his satisfaction their ability to construct & complete the said railways respectively; all the lines for the construction of which subsidies are granted, unless they are already commenced, shall be commenced within 2 years from Aug. 1, 1899, & completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 4 years from Aug. 1, 1899, to be fixed by Order in Council, & shall also be constructed according to descriptions & specifications, & upon conditions to be approved by the Governor in Council, on the report of the Minister of Railways & Canals & specified in an agreement to be made in each case by the company with the Government; the location also of every such line of railway shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

The granting of such subsidies, & the receipt thereof by the respective companies, shall be subject to the condition that the Governor in Council may at all times provide & secure to other companies running powers, traffic arrangements & all other rights as will afford to all railways connecting with those subsidised reasonable & proper facilities in exercising such running powers, fair & reason able traffic arrangements with connecting companies, & equal mileage rates between all such connecting railways, & the Governor in Council shall have absolute control at all times over the rates & tolls to be levied & imposed by any of the companies or upon any of the railways hereby subsidised.

The subsidies shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund by instalments, on the completion of each section of the railway of not less than 10 miles, proportionate to the value of the portion so completed in comparison with that of the whole work undertaken, to be established by the report of the Minister, or upon the completion of the work subsidised—except as to subsidies with respect to which it is otherwise provided.

Every company receiving a subsidy under this act shall each year furnish to the Government transportation for men, supplies, material & mails over the portion of its line in respect of which it may have received such subsidy, & whenever required shall furnish mail cars, properly equipped, for such mail service, & such transportation & service shall be per-

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#### BRIDGES.

To Quebec Bridge Co., towards construction of bridge over St. Lawrence River, at Chaudiere Basin, near Quebec, \$1,000,000, payable 40% on monthly progress estimates, approved by Government engineers, of materials delivered & work done.

South Shore Ry., towards restoration & renewal of railway bridge over Yamaska River

at Yamaska, Que., (Revote) \$50,000.

For the other bridges 15% of the amount expended thereon is granted not to exceed the sums mentioned.

Towards construction of bridge over Riche-

lieu River at Sorel, Que., (Revote) \$35,000.

Towards construction of bridge across St.

Francis River, \$50,000.

Towards construction of bridge across Nic-

olet River, \$15,000.
Midland Ry., towards construction of bridge across Shubenacadie River, \$33,750.
Great Northern Ry., towards construction

of bridge across St. Maurice River, \$16,425. Towards construction of bridge across the

Rivière du Loup, \$15,000. Towards construction of bridge across Lac River, \$15,000.

Great Northwest Central Transfer.-Chier Justice Killam has issued an order at Winnipeg for the payment over of \$27,000 to Mr. Delap, on behalf of the bondholders of the G. N.C.R. Co. This is one of the preliminaries

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to the transfer of the road to T. G. Shaugh nessy & others who have purchased it in the C.P.R. interest. The order of the court stip ulates that the receiver can be dismissed on three days' nester. three days' notice.

Government Ownership of Railways. At a meeting at Neepawa, Man., Hon. H. J. Macdonald, leader of the Manitoba opposition. was asked as to the plank in the opposition platform respecting Government ownership of railways. He said he was strongly in favor of it. It was impossible, however, to apply it to railways now in operation. They could not be forced to call and the be forced to sell out to the Government. policy would only have reference to future projects. When bonuses are asked for, aid should only be given on condition that the Government gets control of the freight rates over the line.

W. Shanks, Roadmaster at Carleton Jct., having resigned, has been succeeded by J. Jelly, on division 4, between Brockville & Chalk River.

Land Commissioner Hamilton, of the C.P. R., says that the Boundary Creek district town sites in B.C. are being quickly purchased, & that the influx of people into the country is little short of properties. is little short of remarkable.

J. E. Parker, C.P.R. ticket agent in Ottawa for the past 15 years, & previously in the G.T. office, died July 27, aged 44. He had been in poor health for the past few years, although he was althoug although he was able to hold his position until a couple of months ago. He eaves a widow & 6 children. He was a major in the 43rd Battalion, & came from St. Andrew's, Que.

At Neepawa, Man., recently, Hon. H. J. Macdonald, in speaking of his relations with the C.P.R., said he would resign his solicitor ship as soon as the writs were issued for the Provincial elections. He would also sever his connection with his firm. He did not think any man present would be unreasonable enough to have him throw away the salary in connection with it until it was necessary for him to do so. If he did not draw it some one else would.

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