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LINE UNDER CONTRACT MONCTON TO WINNIPEG

Good Progress Being Made With Transcontinental Road Work of Construction Completed Represents an Expenditure of \$400,000,000 — One Hundred and Fifty Miles of Line Already Laid — The Condition of the Different Contracts

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The National Transcontinental Railway Commission reports that considerable progress is being made with the building of the line of the new national route between Moncton and Winnipeg. Every mile of the line is now under contract, and at the eastern and western ends, where the contractors have been able to get supplies without much difficulty, the construction work is well forward. The total mileage of steel laid runs well over 100 miles, while a good amount of work has been done in rock cutting, grading and bridging on other portions of the line. The eastern end, the most important work has been done from Moncton to the St. Lawrence, and from the St. Lawrence to the terminus, 200 miles west, and to Superior Junction. A good deal of work has also been done in the central portion in the Athabasca region. Altogether the construction completed thus far represents an expenditure of some forty millions of dollars.

The statement of the condition of the various contracts is as follows:—From Moncton 50 miles west, under contract to the Grand Trunk Pacific, much grading done, and some rails down; next section west, John McManus, 8 miles, good progress; next section, G. T. P., two contracts of 40 and 67 miles respectively, much grading done; next section, Willard Kitchen Co., 31 1/2 miles, well advanced towards completion; next section, Lyman and White, 62 miles to New Brunswick-Quebec boundary, work well advanced; M. P. and J. T. Davis, 204 miles to Quebec bridge, work well advanced over whole contract; M. P. and J. T. Davis, St. Lawrence, 20 miles west, good progress and some rails laid; Macdonald & O'Brien, 100 miles, good progress and some rails laid; G. T. P., 45 miles to Westmount, good progress; Macdonald & O'Brien, 20 miles, rails being cut and supplies taken in; G. T. P., 100 miles, to a point 8 miles west of the Athabasca, preliminary and some grading work done; J. P. and G. E. Faucher, 100 miles, preliminary work and some grading work done; M. P. and J. T. Davis, 24 miles, contract just awarded, supplies being taken in; E. F. and G. E. Faucher, 25 miles contract let last spring preliminary construction work commenced; O'Brien and Macdonald, 100 miles to Superior Junction, contract just awarded. J. D. McArthur, 200 miles from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, 80 per cent of the work completed.

A BULLET KILLED HIM AS HE THREW AN IRON WEDGE

Fight in Which Clergyman Engaged Resulted in His Death and Serious Injury of His Opponent.

Washington, Ga., Dec. 12.—The Rev. G. Forest Tuttle, aged 50, was shot and killed near here last night by Warren Bailey, aged 21, who as he shot was filled by an iron wedge, used by the preacher, and his unconscious with a broken skull. He probably will die.

A negro whom the Rev. Tuttle had employed went to work for Bailey as the result of which the two men quarrelled. It is stated by an eye witness that Bailey fired while the iron wedge was in the air after having been hurled by the preacher.

ST. JOHN STEAMER DAMAGED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—A survey was held today on steamer Lenora (Br. Hilt), from New York to the Cape Verde, before reported having struck on Winter Quarter Shoal. Divers' examination revealed that No. 2 tank was not in good order, and steamer has been ordered to return to loading port for permanent repairs. She will steam for New York tomorrow. She has a cargo of naptha and machinery.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton futures opened firm. Dec. 8.93; Jan. 8.54; Mar. 8.06; May 8.07; July 8.07; Aug. 8.57 and 8.08; Oct. 8.48.

MONTREAL THEATRES WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC TOMORROW

They Will Present Sacred Songs and Moving Pictures to Test Sabbath Observance Law—Moving Picture Houses Have Had Sunday Shows for Last Year

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special)—There is an indication that the war between the regular theatres and the moving picture shows with regard to Sunday opening will be fought out in the criminal courts. The moving picture houses have been running here every Sunday for a year or more while the theatres have been shut and also patronage during the week days from the cheap shows' competition. This week the theatres have advertised that they will open on Sunday with a picture and sacred song programme and test their right to do so.

FISHERMEN WERE ALL NIGHT IN THE BAY

Two Men From Whale Cove Had an Awful Experience in Last Night's Storm—Out All Night in Small Dory With Broken Engine.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Two fishermen from Whale Cove had a terrible experience in the Bay of Fundy last night. Their names are Shirley Tidd, son of Joseph W. Tidd, of the Whale Cove Trading Co., and Burton Dunker, also of Whale Cove. They left home yesterday at noon in a small dory propelled by a gasoline engine. They succeeded in catching over 200 haddock, when they were running home something happened to the engine. They had no sail and only one pair of oars. The wind blew so hard off shore that they anchored.

