

REBUILDING OF QUEBEC BRIDGE

Work to Be Placed Under the Transcontinental Railway Commission.

ENGINEERS TO DRAW PLANS

House of Commons Spends Another Day on Election Bill.

Ottawa, July 14.—In the Commons this morning Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill making railway men liable for prosecution for accidents under a criminal code only, instead of under a civil code and the railway act, as at present.

The rebuilding of the Quebec bridge is to be embodied in a resolution and act of parliament of the present session, by which the work will be brought under the supervision of the Transcontinental Railway Commission.

Three eminent engineers, one Canadian, one British, and one American, are to be entrusted with the preparation of plans for the new structure, and the recommendation of the Quebec bridge commission will also be acted upon to the effect that more thorough and extensive oversight should be given the structure on behalf of the Dominion government during the course of construction.

The greater part of the session of the House of Commons today was spent in committee on the election bill. Most of the discussion centred on the proposal to establish a new voters' list for the unorganized sections of Ontario through the action of the Ontario government overboard.

To this the opposition objected strenuously, holding that it was unjust discrimination to treat Ontario in this way while including the lists of provincial governments in the other provinces. All the Ontario members representing constituencies in any way interested in the bill's operation had a word to say, as well as several others.

Messrs. Briston, Kemp and Boyce took part in the discussion. The latter moved an amendment striking out of this portion of the bill. This was supported by Messrs. Briston and Boyce, the latter expressing the opinion that the premier had not studied the bill as the minister of justice should have done.

SCIENTISTS IN NORTHERN WATERS

Exploration Party Sent By a Moscow Millionaire at Work in Aleutians

JAPANESE SEALERS BUSY

Went into Bering Sea at Earlier Date This Year Than Any Past Season

An expedition similar to those sent earlier this year to Alaska, financed by the rich Russian merchant, the expedition which resulted in the discovery of the resources of Alaska and foundation of Russian colonies there, has reached Attu in the Aleutian Islands, according to advices which reached the city yesterday from Dutch Harbor. Mail received here via San Francisco, to which port it was brought on the schooner Repeat, which has returned to the Golden Gate after delivering stores at the cod-fishing stations of the Aleutian archipelago, tells of the arrival of a schooner carrying one of the best equipped scientific expeditions that has worked in the Northern Pacific.

The schooner, which set out from Vladivostok in April last, and has visited Kamchatka and the Kurile Islands, carries eleven scientists whose expenses of nearly \$100,000 are being paid by a Japanese millionaire, a paid merchant of Moscow. The expedition contains a celebrated Russian ethnographer who is making a special study of the natives of Kamchatka and of the Aleutian and Kurile Islands.

News was also received from Dutch Harbor that a large number of Japanese sealing schooners were in Bering Sea early this year, many having arrived during June, bringing with them the United States revenue cutters were early on the ground and seized the Japanese sealers. It is expected that the Japanese sealers will be driven from Bering Sea this season.

The Victoria schooner was captured by the revenue cutters on August 1st. The schooner was carrying a large quantity of sealers' supplies, and was found to be carrying a large quantity of sealers' supplies, and was found to be carrying a large quantity of sealers' supplies.

Two men were killed this afternoon on board the Norwegian bark Regent at Tusket Wedge, Yarmouth. The bark arrived at that port from Antwerp on Monday. The boiler was connected with the monkey engine exploded, instantly killing the carpenter in command of the tug, and blowing one of the mate's legs from his body and severely scalding another seaman.

Trampled to Death. Sedley, Sask., July 15.—John Ferguson, 20 years of age, was trampled to death by his team today. The team became frightened and ran away, trampling him under foot.

COUNT TOLSTOI PENS A LETTER

Shocked Beyond Endurance by Horrors of Russian Executions.

MR. ASQUITH SYMPATHETIC

Request Also Made for Committee to Inquire Into Supply

London, July 15.—The Daily Chronicle today prints three close columns of the most passionate and severe indictment of the present system of government in Russia, ever penned by Count Leo Tolstoy, the Russian author, which is received in the city yesterday. The article concludes with a noble appeal to the better nature of his countrymen.

The count writes: "I can no longer endure it. I write this either that these inhuman deeds may be stopped or that my connection with them may be snapped and I be put in prison where I may clearly confess that these horrors are not committed on my behalf, or still better—so good that I dare not even dream of such happiness—that they may put on me, as on those ten or twelve peasants, a shroud, and cap and may send me also to the beach so that by my own weight I may tighten the well soaped noose around my own throat."

After describing wholesale executions in gruesome detail, Count Tolstoy says: "All this is carefully arranged and planned by the most enlightened people of the upper class. They arrange to do these things secretly at daylight, and they so subdivide the responsibility that no inquiries among those who commit them that each may disclaim responsibility. And not the dreadful things alone are done, but all sorts of other tortures and violence are perpetrated in the prisons, fortresses and convict establishments, not only in violation of the laws of humanity, but in violation of the laws of the country."

