

The Grand Trunk Railway.

A very important adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway was held in London, on the 28th ult., when the President of the Company, Mr. Potter, who made a careful tour of inspection over the road last summer, gave full explanations as to the real state of the line. This statement is anything but consolatory to the stockholders, or complimentary to the general management of the road.

The President refers to some very injurious contracts made by the Company for the supply of rolling stock from car companies, one of which was so ridiculously high that he cancelled the contract, and thereby effected a saving to the Company of \$180,000 per annum. He frankly admits that his calculations in 1869, when he went over the line before, were erroneous, and ascribes the error to the neglect of the officers of the road in this country to supply him with full information.

Mr. Alport, General Manager of the Midland Railway, in England, who accompanied Mr. Potter in his tour of inspection over the Grand Trunk, stated at the meeting that he had never gone over a line in worse condition than was this road. It was, he said—to use a homely phrase—worn down to the very bones, and that unless the repairs proposed by the President were made without delay the line would get to be unworkable altogether.

The meeting adopted the report of the Directors, authorised the Board to dispose of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence railway securities, authorised them to apply to the Parliament of Canada for an act to postpone the payment of the first and second preference bondholders for three years, and also to issue further bonds of the company, to be termed second equipment bonds, for one and a half million dollars—all which money is to be spent improving the road, and putting it in a better position than it has ever occupied.

Editorial Items.

A rumour prevails in Quebec that Hon. Joseph Cauchon, of all men in the world, is to be appointed the next Lieut. Governor of the Province. All the farm utensils, horses, cattle, and household goods, belonging to the late Horace Greeley, at Chappqua, were sold by public auction on Saturday, bringing extremely low prices.

The reported destruction of a light-house on Anticosti Island, with the keeper and his family, is contradicted. It appears to have been a wild fabrication.

The Globe has received private, but positive information that Mr. Brydges' engagement as Managing Director of the Grand Trunk, which terminates on the 31st Dec., will not be renewed.

Horrible Accident at Petrolia.—A distressing and horrible accident occurred on Saturday. The boiler of an oil well, lately belonging to Taylor & Ward, exploded. The furnace door was blown out, and appears to have struck the engineer, completely driving his body into a pile of wood, which was close to the well. The accident is supposed to have been caused by allowing the water to become low. There is but small hopes of the young man's recovery.

EAGLE CAPTURED AT KINGSDALE.—On Monday afternoon, near Point Clark light-house, Mr. A. Johnson, of Kingsdale, succeeded in capturing a black eagle alive, which measured 7 feet 8 inches from tip to tip of wings. The bird had alighted upon a log, from which he slipped upon some brush and loose snow, where he became entangled till his captor had secured him.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.—The winter examination of teachers for first, second and third class certificates commenced yesterday (Monday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Good Templars Hall, adjoining Thorp's Hotel. In the first class there are present two applicants (one male and one female); in the second class six applicants (ten male and six female); in the third class there are sixty-nine applicants, (twenty-six male and forty-three female.) The subject of examination yesterday was a special paper on Natural History and Agricultural Chemistry, and the examination took in hand as many of the candidates as they could overtake on reading. The subjects of examination for to-day are English Grammar and Etymology in the forenoon, and Arithmetic and Mensuration in the afternoon. The examination will occupy the entire week, closing on Saturday the 21st inst., at noon. The examination for first-class certificates commences on the 26th inst., and closes on Friday the 3rd of January, 1873.

BIRTHS. McCRAE.—At Guelph, on the 30th November, the wife of Mr. David McCrae, of a son. BLERMAN.—At his residence, Waterloo Road, Guelph, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. Geo. Sleeman, of a son.

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