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- 2 Bell-st-111 (Parlor Model) \$90.00
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## News of a Day

### To Appropriate Railway.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The city council last night decided by a vote of 18 to 4 to seek legislation to enable the city to appropriate the Toronto Street Railway.

### Exit Ice Palace.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—The ice palace which was to have been a feature of the coming winter carnival, has been badly damaged by the soft weather of the past three or four days and is almost a total wreck.

### Bars Pool Rooms.

Kingston, Jan. 25.—Cobden village has availed itself of a bye-law on its books and has wiped out a pool room operated there and has also prohibited the sale of cigarettes within the municipality.

### Burned to Death.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 25.—Mrs. James Cameron of Farham, was burned to death while alone in her house. She was an invalid and she was attempting to pull her invalid's chair near the kitchen stove when her clothes caught fire.

### Bob Cook Arrested.

Orangeville, Ont., Jan. 25.—Word has reached here that Bob Cook, the desperado wanted for assault on Constable James Herbert, of this place, has been arrested at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The authorities are in communication with, with a view to Cook's extradition.

### Chatham Too.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 25.—Owing to the exorbitant prices levied on foot to boycott these commodities until prices fall to normal. An agreement to this effect is being circulated and rapidly signed. Eggs are 45 to 50 cents per dozen in the market.

### New Hospital.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 25.—The Independent Order of Foresters will establish a fraternal tuberculosis hospital on a tract of land bordering upon Rainbow Lake in the Adirondacks in New York State. The Rainbow Lake property consists of upwards of one thousand acres and is located upon the Malone Railway.

### Engine Turned Over.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The engine on the New York Central 20th Century Limited, east bound, turned completely over about a quarter of a mile west of St. Johnsville this morning at 5.40. It slid 300 feet before it stopped, and is torn and wrecked beyond repair. Fireman John Hunsell, of Syracuse, and Engineer John Scanlon, of Syracuse, were killed. None of the coaches left the rails, though the trucks of several of them are derailed. They are all right side up, however, and it is declared by the railroad people that the passengers are unhurt.

## LOCAL

### Counterfeit Dimes.

Counterfeit United States dimes are being circulated. The spurious coins are bright and rather roughly finished, and fall to "ring" when dropped.

### Contract Awarded.

Mr. Edward Bates, Duke street, has been awarded the contract for the construction of two targets at St. John, N. B., for range and for the

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Men's Box Calf, Thick Sole Bluecher Laced Boots that are made for this kind of weather.

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**SEE OUR WINDOW.**

Store closes at 6.30 during January and February.

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Support the game and watch the match decided in public. He never would in private of wrestling in pri-

## GRADES AND THE ALLEY ROAD

Friends of Proposed Railway Should not Allow Themselves to Fall Into Trap Set by Pugsley at All.

### WHAT TRANSCONTINENTAL STANDARD MEANS

The York County Council's resolution endorsing the St. John Valley Railway proposition asks that the road be of "of such a character as to be suitable to form part of a transcontinental system." If this resolution means, says the Fredericton Gleaner, that the proposed road must be up to the standard of the Transcontinental now under construction by the Federal Government on the Grand Trunk Pacific, it may lead to the defeat of the very business which it was intended to promote. The grade standard of the Transcontinental is fixed at 4.10 of one per cent, and returns show that the average cost of that road through New Brunswick, as far as the work has gone, is in the vicinity of \$66,000 a mile. Some parts of the road, it is true, have cost less, viz., some of the level sections, which only call for what is known as "serub work"; but in others the cost has run up to a hundred thousand dollars a mile and more. One of these so-called difficult sections is in the Northern part of New Brunswick, where vast sums have been paid to the contractors on certificates of "very heavy work." The proposed board guarantee of \$25,000 a mile would not therefore go a great distance towards paying the cost of such a road as the Transcontinental. The balance would necessarily have to come from the company itself, and the municipalities along the river. Is the company able to furnish the necessary means to complete, or are the municipalities willing to assist either by direct contributions or by guaranteeing bonds?

If the demand is for a standard of 4.10 of one per cent, it is well that the municipalities should know just what that demand involves. Mr. Pugsley has asked for particulars as to grades, his object being to ultimately make the standard so exacting as to defeat the project by putting the cost beyond the ability of the province and the municipalities to pay. That is the purpose in his delay in naming a date on which a committee should interview the government on the subject of grades, etc. It was a very pointed suggestion in the ostentatious letter of Col. H. H. McLean, of Sunbury, Queen's to the Gazette, meeting on Tuesday night last, that the standard should be "about equal to that of the Transcontinental Railway." Our friends and the Valley Railway people should not allow themselves to be outwitted by those whose purpose—even while professing to be interested in the project—is to bring about the defeat of the project to serve party ends.