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MEAT SCARCITY IN OLD COUNTRY

Deputation Asks Premier to Remove Embargo on Canadian Cattle

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London, July 15.—Premier Asquith today received a deputation of representatives of the meat trade, who asked the government to remove the embargo on live cattle from Canada and Scandinavia and appoint a committee to inquire into the general question of the supply of cattle for meat to Great Britain.

The premier was sympathetic in his reply and asked for details so that he might consult with his colleagues. The meeting was in private, but the members of the deputation expressed themselves as being hopeful that the eventual removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle is not impossible.

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DOWNFALL AID FOR RAILWAYS

Subsidies and Guarantees Mentioned in Resolution Before Commons.

LARGE TOTAL IS PROVIDED

Roads Specified in British Columbia Take Over Four Millions.

Ottawa, July 14.—In the House today, Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, introduced a resolution providing for railway subsidies amounting in all seventy, of which twenty-six are re-voles. They are to be paid, as heretofore, at the rate of \$3,200 per mile when the cost of construction does not exceed \$10,000 per mile, and a further subsidy of fifty per cent. on so much of the average cost of the mileage as is in excess of \$10,000, each subsidy not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$5,400 per mile.

The total mileage to be subsidized is 5,277 miles, of which 666 miles are in British Columbia. The subsidies are estimated to aggregate about \$20,000,000, though, of course, the total cannot be laid until the character of the whole of the subsidized roads is ascertained. As all the assisted roads in British Columbia are in the more expensive class, the subsidies for that province are estimated at \$6,400 per mile, totaling about \$2,500,000.

The list of 25 subsidies is thus given: Vancouver Island & Eastern Railway company, from Campbell river on the proposed extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway, toward Port George on the line of the G.T.P., 100 miles. Vancouver, West Vancouver and Yukon Railway company, from Vancouver toward Port George on the G.T.P., 100 miles. Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway company, from Esquimalt to Port George, 117 miles. A line of railway around Death Rapids, Columbia river. A line of railway from Oneketa to Port George, 100 miles. A line of railway from Port George to Port George, 100 miles. Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway company, from Burrard Inlet to Burrard Inlet, 100 miles. West Vancouver and Yukon Railway company, from Vancouver toward Port George on the G.T.P., 100 miles.

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WELCOME RAINS ON THE PRAIRIES

General Fall Reported Throughout the Grain Growing Region

WEATHER CALLED IDEAL

Farmers and Business Men Feel Encouraged by the Situation

Winnipeg, July 15.—Probably the most valuable asset the province has received in many months consists of the splendid rains which have swept over the grain-growing stretch of country from Edmonton on the north-west, to Kenora on the east during the past twenty-four hours. The showers have been general throughout that territory, and in many portions, especially in Manitoba, the downfall has been steady since midnight.

Soaking rains prevail in Manitoba as far north as Dauphin on the north, and reaching south into North Dakota. All along the Manitoba-Saskatchewan line the steady rain prevailed since noon yesterday. Emerson, Virdee, Hamota, Portage la Prairie, Pioneston, Carleton Place, Carman, Morden, Pelly, Winnipeg, West Selkirk and Cypress river, in Manitoba, have been visited by heavy rains today.

In Saskatchewan rain has fallen in Regina, Beadview, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. At Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Calgary and Lethbridge, the rain has fallen, and it remains cloudy. The rain came after a week of the finest growing weather the west has ever experienced. Hot days were succeeded by cool nights in many places, and grain men assert that the moisture it could not have been more opportunely arranged.

On the grain exchange today the operations reflected the buoyancy of the occasion, and there were many sales scattered through the day, reporting rain or inquiring for new head-quarters. The wheat party of the west today showing firm.

At the agricultural college it was said the rains could not have come at a better time.

Farmers and business men feel encouraged by the situation. The rains are a great relief to the grain growers, and the business men feel that the situation is now more favorable.

PROSPECTS OF PROLOGATION

Parliament Striving to Get Through Business By Tomorrow Night

ANOTHER LAND SCANDAL

Syndicate of Brandon Allowed to Profit by Indian Reserve

Ottawa, July 15.—There is a probability of the House proroguing on Friday next. Members are anxious to get away if possible before Saturday, and will make a determined effort to clean the slate by 6 p.m. on Friday. In the House this morning Mr. Fielding said he was still hopeful of the French senate giving its consent to the Franco-Canadian commercial treaty.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, that Thanksgiving Day this year will be held on Monday instead of Thursday, in accordance with the requests of commercial travelers and other organizations.

Before the House rose at three o'clock this morning, the South African veteran land grant bill was amended to include Canadians who enlisted in Britain or in South Africa, and returning soldiers who were attached to the Canadian contingents. The senate amendments to the bill, prohibiting the sale of tobacco to boys under sixteen, were concurred in.

In the house today Mr. Boyce brought up a land department scandal. He alleged that in 1900 applications were made to the department for the interior for some timber lands which were part of an Indian reserve in Alberta. An Indian reserve in Alberta. An Indian reserve in Alberta.

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