

Island Line Extensions

E. & N. Makes Application to Build to North and Also Branches.

Choquette Refuses to Apologize to Ex-Quebec Premier for Libel.

R. L. Borden Addresses a Banquet in Toronto in His Honor.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The E. & N. Railway Company will ask parliament for power to build from Comox to Campbell River; also from Duncan to Alberni Canal; also from Duncan to the Alberni Canal; also from Englishman's River to Alberni Canal; also from Comox via Cumberland to Alberni Canal.

The Choquette Libel Case

Quebec, Dec. 15.—The Choquette libel case came before the supreme court this morning. The only witness was Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In reply to Mr. Taschereau, K. C., the premier said the matter of settling the case had been left in his hands by Senator Choquette, but that Hon. Mr. Parent had insisted on an apology from Senator Choquette before coming to any agreement with him. He said that the appointment of Mr. Parent as a commissioner had never been made with any approval or sanction between him and Choquette. The appointment had been supported by the Quebec delegation to the House of Commons, with one exception. Unless Choquette apologizes to Parent, the case will now have to go through the court.

Changes in Merchants Bank

Montreal, Dec. 15.—P. Hétu was today appointed general manager of the Merchants Bank. He is replaced as chief inspector by T. G. Macdonald, now manager of the New York branch. William Ramsey, succeeded Merritt and is replaced as manager of the Montreal branch by D. C. MacKerron, assistant manager.

Condemn Indemnity Grant

Halifax, Dec. 15.—A convention of Nova Scotia Conservatives was held here today. The House of Commons was condemned.

Banquet to Mr. Borden

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The banquet given last night at the King Edward Hotel to Mr. Borden, premier of the Dominion, was a most successful affair. Several hundred members of parliament and other guests were present, including many members of the Conservative party.

Building the Grand Trunk Pacific

Mr. Borden said that although Sir Wilfrid Laurier had declared that the railway must be built, the government today did not know any more about the eastern portion of the road than it did in 1904. The Canadian Northern had built 1,100 miles of road since that time. The Grand Trunk Pacific had two transcontinental lines today, but only one from Lawrence River route, which he declared was being neglected by the government and which was responsible for the wrecked condition of the road. The matter now was also concerned.

Indian Murderer Hanged

Brantford, Dec. 15.—Joe Bennett, who murdered Betsy Jacob, an old widow, was hanged at 11:15 this morning. The crime for which Bennett paid the life penalty was a most brutal one. On July 9 last, with her head badly bruised and marks of murderer's fingers on her throat, Betsy Jacob, an Indian about 50 years of age, living alone on one of the Oshtewek reserves in Brant county, was found dead. She was crippled and unmarried. Bennett was at once suspected, a letter which he had received the night before having been found beside the dead woman's body. Bennett skipped out, but after a chase lasting several days was captured in a bush about 50 miles from the scene of the murder. There were no valuables in the house, and Bennett's motive for committing the murder remains unsolved.

York County Savings Company

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The provincial government, it is understood, will investigate the affairs of the York County Loan & Savings Company.

Three Children Suffocated

Scottstown, Que., Dec. 15.—Three children named Parent, aged respectively 11, 8 and 5, were suffocated last night by smoke from a fire which broke out in the tanney over which the family lived. The father and mother with three younger children escaped.

Fire in Windsor

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 15.—Fire started last night in the second story of the sawmill block, over the store occupied by the Consumers Paper Company, and before it was extinguished did damage to the extent of \$15,000, which is partially covered by insurance. The Consumers Paper Company and the highest loss.

Sewing Machine Company suffered loss from water.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—O. Duhamel, the Massey-Harris agent at St. Ann's, Man., was robbed of \$200 while asleep in a hotel.

Pupil Drops Dead

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Record Price for Sealskins

Forty Per Cent Advance at London Sales Over Amount Secured Last Year.

Sealers Will Receive Over \$300,000 for Sealskin Catch Sold Yesterday.

Price is Highest That Has Ever Been Paid for Pelts of Fur Seals.

AT the annual sale of sealskins yesterday in London, 22,000 skins were sold at a price 40 per cent higher than the price of sealskins sold at the same time last year. The skins were sold at a price of \$2.50 per skin, the lowest price realized being \$1.50 per skin. The skins were sold at a price of \$2.50 per skin, the lowest price realized being \$1.50 per skin.

Republics Have Been Established

Several Districts of Livonia Already Have Organized Local Governments.

German Residents Fear a Massacre and Fortify Their Houses.

Stockholm, Dec. 15.—The Dagbla Nyttens correspondent, who returned today from Riga, said: "The Letts, composed of the population of Livonia, control the situation there. Their leader, M. Jansohn, editor of the 'Dagbla Nyttens,' is a prominent revolutionary socialist, and has a number of followers among the German speaking population, which is unwilling, caused by years of oppression on the part of the German government, to accept the situation." "The Letts are preparing for a wholesale slaughter. The central part of Riga is being fortified. A large number of German residents are being driven out of the city. The German residents are being driven out of the city. The German residents are being driven out of the city.

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Further Hearing in Water Case

Claims of the Rival Companies Taken Up in the Supreme Court Yesterday.

Mr. Lubbe Again on Stand—Case Goes Over Until Monday.

(From Saturday's Daily.) ON resuming the hearing of the Waterworks case yesterday morning, A. E. McPhillips, K.C., continued his cross-examination of Mr. Lubbe. Mr. Lubbe was asked a number of questions which he answered in the affirmative. The case was adjourned until Monday.

Harriman on Witness Stand

Railroad Magnate Denies That He Threatened Mr. Ryan.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Another chapter was added to the chronicle of a series of what Thomas P. Ryan called "stratagems" in the conversation to the Associated Press. Mr. Ryan gave his version of the conversation to the Associated Press. He said that he was not satisfied that the control of the Equitable Society was in good hands.

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