Grand Trunk Pacific to Tender for Construction of Government Section.

Premier Laurier and Mr. Morse Allege Ignorance of Recent Change.

C. P. R. Educational Campaign Arouses Enthuslasm of Farmers,

O TTAWA, Feb. 20.—(Special)—The important announcement was made today that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company will tender for the construction of 395 miles of the National Transcontinental railway from Winnings eastward to tender for the construction of \$95 in miles of the National Transcontinental railway from Winnipeg eastward to Lake Superior junction and Quebec westward to La Tuque. William Wainwright, one of the directors of the company who was in town today confirmed this report to your correspondent. The subject has been mooted for some days amongst intending tenderers and is regarded by them with anything but affectionate regard. On being questioned as to the reasons why the company will make an offer for the government section Mr. Wainwright remarked that under the agreement of 1903 the Grand Trunk Pacific had to pay a rental to the Dominion government for 43 out of 50 years of the lease, equivalent to 3 percent of the cost of construction. It is obvious, he said under the circumstances that, while desirous of securing a railway line of the highest possible standard, the Grand Trunk Pacific was naturally anxious to see it constructed as

way line of the highest possible standard, the Grand Trunk Pacific was naturally anxious to see it constructed as economically as possible and therefore they proposed to enter into competition along with other contractors.

Mr. Blair's Appointment

It is reported in an evening paper that Mr. Blair has been appointed parliamentary advisor to the C. P. R. at a salary of \$10,000 a year and denied. It is explained that some time ago he was retained by the company in special cases. Dr. Powell, who is attending Hon. Mr. Fielding says the minister passed an easter night but he will be incapacitated for some weeks. He is suffering acutely from his sprained ankle.

New Senators Selected

Three gentlemen who are to be appointed senators for the two new western provinces have been selected. They are Dr. Douglas, ex M. P.; A. IB. Macdonald of McLeod and Benjamin Prince of Battleford. Douglas sat in the Commons from 1896 to 1904. Macdonald is a native of Glengarry and a Roman Catholic. Prince is a French Canadian who has been for years resident in the Northwest.

The supreme court today set Tukon

ant John Grant.

Grand Trunk Plans

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Regarding the Vancouver World's story that the Grand Trunk Pacific will not build from Edmonton to the Pacific for some time to come, Vice President and General Manager Morse, today said that work west of Edmonton is being prosecuted with as much vigor as is possible at this time of the year. The Grand Trunk Pacific will have the railway completed from the east, extending through to the Pacific Coast, well within the time called for in the contract entered into with the Dominion government, which requires that it be ready for operation in 1911.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Lau-

National Prestige to Toronto
Toronto, Feb. 20.—National prestige
was given university of Toronto last
night when some of Canada's first statesmen, judges and educationalists took
part in banquet of the literary and
scientific society. The event was by far
the greatest in the history of the organization, graced as it was by the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wm.
Mulock, Hon, G. W. Ross, A. B. Aylesworth and a score of others of almost
equal distinction. Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
in replying to the toast of 'Canada and
the Empire' re-told the old story of inoufference to the value of the imperial
tie that had been removed by the
granting of responsible government and
there was now but one thought that the
ties must always remain. Canada was
now an independent nation, so far as
her law making was concerned and she
could get the right to make her own
commercial treaties by merely asking
for it.

Aimed at Wildcatting
Toronto, Feb. 20.—Mr. Hoyles bill respecting corporations will be re-introduced in the legislature this session with the approval of the government. It provides that a company issuing prospectuses in Ontario or soliciting subscriptions must file a copy with the provincial secretary. The prospectus must be signed by responsible directors; must show the original incorporators what property is to be sold to the company and what contracts are being entered into. The act is specially directed at mining corporations.

Treats Commission With Contempt

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Toronto, Feb. 20.—Frederick W.
Nichols of the Cox-Pellatt-Nicholls power syndicate at Niagara Falls, refused to
appear before the Ontario government
power commission today and give information concerning the cost of production, etc. The members of the commission consider that Nicholls is treating
the commission with contempt. The sitting was adjourned indefinitely and effort will be made to find means of securing information.

