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TRANSCONTINENTAL CONTRACTS AWARDED; GO TO LOWEST TENDERERS, ALL CANADIAN

Contracts Aggregating Nineteen Million Dollars Closed for Building of the Big Road==Western Section To Be Completed by October, 1907.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 12. — Contracts aggregating $19,000,000 were awarded by the Dominion Government today for the construction of two sections of the National Transcontinental Railway. The tenders have been before the railway commission and the Government for the past four weeks, and it was not until this afternoon that the award was made. In each case the lowest tenderer got the contract.

The contract for the western section, from Winnipeg to Superior Junction, a distance of 245 miles, has been awarded to J. D. MacArthur, of Winnipeg. The price is a little over $13,000,000, or $250,000 less than the estimated cost of the government engineers.

The contract for the eastern section, from Quebec to La Tugue, 159 miles, has been awarded to Hogan & McDonald, of Montreal. The price is about $5,300,000. This is about $700,000 less than the estimate of Government engineers.

The contract for the Cape Rouge steel viaduct has gone to the Dominion Bridge Company, of Montreal, at $320,000. The Phoenix Bridge Company, of Philadelphia, was next to the successful tenderers.

Three out of the four Transcontinental Railway commissioners recommended that the Government accept the lowest tenders, which has been done. Mr. Parent, the chairman, asked the Government to consider whether the tenders of Hogan & MacDonald, on the eastern section, were not so low as to delay the construction of the road.

The Government gave consideration to all these matters, and have decided that the contractors, being practical men, and men of substance, there was no reason to pass over their tenders. The contractor of the western section has got until October, 1907, to complete the work. There is not much haste with the other. The western section is expected to be completed in time to aid in taking the wheat crop of the season of 1907 as far as Lake Superior. The G. T. P. expect to have the Lake Superior branch extended to meet the main line by then.

He will also have the prairie section as far west as Edmonton ready for business.

J. D. MacArthur left for Winnipeg a few days ago to be ready to proceed to work. G. H. Webster, who represents Mr. MacArthur, is now here. He says that there will be any quantity of work for sub-contractors and men at once. The intention is not to lose a day, so that the work will be completed in time.

Boost Cabinet Salaries.

Toronto, Ont., April 12. — A rumor that the salaries of the members of the Ontario Government are to be increased is again going round the corridors of the Parliament Buildings. It is said that the question will be discussed and a decision reached at the Conservative caucus this afternoon.

Work For the Vigilant

Detroit, Mich., April 12.—Work is being rushed on the Canadian revenue cutter Vigilant at the Detroit drydock. While the cutter is in drydock bold American fishermen are having a gala time in Lake Erie. Some of the venturesome ones have gone within two miles of the Canadian shore. The department at Ottawa is hustling work on the Vigilant so that she can be put into commission as soon as possible.

Some Sweeping Changes In New Mining Measure

Uniform Law for Entire Province and New Regulation as to Staking==Municipal 'Phones.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 12.—Premier Whitney would have required great courage to carry out his purpose of having the House sit till 7 p.m. today. By 4 o'clock the chamber was emptied of the country members, who were hustling for the trains, which would take them home for the holiday recess.

The only important feature of the day was the introduction by Hon. Mr. Cochrane of the new mining bill, which completely revises the existing legislation. The new bill aims at a uniform law for the whole Province, the decentralization of administration, protection for the prospector and security of titles for the investor. Every prospector or other person wishing to hold mining lands must take out a mines license, costing $10 per annum. On staking out a claim the prospector records it in the office of one of the mining divisions into which the Province is to be divided. If the Government inspector finds valuable minerals on the claim the prospector must do 20 days' work within 60 days, 60 days' work in each of the next two years, and 90 days' work the third year. He then buys the land at $3 per acre, and his patent is indefensible, not being subject to any further work in conditions. Actual discovery of valuable mineral is necessary to obtain title.

