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WHAT G.T.R. WILL ASK.

From 5,000 to 7,000 Acres of Land and
From \$6,000 to \$7,000 Per Mile
Thought Probable.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—All sorts of speculations
are being indulged in concerning the nature and the amount
of the aid which the promoters of the
Grand Trunk Pacific expect to receive
from the Government in order to
enable them to carry out their enterprise.
The impression in well-informed
circles in Montreal, that are
supposed to be in touch with the
Grand Trunk, is that assistance in
both land and cash is likely to be
asked for. This idea, it may be said,
obtains some credence in Ottawa.

Just what quantity of land per
mile or how large a subsidy in cash
the supporters of the enterprise will
endeavor to obtain is not definitely
known outside the inner circle, but it
is believed that the application will
be for from 5,000 to 7,000 acres of
land, and from \$6,000 to \$7,000 in
cash per mile. With respect to the
land grant, the friends of the Grand
Trunk Pacific are ready with all
sorts of assurances. They say they are
perfectly willing to submit to any
conditions for controlling the lands
and sale of the lands which the
Government may impose. So far,
however, the matter has not been
submitted to the Government, nor
has it come up for consideration or
discussion. The likelihood is that
the subject will not be approached
for some time, until more pressing
questions have been dealt with in
preparation for the coming session
of Parliament.

Mr. Joseph H. Legris, member for
Maskinonge, has sent in his resignation,
and his appointment to the
upper House may be looked for
shortly.

FIRM WITH THE SULTAN.

Russia and Austria Have Determined to
Insist on Administrative and Financial
Reforms in Macedonia.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Official advice have
been received here confirming the report
that the Sultan of Turkey has
ordered the immediate mobilization
of 240,000 troops for a military
demonstration in Macedonia. This step
is regarded with apprehension by the
French officials as being likely to in-
volve complications between Turkey
and Austria.

It is said that the Russian and
Austrian Governments have agreed
on a firm note to the Sultan, which
will be presented within the next few
days, insisting on administrative
and financial reforms in Macedonia.
Although France will not be a party
to the note, she will approve of it.
It is considered that the Sultan's
mobilization of such a vast army is
clearly an effort to forestall the pre-
sentation.

Austria Getting Ready.
Vienna, Feb. 9.—It is persistently
asserted that Austria is preparing a
partial mobilization of her military
forces, in view of the possible events
in the Balkans.

AUCTION SALES

On Thursday, March 12, Mr. W. H.
Goskin will sell by auction 12 milch
cows, veal calf, 2 hays, horses,
tin, ear, 2 cultivators, horse
rake, iron harrow, 2 plows, 1 sulky
plow, 3 wagons, 2 bu. gies, 3 sleighs,
not cutter, stone boat, harness, sugar
utensils, 2 m. k. cans, hay, grain, etc.
Nearly all implements are about as
good as new. Sale at 1 p.m. sharp.
W. H. Denant, auctioneer.

On Tuesday, March 19, Messrs T. S.
and Wm. Kendrick will sell at their
premises, Forfar, 5 milch cows, 1
h. seeder, mower, sugar utensils,
etc. Sale at 1 p.m. G. W. Brown,
auctioneer.

The People's Column.

Adv'ts of 5 lines and under in this column, 25c
for first insertion and 10c each subsequent
insertions.

House for Sale

The undersigned offers for sale a comfortable
dwelling house, on Mill street, Athens. Good
barn. Will be sold cheap. Apply to
MRS. CHICK
Caintown P.O.

AUCTION SALES

G. N. YOUNG, Spring Valley P.O., is
licensed to conduct sales in any part of
Leeds and Grenville. Write to him for terms,
etc., or arrange date at the Athens Reporter
Office.

BUSY WITH THE PROTOCOLS

The Hague to Decide About the Preferential Treatment.

