

PROCESSES FOR THE G. T. P. ST ACCUMULATING; THE HODGINS CHARGES RECALLED

Difficulties are accumulating in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway project. On the 2nd of this week two events of importance occurred. First, the chief engineer of the line, Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, resigned his position; it is admitted that this was due to trouble on the district immediately east of Winnipeg, and the Government press already is attacking Mr. Lumsden and letting it be inferred that his offence lies in his having agreed with the engineers of the Grand Trunk Pacific that the line has been built in the most extravagant fashion. Secondly, it was announced that the three eminent engineers, Mr. Fitzmaurice, Mr. Vanier and Mr. Modjeska, who have been appointed a commission to manage the erection of the Quebec Bridge, cannot agree on three very important points in regard to the work, and have found it necessary to call in two more engineers for consultation. One of these points was a somewhat obscurely technical one with regard to the length of span and the stresses; the second was on the more elementary point as to whether the masonry piers are massive enough; and the third was on the still more elementary point as to whether the site which has been chosen is the most advantageous one. If the consultation results in the site being condemned, the time heretofore spent on the business will have been wasted, and it will be years before the structure is completed. Last session Mr. Jordan placed the completion of the bridge in 1915 and the completion of the line in 1917, but the latter is now ventured to contradict him. This later development may postpone the finishing of the work to a still later date.

Recalls Hodgins Charges.
Mr. Lumsden's resignation will at once recall the Hodgins charges, of which it is in a sense a development. It will be remembered that in 1908 Major Hodgins, an experienced engineer, a Liberal, who was in charge of the line, had been charged with over-classification on his division. His charges presented two aspects: He charged that over-classification was prevailing; and he further charged that various persons, including the Premier and members of the commission, were conniving at this over-classification. An investigation was held by the House of Commons, and was turned by the majority of the committee into an inquiry into the second of these divisions of the subject. After a great deal of browbeating and worrying, Major Hodgins withdrew his assertion as to connivance, and the committee by a party charge were disproved. The real point, as to whether there was over-classification, and consequent defrauding of the Government, escaped satisfaction.

Protested Against Cost.
During the investigation, however, the correspondence produced disclosed the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific engineers had been vigorously protesting against the excessive cost of the line, and had been charging over-classification even as had Major Hodgins. The G. T. P. of course is directly interested in the cost of the road because the contract binds it to lease the line, and has been charging over the eastern division, when it is completed, and to pay 3 per cent. interest on the cost of construction. The line, just about the time that it appears later, the cost of this particular division of the line is of special interest to the railway company.

Not long ago the division was advanced to the point of completion, and it was necessary to obtain an authoritative estimate of the cost, and a board of arbitration comprising Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, Government consulting engineer for the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Kelthier, chief engineer of the company, Mr. Lumsden, chief engineer of the commission, over the ground and examined the line, and had been charging over this board was completing its labors, Winnipeg became filled with rumors that its investigations had disclosed a cost so huge that the Grand Trunk Pacific authorities were in a state of consternation. The rumor had it that the cost of something like \$25,000 per mile had been piled up; so that if the Grand Trunk Pacific rented the line in accordance with the terms of the contract, it would have to face fixed charges of \$3,750 a mile.

Four drinks faced the magistrate in the police court yesterday. Two were fined \$5 each. Amelia Francis was fined \$50 for selling beer without a license. The primary charge against Amelia was that of selling liquor illegally, but as the evidence was so extremely contradictory and Amelia was so persistent in her denials while on the stand in her own defence, it was impossible to make out a case against her. Little credence has been put in some of her statements. She however admitted selling beer, but swore that it was with Inspector Jones' consent. The inspector stated that the testimony was false as he never spoke to her on the subject. Mr. G. A. Henderson, who was conducting the prosecution, had the charge of selling liquor withdrawn and made a charge of selling beer without a license against Amelia and the magistrate imposed the maximum penalty of \$50 as above.

