

YUKON AMENDMENT.

Conservatives Formally Declare Against the Land Grant and Monopoly Provisions.

They Advocate Financial Assistance for All-Canadian Road-The Whiskey Policy.

No Information Obtainable as to Promised Wagon Road and Sleigh Road.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] OTTAWA, March 4.—The Conservatives, senators and members held an inspiring meeting this morning, Mr. Whitney's success in Ontario having fired them with enthusiasm. A resolution was adopted heartily congratulating Mr. Whitney.

The Yukon bill was then considered. Mr. Bourdeau estimated, will move an amendment to the second-reading declaring that the house while recognizing the necessity for providing adequate facilities for transportation into the Canadian Yukon gold fields, regards as indefensible the terms and conditions of the proposed contract but will cordially support a grant of substantial assistance for the immediate construction of a railway by the best available route, under such conditions and safeguards as will prevent the creation of any railway or mining monopoly.

When the house met Sir Charles Tupper brought up again the subject of the wagon road by and through the government promised in the guide book and have not embodied in the contract. Most of the ministers were absent and no one present could give any information on the subject, neither could any satisfactory answer be obtained by Mr. Foster as to the sleigh roads which the Mackenzie contract provided should be completed by next Tuesday. Mr. Foster said it was important to know whether this road would be ready.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST.

Another General Election Not Imminent—Y. M. C. A. Plans—A New Consul.

Winnipeg, Man. March 4.—(Special.)

L'Echo, the new French paper of Winnipeg, publishes a statement to-day that circulars have been forwarded all Liberal members of the legislature stating that Manitoba's general elections will be held in July, or immediately thereafter the March session. Hon. Colonel McMillan being communicated with gave L'Echo's statement an unqualified denial. He said there was not a word of truth in it, that no circular had been issued and that there was no intention of bringing on the elections during the coming summer.

A HUGE RAILWAY DEAL.

One Million Cash Secures Newfoundland's System to a Venture-some Contractor.

Imperial Authorities Sanction the Deal—Docks and Telegraph Lines Also Transferred.

Immense Grant of Land for Extension of Land and Water Communication.

ST. JOHN'S, March 3.—The governor, Sir Herbert Murray, acting under instructions from the colonial office, signed the Reid railway contract to-day, thus breaking the deadlock. The measure has passed all stages in the assembly by a vote of 27 to 8 and was sent this afternoon to the upper house, where it will be read a second time to-morrow.

The government claims that the arrangement will effect a saving of \$80,000 a year in addition to promoting the development of the country. Mr. Reid has contracted to build a railway across the island and to work the entire railway system of 650 miles for 60 years, receiving a subsidy of 2,500 acres of land per mile.

Mr. Reid pays \$1,000,000 now, which will become \$7,000,000 at the end of the period when the colony takes the money and the contractors will take the railway. If he should make default in carrying out the contract during the period both the money and the railway are forfeited to the colony.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Result in Great Gain for the Progressives—John Burns Defeated—Earl Balfour.

LONDON, March 3.—The county council elections have passed off with a notable incident. The attempt of the Earl of Denbigh to oust John Burns in Battersea failed. Earl Russell, the Progressive candidate, was defeated at Hammer-smith. Among the re-elected are the Earl of Hardwick, Baron Monkswell, Sir Horace Farquhar, the Right Hon. Shaw-Lefevre and Sir John Blandell Maple, M.P.

THE SIRDAR TO LEAD.

General Sir Herbert Kitchener to Head the Advance on Khartoum.

LONDON, March 4.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail says it has been decided that the sirdar, General Sir Herbert Kitchener, shall lead the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian forces on Khartoum.

SIR HERBERT KITCHENER, who has been sirdar of the Egyptian army since 1890, is now in his 48th year. He was educated at the Royal Military Academy, from which he entered the Royal Engineers in 1871. He attained the rank of Major-General in 1890. He served in the Sudan campaign from 1884 to 1888, and from 1888 to 1889 he was governor of Sudan and in the latter year was severely wounded in the action of Handoub.

TUBES TO FIGHT RUSSIA.

Orders to That Effect if Attempt is Made to Install George of Greece in Crete.

LONDON, March 5.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard says: Admiral Skrydloff, who is on his way to Crete to take command of the Russian squadron, was not received by the Sultan while here. It was reported that he was under instructions from the Czar to embark Prince George of Greece and to land him in Crete. The Turkish military commander in Crete has been ordered to oppose such attempt with every means in his power.

