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DEFINITE surveys for the new railway from Spokane, Wash., to the boundary line of British Columbia are now practically complete, and estimates of the cost of construction are being prepared. The terminus will be some ten miles from the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R., and it is believed the latter road will build a branch to connect with the proposed line at the boundary.

A COMPANY has been formed in Boston, under the name of the Newfoundland Timber Estates Company, Limited, and with a capital of \$3,000,000, to carry on a general lumbering business, on Gumbo and Grandin rivers, and Red Indian Lake in Newfoundland, on property recently purchased from the Reid Company and other parties. The officers of the company, which has been incorporated under Newfoundland laws, are: President, H. M. Whitney, Boston; first vice-president and general manager, Harry J. Crowe, Halifax; treasurer, W. D. Reid, Halifax; secretary, B. F. Pearson, Halifax. It is believed that the Harmsworths, of London, are largely interested in the enterprise, and that their control will be announced after a time.

MCCRIMMON & Co., of Williamstown, Ont., who have been doing a general store business of about \$7,000 a year since the summer of 1899, are reported to be asking extension indulgence.

WORK is begun on the new fireproof, office building of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, on Notre Dame street in that city. The building will be of steel construction, 50 x 60 feet; four stories high. The ground-floor is to be occupied by the general staff, and on the first floor will be the management and superintendent, the board room, travellers room, and order department. The third floor will be occupied by draughtsmen and the advertising department.

THE firm of Buntin, Gillies & Co., wholesale stationers and paper dealers, of Hamilton, has been incorporated under the name of Buntin, Gillies & Co., Limited, with the following officers: James B. Gillies, president; C. W. Graham, vice-president; David S. Gillies, secretary-treasurer. All of these gentlemen have been connected with the business for several years past, and the firm have a noteworthy connection throughout Ontario.

HULL, Que., on Wednesday of last week, only barely escaped another conflagration. As it was, about 24 houses were destroyed and about \$15,000 loss incurred. A strong wind was blowing when the fire broke out, the people were almost panic-stricken for a while, and only herculean efforts and the tearing down of flimsy buildings, saved a large part of the town from devastation. Another fire broke out in Ottawa on the following day. Full particulars were not to hand at the time of going to press, but we learn that it broke out in Davidson & Thackray's planing mill and sash door factory, and spread among the stores on Sparks St., occupied by Mortimer & Co., lithographers and printers, L. J. Smith & Co., clothing; P. Stewart, painter, and J. K. McEwan, harness-maker. Altogether the loss is estimated at \$400,000.

MUCH is heard of the longevity of French-Canadians, and indeed, instances of it are numerous. We do not, however, hear so much of the longevity of Scotch-Canadians in the Maritime Provinces. And yet many cases could be cited. The Halifax Chronicle gives an example in the family of the late Angus McDonald, carpenter, who emigrated from Scotland in 1828, and settled in Loch Lomond parish, Big Glen, Cape Breton. Among his descendants are: Donald McDonald, aged 97 years and 8 months; Mrs. John McDonald, 95 years and 7 months; Mrs. Archibald Morrison, 83 years; John McDonald, 85 years (father of Mr. Angus J. McDonald, Sydney); Mrs. Archibald McCuish, 81 years; Mrs. Alexander McDonald, 75 years; Angus McDonald, 83. All except one reside in Loch Lomond parish, and the non-resident is six miles distant from the others. Simplicity of life, hard work, and good blood, will probably account for the long life of these hardy and steady-going people.



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THE Canada Atlantic and Plant Steamship Company, operating the steamers between Boston, Halifax, Hawkesbury and Charlottetown, has been purchased by a Halifax and Boston syndicate for \$250,000. The service will be carried on under the old name, and the same management.

—The printing establishment of this paper has undergone a thorough overhauling, and has installed a motor to drive each individual press separately. The contract to construct and install this equipment was given to The Electrical Construction Co., of London, Limited, who have given special attention to this class of work, having press motors installed with the Salvation Army Press Dept., the Mail Job Printing Co., The Mail & Empire Printing Co., The McLean Publishing Co., and W. J. Gage & Co., which are giving excellent satisfaction.

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The market's on the rise,  
When stocks are simply tearing  
On their travels to the skies.  
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The market's on the rise.

When C.P.R. is on the boom  
And others see their best,  
The crowd is piling money in  
Its little inside vest.  
While the broker he predicted it,  
So he throws out his chest.

It's not so great to be one, though,  
When prices take a slump,  
The crowd acquires a monetary  
And a mental bump.  
And eke the broker they denounce,  
And brand him as a chump.

In stocks, as in the game of life,  
The loser in the fight  
Is stepped upon and asked to fade  
Away from mortal sight,  
The only kingpin is the man  
Who always guesses right.

—Montreal Herald.