

Railway subsidies, which formerly were a gift are now given on condition that the railway companies shall perform service by way of carrying the mails to the extent of a fair annual interest on the amount of the subsidies. A policy also of guaranteeing the bonds of Railway Companies has been adopted and in this way railroads are built without real cost to the Government.

**Discrimination in freight rates of Canadian Railways in favour of the Standard Oil Company, was stopped**—and a schedule arranged providing for equal treatment to all shippers.

The new Railway Act passed last Session gives the people greater control over railways, removes substantial grievances of farmers in respect of fences, gates, cattle guards, and fires, and gives assurance of fairer and more uniform treatment to shippers generally.

A Board of Railway Commissioners is to be substituted for the Railway Committee of the Privy Council.

A Commission has been named to study transportation problems, and advise the Government thereon.

The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific has been arranged for.

## IMMIGRATION.

A vigorous immigration policy has been pursued with magnificent results. The Great North-West is now being rapidly peopled. The eyes of the world are directed towards Canada. During the last five years 313 thousand immigrants came to the country; compare this with 113 thousand during the last five years of Conservative policy.