

THE TALK

THE price of school teachers is going up in Ontario. The Toronto Board of Education put salaries up \$100,000 last week and the Ottawa Board granted increases of \$10,000. There are a lot of people who will soon want to go back into the profession they abandoned.

The remains of the late Lady Victoria Grenfell reached St. John from Ottawa on the 7th inst., and were transferred to the Empress of Britain for shipment to Great Britain. Mr. Grenfell, Lady Sybil Grey, Mr. R. Grenfell, Mrs. Bulteel and Col. Sir Henry Rawlinson formed the party which went on the steamer at the same time.

Mr. R. C. Steele, of the Steele, Briggs Seed Company, was elected President of the Toronto Board of Trade in succession to Mr. Peleg Howland.

The Calgary Board of Trade is taking an interest in the winter port question and has suggested that a test be made of both St. John and Halifax. St. John Board of Trade has passed the following resolution: "That the communication of the Calgary Board of Trade be acknowledged and they be informed that this board recognises with pleasure the interest taken by their western friends in the development and improvement of the Atlantic mail service, and will willingly concur in any proposal for testing the relative advantages of the Canadian Atlantic ports."

On February 4th, municipal elections for mayors and councillors were held in thirty-two incorporated towns of Nova Scotia. Some of the mayors elected are as follows: Glace Bay, D. M. Burchess; Amherst, Thomas Plowther; Kentville, W. E. Roscoe; Lunenburg, A. R. Morash; New Glasgow, George MacDougall; Yarmouth, S. C. Hood; Liverpool, A. W. Hendry.

The people of New Brunswick are much interested in the route which will be taken by the National Transcontinental Railway in going from Quebec to Moncton. Persistent rumours say that the central route will be chosen, but it is probable that nothing has yet been decided.

It is pleasant to note that the United States authorities have decided to widen the scope of the International Waterways Commission to cover all boundary disputes. The first intention was to confine the United States Section of the Commission to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence.

The British Columbia people of all shades are pleased at the result of the elections. The McBride following has a big majority and is delighted; the Liberal opposition are beaten, but pleased that the Socialist party is in such a hopeless position that it

will not be able to dominate the House by holding the balance of power as it has done for six years.

Ottawa is to have a monster summer carnival of sport and an old boys' reunion in July next. The arrangements are already under way and a hundred thousand visitors are expected.

The Oddfellows of New Brunswick are meeting this week in St. John.

The Grand Trunk Railway Co. has raised the dividend on its third preference stock from 2 to 3 per cent. The third preference stock, which amounts to £7,168,055, and is the most active of the speculative issues, is entitled to 4 per cent. dividend, but that figure has never been paid. First and second preference stockholders received 5 per cent.

The Dominion Revenue for the first seven months of the present fiscal year shows an increase of over six million dollars. Canada is keeping the departmental offices and officers at Ottawa from going to sleep during office hours.

Manitoba and the West are still short of fuel on account of snow blockades. When the fuel peril is over the flood problem is expected to cause trouble. The West is having its own difficulties, but they will all pass away in time.

The Montreal Board of Trade's new president is Mr. George Caverhill.

The first bit of work by the new council of the Board was to approve of Senator McMullen's bill, making it a criminal offence for foreigners to interfere in any difference between employers and employees in this country.

Winnipeg is to celebrate the opening of a fine new playhouse to be known as the Walker Theatre. The Provincial Winter Fair opens on the 19th.

The Liberals of Vancouver and Victoria are said to have lost heavy wagers by the election which resulted in the return of a full list of Conservatives from these two cities. Upwards of \$25,000 changed hands in Vancouver.

Tenders for five sections of the National Transcontinental will soon be let. The Grand Trunk Pacific have announced that they will tender. They have the right to do so under their charter. About \$25,000,000 is involved.

Two steamers are being built by the Montreal Transportation Co. and three by the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., to carry rails and other steel goods from Sydney to Montreal and the Lake Superior ports. They will carry grain as a return cargo.

The Canadian Press Association held a successful annual meeting in Toronto last week. Mr. Joseph I. Clark of "Saturday Night" is the new President.



They would all like to be Miss Canada's Valentine.

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