During the night they were compelled to throw part of their fish overboard to lighten their craft and keep her afloat. This morning a fleet of gasoline vessels and boats began searching for them. They were picked up in an exhausted condition endeavoring to run toward the shore. They had a small compass with them, but neither food nor water. All night long they had nothing to protect them from the severe storm, except a small canvas covering in the boat and feared every minute their little craft would founder.

Placing in extra good off Trout Cove, the boats returning yesterday with from 140 to 180 haddock each, which brought fourteen cents apiece each. Jacob Denton, a well known farmer, died at his home at Waterford, Digby Neck this morning, aged 89 years. He is survived by an aged widow, one son, W. C. Denton, of Waterford, and one daughter, Mrs. T. A. Neilly, of Bridge town.

WINNIPEG HAS A \$20,000 FIRE

Meloon's Bank and Bank De Hochelega Buildings Were Damaged.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Fire in a basement at the rear of the Meloon's Bank building did damage to the extent of \$20,000. The heaviest sufferers were the Canadian Importing and Jewelry Manufacturing Company, who had a section of the building rented for a warehouse and factory. The loss of the bank is not known and declined to give an estimate of it or of the insurance. The Bank de Hochelega, which is located alongside, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000, covered by a policy in the Royal Fire Insurance Company.

TORONTO'S POPULATION Including the Suburbs It Stands at 338,814.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The population of Toronto, according to a police census just completed, is 301,890. With the suburbs included it stands at 338,814.

OBITUARY

Capt. William Watt Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Death has carried away one more of the few remaining Nova Scotia pioneer West India sea captains. Captain William Watt of Halifax, passed away last evening. Captain Watt was in his seventy-sixth year. Fifty years ago "Bill" Watt, as he was known along the water front, was one of the principal West Indian master mariners sailing out of Halifax. He commanded the schooner Mayo. He retired from the sea thirty years ago.

THE LAST OF HUMP

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 12.—Chief Hump, the Sioux leader, who was at the head of the band which caused the trouble ending in the battle of Wounded Knee, the last important Indian fight, died at his camp at Cherry Creek, last night.

A CANADIAN PRAISED FOR HIS HEROIC WORK ON THE "YAKKEE" OF THE U.S. NAVY

"YAKKEE" OF THE U.S. NAVY

Diver Micnot Went Down in the Sinking Ship and Closed an Air Port—This Was the Means of Saving the Vessel—Engineer Also Showed Great Bravery.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Warm praise for heroic work on the part of Engineer Witherspoon and a French Canadian diver named Micnot, aboard the cruiser Yankee, while an effort was being made to tow the vessel to New Bedford, after she had been cleared off Spindle Rock, is given in a report to the Navy Department by Captain Charles G. Marsh, of the vessel. The night of Dec. 4, and while the vessel was under tow, Capt. Marsh says, was the worst storm since grounding, the wind blowing with such force that had the ship been still on the rocks she would very likely have been fatally damaged. The report says: "Hours were consumed in trying to tow the ship. Her draught, 11 feet and 29 feet and heavy list to starboard made steering impossible, so that she took riskers, passing the hawsers, etc. By 8 a. m. the chief danger was the loss of air pressure. "Some time in the early morning work came up that the air compressors had stopped. Also the news came of the open air port. This latter information was given to the engineer, Mr. Witherspoon. He went below and then sent for the diver. The diver, Micnot, was a French Canadian, who was in the station room on berth deck on starboard side next to the air compressor. Mr. Witherspoon went into this station room and shut the door. He then tried to close the air port, but was unable to do so as he was unable to get his hands on the handle. The light was blown out and he was in total darkness. The pressure against the port was too great for him and he found himself in water up to his neck in this closed station room. Fortunately the pressure eventually carried away the door and he was thrown out and into the berth. In the meantime a French Canadian diver named Micnot, put on his diving suit and in darkness went down in a sinking ship to look for the chief danger, the air port. The diver was tended by Mr. Witherspoon and one of the company. For devotion to their duty and for courage, I know of no better than these actions."

MORE MONEY SPENT ON TOYS NOW THAN WAS THE CASE IN THE DAYS OF OUR FATHERS

Toys This Year Are More Expensive Than Formerly—The Character of the Toys Has Changed Also—Mechanical Toys Supplant Former Building Blocks and Tin Soldiers

Santa Claus days are here and his headquarters—the various toy stores of the city, are crowded every day now with young and old, to view the wonderful new inventions of the day.