Two Disturbing Factors.
Thus we have two disturbing factors in the problem. The Quebec bridge project seems in a state of confusion which may postpone the completion of the work and so leave the eastern end of the G. T. P. minus a most important link. There is serious trouble over the cost of the westernmost section of the eastern division of the G. T. P.

The Quebec bridge difficulty is this: The Government has built the line from Lewis to Moncton; this is nearing completion; it will cost from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000; and it is hopelessly cut off for six or seven years, perhaps more, from the rest of the line. Its main use will be in winter, the very time when it will be difficult, if not impossible, to cross the St. Lawrence without the aid of a bridge. Thus for several years the rest of the G. T. P. system is in working order; this end will be cut off, will get a minimum of trade, and will be a dead weight off with maintenance charges and interest, while the G. T. P. is shipping its western wheat across the Atlantic by Portland.

A Necessary Section.
With regard to the Winnipeg to Superior Junction section, it must be remembered that the line is absolutely necessary to the G. T. P. By using the National Transcontinental to Superior Junction and its own branch lines from that point to Port Arthur, the G. T. P. can get the Great Lakes and can use water transport to get the western freight to the Georgian Bay ports, from which it can easily be forwarded to Montreal and Port Huron. No doubt it will be ready for use as a team be sent to the team will probably be chosen during the D. R. A. meet and will remain here for practice with the special team, until they leave for the Palma match.

One of the singular changes made in the 1903 contract by the legislation of 1904 seems to give the G. T. P. the right of deciding what portions of the National Transcontinental it will take over from the Government. Apparently it is on the cards that the Grand Trunk Pacific will be able to lease the Transcontinental from Winnipeg to Abitibi and to refuse to take over the portion from Abitibi eastward to Quebec. Montreal, and the reading of the contract, it also is open to the G. T. P. to argue that the eastern division is not completed until the Quebec bridge is finished, i. e., somewhere about 1916 or later.

OUTSIDE OPINION ON FOOLISH AND PUERILE STATEMENTS OF THE ORGANS OF THE CONTRACTORS

The Idiosyncrasies of the Telegraph (Frederick Gleaner.)
Apropos of the forthcoming election in St. John county, the Telegraph makes the announcement that "a very strong effort is being made by the Conservatives in the county to avoid a discussion of the methods of the Hazen Government."

To say the least of it this is a very remarkable statement for any sane journal to make, having regard to the fact that the Conservatives of the county have put up a candidate whom they propose to elect solely on the strength of the "methods of the Hazen Government," and on no other ground. And by way of bringing these methods before the electors as much as possible Messrs. Baxter, Lawlor, Agar and Mosher have already addressed public meetings in the county and next week the Premier himself and Mr. Maxwell will follow and will no doubt be pleased to give an explanation of these methods which may be desired by any elector. The Telegraph would much prefer that the methods of the HAZEN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE TALKED OF AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE, FOR THE BETTER THE ELECTORS UNDERSTAND THEM THE WORSE IT WILL BE FOR THE OPPOSITION.

THE ST. JOHN BY-ELECTION. (Moncton Times.)
The complaint is made that the Hazen Government has brought on by-election in St. John County with undue haste, and is thus taking advantage of the opposition. It is also alleged that the date is particularly inconvenient for the farmers, who are said to be very busy just now. Probably the industrious farmer may be a little busy, but the date fixed for the by-election is not a very convenient one for the AGRICULTURAL CLASS. ANY THAT COULD BE CHOSEN BETWEEN MAY AND DECEMBER, yet commenced, nor will it be general until after polling day. MR. HAZEN IS SIMPLY CARRYING OUT HIS

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CANADIAN TEAM LIKELY FOR OHIO MEET

Special To The Standard.
Ottawa, Ont., July 5.—It is now probable that the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, will send a team to the Palma Trophy match which will be held at Port Perry, Ohio, in September. Special pointed ammunition from England and will be ready for use as a team be sent to the team will probably be chosen during the D. R. A. meet and will remain here for practice with the special team, until they leave for the Palma match.

