

Committee. It will be the largest tunnel in the world, and will cost between four and six millions.

The fortifications at Quebec will be strengthened at a cost of \$35,000.

### THE MARITIME PROVINCES

It is expected that the Marconi station at Table Head, Cape Breton, will be completed and in working order by Coronation Day.

A bridge across Canso Strait, to cost \$5,000,000, is a bit of engineering soon to be commenced.

Prince Edward Island will have an industrial exhibition next autumn.

The citizens of Halifax have voted a bonus of \$100,000 towards a ship-building plant in Halifax harbor. The facilities are exceptional.

A million and a half acres of land in New Brunswick have been secured by a Montreal syndicate.

The fruit growers of Nova Scotia are being given the advantage of expert demonstrations in tree-spraying and orcharding. The Government is seeking thus to encourage the provincial apple industry.

### MANITOBA AND THE WEST

A majority vote of over 6,000 was polled on April 2 against prohibition, which was put before the people of Manitoba on the referendum principle.

Sites for seventy-five elevators have been asked for along the route of the C.P.R. A number of these applications are from American companies.

The newly tilled lands in the North-West will, if the crops are good, furnish a million bushels of wheat in excess of last year.

To handle the increasing summer traffic to and from the West the C.P.R. has placed orders for additional rolling stock to the value of \$5,000,000.

The North-West Legislature has been dissolved, and the new elections named for May 21.

There is disagreement among the leading Manitoba millers on the price of flour.

There is an enormous increase in the sales of Western lands. Since the first of the year 570,918 acres have been sold, at an average of about \$3.00 per acre.

A syndicate to control the salmon supply of the world, operating in British Columbia, is spoken as a possibility.

The sealing catch off the Pacific coast has been almost a total failure.

### THE YUKON

A railway connecting Dawson City and Duluth, Minn., is projected, a company under name of the Great Northern of Canada having been incorporated in New Jersey. A vast area of new territory will thus be opened up, and the North put in connection with the Great Lakes. The road will cost a hundred millions. The C.P.R. is one of its backers.

A living allowance of \$5,000 per year, beside salary, has been granted to the Yukon judges.

The Yukon will soon have a representative in the House of Commons, and in the local Assembly will have five members instead of three.

An appropriation of \$84,000 has been made for public buildings.

The royalty on the gold output will be cut, and collected as an export tax. The present rate is five per cent.

The Tundra Plains, which skirt the Behring coast, are reported to contain millions of dollars' worth of gold dust.

### NEWFOUNDLAND

The seal catch has been a success, totalling a value of \$450,000.

In proroguing the Legislature Governor Boyle congratulated the island colony on the present favorable industrial outlook and the general prosperity.

A party pledged to the idea of confederation with Canada is said to be forming under the leadership of Judge Morrison, who is now visiting Canada with a view to ascertaining the opinion of this country.

St. John's is to have a new system of civic government. The wards will be abolished, and the city will elect directly a mayor and six councillors.