

ALL-CANADIAN LINE SAYS SIR WILFRID.

Government May Build from Quebec to the Wheat Fields, North of the Mountains—St. John May Be Equipped as a National Port—An Important and Comprehensive Outline of Government's Railway Policy.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Special)—The leader of the opposition in the house this afternoon asked the government, on motion to go into supply, for a statement on the transportation question. It was eleven weeks, he said, since the speech from the throne had promised a transportation commission, but as yet there had been no announcement of policy made and no commission appointed.

Mr. Borden Asks Some Questions. Mr. Borden did not think any guarantee could be enforced. He was glad to see the Grand Trunk making a bid for the trade of the west, but with the interests they had in Portland, he did not hope for their taking traffic to St. John or Halifax.

General Transportation Question. Dealing with the general transportation question, Sir Wilfrid said that probably this week, certainly at an early date, it would be the duty of the government to table certain resolutions with regard to a railway to afford the settlers of the west an outlet for their produce and the means of bringing in what they required from the east.

Mr. Bell (Picton) said that Montreal was not a national port. If the government intended to make it a national port they should spend more money on it, as to the port for a transcontinental line, it should be the nearest and best on the Atlantic seaboard.

All Canadian Shipping Ports to Be Under General System. "Now I think it may be said that all these works have been carried on, not under any general system, but chiefly



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STRIKERS BEATEN AT MONTREAL. Employes Call the Strike Off and Break Away From Old Union. MORE RIOTERS JAILED. The Trouble Was Expensive for the Company—Mayor Advised the Labor Leaders to Call Off the Strike, But at First They Declined to Do So.

Montreal, May 27.—(Special)—The street railway strike was declared off tonight by the employes, who are still out. A new union independent of the International, was formed. President Maloche was deposed, and J. C. Bumbury, the young French lawyer who led the men to victory last February, elected head of the new association, which will be national and benevolent.

MILITIA CAMP WILL BE AT SUSSEX, SEPTEMBER 15. Ottawa, May 26.—(Special)—A general order published today gives the details of places and dates with respect to the annual camps. The bearer companies will train for the last three days only of camp to which they are detailed. The New Brunswick camps are as follows:

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND OLD LADY BURNED TO DEATH. Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 27.—(Special)—Mrs. James Dougan, aged 81, residing with her son, James H. Dougan, of Donaldson, near Bedford Station, Kings county, was burned to death last night in a fire which destroyed her son's dwelling. The fire started in a defective flue. Mrs. Dougan, junior, and five children, were asleep upstairs and the old lady was asleep downstairs at the time. The husband was at a neighbor's house a mile distant. The fire had made considerable headway when discovered. The mother set about saving her children, and sent her twelve year old son to get her to the dining room, but the smoke drove him back almost suffocated. Mrs. Dougan, jr., also made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue. The other inmates barely escaped with their lives.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN LIKELY TO STRIKE. Philadelphia, May 26.—In all of the local textile mills notices were posted today by the manufacturers announcing their refusal to grant the demand of the workers for a six hour week. It is almost certain that a strike including upwards of 100,000 men, will be inaugurated next Monday.