LAD TAKEN BACK TO THE REFORMATORY

William Mulcahey, who escaped from the reformatory at Crouville, on June 19th, was recaptured yesterday morning and taken back to the institution. Mulcahey had been sent to St. Patrick's Industrial School, Silver Falls, where he once was, but escaped. The permission was refused him. The boy stated to Magistrate Ritchie yesterday that he would again escape as soon as an opportunity was open to him. His Honger explained to him that if he was caught after escaping again, he would be transferred to the penitentiary. Mulcahey is serving a four year term, one year of which he has completed.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN FAILED TO TURN UP

Last evening's game in the inter-society league series, which was to have been played between St. Joseph's and P. A. O. H., did not materialize. The Fairville team went to the grounds in good strength, but not more than two or three St. Josephs players put in an appearance. A. O. H. claimed that the injured parties as they had telephoned to St. Josephs twice before leaving Fairville and had been told that the game would take place. There were rumors last evening to the effect that St. Josephs had disbanded.

CALL FOR TENDERS FOR PERMANENT PAVING ON GERMAIN STREET AND PARADISE ROW

The Common Council in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon decided to call for tenders for the laying of permanent pavement on Paradise Row between Main and Wall streets and on Germain street between Princess and Queen streets. The decision was not reached without considerable opposition on the part of some of the aldermen. The matter of Street Railway assessment was referred to a committee of the whole Council. The Council also dealt with the matter of suitable hour for washing street windows and decided to make the legal time between 10.30 p. m. and 7.30 a. m. The report of the committee on the mayor's inaugural address was also over until the next meeting of the Common Council. Ald. Belyea wanted that at the end of a few years there should be a marked increase in the income derived from the Street Railway by the company.

Window Washing Hours.
When the report of the Board of Public Safety was considered the section setting hours for washing street windows caused considerable discussion. Ald. Potts wanted the hours made 10.30 p. m. and 7.30 a. m. Ald. Vanwart wanted 10.30 p. m. and 9.30 a. m. Ald. Hayes suggested that 10.30 p. m. and 8.30 a. m. be the hours. On the Mayor's casting vote the hours were fixed at 10.30 p. m. and 7.30 a. m.

Dog-Catcher To Be Appointed.
After the consideration of the Public Safety Board's report the order of business was suspended in order to appoint a dog-catcher. The Mayor was requested to appoint this important official.

Cedar Street Sewer.
A section was added to the report on the Water and Sewerage Board decided to have the furniture removed from the old Water and Sewerage Department offices to the new offices in the City Hall.

Bridge Street Sewer.
The matter of the Bridge street sewer was referred to the Water and Sewerage Board to report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Paving Question.
When the section of the report of the Board of Public Works recommending that tenders be called for the laying of permanent pavement, opinion was conflicting. Ald. McGoldrick and Ald. Elkin both strongly favored the passage of the section.

Ald. Vanwart's Position.
Ald. Vanwart said he favored the city paying the total cost of laying permanent pavement. The city was not, however, in a position to do so, and he was in a position to take such a task at the present time. The citizens were taxed to death as it was, without any further bond is being made. He would oppose the section.

Ald. Codner wanted permanent pavement. He intimated that the city was behind the times and was using the street-making methods used by our grandfathers.

Ald. Kelley Wants Paradise Row Paved.
Ald. Kelley in amendment to the amendment moved that permanent pavement be laid upon Paradise Row between Main and Wall streets, as well as upon Germain street, between Princess and Queen streets. If his amendment were not carried he would vote for Ald. Potts' amendment.

Should Make a Start.
Ald. Baxter stated that he would support the amendment to the amendment as it and the original motion were the same thing, both placed the city in the way to acquire information concerning the cost of permanent pavement. The only way St. John could get paved streets was to make a start somewhere and follow out a definite policy.

