Railway Rumblings

Earnings of Canadian Roads Show Large Increase.

The Talk of Removing the G. T. R. Head Offices-Pushing the Crow's Nest Pass Work.

G. T. R. gross earnings for the past

week were \$470,995, showing an increase Trains on the Crow's Nest Pass road are expected to be running between Lethbridge and McLeod by May 1. Announcement is made at Chicago

of a \$10 reduction in steamship rates from Pacific coast points to Alaska. C. P. R. gross earnings for the week ending April 7 were \$448,000. This is an increase of \$69,000 over the corresponding month last year.

It is predicted by conservative railroad men that within two weeks there will not be an idle coal or coke car in the entire Pittsburg district. W. H. Newman is to be the new

president of the Lake Shore. He has been in railroad service since 1866. He is now second vice-president of the Great Northern. The special committee of the Mon-

treal city council will have another conference with the Grand Trunk authorities regarding the removil of their head offices to the center of the city. The special train which carried George Gould east on Monday made the fatal results. run from Tilten to Perry, 101 miles, in 110 minutes, and the 100 miles from

A semi-official outline of Premier Greenway's railway scheme includes a grant of \$8,000 per mile for a road to the Lake of the Woods, there to be connected with the proposed Ontario and Rainy River road to Lake Superior.

Wheelmen do not receive the consideration from railways in England for carrying their wheels that they have secured in this country, the charges in many instances for short distances being much in excess of the fare of the

Mr. James Stephenson, superintendent of the Grand Trunk under the old management, was in Toronto on Mon- have Dr. Bryce go down and investiday with Mrs. Stephenson, bidding gate it. good-bye to his friends here. He sails next week for England, where he intends to reside permanently hereafter. He has chosen Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, as his place of residence.

Several officers and members of the St. Thomas board of trade waited upon Superintendent Jones, of the Wabash, at his office at the G. T. R. station on Saturday afternoon to express their appreciation of the advantage the coming of the road was to St. Thomas, and to welcome Mr. Jones and the Wabash The suggestion was thrown out that the site of the G. T. R. quois arm. that city. station would be a splendid one for a union station for the Wabash, G. T. R. and L. E. and D. R. R.

The board of arbitration of the Joint Traffic Association, meeting in New York, has denied the appeal of the New York Nickel Plate, Michigan Central and Lake Shore companies for differentials in connection with their west-bound shipments and passenger business. The Michigan Central and Lake Shore some time ago applied to the manager for the privilege of using differential fares east-bound over the differential lines, and their request was refused. The Nickel Plate, a differential line, also asked that it be allowed to work its tickets over the New York Central, one of the standard lines. The manager declined, and the matter was appealed by the three lines.

An interesting case was recently commenced before Judge Davidson in the supreme court at Montreal. This is an action begun by E. P. Hanaford, who claims \$6,000 in consequence of his dismissal from the position of chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, which he held for a great many years. On Jan. 20, 1896, he was informed by Mr. Hays that the company had decided to dispense with his services on Feb. 1 next, but that his salary would be paid until April 1. He refused to accept the notice, but was dismissed, and his position filled by Joseph Hobson. He claims that he was entitled to a year's notice, and sues for the twelve months' salary, \$6,000. Further hearing of the case has been postponed until June 1. Meantime a commission will examine witnesses in London, England.

THE HITCH

present, but it is said that the hitch was the Methodist Church. over the refusal of the Canadian Pacific to recede from its demand for a differential and the determination of the American northwestern lines not to

The new single arch passenger bridge Monday been built without obstructing traffic between the two banks, the sections and girders having been placed under and around the present bridge, though on almost the same site, the only difference being that on the Canadian side the abutment is a little to the south. On Monday traffic upon the bridge was suspended; for the final section of the immense steel arch upon which will rest the substituted road-

ridge will be taken to the site of the old iron foot bridge at Lewiston, destroyed by a storm almost 50 years go, where it will be placed in position, aid with trolley lines and used to comlete a circuit between the Canadian and Gorge roads. Thereafter its place will be taken by a brand new structure naving a weight of 4,000,000 pounds, a darrying power of 30,000 pounds to the square foot, and a single span of 840 feet, the longest arch in the world, it is said. Its full length will be 1,240 feet, the center of the arch 190 feet above the stream and 380 feet above the bed of the river, which is here estimated to be 190 feet deep. The floor will be 48 feet wide and will bear two trolley tracks, two roadways and footways on each side. Mr. L. L. Buck, of New York, who designed the G. T. R. bridge down the river, is also the architect of the new one, which is probably the largest of its kind in the world.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Schemes