"Mechanical toys were not popular in the days of our fathers, but modern toys are different. They are more expensive, and they are more varied. They are more mechanical, and they are more interesting. They are more expensive, and they are more varied. They are more mechanical, and they are more interesting. They are more expensive, and they are more varied. They are more mechanical, and they are more interesting.

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It keeps a large number of clerks constantly employed to show off their wares, and the little boys and girls, who are the proprietors of all these things, are very busy. The proprietors of all these things, are very busy. The proprietors of all these things, are very busy.

NEW YORK HAS A BAFILING FLAT HOUSE MURDER CASE

Body of Woman With Throat Cut Found in House on East Side—She Had Been Dead Two Weeks When Found and is Unidentified—Murderer Removed Every Scrap of Evidence.

New York, Dec. 12.—With only the bloody finger prints of the murderer to assist them, the police today are scouring the city for some trace of the man who committed what now appears to be one of the most baffling crimes in the city's criminal history. His victim, the young woman, whose body was found in a padlocked and barricaded apartment at 337 East Eleventh street, last night, has not yet been identified and the police were called to assist her in opening the padlocked door. When an entrance was forced the woman's body, with the head almost severed was lying on the blood-soaked bed.

The condition of the body indicated that she had been dead about two weeks.

PROSPERITY RETURNING

Money is Easier in Western Ontario and Bank Men Think Better Times Are at Hand.

London, Ont., Dec. 12.—(Special)—The clearing of London banks for the past week show an increase of \$45,000 over the corresponding period last year. A prominent bank manager said, in speaking of "Settling Day," "Merchants throughout Western Ontario are meeting their bills quite promptly, and an optimistic tone is general. The worst is over and we will soon be in very prosperous condition."

WINTER PORT NOTES

The Royal mail steamship Empress of Ireland sailed this morning. The exact number of passengers that went from this port is as follows: Saloon, 110; second cabin, 480; steerage, 980, total, 1570. About 115 will join the steamship Kanawha for probably sail for London via Halifax tonight or tomorrow morning.

GREATEST SIX DAY RACE IN HISTORY ENDS TONIGHT

Madison Square Bicycle Race Has Been a Cruel Grind

Three Teams Are Still Tie for First Place and Already Every Record for Distance Has Been Left Far in the Rear — Men Have Ridden Night and Day all Week.

Frederick, N. B., Dec. 12.—(Special)—The remains of the late Seth H. Berry who died rather unexpectedly at the Queen Hotel yesterday from morphia poisoning were taken to St. Stephen by an early train this morning in charge of his brother, Wm. H. Berry, and will be interred there. All papers of the deceased relating to his work as court stenographer were taken possession of by Harry G. Penney on order of Judge Gregory. If a transcription of the evidence which Mr. Berry took in the Curry case during the first four days of this week cannot be made it will have to be repeated. A motor car for the suburban service on the Intercolonial railway between this city and Mayville arrived from Moncton yesterday and is now being put in order at the Gibson shops. It will likely be given a trial early next week. The heaviest snowstorm of the season set in early this morning and at noon had not abated. About five inches of snow has fallen and there is excellent sleighing. Catherine Kitchen, widow of the late St. John's school teacher, died at her home at 41 Kingsclere yesterday aged seventy-seven years. A family of four sons and three daughters survive.

THESE ARE BUSY DAYS FOR MRS. HALL

Secretary of Associated Charities is Arranging to Dispense Christmas Cheer to Needy Families.

One of the busiest persons in the city now is Christine Brown, 319 St. C. St., secretary of the Associated Charities. Every year at this season Mrs. Hall secures the names of all needy families, and these are handed over to various individuals, churches and societies to prepare baskets that all may in some measure have reason to rejoice on this occasion.

Speaking of conditions this year Mrs. Hall said there were more needy cases than in any previous year, and in addition there is a good deal of sickness which makes it harder. She said she was sure that the people in the city were more needy than in any previous year, and in addition there is a good deal of sickness which makes it harder.

William Hall, accused of stealing two watches, was remanded again, as further evidence is being sought. Arthur Moore was fined \$4 for intoxication. He promised to leave the city on Monday. Arthur Corbridge was fined \$4 for intoxication. George was fined \$4 for intoxication. Arthur Singer and James Higgins were fined \$4 or ten days.

NEW BAY STEAMER?

