

An interesting fact is brought out by a comparison of the cost per mile of railways and electric tramways. Taking the paid up capital of railways in Can-ada, which represents cost of construc-tion, equipment, etc., at \$1,186,546,918, in round numbers, the cost per mile is \$60,000. The cost of electric and other tram lines is \$65,500. This would be surprising if one did not stop to think of the capital required for the develop-ment of power, of wires, poles, and all the rest of it, in addition to the road bed, for a comparatively few miles of lations concerning the observati 

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to oust Vice-President Hyde and successed President Alexander when the head of the society resigned. When asked what he had to say with reference to Mr. Knowles' statement, Mr. Tarbell was highly indignant. He said: "I never entered into any compact such as he speaks of. There never was any question about Mr. Alexander resigning the presidency." Mr. Choate Retained New York, April 19.—The Times tomorow will say: "James H. Hyde, it was learned yesterday, has retained Joseph Choate, the returning ambassator to England, as one of his legal advisers in the Equitable controversy. The negotiations were closed by cable on Monday and Mr. Choate, on his return to this country about the first of June, will, it is understood, take an active part in the Hyde campaign. Mr. Choate, however, will and cable an active here as an advocate." MUCH DEPENDS ON TOGO. London, April 20.—The British public is beginning to realize how much depends on Togo's skilful conduct of the sporaching naval contest. Until Adhin and Rest actually arrived in the Straits of Malacca there was a dis-

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ccording to one Tokio correspon at, a momentous war conference, sting five hours, was held there on rednesday, attended by the elder atesmen, the premier and his min-ters. Other Tokio correspondents ate that Japan has addressed a pro-st to France on the Russian sugged.

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JAMES J. HILL'S PROJECTS

For Tappin" the Similkameen Take Definite Form.

L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., returned yesterday afternoon from Seattle, and reports that while at the Sound city he had a conversation with J. D. Far-rell, executive agent of the Great Nor-thern Railway Co., respecting James J. Hill's plans for building into the Sim-likameen.

J. Hill's plans for building into the Similkameen. Mr. Farrell informed him that he understood contracts had already been let for the line from Oreville, Wash., to Hedley, a distance of 50 miles. It is expected that construction will be completed this year from Midway or Republic to Hedley, the alternative routes being under consideration in order that the one offering the easiest grades may be a set.

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chosen. The completion of the line to the point mentioned this year means that transpor-tation facilities will be given as far as Hedley, where none exist at present, and this will be of great benefit to that sec-tion of the country. It is expected that construction gangs will be at work with-in 30 days. Surprises His Friends by Getting Mar-

Mr. Shatford will leave for his nome at Fairview this evening,

# ROSS FOR THE SENATE.

Ontario's Ex-Premier to Have a Seat in the Red Chamber.

Toronto, April 19.—The announce-ment is made from an authoritative source today that Hon. G. W. Ross, ex-premier, is to retire from the provincial political arena and will go to Ottawa, presumably to the senate. Hon. Richard Harcourt is to take over the Ontario leadership.

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ried in the East.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

Dominion Pure Seed Expert Addresse Agriculturists of Metchosin.

A supplementary meeting of the Met-chosin Farmers' Institute was held on Tnesday evening, and was as usual at-iended by most of the residents of Met-chosin, including the ladies, Metchosin

chosin, including the ladies, Metchosin inthis way keeping up its reputation, this institute being the banner institute as-regards attendance. The deputy minis-ter of agriculture was first called upou and made an introductory address. Mr. Murray, of the Dominion department of agriculture, expressed his great pleasur-at meeting so many of the people of the district. He spoke of the importance of pure seed and good seed. He explained the difference between the wild oat and the tame oat. He showed by means of charts the manner in which smut attack-

the difference between the wild oat and the tame oat. He showed by means of charts the manner in which smut attack-ed the young plant—smut is conveyed to the root by means of spores ou the grain —hence the end should be disinfected by means of formaldehyde or sulphate of copper. Mr. Murray dwelt upon the necessity of selecting seed and the de-sirability of using only the plumpest grains; he did not advocate the changing of seed, preferring to select seed and by that means improve the stock. He then fook up the question of grass and clover seed in reference to their purity and vitality and the methods by which they are ascertained. He spoke for about an hour, his address giving great satisfac-tion. After a vote of thanks the ladies with their usual hospitality served re-freshments. The visitors reached town about 1:45 in the morning. Mr. Murray proceeded to the Mainland this morning to conclude a series of supplementary meetings which have been arranged and where he will be joined later on by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Murray is greatly taken with Vic-

Anderson. Mr. Murray is greatly taken with Vic-toria and declares it is the prettiest place in Canada and that he would enjoy life greatly if he could spend it here.

REMAINS A MYSTERY.

No Evidence Available as to Cause the Tragedy on the Scout.

the Tragedy on the Scout. Kingston, Ont., April 19.—Captain Allison, who was severely injured by an explosion of acetylene on the gov-ernment steamer Scout, died this morn-ing. This makes the fourth victim of the explosion. The investigation of Coroner Mundell today confirms the likelihood of the deaths of Gillard and Gouillard. Lessard, the engineer, testi-fied that connections were all sure, that Gillard had property fastened them and that the latter did not smoke; that the buoys were not full, but the pres-sure was twelve atmospheres. Acety-lene gas, he said, would ignite if it came into contact with cold air. How the explosion occurred he could not con-ceive. Gillard was fixing the lamp on the buoy when last seen, and was like-ly blown out of the cage in the top. Gouillard was unnecessary, although he will submit the eytdence to the crown attorney. The men who could have given good evidence are dead. His opinion is that the accident hap-pened he cannot state. V. V. & E..... Bedlington & Nelson. Bedlington & Nelson... Van'r Western & Yk'n Bed Mountain ..... Crow's Nest Southern... British Ynkon ..... Kettle River Valley .... Lorging Hog Chemainus) (Chemainus) Lenora & Mt. Sloker... Wellington Colliery Morrissey, Fernie & M. Flectric Tram, B.C. El, Nelson .....

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the murder of Henry Hayward, was be-fore the Northwest Territories Appeal court today, on a reserved case submit-ted by Judge Harvey. The last ques-tion submitted for consideration was whether a remark by coursel for the crown was a proper comment for coun-sel to make. The court held that the comment tended to do the accused wrong, and accordingly the conviction was quashed and a new trial ordered.

## RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

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The money market is ever mercurial. This significant sentence appears in the financial columns of a leading London paper: "Consols weakened on the pleth. Canadian Northern new debenture loan which, following upou the poor response to the Johanesburg Four per Cent. and Mashonaland Railway Five per Cent. loans, is a sign that the flood of new loans has tired the market."
BRANDON'S GROWTH.
Winnipeg: April 19.—The total popu-lation of Brandon is 8,529, an increase of 1,525 in the year. The total assess-id ment 1s \$4,124,820; in 1904 it was at \$2,657,123.

Railways, at the