These lands will not be staked and recorded simply because of their proximity to deposits of value. In cases where minerals do not outcrop, but where their presence is suspected, working permits are issued for six months, renewable for the same period, but five days' work per week must be done. Prospecting permits are also issued for $100 to those searching for petroleum gas or lignite. These permits cover 640 acres for a year and the holder must expend $2 per acre in actual work.

If minerals are found the land may be leased at $1 per acre. Particulars of all mining partnerships must be filed. Miners and mine laborers may enforce collection of wages under the lien act. Regulations are adopted for securing the health and safety of working miners, and these are set for ventilation, ladders, shafts, scaling, handling of explosives, etc. The question of taxation and bounties to encourage refining are to be dealt with in a separate measure.

Hon. Adam Beck secured a second reading for his bill respecting local municipal telephones. He spoke of the advantages to the farmer of rural 'phones, especially under the system proposed by his bill, under which a standard of repair and efficiency is maintained.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced a bill to amend the county courts act by extending their jurisdiction to high court cases, which both parties agree to have heard before a county judge.

Mr. Monteith's bills respecting agricultural and horticultural associations were put through committee. The former was amended to provide that out of the $5,000 to be divided between Toronto, London and Ottawa fairs, no one association should receive more than $2,500.

The House adjourned at 4:40 to reassemble on Wednesday.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE NAPLES FOLK

The Observatory Sends Word That Eruption Is Subsiding.

CARE AND FOOD TO REFUGEES

The Population Has Grown Calm and Thanksgiving Processions Are Being Formed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Naples, April 12.—The sky is again bright. The fall of ashes is now intermittent. They are of a reddish color, which heralds the end of the disturbance. The eruption of lava has stopped. No further danger is feared. The soldiers are feverishly searching for the victims at San Guiseppe and Ottaino, where over 100 bodies have been recovered. They are in a state of decomposition. The work of strengthening the buildings and removing the deposits from the roofs and streets is proceeding rapidly, and the streets of Naples are gradually resuming their normal aspect. The streets are almost cleared. Thanksgiving processions are being held in the towns and the distribution of food to the refugees is proceeding regularly. The King will return to Rome tonight or tomorrow at the latest.

Reassuring News.

Rome, April 12. — More reassuring news was received from Naples this morning. The quantity of ashes and lapilli falling on the city from Vesuvius diminished during the night, and the activity of the volcano has apparently ceased. There is enough food on hand to supply the refugees who have flocked to the city, and supplies are being distributed to them by the soldiers. The work of removing ashes from the roofs to prevent any such disaster as occurred in the Monte Olliveto market is proceeding regularly. The population has grown more calm. Many of the people are confident that the cessation of the eruption was a miracle performed by the image of San Gennaro. A new fissure has appeared on the side of the mountain near the station of the Funicular railway.

In an Inferno.

Professor Mattucci, the director of the Royal Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, telegraphed the following report today: "We have passed the last two days and nights as in an inferno. Our lives have been endangered hundreds of times. Many of my instruments have been broken, but excellent scientific results have been obtained."

The popular uneasiness is still so great that the church authorities issued an order today, directing the people to refrain from crowding churches.

The stream of lava, which threatened Torre Dell Annunziata has ceased to flow, and is now solidifying and cooling. The lava which has invaded the dstrct of Boscoreale and Boscotrecase varies from 30 to 35 feet in height, and the stream is from 150 to 450 feet wide. The Government has contributed $100,000 to the fund which is being raised by the relief committee, of which committee the Duke of Aosta is president. The total fund raised thus far is $375,000. The generosity of the foreign residents of the city has been most marked. Firemen from several large towns near Naples have arrived and are helping in the work of clearing the roofs and relieving the destitution. The soldiers in Naples are almost exhausted from their three-days' incessant work.

MIDLAND DINES SAILORS

Officers of Fleet Wintering There Banqueted by Citizens.

