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A BRANCH of the Canadian Northern Railroad will be built to Ely to connect there with the Duluth and Iron Range Road. It will be 45 miles long.

THE Newfoundland Government, with the object of discharging its obligations to Mr. Reid, is issuing £465,000 worth of 3½ per cent. bonds, repayable at par on October 1st, 1951, at the price of £93.

THE Canadian Northern Railway has placed telegraphic operators at every station along its lines. This is a great convenience to grain men, which has hitherto been supplied only at the larger centres.

WHAT is claimed to be one of the richest free milling strikes on record is reported from Pine Creek, Atlin. Mr. A. C. Irvine, the owner of the property on which the discovery was made, will probably get the capital to work it.

THE Opera House block, in the pretty town of Truro, is a mass of ruins, owing to a disastrous fire which took place on October 1st. The chief losers were Fraser, Fraser & Co., G. W. Smith & Co., boots and shoes; A. B. Cox & Co., tailors, and the Oddfellows. Loss about \$25,000; insured.

SOME time ago, a short one-rail railroad was tried in Ontario, but without any great success. Now we hear, however, that a similar system is to be adopted in New York, and that a very great rate of speed is to be aimed at. The cars will be cigar-shaped, and run upon a central rail on an elevated structure. The electricity will be carried in outer rails on the under side of the structure, connecting with the car by clamp wheels. These are bound to the track in such a manner that accidents, it is asserted, are impossible.

THE steamship "Garth Castle," under charter to the Franco-Canadian Line, sailed from Montreal for Havre last week on her last trip for the season, under the latter company's flag, with a general cargo, comprising 12,500 bushels grain, 400 tons pulp, 50 standard deals, 75 tons asbestos, 500 sacks peas, 500 cases salmon, 2,000 cases lobsters, 100 tons pig iron, 30 barrels cod roes, 100 cases rye whiskey, 1,200 cases champagne, 600 tons hay, three cars of lumber. The "Wassau," which was also under charter to this company, has been withdrawn, and her place will be taken by the Manchester Line steamship, "Manchester Shipper."

THE telegraph lines, operated by the Dominion Government, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, for the benefit of shipping, have been extended by the Department of Public Works, eastwardly along the north shore of the Gulf from their former terminus at Baie des Moutons to Chateau Bay, on the Labrador shore of the Strait of Belle Isle, a distance of 247 statute miles, and a cable has been laid connecting Chateau Bay with Belle Isle. Telegraph offices are now open at St. Augustine, Bonne Esperance, Blanc Sablon, Red Bay, Chateau Bay and Belle Isle. It is expected that arrangements will be made for the establishment of a telegraph station at Point Amour lighthouse, in which case it also will be established as a Government marine signal station.

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