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S. Thousand U.S. Troops Will Be Sent to Mexico THE IL A IN THE TIDE.

Is the Parliament of Canada about to take a great forward step toward public ownership-public ownership of a transcontinental system, from ocean to ocean, of over ten thousand miles in length, connecting up Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, North Bay, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Moncton, St. John, Halifax, etc.; go ing thru every province in more or less detail, save Ontario west of Toronto, and giving the first and only approach to the Peace River country in the great new west? That is what The World is ready to believe, until it be otherwise shown that it is not, the logical and necessary outcome of the proposal now before parliament in connection with the Canadian Northern.

The nation now owns the Intercolonial Railway from Halifax to Montreal, and we are to get 40 per cent. of the stock of the reorganized Canadian Northern and all its allied companies for a guarantee of \$45,000. 000 worth of bonds that will enable the company to complete the road from Quebec to the Pacific. Their two lines will make a transcontinental sys-

It is true we start as only a forty-per-cent. partner; but we are thus put on the way to get control, and nothing can stop us getting control the moment the people declare for it.

Not even the warmest advocate of public ownership had hoped a year ago for such a possibility, such a probability, nay such a certainty coming in sight. And yet it is here today. Great movements are slow to get under way, but once under way; no power can stop them.

And the human instrument whereby this new movement is to be realized in Canada would appear to be the men least of all expected, Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann. The World can sufficiently diagnose the situation to say that once the road is completed a year hence, these men who have the 60 per cent. will be willing to sell out their control for a reasonable price. The system, we believe, is worth more than it cost, and more than what it is valued at in the statements now before parliament.

have to be dealt with. Ideal conditions never did exist, and yet all great smile. P. W. Ellis and the secretary ing the application of the Canadian advances are built on existing situations and the facts, disagreeable or of the commission "had nothing for Northern Railway recently laid upon

The Mackenzie and Mann organization may constitute the absolutely essential facts to public ownership at so early a date-not the stumbling tion of a special meeting before the block thereto, as some would think. At all events, press and people, parliament and government, must deal with existing facts and the best of Before the meeting the mayor rida situation must be realized therefrom. The wisest statesman is not he who imagines that he can realise his ideals by a wave of the hand, but he might be taken to the privy council. who seeks to approach his ideals, or the ideals of others, by taking ad-Asked the same question after the vantage of things as they are and who steps ahead on each occasion, when- meeting he did not answer directly. ever he may

The sphinx is a confirmed back The mistakes of our past in railroad building were many and griev-but without such errors we would not be disciplined into the course missioners' attitude on the governous; but without such errors we would not be disciplined into the course missioners' attitude on the governthat will lead us back to the path of safety. It is comparatively idle to ment order. berate the men and acts of the past; but it is our duty to try, and to do

Local Commissioners Met Yes- Premier Had Intended to Preterday, But Refused to Dissent Measure on Monday, cuss Their Future Action But Printing Causes Delay Respecting Rate Reduction -House Discussed Bill to -Mayor's Only Answer Prevent Fraudulent Real Estate Advertising.

No indication of what occurred By a staff B

THE SPHINX

Was a Gentle Smile.

when the Toronto hydro commission OTBAWA, May 8,-The house of met yesterday afternoon can be secommons put in a busy day, dealing cured from any of the three commiswith many public and private bills. sioners; not even an admission that The senate amendments were concurthe Ontario commission's reduction red in, and the bill finally passed, mandate was so much as mentioned. which prohibits the importation, manu-Still the commissioners will not say ing white phosphorus. No such matche facture and sale of matches containthe reduction was not considered and are to be manufactured after Jan. 1. the public are of the opinion it was. 1915, and their sale is prohibited from Mayor Hocken late yesterday prov- and after Jan. 1, 1916.

ed himself most agile at evading a At the opening of the house th In every great movement of this kind, it is the facts as they are that after the conference. He would only able portion of the information respect publication." the table of the house, would be print

The officials even scouted suggesed for the use of the members. He regretted the delay as he had hoped t move the C. N. R. resolution on Mon regular one on Friday next.

day. While no definite a ouncemen iculed a sugestion that the matter that the legislation will not now p proceeded with until Wednesday nex Fraudulent Advertising.

There was an interesting debate upon Mr. Doherty's bill to amend the Liberals of the new riding of West village hall at Beamsville and organ-(Continued on Page 7, Column 5.)

## **Federal Troops Are Reported** In Force Close to Vera Cruz

RESOLUTION ARMY OF SIXTY THOUSAND MEN

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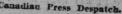
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Canadian Press Despatch. WERA CRUZ, May 3.—There were various reports today of large todies of federal troops near the city. These reports were characterized by Brig.-Gen. Funston and other army officers as exaggerated. The military officers are agreed that some extension of the American lines is desirable for the protection of the food and water supply of Vera Cruz. They desire the extension to embrace the district all about the city. The orders from Washington that the lines be not extended thus far have prevented any action being taken, but it is believed the army officers are pressing the war department for permission to broaden the line so as to make the military situation complete.



WASHINGTON, May 8 .- High tenion marked the Mexican situation today, both on the military and the diplonatic side. The war department was the chief centre of activity, and while authoritative statement was made yond Secretary Garrison's formal reply, that "no orders for additional troop movements have been sent," it became known that the sending of additional roops to Vera Cruz was under consideration, and probably would be carried out. This step would not be intended in any way as an aggressive measure, but as a reasonable precaution to support the force already there in case of any untoward event

Of equally serious portent to the has under consideration the reception troops' preparations was the report, late Lincoln met this afternoon in the and entertainment to be tendered the in the day, that two German merchant Mexican and American peace envoys ships were about to arrive at Puerto

Situation in Mexico i Regarded in Washington as Most Ominous---**Transports** Chartered and National Guards Advised To Prepare for Service --- Report of Intended Blockade Running Increases Tensicn.

Dominion Government Will Officially Recognize Visit -Guard of Honor to Be Detailed.

By a Staff R ST. CATHARINES, May 8 .- The OTTAWA, May 8 .- The government