West Side Grass Crop.
The alderman also made a protest concerning the way the street department was cultivating the grass crop on the streets on the west side. Ald. Sprout agreed with Ald. Codner in calling macadam a failure as a street making material in St. John. Ald. Vanwart drew attention to the fact that so-called permanent pavements had to be repaired just as macadamized pavement had to be.

CHINESE IS FOUND SLAIN IN LAUNDRY

New York, July 5.—Although the police have failed to connect in any way the murder of Ung Yow, a Chinese laundryman, whose body was found in the basement of his laundry at No. 124 Stanton street, with the murder of Elsie Sigel, there are many baffling features about the case, and the men who have made a business of investigating murders live more or less at sea when trying to follow the working of the Oriental mind and the motives that actuate a Chinese when he seeks vengeance.

Ung Yow's body was found with the feet in one tub of water and the head in another, and with the walls and floor of the laundry showing evidences of a desperate struggle. The money drawer had been robbed, which in any other but a Chinese case would be regarded as showing that robbery was the motive, as it may have been. Around the neck of the dead man was found a hemp cord tied so tight that it caused strangulation, which was the cause of death, and the head crushed in with the heavy flat-irons.

Ung Yow had occupied the laundry for two weeks, and before that had been with his brother, Ung Fung, in a laundry at No. 202 East Houston street. Ung Fung had been killed and had gone to the Stanton street place for the reason that there was more money to be made there.

Ung Fung is telling the truth, a good man was killed and the assassin made away with his body. He had lived in this country five years, was not addicted to the use of opium, was in no way mixed up with white men. So far as he knew, no persons, white or yellow, had any reason to kill him.

From one source the police learned that the person who lives around the laundry in Stanton street, and who is found some who no later than the night before the murder declare that two white women were in the laundry one a blonde and the other a brunette, and that the blonde woman often had been a visitor at the laundry. The brother declares that this is a mistake, and that the women company come to see Tom Lee, the former proprietor of the laundry, but the children in the neighborhood say they cannot be mistaken.

From one source the police learned that Ung Yow was the owner of a laundry on Leong Tong and that his death was a result of the war that has been started among the tongs since the murder of Elsie Sigel. He was said to have been an informer to the police on one or two occasions, and that is another theory that has been advanced as a motive for the murder.

It was said to be highly probable that even the Bowery type of laundry would break into a basement Chinese laundry for the purpose of robbery, as much more booty could have been obtained in other places with no more risk. For that reason it is thought probable that the rifling of the money drawer was a blind for the police.

Capt. Day, of the Eldridge street station, made an investigation of the murder before Captain Carey, of the Homicide Bureau, arrived, and believed it was simply a case of attack and murder when the Chinese found a white man working under him would like to believe this is so, but there are many unexplained circumstances, and while it has been impossible so far to connect this murder with the killing of Elsie Sigel, the police are not at all certain that there is not a connection, and the solution of the last murder would throw some light on the first one.

Mrs. George A. Ealer returned yesterday to her home in Hillsboro. Mr. H. M. Balkam of Milltown, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Meyer the well known contractor was in the city yesterday. Mr. Geo. W. Boyer was at the Dufferin yesterday.

R.B. ADDISON IS THE NEW PRESIDENT

The semi-annual meeting of the Young People's Society of the Tabernacle church was held last evening, and the attendance was unusually large. After an interesting discussion on patriotism was finished the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Honorary President, Mr. R. B. Addison; President, Mr. Leslie Snowden; Vice-President, Miss Emma Edwards; Recording Secretary, Miss Ada Park; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Robert Coggan; Treasurer, Miss Dora Boyce; Pianist, Miss Mary Patterson; Assistant Pianist, Miss Rosalie Parker.

After the election a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president, Miss Emma Edwards, who has been very diligent in the duties of her office. Ice cream was served during the evening.