Midland, Ont., April 12.—The citizens of Midland gave a complimentary dinner to the officers of the fleet wintering in the harbor here last night, which was the largest and most interesting function of the kind ever held in the town. Mayor Finlayson occupied the chair, and about 175 took part in the banquet, about half of whom were marine men. The citizens hope to make this an annual affair in order to bring the importance of the port and town more fully before those interested in the carrying trade upon the Great Lakes. This year will see a large increase in the elevator capacity here, the Grand Trunk Railway having just completed the erection of a modern million bushel house. This, together with increased railway facilities now under way, will make Midland one of the most important shipping points on Georgian Bay.

BRITISH BOWLERS' VISIT

Will Sail from Home for Canadian Tour on July 1.

Brantford, Ont., April 12.—T. M. Woodyatt, president of the Dominion Bowling Association, received word today that the British bowlers will leave for their Canadian tour on Saturday, July 1, sailing by the C. P. R. steamer Empress of India, and start on the return home on Saturday, Sept. 1. In London on April 21 there will be a meeting of the Ontario and Western Bowling Associations to fix dates for the Britishers' tour.

OIL TANK EXPLODED

A Grand Trunk Employe at Stratford Seriously Injured.

Stratford, April 12.—An oil tank at the G. T. R. shops exploded tonight. Walter Taylor, a young man employed by the company, was seriously burned about the face and hands. The explosion made a loud report, which was distinctly heard all over the city. Taylor was working near the tank with a lantern at the time. His hair was burned off and his face badly disfigured. It is believed that he will recover. There was great excitement for a time.

TO FLOAT BAVARIAN

London Salvage Firm Will Make the Attempt.

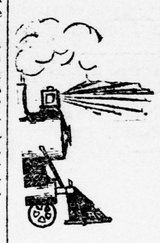
Quebec, April 12.—Mr. Thomas Napier Armit, representing the London, England, Salvage Company, has arrived here to undertake the floating of the Allan turbine passenger steamer Bavarian, which went ashore last season, and still lies stranded on Wye Rock, opposite Grosse Isle quarantine station, 40 miles east of Quebec. Mr. Armit will first proceed to the scene of the disaster to investigate the conditions of the wrecked vessel and its surroundings, and later will return to Quebec to make arrangements for the attempt to float the vessel. He will employ the Davies wrecking plant and several steamboats to help him, with a large gang of experienced wreckers and laborers, and will set to work as soon as possible at the task.

Is Bannockburn Lost?

Port Robinson, April 12.—While some children were playing along the canal bank here about 6:30 yesterday evening, they took from the water a clear glass bottle, tightly corked, in which was a slip of paper torn from a notebook, with the following written thereon: "On board the Bannockburn; shaft broken; going down. Captain Woods." Inquiry will immediately be made to prove the genuineness of the writing.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH GRAND TRUNK

Has Authority Also to Consult With Railway Officials ==Company Must Be Responsible for Damages.



The railway committee of the city council met last night and after an hour's discussion of the plans of the Grand Trunk Railway in London, appointed a committee, composed of Chairman Garratt, Mayor Judd, Ald. Forristal and Ald. Booth, to wait on the city solicitor and have an agreement with the company drafted along the lines of the suggestions of Consulting Engineer Jennings, as given in last evening's Advertiser, having reference also to the suggestions of the committee.

This sub-committee has authority to consult with the Grand Trunk officials, secure a plan of the tracks of the company, and after having an agreement drawn up which to the best of their belief is in the interests of the city, report back to the committee itself.

One of the most important matters discussed was that of damages caused by the improvements to be made by the Grand Trunk, and the following resolution, which was moved by Ald. Gillean, was adopted unanimously:

"That the city assume no responsibility for any damage done to properties, adjacent to the elevated tracks, and that it be explicitly stated in the agreement the Grand Trunk Railway shall meet all actions for damages, and assume all liabilities therefor. And that clauses be inserted in the agreement protecting the city from all damages by reason of the subways being constructed on streets and bents or columns being erected therein."

There were no deputations of citizens to wait on the committee, but Ald. Booth announced that a number of petitions are being circulated in the southern part of the city calling upon the city to insist on all streets being maintained at their present width and all kept open.

