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THE greatest activity is being shown by the Canadian Northern Railway of which Mr. Wm. Mackenzie is President. A bill has just been put through by the Manitoba government to guarantee Canadian Northern Railway bonds for 187 miles of new roads within the province at \$10,000 a mile, as well as another bill to guarantee bond of the same company to the extent of \$1,000,000 for the terminals at Winnipeg. Mr. Mackenzie left Toronto Jan. 30 for New York and sailed from that city for England on Wednesday, by the steamer Baltic. It is understood that the president's trip includes a visit to the New York and English money markets to arrange for carrying on immediate and extensive railway construction.

THE recent incorporation of the National Armenia and India Relief Association makes it very convenient and appropriate to forward funds for the thousands who are starving and freezing in Eastern Turkey through their treasurers, Messrs. Brown Bros. & Co. 59 Wall St., New York. Reliable information received from Dr. Norton, the U. S. Consul at Harpoot who, under the direction of the Government at Washington, visited the Sassoon region and has just rendered his report, gives the facts. Small bands of Russian and Persian revolutionists enter a town and barricade themselves. The Turks irritated by their presence order the indiscriminate killing of Christians and thousands of helpless women and children, deprived of their husbands and fathers, plundered and burned out of their homes, appeal to Christendom for aid. The Turkish Government announces that aid is being given and for a short time distributes a cent a day for each individual, and then leaves them to starve. The Consul says,—"Their case is one appealing most strongly to the

sympathies of the benevolent, Rev. R. M. Cole of Bittie, missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., is familiar with existing conditions and with the facilities of meeting the exigency. To him the Association has cabled funds and plea's through its Secretary, Miss Emily C. Wheeler of Worcester, Mass. for further aid.

IT is said that the ice supply of the city of Ottawa is impure. This statement is so alarming that the city council might pause long enough in the chase after provincial jobs to make an investigation. A man in a business where a very large quantity of ice is consumed produced a piece to the writer the other day and pointed out that it was full of dirt. He declared that in other cities the men who were guilty of cutting ice where it was cut in Ottawa would be arrested. Of all places in the world Ottawa should in all conscience be supplied with pure ice. There should be an immediate and searching investigation by the municipal authorities.

MR. J. P. WHITNEY, the Conservative leader in Ontario, says that his victory on the 25th was not a party victory, and that he realized the fact that many Liberals voted for his candidates. In that case Mr. Whitney must go slow in dismissing Liberal office holders. It has been suggested that if he is not well advised in this respect the Dominion government should dismiss man for man in Ontario. There are many Dominion officials whose heads were demanded by the party in 1896 who were not disturbed, and Liberals would be as well pleased to exchange some of these gentlemen for some of the Ontario officials, if that course is forced on them.

MR. F. S. SPENCE, who is one of the temperance leaders in Ontario, publicly rejoices over the defeat of a total abstainer like Mr. Ross, declaring that it is a God-send to have returned to power a leader and party who are pledged publicly against prohibition. There is no sort of question that the distillers and brewers furnished both money and votes to defeat the government, and it in addition the temperance vote went the same way, then