

Dominion News Notes

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 Enthusiasm of Farmers.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—(Special)—The important announcement was made today that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company has tendered for the construction of 395 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 of the railway, Mr. Wainwright remarked that under the agreement of 1903 the Grand Trunk Pacific had to pay a rental to the Dominion government for 43 years of 90 years of the lease, equivalent to 3 per cent 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 enter into competition 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. and it is explained that some time ago he was retained by the company in special cases. Mr. Fowler, who is attending to Mr. Blair's affairs, says the minister passed an easier night but he will be incapable of any work for some weeks.

New Senators Selected.—Three gentlemen who are to be appointed senators for the two of the western provinces have been selected. They are Dr. Douglas, ex M. P., A. B. Macdonald of McLeod and Benjamin Prince of Battleford. Douglas sits in the Commons from 1896 to 1904. Macdonald is a native of Glenora and a Roman Catholic. Prince is a Canadian who has been for years resident in the Northwest.

The supreme court today set back election appeal at the foot of the main staircase with costs against the appellant John Grant.

Grand Trunk Plans.—Montreal, Feb. 20.—Regarding the Vancouver World's story that the Grand Trunk Pacific would build a railway from Edmonton to the Pacific for some time to come, Vice President and General Manager Morse, today said that work was being prosecuted with as much vigor as is possible at this time of the year. The Grand Trunk Pacific will have a 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 Laurier who is in city, denied the Vancouver World's story that the Grand Trunk Pacific would not build a railway from Edmonton to the Pacific. No cable or letter has been received by his government. The statement was entirely without foundation.

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, and as it was by the success of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wm. Mulock, Hon. G. W. Ross, A. B. Ayresworth and a score of other of almost equal distinction. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to the toast of "Canada and the Empire" re-told the old story of infidelity 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 law 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. Hoyle's 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; must be filed to be sold to the company and what contracts are being entered into. The act is specially directed at mining corporations.

Traffic Commission With Contempt

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Fraserick 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 Nichols is treating the commission with contempt. The sitting was adjourned indefinitely and the matter will be made a means of securing information.

Supposed Result of Somnambulism

Toronto, Feb. 20.—This morning Edith Mand Tomsett, living at 152 Winchester street was picked up unconscious on the sidewalk. It is supposed that while in a fit of somnambulism 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 a loss of seven thousand dollars to a four-story building on Richmond hill occupied by Stevely and Son, stove 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 guilty to bigamy.

Investigation of Telephone

Winnipeg, 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.

Seed Selection Trial

The seed selection trial 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 includes its work of entirely covering the cost. She has been transported 5,000 miles and will have cost the company \$50,000. Expenses of advertising, lecturing, etc., is borne entirely by the Dominion government and will run into much more. But, Mr. Blair, who is in charge of the operation, said that this is a mere bagatelle compared with the loss from smut and weeds which is estimated to cost the farmer a million dollars.

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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.

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SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING.

United States Advised to Prepare for Trouble in China

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 preparation as to the United States army and navy for trouble in the Orient. He declared that any nation which might attempt to threaten the peace in China might as well haul down its flag and quit the Pacific. Incidentally Mr. Hull pronounced "Ming" as a trouble in the Pacific. He said that the Chinese officials that the United States intended returning the \$20,000,000 Boxer indemnity. Statements of this kind he 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.

Satisfactory Arrangement of Frontier Dispute in Sight.

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—The representations of the British ambassador on the subject of the evacuation of Taban and the orders sent to the British cruiser Diana to depart from the Turkish coast, resulted in the appointment of a Turkish commission which will leave Constantinople immediately and they are to arrange matters with the Anglo-Egyptian commissioners. It is understood, however, that Great Britain demands the non-occupation of the places occupied by the Turks before the commission leaves. The British demands for the evacuation of the places occupied by the Turks before the commission leaves. The British demands for the evacuation of the places occupied by the Turks before the commission leaves.

Pacific Coast Happenings

American Sailor Retracts Charge Against Captain Cousins of the Queen.

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Comment On Bryce's Speech

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

Home Rule by Instalments the Natural Process of Events.

London, Feb. 20.—The opposition newspapers this morning repeat the rumors that there is discussion 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 departure of a commission to South Africa in order to investigate on the spot.

MURDERED IN NEW YORK.

Well-to-do Tailor Victim of Thugs While Returning Home.

New York, Feb. 20.—Returning from the Metropolitan opera house early this morning to his home at Bath Beach, Alvin Karpis, a well-to-do tailor, was murdered by a gang of thugs. His body was found in a pool of blood on the sidewalk. The police are searching for the perpetrators.

CASTRO'S LATEST EXPLOITS.

Preparing to Attack Property of British Subjects.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 21.—A well-informed official of Curacao, in a letter received here today, says that President Castro has given orders to prepare the documents to institute legal proceedings against the Legation harbor corporation and the Laguna-Caracas railroad. These companies are both owned by British subjects and are largely controlled by the Venezuelan government. Castro has created a monopoly of the manufacture of cigarettes, inviting all manufacturers to join a trust, in which President Castro and his friends have acquired the lion's share.

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Message From Lieutenant Governor—Columbia and tern Bill Down.

Provincial Elections A pleted and Passes T Reading.

Premier Declares Adhe Policy of Not Subs The K. C. R.

Monday, February 20, 1906. At two o'clock p. m. the House met for the day and after prayers by the Rev. A. Carson, Mr. Oliver presented a petition from Geo. re pre-emption records and land locations on Kaitan Island. Received and referred to a committee investigating matters John Hendry, opposing the Bill an Act to accelerate the sine of the city of North Vancouver.

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