"One man told me," said Ald. Booth, "that on Tuesday night he will present a petition to the council which will bear 1,000 names. The people are very much in earnest as regards the streets."

Want a Mass Meeting.

A petition from John G. Parsons and 34 others was received, requesting that a mass meeting be called for the purpose of discussing the Grand Trunk improvements in London, and also the bill of the City Gas Company now before the Ontario Legislature.

The petition was sent to the council, which meets on Tuesday night.

Several suggestions were made regarding the limiting and the number of service tracks to be laid by the company, and it was also suggested that no such tracks be allowed west of Wellington street.

Ald. Forristal protested, however, warning the committee to do nothing to injure the shippers along the line of the Grand Trunk, many of whom are amongst London's best businessmen.

The committee took up the matter of the embankments extending on to streets where viaducts are not the full width of the thoroughfares, and this will also be dealt with when the subcommittee consults the solicitor in regard to the agreement.

No Piers for Cove Bridge.

The committee first considered the Cove bridge. It was decided to ask the company to construct the new

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CURRY OFF ON WITNESS HUNT

Going to U. S. for Evidence of Miss McCann In York Loan Case.

Toronto, Ont., April 12.—At the investigation of the conspiracy charge against Joseph Phillips this morning Crown Attorney Curry intimated that he had interviewed the Attorney-General, as a result of which he is going to the United States to get the evidence of Miss Josephine McCann and Mrs. Souter, both of whom are large stockholders in the Toronto Life. Two witnesses, Mrs. Hazzard and Miss Robb, also stockholders, did not answer when their names were called and Mr. Curry said they could not be found. Mr. Barrett, managing director of the Southern Light and Power Company, gave evidence as to selling an elevator to the York County Loan for which he received a commission from Messrs. Turnbull, who supplied the elevator. The crown attorney attempted to find out if he had split this commission with anyone, but Barrett denied it, and said he had put the $100 in his pocket. The case has been adjourned till Tuesday.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS

Copies of Resolution Left With the Ontario Government.

Toronto, April 12. — The members of the Canadian section of the international waterways commission were in consultation with Premier Whitney and other members of the Government this morning. Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. George Pattinson, M. P. P., members of the hydro-electric power commission, were also present. Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., of London, the chairman, left with the Premier copies of the resolutions which have been adopted by the Canadian section of the waterways commission, in respect to international waterways, and which it is proposed to present to the United States section. The Ontario Government is more particularly concerned with the proposed action by the Dominion and United States Government in regard to Niagara Falls and the sections of the resolutions bearing upthis were discussed at some length. The conference made it quite plain that the Ontario Government will be kept in close touch with the various steps to be taken, and that there is not the slightest intention of infringing upon the rights of the Province.

To Wed June 1.

Madrid, April 12.—The marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg has been definitely fixed for June 1.

THE NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN SUSPENDED

Another Hitch in Conference Regarding the Anthracite Miners' Strike.

New York, April 12. — The anthracite miners, in their conference today with the operators, amended their original proposition, so that the agreement asked for may be made with the anthracite mine workers, instead of the United Mine Workers of America, and they also amended the check-off demand so that only those men who are willing to contribute shall be assessed in order to pay the expenses of carrying out the agreement. If the operators refuse to accept the amended proposition of the miners, the wage-workers propose that the original proposition of the operators, to the effect that the award of the strike commisison be renewed for three years and the two amended propositions outlined above be renewed. If any of the commissioners cannot serve, President Mitchell proposes that President Roosevelt fill the vacancy. The miners did not amend their proposition that any award made should be for one year only.

After the miners' double counter-proposition was read, President Baer replied that he regretted that the miners could not accept their propositions, and added that the operators could not modify them. The operators, he said, will answer the miners' later proposition by letter. The conference then adjourned, subject to the call of Presidents Baer and Mitchell.

President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna Railroad, was asked to explain Chairman Baer's brief statement. He said that it could be accepted as meaning that the operators stand absolutely by their counter-proposition, submited on Tuesday.