Toronto, April 20 .- The Provincial Board of Health met at the parliament buildings yesterday. A letter was read from Zurich regarding the peculiar death of seven fatted cattle and a valuable bull. They had been fed on turnips, and it was believed that from the turnips they contracted some disease. A veterinary from London was called, but could not ascertain the cause of death. The owner of the cattle stopped feeding them turnips, and only two died immediately after. Samples of the turnips were procured by Dr. Bryce, but in a thorough test they failed to produce any

At this meeting Iroquois, Rat Port age, Berlin and Arnprior will all be Peru to Montpelier was covered in 118 dealt with. At each of these places there has been trouble with either the sewerage system or the watreworks plant.

Dr. Mitchell, of Delaware village, the Chatham local board of health and the Chatham city council wrote protesting against permitting the city of London to empty its sewage into the River Thames, on the ground that the river was the source of the water supply of Delaware and Chatham. board will wait until the city of London completes its sewerage system before taking action. A communication was read from

Leamington regarding the sewerage system there, and it was decided to

The big engine at the Walkerville distillery has broken down. Work is temporarily stopped.

Mr. Maxwell McClung, at the municipal bye-election held Tuesday, was elected reeve of Cayuga. A tramp attacked Mr. Hogie, night operator of the Grand Trunk at Iro-

quois, and cut a severe gash in his Mr. Drew, an American millionaire, has purchased the seignory of Mille Baches, Que., with the intention of erecting a pulp mill there.

The British Columbia Legislature on Tuesday gave the first reading to a bill introduced by Mr. Helmerker to extend the franchise to women.

Dr. MacGillis, a well-known retired physician of Vancouver, is dead. He was a son of William MacGillis Laird, of Williamstown, Glengarry, Ont. The open season for coarse fish with hook nets has been extended for two weeks, or until May 1. This includes the whole waterway down to the sea. John A. Cunningham, aged 21 years,

was drowned near Gananoque on Sunday. He upset the boat he was in, in trying to save his hat, and lost his life while endeavoring to swim ashore. Elisha W. Talcott, aged 76, a prominent farmer and life-long resident of Bloomfield, Ont., dred Monday evening of pneumonia. A wife, four sons and

three daughters survive him. A schooner from Placentia Bay, carrying nine men and one woman, was erushed in the ice floes off St. Johns, care bestowed upon him. Nfld., Saturday evening. The crew took to the ice field, where they passed the night in great danger. Next day a tug went to her rescue. All were

badly frost-bitten. Work has been commenced on the new C. P. R. transcontinental copper elegraph line between Montreal and Vancouver. When completed there will be a length of about 2,900 miles of wire, constituting probably the longest direct land line circuit for daily work in the world.

Mr. John Dyke, who had reached the New York, April 20.—Commissioner Farmer, of the trunk line passenger committee, has received a copy of the report prepared by Chairman Mc-Nicholl of the special committee age of 80, died on Sunday night at Nicholl, of the special committee of the and the daughters are Mrs. Thomas one engine, and taken up on the other Deceased was a lifelong adherent of was washed away.

The master-in-ordinary has given his decision in the application of the Dominion Bank to have the venue changed to Toronto in the suit brought ANOTHER STEEL ARCH FINISHED \$50,000 damages for wrongful dismissal. The master held that the Napanee [G. N. W. Telegram to The Advertiser.] just below Niagara Falls had until newspapers had influenced public opinion in favor of the plaintiff, and

changed the venue to Belleville. The following officers have obtained the Royal School of Cavalry at Toron-Oxley, Ninety-third Battalion; Major the firemen. The McGillivray, Thirty-fourth Battalion; insurance \$2,000. Major Donkin, Ninety-third Battalion; Lieut.-Col. White, Twenty-eighth Bat-

SCIENCE TRIMMING

THELAMPOR

way was placed in position and com-pleted. As soon as the finishing touches have been received the old suspension talion; Major Greer, Fortieth Battal-ion; Capt. Rorke, Thirty-first Battal-ion; Capt. Maxwell, Seventy-eighth Battalion.

Attacked.

Same System Pursued There That Has Been in Vogue for Ten Years.