Supreme Council T. of H. to Meet Here.
The Supreme Court T. of H. are to meet here next month. The reception committee of the different Temples of Honor are to meet tonight to make arrangements for the reception of the delegates who are to attend this convention.

Studying Nursing in Lowell.
Miss Agnes R. McKinney, arrived in the city yesterday from Lowell, Mass., where she has been studying nursing at St. John's Hospital. She will spend a few weeks with her parents here before returning to her studies.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY.
Entries for the E. D. C. sports on the evening of Monday next, July 12, close on Wednesday night on account of the handicap. All intending contestants should file their entries with Secretary A. W. Corey as soon as possible.

STIRLING LEAVES TOMORROW.
Ernest Stirling, the E. D. C. distance runner, who will go to Winnipeg to the Canadian championships leaves St. John tomorrow evening. The funds necessary to send Stirling west were raised yesterday by a quick canvass.

A PRETTY WEDDING AT CENTREVILLE

On Wednesday, June 30th, at twelve o'clock noon, a very pretty marriage took place at the home of Mr. Charles Wilkinson, Centreville, Car. Co., N. B., when his daughter, Alice Esther, was married to Roy Cowan McCall of Port Hope, Ont. Miss Bessie Harold played the wedding march, to the strains of which the bride, on the arm of her father, entered the drawing room which was tastefully decorated with ferns and potted plants. The bride wore a travelling suit of brown broadcloth with hat to match, and carried a neat white prayer book.

After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. W. P. Dunham, Mr. McCall, a very excellent lunch was served. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. The esteem in which the bride is held was shown by the many gifts consisting of solid silver, cut glass, and bric-a-brac, among them a fine set of 100 bills from a friend of the groom. The groom's present to the bride was a ring with sapphires and diamonds.

The happy couple, who have the warm wishes of their host and hostess, left the house amidst showers of rice, and were escorted by a party on their drive to Florenceville station, where they were given a final send-off with good wishes, rice and confetti. The wedding trip will be through Fredericton, Montreal, Toronto, New York, Philadelphia to Winnipeg, their future home.

BIG FIRE AT RUMFORD FALLS.
Rumford Falls, Me., July 5.—Fire, which broke out this afternoon and destroyed the cutting mill of the Rumford Paper Company. Involving a loss of \$100,000, spread to the adjacent woodland and threatened the early settlements of Mexico and Rigby. A log pile owned by the Rumford Lumber Company, and containing about 4,000 cords of wood, is totally lost. The mill was a one-story structure, and together with the boiler house, was swept away. The cause is supposed to have been started by a fire cracker.

CROP REPORTS FAVORABLE.
Special To The Standard.
Winnipeg, July 5.—Reports of the crop received throughout the west are exceedingly optimistic. The rains the past week have brought the wheat along in splendid style. At many points it is beginning to head out, and next week there will be many reports all headed out. Particularly optimistic reports have come from the north. Wheat fifty inches high and well headed out is common in many places and ready getting machine in shape for an early harvest.

ATTEND GOVERNMENT MEETING.
Special To The Standard.
Fredericton, July 5.—Premier, Hon. Provincial Secretary Plem and others are here for meeting of the Government, opening tomorrow.

Father Collins' Picnic Today.
Today the Rev. Father Collins will give his annual picnic on the church grounds at Fairville. The congregation have looked forward to this event with much pleasure, and hope that the picnic will be even more successful than in former years. Very efficient committee of ladies have charge of the supper tables and the amusement booths. A committee of women will superintend the various games and sports which will be given on the grounds.

City Council Band will be in attendance and render select music.
The illness of Bandmaster of the City Cornet Band, which was to have taken place this evening, was postponed until Saturday afternoon, when a concert will be given in King Square from 3 o'clock. On Wednesday evening the City Band will give a concert in the square.

Artillery Band Concert at Senneville, Wednesday.