Supposed Result of Somnambulance
Toronto, Feb. 20.—At 3 o'clock this
morning Edith Mand Tomsett, living
at 132 Winchester street was picked up
unconscious on the sidewalk in front
of her home. It is supposed that while
in a fit of somnambulance she opened a
window and walked out. Her skull was
fractured by the fall and her recovery
is doubtful.

Fire in London

London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Fire this morning did damage estimated at from five to seven thousand dollars to a four-story building on Richmond hill occupied by Stevely and Son, stoves and tinware.

Retributive Justice London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Ada Ackworth, forty years old, five times married stood in police court yesterday and tearfully admitted that her fifth matrimonial alliance was a badly conceived and altogether illegal transaction. She sobbed while she pleaded gullty to big-

amy.

Investigation of Telephones
Winniper, Feb. 20.—Manager McFarlane of the Bell Telephone Company,
Montreal, will give evidence before the
legislative committee tomorrow regarding the operation and cost of telephone
lines.

The seed selection Train

The seed selection train which is being operated under the auspices of the Dominion government and the C. P. R., and which is now in its second month of its tour of education among the farmers, is costing the railway company \$10 per mile to operate before it concludes its work of entirely covering the west. The train will have been transported 5,000 miles and will have cost the company \$00,000. Expenses of advertising, maintenance of staff of lecturers, samples, etc., is borne entirely by the Dominion government and will run into much more. But, as Mr. Lanigan, of the C. P. R. points out, this is a mere bagatelle compared with the loss from smut and weeds which is estimated to cost the country twenty million dollars, and which this tour of education gives every promise of removing or greatly reducing. To say that the farmers appreciate this service is putting it mildly.

Doubling Service on Soo Line
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The C. P. R. is preparing to double the train service on the Soo line and other western branches of the system to accommodate the great rush of immigration assured from the United States this year. During the past three years over 50,000 Americans have been carried over the Soo line alone.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The Thistles of line alone.

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Alone in the control of the

Province to Run Creameries Calgary, Feb. 20.—The government of Alberta today took over creameries in this province which have been operated so successfully during recent years by the Dominion government.

CONGRESSMAN ACCUSED. Grand Jury Presents True Bills Against Spencer Blackburn.

Raleigh, N. H., Feb. 21.—A special from Asheville, N. C., says the grand jury at a special term of the United States district court today feturned two true bills against Congressman Spencer Blackburn, charging him with practicing before the treasury department and receiving fees for such service in, violation of the law. He is accused of receiving \$5,000 from A. P. Davis. No action toward arrest of Blackburn has been taken.

In Imperial Parliament

Unionist Amendment on Home Rule Defeated by 406

Intelligent Self Government for Ireland is Mr. Bryce's Programme.

Mr. Chamberlain's Brilliant At tack Lends Heart to Unionists.

ONDON, Feb. 21.—As amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Col. J. Saunderson, Unionist, today moved in the House of Commons' an expression of alarm at the statement in the King's speech that the ministers suggested proposals to effect changes in the system of the government of Ireland, believing that his majesty's advisors had committed themselves to a policy which will endanger the liberties and property of the loyalist minority, promote discord in civil life, and impair the integrity of the United Kingdom. Col. Saunderson stated that the object of his amendment was to extract some statement as to what the government meant by the proposals suggested. statement as to what the government meant by the proposals suggested.

After considerable discussion James Bryce, Liberal, and chief secretary for Ireland, said the speech from the throne meant nothing worse than the premier and other Liberal leaders had repeatedly stated and what had been endorsed by the enormous majority returned to parliament, that much was necessary to improve the administration of Ireland. Mr. Bryce said home rule had no terrors for him. His majesty's government has every reason to make an effort in the direction of improvement of the system of government and the association of the people therewith. Mr. Bryce asked that the house defeat the amendment because he believed that the greatest possible discouragement might he given to the policy of the creation of an intelligent

now under consideration. The electorate of the United Kingdom had given the house a mandate for conciliation and the extension of self-government to Ireland and the present opportunity should be seized. The demand of Ireland was one which no constitutional government should overlook.

Mr. Bryce's speech was received with nationalist cheers. Mr. Dillon, nationalist, said that so long as the government acted in the spirit of Mr. Bryce's speech the nationalists would allow the government time to develop its plans

and give them a fair and frank consideration.