As the situation stands now, Mr. Truesdale thought, it was not too much to say that negotiations betwen the operators and the miners had practically been suspended. The operators will take up the miners' proposition of today, however, and make formal reply early in the coming week.

A Dangerous Blaze.

New York, April 12.—By using the Second Avenue Elevated Railroad tracks as a platform from which to play their hose, firemen were able today to confine a dangerous blaze in a six-story dwelling and business building at 318-320 East Twenty-third street, to the three upper floors. The loss was about $50,000, although hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property was threatened. The plant of Leslies' Weekly, on the ground floor, was damaged by water. The origin of the fire was not learned.

ORDERED BACK TO WORK

Hamilton Bricklayers Have Broken Agreement, Says Organizer.

Hamilton, Ont., April 12.—Organizer Issard, of the International Union of Bricklayers, who has been here for some days investigating the bricklayers' strike, has ordered the men to return to work at once, declaring that the local union has broken an agreement entered into with the Contractors' Association. If the order of the international is not obeyed, the charter of the local union will be forfeited, he says. The men struck for an increase from 45 to 50 cents an hour.

Cruelty to Animals.

Belleville, Ont., April 12.—Chief of Police Gunyou, of Deseronto, today brought to the county jail a man named Walter Keler, who will serve two months behind the bars. He was convicted at Deseronto yesterday of abusing a horse belonging to Mr. T. Gault, of that town, and for this offense received the above sentence.

GERMANS AFTER ROOSEVELT CUP

Crown Prince Will Send Over a Yacht to Take Part in the Race.

Kiel, April 12. — The Kiel Gazette says that the German Crown Prince intends sending his new small yacht Angela II. to America to compete for the Roosevelt cup late this season.

The Roosevelt cup will be raced for next September, off Marblehead, between German and American yachts, under the auspices of the Imperial Yacht Club of Kiel, and the Eastern Yacht Club of Boston. Each yacht will be designed and built in the country which they represent, and all the sails and fittings will be made in the country to which they belong. The racers are limited in dimension to 32 feet in length on the water-line.

BRITISH INTEREST IN MUTUAL LIFE

Meeting of Policyholders Has Been Called—Don't Like the Situation.

London, April 12. — A meeting of the British policyholders of the Mutual Life Insurance Company has been called for April 30, to consider the reply of Joseph Choate, counsel for the company, to the representations made in their behalf by A. D. Juilliard, a trustee of the Mutual. The reply, which was received this morning, through Mr. Addison, counsel for the policyholders was not satisfactory to policyholders who were seen today. Mr. Choate says the proposals require careful legal consideration, and that in the meantime the trustees would be pleased to have the British policyholders appoint an actuary to verify the reserve and liabilities. This the policyholders say, is evading the issue. They are satisfied with the financial condition of the company, but demand a change in the management, desiring particularly the retirement of those of the trustees who were closely associated with the McCurdys.

STEEL WORKS FOR WELLAND

A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Plant To Be Erected.

Welland, Ont., April 12.—Judge Muhlfelder, of Albany, and several New York and Philadelphia capitalists who are associated with him in the steel industry, were in Welland this week with Engineer Herrick, of Philadelphia, and his staff, making arrangements for the beginning of the work of erecting the large steel works here. Articles of incorporation have been applied for at a capitalization of $500,000, all of which is subscribed. J. H. McKnight, of Toronto, this week began work on an $11,000 sewer contract in Welland.

U. S. AND CANADA WILL CONFER TO SETTLE FISHERIES DISPUTES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 12.—An agreement has been made with the Government of the United States for a joint conference to consider the question of fisheries in international boundary waters. There have been a number of differences over the fishery regulations in the waters of Lake Champlain, Lake Erie, Rainy Lake and similarly situated bodies of water. The United States recently proposed to submit all of these questions to an international commission. To this Canada has agreed. It is understood the commission will deal chiefly with the dates for closed seasons, and the manner of taking fish. The commission will be instructed to consider means to prevent the depletion of the international waters fisheries.