Mr. Michael Herbert, the British Ambassa-
dor, has his Protocol Ready—And
Will Make Blockade—Meets With Italian
and German Protocols.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The representa-
tives of the allies here are busily
engaged in the preparation of the
protocol which they are to sign with
Mr. Bowen, Venezuela's representa-
tive, for the reference to The Hague
of the question whether the blockad-
ing powers shall be entitled to prefer-
ential treatment in the settlement
of their claims.

The blockade will be raised when
the protocols are signed. The repre-
sentatives are in constant communi-
cation with their Governments and
are anxious, as far as possible to
cover every detail which should be
comprised in an instrument of this
character. Mr. Bowen was in com-
munication with the English and
Italian Ambassadors and the German
Minister yesterday. He saw Sir
Michael Herbert at the latter's home,
the Ambassador still having a dis-
agreeable cold. From the instructions
he has received, Ambassador
Herbert has prepared the draft of a
protocol, which he submitted to Min-
ister Bowen. It was the first of the
three protocols which have been pre-
pared, and the manner in which it
was drawn was very satisfactory to
Venezuela's representative.

The British protocol provides for
the reference of the contention of the
allies for preferential treatment to
The Hague for settlement, for the
payment by Venezuela to Great Brit-
ain five thousand five hundred pounds
cash and for the immediate raising of
the blockade. The matter of the ad-
judication of claims and collection of
30 per cent. out of which they are
to be paid, has been left for the se-
cond protocol.

Italy, it has been learned, wishes
to have inserted in her protocol an
article providing for a change in her
treaty of amity with Venezuela, so
as to include the "favored nation"
clause, such as the other powers pos-
sess. Mr. Bowen claims he can do
nothing more in the protocol than
recommend it, as he considers the
matter entirely irrelevant to the
present controversy.

Regarding the German protocol lit-
tle is known except that it is along
the general lines of the other two.
It is understood that it will be more
concise than the British. It will
provide for an initial payment of the
same amount as those of Italy and
Great Britain. The last named
country will receive its first payment
in cash, Germany and Italy being
content to receive thirty days after
the signing of the protocols.

The fact developed yesterday that
some of the unallied claimant powers
are considering the matters of share-
ing the expense which Venezuela will
be put to in carrying her cause to
The Hague, since a decision would
affect their claims.

ELECTIONS PROTESTED.

Resignation of Hon. E. J. Davis Received
by Clerk.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—J. C. Monteith,
the defeated Conservative candidate
in North Perth has filed a petition,
protesting the election of the Liberal
candidate, John Brown, and has paid
into court the statutory deposit of
\$1,000.

Notice of the filing of the protest
of the bye-election in North Norfolk
was received Saturday morning by
the Registrar of the Court of Appeal
at Osgoode Hall from the Local
Registrar at Simcoe. The \$1,000
deposit was paid into court.
The resignation of Hon. E. J. Davis
is as member for North York has
been received by the Clerk of the
Legislature. The elections in North
York and Centre Bruce will take
place Feb. 28, two weeks from next
Thursday.

TAKE ADVANCED GROUND.

Farmers Resolute Regarding Free Rural
Mail Delivery and Railways.

Woodstock, Feb. 1.—The farmers of
Bright and Innerkip, at a recent
meeting, passed a resolution request-
ing the Government to inaugurate a
system of free rural mail delivery.
A memorial to the Government was
passed recommending that no finan-
cial assistance be given the Grand
Trunk or any other railway.

Charged With Sheep Stealing.

Simcoe, Feb. 1.—Jacob Brown and
Charles Jones of Victoria, after three
sittings of police magistrate's court
at Simcoe, were Friday sent up for
trial at the next general sessions be-
fore a jury, on a charge of stealing
ten sheep. It seems that Messrs.
Brown and Jones lost ten sheep, and
finding what they supposed were the
animals in Windham, claimed them
and drove them home. Daniel Burke
claims the sheep as his, and the
prosecution of Messrs. Brown and
Jones was the result.

Forced to Quit Militia.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 1.—Through
the action of the local Painters' and
Decorators' Union, George A. Hind-
ley, a member, has been forced to
retire from service in Company A,
First Regiment, C.N.G. The bylaws
of the Painters' Union prohibit any
member from belonging to the mi-
litia.