**No Call.**  
There is no call for so exacting and so expensive a grade as that of the so-called Transcontinental. Mr. Hazen's proposition is that the Valley road be operated as a part of the Intercolonial Railway system. It would indeed be an extraordinary move for the federal government to insist that the St. John river section should be a finer grade and much more expensive than that of the main line. The grade of the main line of the I.C.R. is 3.10 of one per cent, or nearly one per cent, a grade which it is believed can very well be obtained along the St. John at a comparatively moderate cost. When the Intercolonial acquired the Canada Eastern to operate it as a part of its system along the Miramichi, it did not insist on a very high grade, although the average grade of the Canada Eastern is really more than one per cent. There were no serious objections then, and although the road has been operated for four or five years as a part of the general system, there has been no special report made in that time to reduce the grade. It will thus be seen that the suggestion as to high grade requirements has not been thrown out in the interests of the people along the valley, who are in great need of this road.

The people are aroused, and the agitation has assumed proportions that even the federal government must not afford to longer ignore. The Hazen government have voluntarily come out with a pledge that will ensure the completion of the road the length of the Valley, if the federal authorities and the railway company will do their duty. We have noted the general activity of the federal government in so far as co-operating in the movement to build is concerned. We have noted also the only move they have made, which suggests a determination to defeat the project to build if possible. Now what has the company been doing? What has it done? Has it had surveys made, or has it surveyed in its possession with which it can meet the federal authorities and show just what kind of a line can be built? It is its duty to have these. If the federal authorities are to be exacting, it is for the company to show that a good grade can be obtained at a moderate cost. It is for the company to show by reliable data that the demands of the federal government, if continued as at present it is hinted they will be, are unreasonably exacting. The company must do something.

In this agitation the people are not to be misled or trifled with. The situation must be clearly outlined, and the responsibility for any miscarriage of justice must rest upon the shoulders which are responsible for the miscarriage.

The city will probably build 400 miles of new railway this year in the West. There is no likelihood of Canadian Pacific development in the Maritime Provinces, which, in my opinion, have all the railway accommodation they need at the present time.

"It would be wiser, I think, to build fewer miles of railway in these provinces and make greater use of the possibilities afforded by the Intercolonial."

**Wm. A. Dinsmore New Mayor of St. Stephen**

**Veteran Councillor Will Succeed to Mayor's Chair Unopposed**  
-- Town Elections to be Held Today.

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 24.—Nominations for vacancies in the Town Council closed here yesterday. The elections will be held tomorrow.

Wm. A. Dinsmore, who has represented St. Stephen as councillor for the past twelve years, was the unanimous choice of the people for the mayorality.

In Duke's ward J. R. Polley and J. R. Sedgwick were returned as councillors unopposed, and Harry L. Wall for assessor was likewise honored.

Councillor Polley has served at the board during the past year, but councillor Sedgwick is a new man in civic politics.

In Kings' ward Councillor J. T. Whitlock was renominated without a running mate. Geo. T. Budd and J. P. Wry also being nominated.

J. K. McGeechey is unopposed for assessor.

Queens ward has three new men in the field, Elwell DeWolf, and Eugene Thornton running together, and S. E. Mills playing a lone hand.

Douglas for assessor was unopposed.

**LESS MILEAGE ADVISES SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY**

**C. P. R. Head Holds That the Maritime Provinces Have All the Railway Accommodation Needed at Present.**

London, Jan. 25.—Those who ought to know see an interesting sidelight on the changing relations between the Canadian Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the following statement made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to the Times representative before sailing on Saturday.

Sir Thomas said: "The Canadian Pa-

## OTTAWA TIED ITS OWN HANDS

Startling Facts Adduced in Judgement Handed Down by Judge Cassels in Walburg Case

### NO REDRESS FOR GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—A judgment handed down by Judge Cassels in the Exchequer Court Saturday afternoon virtually closes the long dispute over the claim of E. A. Walberg for extra work done by him in constructing a sewer to drain the ground upon which the I.C.R. locomotive and car repair shops are located in Moncton, N. B. Mr. Walberg claimed \$105,000 for doing this work. No tenders were called for, and the contractor relied upon a verbal direction from Mr. W. B. MacKenzie, chief engineer of the I. C. R. The work was done without the knowledge or direction of the Minister of Railways, who referred Mr. Walberg's claim to the Exchequer Court, after it had been assailed by the Opposition before the Public Accounts Committee.