YUKON IN THE HOUSE.

Officially Published Promise of Wagon Road Repealed by the Government.

No Information as to British Columbia Port—Opposition by Liberal From Northwest.

Discussion on Contract to Last a Week Yet—The Banking Arrangement.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] OTTAWA, March 3.—Mr. Blair stated to-day that no data was in possession of the government regarding the feasibility of a line from a British Columbia port to Glenora. An exploration will be made this summer.

Sir Charles Tupper pointed out that the Ogilvie guide book says that a wagon road from Glenora to Teslin will be built. He mentioned the fact in the Mann-Mackenzie contract, and asked therefore if the road is to be built by the government or the contractors. Mr. Sifton replied that no statement had been made that the government or the contractors would build such a road.

The feature of debate on the Yukon bill to-day was the strong opposition of Oliver, Liberal, who believed the adoption of the Stikine route calculated to benefit American cities. He claimed that the railway should be built through the Peace River country, as that would open up a fine agricultural region. Mr. Sifton supported the bill in a strong speech.

MONEY IN ADVERTISING.

No Argued Campaigner for Cable Code Directory Who Has Passed into Oblivion.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Tribune publishes the following to-day: Advertisements were published yesterday seeking information of the whereabouts of J. M. Henning, an advertising solicitor once in the employ of the Atlantic Cable Directory and Code company. This company and one or two Canadian banks are anxious to find Mr. Henning, and they have sought the aid of the police. Incidentally, it may be mentioned, Mr. Henning, who is well known in advertising circles in this city, is charged with taking him into oblivion \$2,000 which does not belong to him. It appears from particulars given to a Tribune reporter by C. W. Parker the manager of the Atlantic Cable Directory and Code company that Mr. Henning was, until last September, employed to solicit advertisements for the company which issues a directory of registered and cable addresses. After his discharge nothing more was heard of Henning until the directory came out. Then the company was flooded with complaints from people in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto, asking why their names had not appeared in the directory, and demanded the return of \$25, which had been paid for the insertion.

A SMUGGLING SCHOONER.

Wilmington Craft Implicated in Attempt to Convey Arms to Cuba.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 4.—The Cora M., a Wilmington schooner, is alleged to be implicated in the seizure at St. Ann's bay, this island, recently, of 20,000 rounds of ammunition and a large number of rifles intended for Cuba. The captain, it is said, contracted to carry the material to Cuba and was lying off St. Ann's bay at the time endeavoring to obtain an opportunity for loading. The police authorities, however, had become suspicious and without waiting for further action surrounded the wharf on which the contraband was stored in barrels and confiscated the entire consignment.

THE VACANT GOVERNORSHIP.

A Manitoba Minister Willing to Accept It From the Ottawa Government.

Toronto, March 4.—(Special)—A report has been received here, which is said to be absolutely correct, that Hon. Robert Watson's name is mentioned in connection with the lieutenant-governorship of the Territories, which O. H. Mackintosh has resigned. It is said that Mr. Watson's present mission to Ottawa is in this connection.

COERCION FOR CANADA.

United States Senate Would Force Abandonment of the Route by the Stikine River.

The Extraordinary Price Set Upon the Privilege of Bonding at Wrangel.

Alleged Assurances From Canada That Sacrifices Asked Must Be Made.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The debate in the senate yesterday culminated in the adoption of the amendment to the Alaska bill forbidding bonding privileges at Wrangel unless Canada makes the valuable concessions outlined in the amendment as reported yesterday, is interesting as showing the aims and expectations of the senators. It brought into notice again the old question of the fisheries on the New England coast which has been pending between the United States and Great Britain for nearly a hundred years, and the statement was made that there was every reason to believe that through the passage of this amendment the fishery question could be settled without great effort, as assurances to that effect had been received from a large and influential element in Canada.

Mr. Turner (Washington) moved to strike out that part of the section which related to the entering of Canadian ports by American fishermen. He did not, he said, make the motion because he was hostile to the New England fisheries but because he deemed it unfair to burden this measure with a demand on the Dominion government that it yield a contention it has made for a hundred years. Mr. Turner did not think it would be of advantage to the United States to obtain the fisheries concessions from Canada.