Blown to Pieces.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—Walter
McAlpine of this city was blown to
pieces as a result of the explosion of
dynamite at Extension mine, where
he was employed as a lighter. He had
a stick of dynamite in his hand when
it exploded.

BOYCOTT THE BRITISH.

Dutchmen in Cape Colony Cool to Mr.
Chamberlain, Who Warns Them
Against Lack of Co-operation.

Cape Town, Feb. 14.—Mr. Cham-
berlain arrived at Graat-Reinet, in a
Dutch district, yesterday. The wel-
come extended to the Colonial Sec-
retary was anything but cordial.
The Dutchmen held sullenly aloof
from the receptions and functions.
Many of them openly paraded rebel
badges.

The members of the British colony
called on Mr. Chamberlain and com-
plained of boycotting at the hands
of the Dutch, and the general sys-
tem of oppression and intimidation
which was also extended to the na-
tives, because of the assistance
which they rendered to the British
during the war.

Mr. Chamberlain made a long
speech, in which he rebuked the
Dutchmen in strong terms for their
attitude, and frankly warned them
that it was inconsistent with the en-
joyment of the privileges of British
administration.

IRRECONCILABLE.

Boer Generals Refuse Seats on the Ex-
ecutive Council.

Pretoria, Feb. 14.—It is announced
that the Government offered seats to
the Executive Council to Generals
Botha, Delarey and Smuts. The Boer
generals unanimously refused to ac-
cept, giving as their reason the man-
ner in which the Council was formed,
which, in their opinion, was not in
the best interests of the country.

JEWS IN MONTREAL.

Justice Davidson Rules That Paul Fin-
ler's Son Cannot Have Scholarship Be-
cause Father is Not a Protestant.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—It appears
that certain disabilities still remain
to the Hebrews, as regards the
school laws of this province. Mr.
Justice Davidson has just dismissed
the petition of Paul Finler, who, as
tutor to his son, Jacob, applied for
a mandamus to compel the Protest-
ant School Commissioners to grant to
his son a commissioner's scholar-
ship at the High School. The boy
attended Dufferin School for the pre-
scribed term, and came out first in
the examinations. The court ruled,
however, that as the father was not a
Protestant, and not a school tax-
payer on property owned by him,
the boy was not entitled to the
privilege. In delivering the judg-
ment, His Lordship reviewed the dis-
tinct aspects of the case, and the
whole school legislation of the pro-
vince.

TAXING C.P.R. LANDS.

Case Important to All Canada Will Be
Fought Out.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—One of the
most important cases which have
ever come before the courts of this
province has been commenced and
will be carried on until it reached
the Privy Council in England, the
court of last resort for the British
Empire and her colonies. The tax-
ation of C.P.R. lands has been for
years a burning question in num-
erous municipalities throughout the
province. At present the lands owned
by the C.P.R. are exempt from tax.
They were made to bear their proportion
of the taxes, those paid by the far-
mers would be lessened. The Do-
minion Government has taken hold
of the matter and given instructions
that a decision should be obtained
on the point from the courts. The
judges who are sitting to hear the
argument are Chief Justice Kilham,
Mr. Justice Dubuc and Mr. Justice
Richards. The counsel engaged are:
Mr. H. H. Howell, K. C., and Mr.
Mathers for the plaintiffs, related
by the Dominion Government; Mr.
Ewart, K. C., Mr. Stewart Tupper,
K. C., and Mr. F. H. Phippen for the
C.P.R.

ILLNESS OF SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

Lieutenant-Governor Fell Down Stairs
Five Weeks Ago.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Much regret is
expressed on the present condition of
Sir Oliver Mowat's health. Sir Ol-
iver sustained a nasty fall five weeks
ago, the result of which was a se-
vere cut on the forehead and a gen-
eral shaking up. For one in his
eighty-third year, this is a serious
matter, and His Honor has been
confined to his bed almost ever since.
Inquiry at Government House yes-
terday elicited the fact that the pa-
tient was suffering severe pains in
the side, the result of the wrench,
but apart from this he is in his us-
ual state of health.