[C. P. R. Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 20 .- In the public accounts committee yesterday Messrs. George Taylor, Cochrane and Sproule attacked the expenditures at Rideau Hall. They examined Mr. Hutchinson, who has charge of the affairs there, who told them that the same system for making purchases now prevailed in the department that was in existence for the past ten years. Previous to that time he bought wherever he could

get the cheapest goods. Mr. Taylor objected to the payment of a rental of \$100 for wine glasses, finger bowls, etc., and Mr. Hutchinson replied that the stock had run out, and it was necessary to do this. Mr. Foster wanted to know how much, was spent on the ball-room, and Mr. Hutchinson said that it cost about

\$2,000. There was no expenditure on the chapel. To this Mr. Foster replied that while there was some \$2,000 spent on frivolities there was nothing for Mr. Clancy was taking a hand in the examination, and showed how little

he knew about the matter. Mr. Somerville was glad to see the present op-position was of the same mind as the late opposition.

Fugitives From Mahmoud's Army Shelled by a Gunboat.

Two Hundred of Them Killed and Seventy Captured.

SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE BURNED.

London, April 20.—Spurgeon's Taberracle was destroyed by fire this after-THE NILE CAMPAIGN.

London, April 20.-A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Arrsouan, on the Nile, says a gunboat that has returned to Dakala from Shendy reports that it had an engagement near El Aliab with fugitives from Mahmoud's army, killing 200 and capturing 70.

AMERICAN FRUIT SHUT OUT. Vienna, April 20.-A decree was published today forbidding the importation of American fresh fruit, plants, fresh fruit refuse, fruit wrappers and fruit packings, etc., in cases where the examination at the port of entry results in the discovery of traces of the San

THE CUNARDERS

Liverpool, April 20 .- The officials of the Cunard Steamship Company here deny that they have decided to change their ports of call. They add that their vessels will continue to sail from here to New York and Boston, as Meretofore. A similar announcement was made at the offices of the White Star Line. SUICIDE AT SEA.

Queenstown, April 20.—On the arrival here today of the Red Star Line steam- with a sling, and as he twirled the er Belgenland (Capt. Thompson), which | sling the stone slipped out and struck left Philadelphia on April 9 for Liverpool, via this port, her commander reported that Mr. Theodore Schelle, a tured. The lad is in the hospital and saloon passenger, became insane, and was placed in a strait-jacket. Subsequently, however, as Mr. Schelle became calmer, he was released, but later he jumped overboard. A boat was quickly lowered and Mr. Schelle was rescued alive, but he died in spite of the

CABLE NOTES. According to the Rome correspondent of the Times, Sir Philip Currie, British ambassador at Constantinople since 1893, will in the course of the year replace Sir Francis Clare Ford, British ambassador at Rome since 1893. The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, unveiled a bust of Lord Randolph Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday. Lady Randolph Churchill was among those present at the ceremony. Travel on the Buluwayo Railroad is

width of the river, pushed across by transcontinental lines. Mr. Farmer de- Dawes and Mrs. S. Dyke, of Ottawa. side by another. Soon after the bridge

BLAZE AT CLINTON.

Doan & Son's Tannery Reduced to

Clinton, April 20.-About 1 o'clock this morning the tannery of O. S. Doan & Son was discovered to be on fire. The building being frame and a southqualifying equitation certificates at west gale blowing, it burned rapidly, and was a mass of ruins. A serious to since April 1: Major McEwan, of conflagration from flying embers was Byron, Twenty-sixth Battalion; Major prevented by hard work on the part of the firemen. The loss is about \$5,000; The Electric Light Company's smoke stack was knocked down while the fire as in progress. A frame dwelling belonging to Miss Lucy Cort was damaged to the extent

ANOTHER PROTEST.

of about \$200; insured.

Cross-Petition Filed Against a Defeated

Conservative-This Makes 62. Toronto, April 20 .- A cross-petition was filed yesterday in South Wellington against Henry Hortop, the defeated Conservative candidate. It is charged that Mr. Hortop approached the petitioner, James Anderson, and offered him a large sum of money if he would withdraw from the field and support the Conservatives. There are 62 petitions now in the courts.

St. Thomas, April 20.-Judge Ermatinger has made his return to Sheriff Brown of the votes cast in West Elgin in accordance with the decision of Justice McLennan. Total vote, 6,201. Cast for Macdairmid, 3,101; for Mr. Macnish, 3,100.

Goderich, Ont., April 20.-Conservatives of West Huron held a meeting at Dungannon yesterday and re-elected their old staff of officers for the riding association, with Major Beck as Grafton & Co

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