

### TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILWAY SURVEYS.

The Trans-Continental Railway Commission, after consultation with Chief Engineer Lumsden, of Ottawa, last week gave out the following information:

It has been arranged to commence the surveys at once all the way along the proposed line from Lake Abitibi to Moncton. This section has been divided into three districts, one extending from Moncton to the boundary line between the provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec; the second extending from the end of the first district to Clear Lake in the province of Quebec; and the third extending from Clear Lake to the western boundary of the province of Quebec. The sub-divisions of this section have not yet been decided upon and will not be until the preliminary surveys are completed or considerably advanced.

Twenty-seven surveying parties are now being organized as rapidly as engineers and men can be obtained. They will be located as follows:—Between Moncton and Chipman, two parties; Chipman to Boistown, one party; Chipman towards Fredericton and St. John river, one party; between Boistown and Plaster Rock, two parties; Plaster Rock to Grand Falls, one party; Grand Falls to Edmunston, one party; Edmunston to Connor, one party; Connor to Lake Pohengamook, one party; between Lake Pohengamook, which is the boundary between New Brunswick and Quebec, and to or near Chaudiere, four parties; one at each end and two in the centre; Quebec, including both sides of the proposed bridge, one party. From there on to Clear Lake, four parties,

covering about thirty-two miles each; from Clear Lake to the boundary between Ontario and Quebec and south of Lake Abitibi, four parties; four parties on the route running north of Lake Abitibi, and between that and the point where the southern route converges.

No action will be taken to make any surveys west of the province of Quebec until it is decided whether the surveys made by the Grand Trunk Pacific will be taken over. It is understood that this will be decided in the near future.

The object of running two surveys from Chipman is to ascertain which of the routes is most desirable, the one directly across New Brunswick through Plaster Rock, or the one down the St. John river, branching off somewhere above Fredericton. Surveys of the lines running north and south of Lake Abitibi respectively will be made for the purpose of securing such information as will enable an intelligent decision to be arrived at as to where it is desirable to run the railway, north or south of that lake.

No divisional engineers will be appointed at present. The camping outfits, including tents and supplies, are being ordered and everything done to carry forward the work of surveying with the utmost rapidity. The Board hopes to be able to secure a sufficient number of engineers in Canada to carry on the work. The engineering parties being formed will be put in the field in the course of a few days. The assistant chief engineers will also be appointed in a day or so.

The engineers in charge of the surveys in the eastern end will be instructed to run preliminary lines and report such data and

information as will lead to a decision upon the final location. As soon as these parties are in the field, with their supplies and transportation arranged for, the commission will direct its attention to the section lying between Winnipeg and Lake Abitibi. It is their determination to cause that portion of this section which is required to give relief to the Northwest, to be constructed as rapidly as possible.

It will require nearly 600 men to make up the twenty-seven parties. It is proposed to carry on the survey work throughout the winter. Other surveying parties for the western end will be organized and put in the field as required.

The following appointments are announced by the National Trans-Continental Railway Commission: M. J. Butler, Assistant Chief Engineer; A. E. Douset, District Engineer for the district from the New Brunswick-Quebec boundary to Clear Lake in the Province of Quebec; A. N. Molesworth, District Engineer for the district from Clear Lake to the Ontario boundary.

Bertha C. Cowen has registered as proprietress of the business of Cowen, Amos & Company, builders, etc., Montreal.

Mr. Justice Magee has issued an order for the winding up of the Globe Paint Company, of Toronto, which was incorporated three years ago with a capital stock of \$40,000. The assets are estimated at \$10,000 and the liabilities at \$12,000. E. R. C. Clarkson is the provisional liquidator.

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