300 NATIVES KILLED.

London, Feb. 16.—A telegram has
been received from Brig-Gen. Sir F.
D. Lugard, the High Commissioner
of Northern Nigeria, announcing that
the British expedition against the
native rebels had been successful.
Kano was occupied on February 9,
and the natives who opposed the
British had 300 men killed. The Em-
ir, with 1,000 horsemen, fled north-
ward towards Sokoto. The British
had two officers wounded.

Killed by a Fall.

Tilsenborg, Feb. 14.—The death
of Mrs. Winnifred Slater occurred
yesterday morning at the home of
her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Am-
strong, Hale street. Last Sunday
Mrs. Slater, who is in her 87th
year, sustained a fall which resulted
in her death. She was not able to
see well and accidentally fell down
the cellar.

North Ontario, March 10.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The writ was
issued yesterday for the bye-election
in North Ontario. George Fraser
Bruce of Beaverton will be the
returning officer. The bye-election in
Maskinonge to fill the vacancy caused
by Mr. Legris' elevation to the
Senate will also be held on the same
date, March 10.

REFORMS AGAIN DEMANDED

Austria and Russia Present to Porte Identical Memoranda.

Reforms Do Not Affect the Sultan's Pre-
rogatives, or Wound the Religious
Susceptibilities of the Mussulmans—
Several Bulgarian Bands of 300 Each
Well Equipped—4,000 Armed Macedo-
nians 40 Miles From Sofia.

Constantinople, Feb. 1.—The Aus-
trian and Russian ambassadors pre-
sented Saturday to the Grand Vizer
identical memoranda embodying the
demands for reforms in Macedonia.
The proceeding was of a semi-official
character.

The chief proposal made in the
memoranda is the appointment of an
inspector-general for three years,
with ample powers to act indepen-
dently, and to requisition troops in
case of emergency. The plan of re-
forms also provides for the re-organi-
zation of the gendarmerie and police
under instruction for Macedonia,
and financial reforms and for a more
equitable collection of taxes. These
reforms do not affect the Sultan's
prerogatives, or wound the religious
susceptibilities of the Mussulmans.

Concentration of Macedonians.

Vienna, Feb. 1.—It is reported
that the Macedonian Leader Sarafoff
has organized within the past few
months several well equipped Bulgar-
ian bands in Macedonia, each con-
sisting of about 250 men. The Neue
Freie Presse learns that 4,000 armed
Macedonians are concentrated 40
miles from Sofia, and are preparing
to attack the town of Melnik, in the
Turkish Province of Seres. There is
an unconfirmed rumor that the Al-
banians have attacked the Roumanian
Consulate at Mitrovitz, Tur-
key.

Date of the Revolution.

London, Feb. 1.—The New York
Sun correspondent has wired his pa-
per that the date of the Macedonian
revolution is fixed for the last week
in March.

25,000 Refugees Moving.

Constantinople, Feb. 1.—The
Smyrna-Kassaba Railroad Company
has been instructed to prepare for
the transportation of 25,000 Refu-
gees, to reinforce the third army corps
at Salonica.

London, Feb. 1.—According to a
despatch from Sofia, published in
this morning's Morning Leader, de-
spite fighting has occurred between
a small band of revolutionaries and
800 Turks in a desolate close to the
Village of Berk, near Kastoria, Al-
bania. The Turks had 90 killed.
The insurgents lost heavily, but suc-
ceeded in gaining the mountains.

PRETENDER CRUSHED.

Sultan's Commander Says Situation Is
Very Satisfactory.

Tangier, Morocco, Feb. 1.—A de-
spatch from Fez, dated Feb. 16 and
received here Saturday, says General
Sir Harry Maclean (commander of
the Sultan of Morocco's Body-
guard), in an interview describes the
situation as very satisfactory. He
considers that the power of the pre-
tender, Bu Hamara, who, according
to the advice is reported lying
wounded near Tezra, has been com-
pletely crushed, and the Moroccan
War Minister, El Menebhi, was ad-
vancing at the head of a large force,
punishing in turn the rebellious
tribesmen.