Joseph Chamberlain said the Unionists party had maintained during the elections that the government was a home rule and little Englander government. It had been proved tonight that it was a home rule government and it would be proved later that it was a litlittle Englander government. Many members in the ministry, he believed, had found it necessary during the election to pledge themselves to oppose thome rule and therefore the government would proceed before the more invidious method of instalments.

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in the House of Lords and in the House of Commons, on the motions on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. In the former house the debate was almost perfunctory except where Lord Lansdowne, assuming the new role of leader of the opposition in the upper house, pointed out certain dangers connected with the preposed changes, and incidentally commented on the Algeciras conference and the situation in Macedonia, warning the government of possible difficulties arising in the near east unless Great Britain maintained a firm attitude.

It was in the House of Commons that the debate on the address became interesting, when Joseph Chamberlain, in the absence of former Premier Balfour, took the place of the leader of the opposition, and in a brilliant and lengthy speech attacked the government on all points, and especially on its South African policy. He threw down the gauntlet regarding fome rule for Ireland. Regarding tariff reform, Mr. Chamberlain promised to give the government several bad quarter hours.

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SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING. United States Advised to Prepare fo

Washington, Feb. 21.—Chairman Hull of the military affairs committee in representing the army appropriation bill to the house today, urged the necessity of complete preparedness as to the United States army and navy for trouble in the Orient. He declared that any nation not prepared to defend its position in China might as well haul down its flag and quit the Pacific. Incidentally Mr. Hull pronounced Minister Rockhill at Peking guilty of indiscretion in utterances credited to him indicating to Chinese officials that the United States intended returning the \$20,000,000 Boxer indemnity. Statements of this kindhe said, would be taken by the Chinese as an indication that the United States was afraid, rather than liberal. Mr. Hull scouted the idea that Japan was interested in stirring up trouble in China to injure the United States. Japan's interests in China, he said were identical with those of the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DEMAND.

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—The representations of the British ambassador here, Sir N. R. & Connor, on the subject of the evacuation of Tahan and the orders sent to the British cruiser Diana to support his demands have resulted in the appointment of a Turkish commission which will leave Constantinople immediately for the scene of the dispute, and they are to arrange matters with the Anglo-Bgyptian commissioners. It is understood, however, that Great Britain demands sine quanon the evacuation of the places occupied by the Turks before the commissioners commence work. Tabah is a port on the Turko-Egyptian frontier cupied by the Turks before the com-missioners commence work. Tabah is a port on the Turko-Egyptian frontier of the Sinai peninsula. The Diana was ordered there in February 16 to enforce the British Egyptian demands for its speedy evacuation by the Turkish troops, who some time ago occupied the place.

Pacific Coast Happenings

American Sallor Retracts Charge Against Captain Cousins of the Queen,

Death in Honolulu of Alleged Former Companion of Explorer Livingstone.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 21—(Special)—
The southbound express train,
No. 15, on the Southern Pacific,
which was partially derailed by
a landslide near Delta last night,
caused the death of two persons and
injury to others. Several had narrow
secapes. A large number of fatalities
were at first reported. The dead are
Engineer Dennis Freel 30 Dunsmuir
and James T. Keiser of Spokane.

The Race Track Scandal Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—Judge A. W. Hamilton granted J. F. McCafferty until today in which to file his answer had found it necessary during the election to pledge themselves to oppose home rule and therefore the government would proceed before the more invidious method of instalments.

The amendment was defeated 406 to SS.

Home Rule and Transvaal

The pointed reference to Ireland contained in King Edward's speech to parliament, coupled with the announcement of the determination to grant constitutional government to the Transvaal, brought these two questions to the front, both in the debate in the House of Lords and in the House of Commens, on the motions on

Mother and Child Murdered

North Yakima, Wn., Feb. 21.—A
double murder was discovered four
miles northeast of Fort Simcoe, on the
Yakima Indian reservation, an Indian
woman and her 2-year-old child having
been killed. The discovery was made
by Sam Ashe, am Indian, who found
the woman and child dead in bed, with
their skulls crushed. The motive for
the crime is a mystery.