It is from the record that Walberg had the contract for building the shops at Moncton. The ground being somewhat low and damp thus being placed in such a position off the surface water to an adjoining creek before first in order to prevent the new foundations from settling. This was in the fall of 1906, and Walberg being on the ground the chief engineer directed him to do the work by day labor, upon the understanding that he should be reimbursed by the government for all money paid out and be paid in addition there to 10 per cent, of the amount so expended. It became to Walberg's interest in the government to hire the highest possible number of men for the greatest possible number of days at the highest possible wages. In discussing the case, the case, Mr. Adette, the registrar of the Exchequer Court, says:—

**Between Duty and Interest.**  
"It is indeed a very unfortunate thing that he (Walberg) should have been placed in the position of standing between his duty and his interest. Without casting any insinuation, it will obviously appear that he had no interest in performing or executing the work with any economy. The higher the actual cost would be, the larger his profit, and he would in any case be refunded the actual cost. As in the consideration of all matters, we have first to look where the interest lies. This element is an important one to bear in mind in approaching the serious question of a fair and reasonable cost."

Incredible as it may appear, Walberg was permitted to run up a bill against the government of \$100,000 without check, audit or inspection from any official. He had a large number of men, teams and scrapers at work at the time on various contracts at Moncton, so that it is not possible to find out how much he did depend on this particular work. The registrar, to whom the case was referred, cut down the bill one-half. Judge Cassels finds that the government is bound by the action of the chief engineer and accordingly allows Mr. Walberg \$50,000.

Some extraordinary facts were developed in the hearing before the registrar. For example, Mr. Walberg had called a number of expert witnesses to testify to the value of the work done, a great part of which is described as labor wasted by practical contractors and engineers on the ground at Moncton. Of these experts called by Mr. Walberg the registrar says:—

"Of course, we have also in this case a number of experts called by the government in the usual supercilious manner, which invariably gives that blind service and cunning approval to all things done by the contractor. In this case, the expert witnesses are glaringly defective and at fault. That class of evidence can be had in every case, it is always available, however, the last said about the value of the work done. This was probably pretty well understood by the parties interested when the claim was referred to the court."

**Government's Hands Tied.**  
Judge Cassels, in his judgment, finds that the government having authorized the work, with knowledge of Mackenzie's action, is now estopped from disputing his authority, and must abide by his estimate. In short, the Government by its action before the case got into the Exchequer Court put itself in such a position as to be estopped from disputing the value of the work done. This was probably pretty well understood by the parties interested when the claim was referred to the court."

**FUNERALS**  
Mr. John J. Lindsay.

The funeral of Mr. John J. Lindsay was held from Zion church yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. James Crisp conducted the funeral services. Interment was made in Fernhill.

Miss Lillie G. Smith.

The body of Miss Lillie G. Smith arrived from Montreal yesterday afternoon, accompanied by her father, Mr. C. Newton Smith. The funeral was held from the I. C. R. depot. Rev. N. McLaughlin conducted the burial services. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

**Colin Campbell Divorce Case.**  
Another action which aroused general interest was the divorce suit against Lady Colin Campbell, in which the late Duke of Marlborough and three other ex-queens were cited. Lady Campbell, for whom Sir George appeared, won the case. The retiring barrister has been a constant advocate of legal reforms. He was untiring in his efforts in behalf of the Court of Criminal Appeal, which has established signal success, and the many acts of which he has been the author have not been so marked. He was a pioneer in support of the act enabling prisoners to give evidence in their own behalf, and he has constantly urged reforms in the divorce laws.

The firm name of Lewis & Lewis, London, Jan. 25.—Though Sir Geo. Lewis announced his retirement from active practice of the law soon after the opening of the new year, it now can be stated on authority that he has not kept a diary and that he will not write his reminiscences. Though all the world would have read the latter with avidity, there are many persons of prominent social standing who will learn of this latest announcement with great relief. For Sir George Lewis, during the greater part of his career, which brings its activities to a close just before his seventy-seventh birthday, has been a sort of legal physician in view of some of the cases which he has handled. He has been a just social difficulties quietly than to recommend the public operation in the law courts. He made his success, it truly may be said, by cases that never came into court. But the curtain is not to be lifted now.

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