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TO DOUBLE TRACK I. C. R.  
MONCTON TO HALIFAX

Minister of Railways Also Proposes to Reduce Heavy Grades  
Would Be Willing to Lease Branch Roads That Promised to Be Profitable, But Report of Government Engineer Would Be Necessary—Mr. Graham is Against Commission Idea for People's Railroad—Other News of Parliament.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, Mar. 5.—When the house met today Mr. Foster asked if the premier had received a telegram from New Westminster from an Asiatic League stating that a statement was made in the Japanese Diet at Tokio that contract labor was not shut out of Canada.

Commander Spain Made Refund.  
In reply to Mr. Foster, Mr. Brodeur said that the auditor-general did raise a question as to the largeness of the payment to Commander Spain of traveling expenses, and Mr. Spain made a refund and satisfactory explanation.

Report on Railways and Canals.  
Hon. Geo. P. Graham in making his annual statement on the railways and canals said that he had made no pretensions to have yet mastered all the details of his department. The minister took up the canals to begin with, and he said that the expenditure on canals, leaving out the Rideau, was \$120,000,000.

The Quebec Bridge.  
After referring to the progress made by the Transcontinental railway, Mr. Graham touched on the Quebec bridge, "Canada," said Mr. Graham, "is large enough to build a bridge, but we could not replace the lives lost or heal the broken hearts, Canada, although a young country, is able to perform what Canada begins and whatever difference we have it must be constructed and constructed on permanent lines."

Less Surplus This Year.  
"I want to be frank," said Mr. Graham, "and therefore I would like to say that when the present fiscal year will close the surplus will not be so large. The winter has not been so favorable to whether or not the railways had to contend with the same."

Mr. Graham said that men to man they were equal of those on any other railway. It was said that politics entered into the service on the I. C. R. When he told members that 63 per cent of the men were members of a union, that they got their advances through the union, it would be seen that politics did not figure in it. The manager did not interfere with the union and everyone knew what would happen if the unions were interfered with. He had been approached and asked why he allowed the unions to interfere. He replied that the workers had just as much right to organize as the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. His own opinion was that the

BOY KING OF PORTUGAL  
HAS DIFFICULT PATH TO TREAD



KING MANUEL II OF PORTUGAL.

Liabon, Feb. 23.—King Manuel yesterday received a deputation of relatives of deported sailors who were incriminated in the mutiny of last year, who were desirous of expressing their gratitude for the free pardon recently decreed by his majesty. The scene was most touching, many being in tears, especially when the king took an infant from the arms of a sailor's wife and caressed it, saying: "I trust that you will help to keep me on the difficult path Fate has sentenced me to follow."

Stiffer Penalties for Fraudulent Fruit Packing.  
Ottawa, Mar. 5.—The minister of agriculture will submit legislation to the house later in the present session providing for amendments to the fruit market act, which will considerably increase the penalties for fraudulent packing and branding of apples.

Made Big Haul in Moncton Saloon Raid.  
Much Liquor Seized by Police—Scott Act Case Against Minto Adjudged.  
Moncton, March 5.—The police this afternoon raided the saloon run by Wm. McDougall on Main street and seized a quantity of liquor, including Scotch whisky, champagne and a case of beer. The liquor was carted to the station and placed under lock and key. The police gained entrance to the saloon by smashing in the doors.

O. S. Crockett Gets Great Reception in House.  
Ottawa, March 5.—When O. S. Crockett entered the house today on returning from the campaign in New Brunswick, where his district was carried for the opposition, he was given an enthusiastic reception by the Conservative members, who cheered for some time.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, Dead.  
Washington, March 4.—Redfield Proctor, United States senator from Vermont, died at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the Champlain apartment house, 1424 K street, N. W., which he owned. His death was due to pneumonia and pleurisy.

Would Arbitrate Steel-Coal Fight.  
Halifax, N. S., March 5.—(Special)—Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in an interview here today said there should be an immediate settlement of the Steel-Coal difficulty by arbitration before a tribunal of representative Canadians.

Militia Changes.  
Ottawa, March 5.—(Special)—The following are gazetted: 8th Princess Louise, New Brunswick, Hussars, Provisional lieutenant W. E. Anderson is permitted to retire.

6th Regiment, Carleton Light Infantry, to be provisional lieutenant (super-numerary), Washington Ingraham.  
4th Prince Edward Island Regiment—Major F. P. Garvell is transferred to the reserve of officers.

RIDEAU HALL EXPENSES  
COSTLY TO CANADA

Average Outlay for Maintenance is \$40,000 Annually

Governor General's Salary of \$50,000 and Traveling Charges Are in Addition to This—General Otter Refuses Aldershot Command and Will Be Chief of Staff in Canadian Militia.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, March 5.—Brigadier General Otter has declined the offer of the imperial war office to take command of the Fifth Infantry Brigade at Aldershot from May next, and will instead come to headquarters staff at Ottawa where his ability and experience in military matters will be made adequately available for the benefit of the militia of Canada.

1200 PUPILS ESCAPE  
ALL RIGHT FROM  
BLAZING BUILDING

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 5.—Grand Rapids today was threatened with a repetition of Cleveland's tragedy of yesterday on an even larger scale. Fire broke out in the laboratory of the Central High School, while 1,200 pupils were in the midst of the morning work. The signal for the fire drill was given and the children marched out in perfect order. The building emptied in two and one-half minutes.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL  
HORRORS SET OTHER  
PLACES A THINKING

General Inspection of All Educational Buildings in Kansas City and Indiana Ordered—One Hundred and Sixty-one Victims Taken from Collingwood Ruins.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 5.—Twenty-four hours after the disaster which swept into eternity approximately one-third of the school children of North Collingwood, the school roll numbers 161. Of these, 131 have been identified at the Lake Shore morgue. Thirty bodies remain there in a condition of mutilation, probably forever beyond chance of recognition.

Carnegie Gives Woman \$25,000  
When She Faced Poverty Donor Recalled Favor Her Father Did Him.

Another School Fire.  
Colorado Springs, Colo., March 5.—The explosion of coal gas in the heating furnace of the school building at Ivy Wild, a suburb, today, resulted in severe injuries to Miss Nellie Henick, the principal, who was burned about the face, but the 100 pupils were marched out safely.

Strict Inspection Ordered.  
Indianapolis, Ind., March 5.—W. E. Blakeley, chief of the Indiana department of inspection, announced today that he would begin at once a thorough inspection of school buildings of the state.