The Valencia investigation

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Seattle, Feb. 21.—(Special)—D. S. Sullivan, boatswain's mate in the United States navy, who was a passenger on the steamer Queen when that vessel sailed from Victoria to the scene of the wreck of the Valencia, told Federal Commissioners Murray, Smith and Burwell this morning he had not reported that he offered to take a boat ashore, as was told in the newspapers. He said he did not think a boat could have been lowered from the Queen, because she was rolling so badly. He believed the tug Czar could have rendered assistance, as he thought at the time she was equipped with wrecking apparatus and was a much smaller vessel. According to Sullivan, Captain Cousins did not desert his position.

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Ladies' Acme Turn Kid Lace Boot, patent tip, cushion insole. Cushion insole is made of the best of felt and lamb's wool, is a non-conductor of either heat or cold, will not warp, curi or become hard as leather, and is always fiexible, soft and comfortable. Price, \$4.50 per pair.

Spencer's Special," Ladies' Kid Blucher cut Lace Boot, "Beldame" last, patent tip, dull kid top, me-dium sole, stylish and good ser-vice. We have your size. \$2.00 per

"Spencer's Special," Ladies' Kid Lace Boot, "Richmond" last, patent tip, medium sole, Cuban heel, \$2.00 per pair.

Boys' Box Caif Lace Boots, oak tan-ned sole, whole pleced vamp, made to order for David Spencer, Ltd. Sizes 1 to 5. \$2.75 per pair.

Boys' Patent Colt, Blucher cut Lace Sizes 1 to 5. \$2.50 per pair. Spencer's Special," Girls' Lace Boots, box calf uppers, oak tanned, medium weight sole, low heel, half sizes, 11 to 2. \$2.00 per pair.

Boys' Velour Calf Lace Boots, Blucher last, welted sole, medium weight, dull kid top, smart appearance, in half sizes, 1 to 5. \$3.00 per pair. Men's Patent Colt Button Boot, "Hobo" last, whole foxed, dull kid top, medium sole, welter, military heel. \$6.00 per pair.

Men's "The Pique Blucher" Lace Boot, patent coit vamp and top, extension sole, welted, medium weight, stylish heel; a swagger shoe and well within the limits of good taste. \$7.00 per pair.

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Men's "Tech Last" Black Vici Kid,
elastic side or congress, whole foxed,
welted sole, heach made; for perfect
comfort cannot be beat. \$5.50 pair.

Men's Velour Calf Lace Boot, mat calf top, Blucher cut, welted sole, fits the foot. \$4.00 per pair. Men's Stag, Gun Metal, Blucher Cu

Lace Boots, something new indeed in leather, the newest out, military heel, welted sole, extension edge. \$5.50 per pair. Men's Chocolate Russian Leather Lace Boots, Bincher cut, medium sole, welted "Fenway" last, New York's latest out. \$6.00 per pair.

Men's Kangaroo Lace Boot, "Tech' last, medium sole, whole foxed, low heel, extra back strap, welted sole. \$5.50 per pair.

1800 YARDS EMBROIDERY REMNANTS

Four and a half yards in each piece. Today, per piece.....

600 Pure Linen Handkerchiefs

Honolulu, Feb. 21.—James Arthur Laing died yesterday at Queen's hospital. Laing was a Scotsman, 62 years of age, and had been employed here several years as a searcher of records. He is said to have been a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and to have conveyed the remains of Explorer Livingston from Zanzibar to London, and is also said to have been a member of Henry Stanley's Niger expedition.

Comment On Bryce's Speech

Attention Paid to Irish Secreary's Reply to Colonel Sanderson.

Home Rule By Instalments the Natural Process of

London Feb. 27.—The opposition newspapers this morning repeat the rumors that there is dissension in the cabinet over the government's South African policy. According to the Daily Mail an official announcement may be expected almost immediately concerning the despatch of a commission to South Africa in order to investigate on the spot.

Mr. Bryce's speech on Col. Sanderson's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne affirming the adherence of the government to the principle of home rule, but leaving the house as much in the dark regarding the government's actual Irish policy, as did the King's speech, attracts much attention, but it does not provide the opposition press with a strong weapon with which to attack the government beyond the old charge of the ministers to concede home rule by instalments.

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cede home rule by instalments.

The Liberal organs argue that the government is only taking up the Irish problem where Mr. Wyndham, the former chief secretary for Ireland, was forced to lay it down. The Tribune says that from the time the Unionist government charged Sir Antony MacDonnell with the task of introducing changes in the spirit and form of Irish government the whole issue between the English parties was transformed till the alternative lay nakedly between coercion and home rule. Today the Tribune says it lies between various forms of change and various means of associating the Irish people with the Irish government.

