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TRAFFIC HIGHWAYS.

Annual Report of Canadian Railways and Canals

Submitted to Parliament by Hon. Mr. Blair—All the Railways Report Increased Earnings.

Intercolonial—Expenditure for Increased Accommodation.

123—The annual report of the railways and canals... The total revenue for the year ending June 30, 1892, was \$72,504,401. The total expenditure was \$72,504,401. The net revenue was \$1,000,000.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE. The government expenditure on railways prior to and since the date of confederation (1867) amounts to capital account to \$123,061,091 (including a payment of \$25,000,000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company), and for railway subsidies charged against the consolidated fund, the latter sum of \$17,140,834,731.28.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC. The Canadian Pacific Railway had under traffic during the year 6,334 miles of road. Its gross earnings were \$29,470,796.18 (against \$31,414,765 of the preceding year).

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263. The earnings per mile were \$2,594.63, an increase of \$91.45. CROW'S NECK RAILWAY. The total projected length of the Crow's Neck Railway is 344 miles; from Lethbridge to Knocknock Station, Kootenay Lake, 290 miles, and from Knocknock Station to Nelson, 54 miles. The work of construction has so far been confined to the section between Lethbridge and Knocknock Station, 290 miles, over which the track laying was completed on October 8, and the line over this section is in safe condition for public traffic.

CANADA'S CANAL SYSTEM. The expenditure charged to capital on the original construction and the enlargement of the several canals of the dominion up to June 30, 1892, was \$72,504,401. A further sum of \$15,067,096 was expended on the repairs, maintenance and operations of these works, making a total of \$87,571,497. The total revenue derived, including tolls and rentals of lands and waterpowers, amounted to \$11,710,340. The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, were \$22,322,322. The net revenue for the year was \$65,249,175, an increase compared with the net revenue of the previous year of \$2,322,322. The net canal tolls amounted to \$344,067, an increase of \$22,429, and the rents received to \$4,050, a decrease of \$548.

PITCHED BATTLE. Between a Gang of Thieves and a Sheriff's posse. DEXTER, Mo., March 27.—A pitched battle was fought eight miles north of here yesterday between Charles Hendrickson, a gang of thieves, of which he was the head on the one side, and Sheriff Bains and a posse of officers on the other. After a 10 minute battle, during which about 100 shots were fired, Hendrickson was severely wounded in the head and his gang was completely routed.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Davis and Davin Occupy the Time of the House.

Reserve Tariff With Incidental Protection.

Relief for Agricultural Classes

OTTAWA, March 27.—The afternoon session of the commons today was taken up by long wrangling between Davis and Davin. Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, the chief engineer of railways and canals, reports a marked improvement in the manner in which the St. Lawrence Canal deepening works are being carried on. The necessity for fulfilling the wishes of the government and the general expectation that the canal should be opened for a fourteen foot navigation next spring has been strenuously urged upon every effort to place their respective sections in a condition for operation by the desired date. Based on the contract prices, the estimated cost of the 13 sections of the Soulanges canal, including land purchases and damages, is \$5,250,000. The total payment to the contractor is \$7,700,000, estimates, is \$4,251,168. This leaves a balance of \$3,448,832 still to be earned by the contractor. Thereafter the contractor, now almost completed, \$3,112,832. The approximate value of the work done is \$5,593,939 has been paid. The works of the construction and enlargement of the canal, estimated to cost \$7,110,000, are practically completed, and all that is required is some cleaning up. The amount expended on these works, including the repairs, maintenance and operations of these works, making a total of \$87,571,497. The total revenue derived, including tolls and rentals of lands and waterpowers, amounted to \$11,710,340. The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, were \$22,322,322. The net revenue for the year was \$65,249,175, an increase compared with the net revenue of the previous year of \$2,322,322. The net canal tolls amounted to \$344,067, an increase of \$22,429, and the rents received to \$4,050, a decrease of \$548.

to whether the country was ripe for the enactment of prohibition legislation. This commission, which reported against prohibition, McClure characterized as a biased and prejudiced body of inquirers and one which was being a humbug and one which would only be a farce. On the report of the royal commission the Conservatives dropped prohibition. Taking up the attitude of the Liberals on the question, McClure said the party had never promised a plebiscite to ascertain the feeling of the people, for the same purpose in which the Conservatives appointed a royal commission. The government declared the vote not sufficient to justify legislation. As he did not agree with the Conservative attitude, neither did he agree that the government should accept the plebiscite vote as against prohibition and to nobilitate a plebiscite vote as against prohibition.

DAVIS' POLICY. A Brockville Conservative, who is a strong Conservative and at present in the city, states that if the Liberals are prepared to vote against the government if there was any reason to hope the Conservatives would enact prohibition legislation. However, he refused to give his own purpose. In connection with the plebiscite vote, he advised prohibitionists to avoid party enlargements and declared that prohibition was bound to assert itself as it was the largest, most important and comprehensive subject before the people.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN. James F. Cochoe and Wife Killed by the Fast Express. COUPLAND, March 25.—This afternoon an east-bound fast express on the West coast struck and killed James F. Cochoe and wife who were driving in a blinding snow storm. Cochoe was a prominent member of Norfolk county, a justice of the peace, a district court clerk, president of the County Agricultural Society, and trustee of the Methodist church. He leaves a son and two daughters, all married.

Wrecked Near Nanaimo. SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—A Post-Intelligence special from Nanaimo, B.C., says the schooner Thistle has been wrecked off Cape Mudge and eight lives lost.

FIGHTING AT MANILA.

Americans Advanced as Far North as Maricao.

Insurgents Driven Back With Great Slaughter.

Rebels Will Contest Each Mile.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The third day of the fighting north of Manila brought little of a decisive character from which the war department officials could judge what the final outcome of the movement would be. In all official reports today, but there was no excitement and none of that anxiety and tension shown during the memorable days of last summer when the decisive battles were being struck at Santiago. Early in the day General Otis called the war department a brief but comprehensive despatch summing up the situation. It disclosed that severe fighting was going on today, with our forces advanced as far north as Maricao, while the insurgents under the command of Aguinaldo, were being driven back with considerable slaughter. This and the press despatches satisfied the officials that the strategic movement of entrapping the insurgents had not proved as successful as designed, and that the move had now shifted to a retreat by Aguinaldo's forces and a pursuit by our troops. The insurgents retreat toward Malolos was slow and degred, and advantage was taken of some other of the lines of communication. General Otis' despatch, although received early today, was sent Monday morning, Manila time, and summed up the work of three days. That the fighting would proceed into the fourth day was shown by his closing sentence: "The column will press on in the morning." This refers to Tuesday.

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