Mr. Turner repeated that he would be glad to concede everything regarding the Atlantic fisheries which has been in dispute since 1819, but she must admit American miners' outfits up to 1,000 pounds free of duty and must abolish the monopoly clause in the Mann-Mackenzie charter. Everybody is anxious to learn what the Dominion government will do.

CANADA IN LONDON.

Statements Suggested for Governor-General's Office—Hamilton Smith's Associates—Fast Atlantic Promoter.

MONTREAL, March 4.—(Special)—A Star cable from London says: "The papers to-day have under the glaring headlines 'Great railway war in Canada; anti-British policy,' a story detailing what is spoken of as an outbreak of Canadian indignation at the pro-United States policy of the Grand Trunk. In the city the rate war situation is regarded as more hopeful. Financial circles find it impossible to believe that the two roads will long deny themselves the full share of prosperity flowing from Canada's improved commercial position."

Mr. Peterson is still showing at the Hotel Metropole to possible financial and shipping co-operators in providing ships for the fast line scheme, a model of his turret ship. He still maintains that he will carry out the project, despite great difficulties which he alleges are largely due to disappointed rivals.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S BARGAIN.

Upper House Practically Unanimous for the Reid Railway and Public Works Contract.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 5.—The legislative council has passed the second reading of the bill authorizing the Reid railway contract by a vote of 14 against 1. This practically renders its enactment certain.

WORK ON THE STIKINE.

Snag Boat "Samson" to Go There With Engineer Coste and Good Working Outfit.

Cables to Assist Steamers Up Rapids—Portland Canal Also to Be Visited.

Nass River Country Will Be Traveled in Search of Railway Route.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] OTTAWA, March 5.—Mr. Coste, chief engineer of public works, will not be able to leave for British Columbia before the 20th. He will be absent from Ottawa four or five months, his intention being to go through to Dawson. Mr. Coste will travel on the government snag boat Samson to Glenora, but before entering the Stikine will visit Portland Canal to see what improvements to navigation are needed in those waters. Mr. Coste will follow the course of the Nass river for a considerable distance westward to see if a feasible route for a railway is possible.

On the Stikine and also at Five Finger Rapids Lewes cables will be placed for the purpose of aiding vessels to breast the rough water.

The steamer Samson will be equipped with a full staff of men with tools, explosives, etc. Considerable work will be done improving the navigation of the Stikine, by removing snags and sand bars. Considerable ill-feeling has been aroused here over the conditions which congress seeks to impose in return for bonding privileges which may be granted Canadians at Wrangel. Not only is the Atlantic fisheries which has been in dispute since 1819, but she must admit American miners' outfits up to 1,000 pounds free of duty and must abolish the monopoly clause in the Mann-Mackenzie charter. Everybody is anxious to learn what the Dominion government will do.

BUYING SEA FIGHTERS.

United States Eyeing the Latest Products of British and German Shipyards.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Fully realizing the importance of preparing for an emergency the President has directed the navy department to open negotiations looking to the purchase abroad of warships. The fact is now for the first time made public, and probably would not have transpired at this juncture but for the excitement caused by the statement just published that Spain has purchased or is negotiating for warships now being built in England for Brazil and other ships under construction.

With a view to ascertaining the facts, your correspondent called upon a high official of the administration and obtained an official admission, made for the first time, that while the President does not anticipate war, he is fully aware that there is a possibility of hostilities growing out of the Cuban problem and the Maine disaster, and he proposes to be prepared for it.

There has been ample evidence of these extensive preparations patent to everybody, which have been in progress some time, but there has been no official admission to this effect until now. Eight men-of-war, which are practically completed in foreign shipyards, have been offered for sale to the United States. The President has given consideration to the advisability of placing an option on them. The navy department has been carefully watching the construction of ships abroad through the eyes of its naval attaches in London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna and Rome. This surveillance has been maintained for two months, but more especially since the Maine disaster.

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Spain Having Secured Funds Is Now Also in Position to Make Purchases.

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RUSSIA'S SILENT STATION. London, March 4.—A despatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, says: "The Deer Island concession to Russia, is strongly objected to in Korea."

WAR MATERIAL. Reading, Pa., March 5.—Beginning next Monday the Carpenter steel works will go on the time working on projectiles for the government, and employing 350 instead of 225 hands.

THE AMAZONIAN'S BARGAIN. The Amazonian is ready for launching and her sister ship will soon be ready. The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and the continent for immediate use.