the Hortenberg club. The picnic was carefully arranged and the speeches by the officers of the various organizations were listened to with interest. The sports were keenly contested and several novel features were presented. The Hortenberg club was supplied with money and the department of Agriculture was supplied with money and the department of Agriculture was supplied with money and the department of Agriculture was supplied with money.

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