Report of New Service to Yarmouth But No One Here Will Verify It.

It is reported that a new passenger and freight steamer, owned by a St. John syndicate, will be placed on the route between Yarmouth and St. John, calling at Westport, Freeport, and Tiverton. This route at the present time is being covered once a week by the Westport III, commanded by Capt. James Coggins, and owned by the Insular S. S. Co.—Yarmouth Light.

VIOLATED GRAIN ACT

Stavelay, Alberta, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Prosecutions have been entered here for the violation of the Manitoba grain act by the railway and by farmers who want red cars, and as a result a fine of \$500 has been imposed on the company and one \$25 on a man who took a car out of its turn.

EARL OF WARWICK DEAD

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Earl of Warwick, of England, died at the White House last night and related to the president an interesting experience in Africa.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 12.—Wall Street—There were few offerings of stock at the opening and prices receded with few exceptions. American Smelting was under special pressure and fell 2 points.

Fifteen deaths were reported at the office of the board of health for the past week, as follows:—Consumption, five; jaundice, paralysis, convulsions, acute gastritis, catarrh and typhoid pneumonia, one; accidental suffocation and cerebral hemorrhage, one each.

Yesterday's snowfall amounted to three-quarters of an inch. The temperature varied from one above zero in the early morning to 28 above at 9 p. m. and about midnight a driving rain set in with a strong breeze from the southeast.

SETH BERRY DIED FROM MORPHIA POISONING

Remains of Late Stenographer Taken to St. Stephen This Morning for Interment—Death of Mrs. Catherine Kitchen

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POLICE COURT

Several Victims of the Liquor Habit Were Variouslly Dealt With This Morning.

The final act in the farce comedy in which Robert Dixon is the main protagonist, was continued in the police court this morning.

Richard Fitzgerald, who was called to Dixon's request, stated that the man was without question very drunk and that the water street argument to the effect, "denied charges" made by Dixon against Officer Olive. A fine of \$8 or two months imprisonment, and as Dixon was not miffed, "I wonder where else comes" gets two months and orders get thirty days.

William McArthur was fined \$8 or 30 days for intoxication, and the charge of resistance will be considered. Richard Fitzgerald was fined \$8 or two months, and Harry McDonald, \$8 or two months.

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AGED MAN MET DEATH ON I.C.R.

George Turnbull, of Providence, R. I., Killed at Salt Springs This Morning.

Amherst, Dec. 12.—(Special)—A very sad accident occurred near Salt Springs station on the I. C. R. at an early hour this morning which resulted in the death of a passenger by the name of George Turnbull. The deceased was a passenger on No. 10 train from St. John to Oxford Junction and was not discovered at the station this morning and taken to Oxford Junction, where an inquest is now being held.

The inquiry will not close until this afternoon but from the evidence it would appear that Mr. Turnbull who was a former resident of this province has been lately residing at Providence, R. I., and was going to New Glasgow to visit his son, intending to stop off at Oxford Junction to take the short line train for that point. He had a return ticket from Providence to New Glasgow. He is supposed to have fallen off the train between the baggage and second class car. However he was not noticed standing there by any of the train crew. He was a man of eighty-six years of age, his body was terribly bruised when discovered. His son, who resides in Amherst and is in the employ of Rhodes Curry & Co., has gone to Oxford Junction to look after his father's remains.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Jeremiah Mahoney took place from his late home, 287 Chesley street, this morning at 8.30, to St. Peter's church, where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Scully. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

Walter Lacey and Frank Smith, two youngsters, under 8 years of age, were in the police court this morning for fighting on the 4th inst. Smith was excused, but young Lacey, who was guilty of depraved conduct in addition, was sent to a cell to reflect on his misdeeds. After a few hours incarceration he was released.

HE PREDICTS DISASTER IN THE PANAMA CANAL

Engineer Says: "If Present Plans Are Carried Out There Will be the Greatest Disaster in History of Public Undertaking"

Paris, Dec. 12.—Phillippe Bonaux Varilla, former Panama minister to the United States and once an engineer engaged in the construction of the Panama Canal, takes the gloomiest of views concerning the prospects of the canal. He says, the cost will be \$280,000,000 double the estimate made by the United States. He says, "that the plan that is now being carried out will result almost surely in the greatest disaster in the history of public undertaking. The existence of the canal depends upon the Gatun dam, and all the French engineers who studied the question are absolutely convinced that the nature of the ground makes certain the destruction of the dam that is being erected. The only remedy is to remove the Gatun dam 15 kilometres to Miraflores."