Comptroller White, of the Northwest Mounted Police, has left for Saskatchewan and Alberta, to conclude arrangements with the provincial authorities for the maintenance of mounted police. The police will be continued as a federal force. Expenses will be shared by the Dominion and the provinces.

Wilful Murder.

Port Credit, Ont., April 12.—The coroner's jury in the case of the infant found in the church shed here two weeks ago brought in a verdict today of wilful murder against persons unknown.

11,000 From the States.

Winnipeg, April 12.—It is estimated that 11,000 Americans settled in Canada during March.

THE WEATHER.

Today—Fair and Warmer.

London, Friday, April 13.

Sun rises..5:37 a.m. Moon rises..12:30 a.m.
Sun sets...6:59 p.m. Moon sets... 9:15 a.m.

Toronto, April 12—8 p.m.

Local sleet and rain have occurred today in Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a somewhat lower temperature than yesterday. In Ontario and Quebec the weather has been fine and milder, and is now clearing in the Maritime Provinces. A disturbance, accompanied by rain, is now likely to move toward Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2 below—30; Atlin, 28—38; Victoria, 32—50; Vancouver, 30—52; Vancouver, 30—52; Calgary, 18—52; Edmonton, 24—54; Prince Albert, 34—40; Winnipeg, 24—44; Parry Sound, 32—50; Toronto, 36—54; Ottawa, 34—48; Montreal, 34—44; Quebec, 28—38; St. John, 30—36; Halifax, 32—36.

FORECASTS.

Lower Lake: Easterly winds; fair, with a little higher temperature.

PARIS POSTMEN OUT

Four or Five Thousand Postal Employes Go On Strike.

Paris, April 12.—The postmen here are on strike. It began with the staff handling newspapers and other printed matter. A number of letter carriers have now joined the movement, bringing the number of strikers up to four or five thousand. The delivery of letters is greatly hindered. Newspaper deliveries have almost stopped. The telegraph boys met in a cafe and gravely discussed the situation over their beer and cigarettes. They decided to join the postmen. Efforts are being made to secure the adhesion of the telegraph and telephone operators.

Noted Buffalo Lawyer Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 12.—George B. Hibbard, a well-known marine lawyer, died last evening, aged 82 years. Mr. Hibbard argued the inland navigation case before the United States supreme court, the result of which was the establishing of the great lakes as inland seas. He also had much to do with the creation of interstate commerce laws.

South End Will Petition to Have Depot Go East

Ald. Booth made the statement at the city hall last evening that the residents of the south end of the city are gradually becoming reconciled to the idea of having William street closed by the Grand Trunk to vehicular traffic and kept open only for pedestrians.

"But the people do not want a narrow passageway under the tracks," said the aldermen. "They want an opening at least 30 feet wide."

Ald. Booth added that when the agreement with the Grand Trunk comes up at the council meeting, the aldermen will be waited on by a large deputation from the south end, and they will also receive a number of petitions for consideration. The property-owners are bent on having the subways the same width as the streets are at present, and some of them will also agitate to have the new depot erected on the site of the old freight sheds between Waterloo and Wellington streets. In fact, one of the petitions will ask that this be stipulated in the agreement with the company.

So far as the subways are concerned, Ald. Booth said that what the people of the south end particularly objected to is the idea of having any portion of the railway embankment on the street. They feel that while the proposed subways might be plenty wide enough for the present, they will not be in years to come, when the south end of the city will be very much larger than at present. In view of the feeling in the south end, Ald. Booth feels in duty bound to endeavor to have the subways the same width as the present crossings.

GRATEFUL FOR BRITISH BACKING

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Paris, April 12.—Minister of Foreign Affairs Bourgeois has issued a declaration which amounts to a historical review of the Algeciras conference. He declares that France throughout the conference sought a pacific solution of the questions of issue. He pays a tribute of thanks to Russia and Great Britain for the support they rendered to France.

M. Bourgeois also complimented the representatives of the United States, Italy, and Austria, saying that they aided materially in producing the happy result at Algeciras, while conference also showed signs of reciprocal confidence which [illegible] ly united Spain and France.