A BOOK FOR THE HOME.

Dr. Chase's Last and Complete Receipt Book, containing over three thousand medical, cooking veterinay and miscellaneous recipes, is soid at \$2.75 post-paid. There is no book published which is so useful in the home. After using it a month you would not exchange it for \$10. If you don't consider it worth more than the price return the book in good condition and get your money back. Illustrated circular free. Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

AGREEMENT TO EXPIRE.

Unless the Canadian Pacific is able the arrangement on anything like the Pacific for the handling of Canadian Pacific business from Sumas, at which point the lines of the two roads have maintained a connection for years, to Seattle, the Canadian Pacific line to Seattle will be a necessity to continue the business which the road-has established with the Puget Sound country by means of this connection, says the Post-Intelligencer of yesterday.

The present contract, which is said by local representatives of both roads to the the lowest traffic arrangement in existence between rival railway systems for the same number of miles, expires in about eighteen months, and at the present time the chances of renewing the arangement on anything like the same terms seems to be out of the question. Unless the Canadian Pacific is

Three months ago the Canadian Pacific made application to have the traffic agreement renewed. The Northern Pacific has declined to meet the demand on the old basis and has not made a proposition to the Canadian Pacific road on which the traffic of the Canadian line will be handled on the expiration of the present contract.

If the Canadian Pacific is at work the present time on plans to extend to Seattle, the line may be completed be-fore the arrangement with the Northern Pacific expires.

STRUCK SUPERIOR OFFICER.

A. Weaver, of "B" Battery, R. (A., was sentenced by district court tial to 168 days in the county jail The charge proven was that of s The charge proven was that of ing a superior officer. The latter a bombardier. As a mathematical legislation of the charge of th osition the question arises: If striking bombardler merits 168 days in jail, with the — would happen if the strict one had been a colonel.

A BIG MORTGAGE.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.-The Alba and Susquehenna railway oper the Delaware & Hudson compa gave a mortgage for \$10,000,000 United States Mortgage & Trust pany to cover an issue of forty three and one half percent; gold The mortgage was filed in the county clerk's office, and unde mortgage tax law, \$50,000 taxes we collected on it

Use Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) to wash woolens and flaunels, -you'll like VOL. XLVIII

Legislative Asser

Message From Lleuten ernor-Columbia and tern Bill Down.

Provincial Elections pleted and Passes Reading.

Premier Declares Adhe **Policy of Not Subsi** The K. C. R.

Monday, February 2 and after prayers by the A. Carson, Mr. Oliver a petition from Geo.

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Dr. King moved, seconde
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Kootenay Central railway.

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Hon, R. McBride said he hection to produce the petition to. He believed they were "bona fide" residents of the question. It was a good a and mining section and man lands had already been go the Kootenay Valley company government had bonused a goboat service on the Columbia there were excellent roads in trict. It was not the intentic government to bonus the K. C. ready had a Dominion bonus are every reason to believe that the would very soon be built with vincirl aid.

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cember last.

5. Mr. Oliver moved the resolution: That an order of the granted for a return forth copies of all letters, telegrams applications or any other paper nection with the application Columbia and Western Railw pany for lands claimed by wasidy, or in connection with the said lands, said return to period from June 1, 1903, to that time.

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empt?
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4. How many acres of the companies of the c 4. How many acres of the each of said companies were 1905 and 1906, respectively ds, class A, and as coal l respectively?

B, respectively?

5. Did the coal lands so as class A pay any tax whateve not why were they exempt?

6. What is the rate of tax the coal lands, class B, so as said companies? what was the value thereof? and how much each of the said companies pay class B lands in 1905?

7. What difference, approximate revenue did the change from these coal companies' holdings dese coal companies' holding nds to coal lands, classes

8. Since the acquisition last the Esquimalt and Nanaimo and land grant thereto appert the Canadian Pacific Railway what additional coal lands clacks B respectively, have be sessable as such and to whom If none, what steps has the go taken to learn what coal and of were, under the terms of acquive granted to certain paries or les?

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The Hon. Mr. Tatlow repli-

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