Tangier, Feb. 1.—A despatch from
Fez, dated Feb. 13, announces that
a column of troops, under the com-
mand of El Menebhi, the Moroccan
War Minister, has defeated a section
of the Hainia tribe. Many heads of
the killed have arrived at Fez to de-
corate the city's gates. The reports
of the defeat of the Sultan's troops
by the Hainia tribe are now con-
tradicted.

Madrid, Feb. 1.—A despatch re-
ceived here from Tangier, Morocco,
says it is persistently reported there
that El Menebhi, the Minister of
War, was killed in battle Feb. 12.

TWO TRAINS FROZEN IN.

100 Passengers Fast Without Food in
Uninhabited Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 1.—Two
passenger trains are frozen in snow
banks in the almost uninhabited in-
terior of Newfoundland. They have
been nearly a hundred persons on
board, who are short of provi-
sions. One train, the farthest from
relief, has only two days' food.
The relief trains were also blocked.
One relief engine was ditched yester-
day, and most of the working party
of 40 men were frost-bitten.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 1.—Relief
parties with food yesterday reached
the trains which are snowbound in
the interior, and supplied them with
provisions. The nearest train was
freed yesterday afternoon and start-
ed for St. John's. The relief train
is forcing its way forward, trying to
clear the track to enable the other
two blocked trains to move east. It
is impossible to say when they will
be released, as the drifts are very
heavy.

Fatal Result of a Quarrel.

North Bay, Feb. 14.—On Saturday,
Feb. 14, John McDonald and
George Williamson quarreled on the
Temiskaming toll road. Williamson,
the smaller man, drew a knife and
stabbed McDonald. The latter was
brought to the hospital here, where
he died yesterday. A coroner's jury
viewed the remains and adjourned
till Feb. 27. Williamson has been
arrested. Both men are teamsters,
and the affray occurred while they
were driving out to the lumber
camp.

Twelve Persons Perished.

London, Feb. 1.—According to a
special despatch from Moscow, the
village of Poulitovits has been de-
stroyed by fire and 12 persons per-
ished.

Conservative Nominations.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Henry Masson,
son of Hon. R. E. Masson, ex-Lieu-
tenant-Governor of Quebec, was chosen
Saturday at St. Jerome as Con-
servative candidate in Terrebonne.
The convention was addressed by
Messrs. F. D. Monk, M. P., E. J. G.
H. Bergeron, ex-M. P., Hon. F. E.
Leblanc and others.

Dr. J. G. Orr, Appointed.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Dr. J. Orlando
Orr has been appointed secretary and
manager of the Industrial Exhibition,
succeeding H. J. Hill, who resigned
owing to ill health. His duties will
begin to-day, and the salary will be
\$3,000.

Has Crew Aboard.

London, Feb. 1.—The British steam-
er Westhall, Capt. Morgan, New Or-
leans, Jan. 18, for Glasgow, passed
Browhead yesterday and signalled
that the crew of the American schooner,
Anna L. Mulford, was aboard.

Downed Playing Hockey.

Troy, N.Y., Feb. 1.—While playing
hockey Friday afternoon on a pond
in Williamstown, Mass., Lyman Gal-
usha and Ralph Miller, two popular
young men of that place, fell through
the thin ice and were drowned.

Marooned Newspapers.

London, Feb. 1.—The Chancery
Court granted the Marconi Wireless
Telegraph Company an extension of
its powers, by which it is entitled to
carry on the business of news agent
and publisher on shipboard.

Bolivia Knuckles Under.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 1.—The Bolivian
Government has replied to the Bra-
zilian Government, agreeing to Bra-
zilian occupation, and administration
of the Acre territory, pending the
settlement of the dispute.

No Frills For Him.

"What is your husband's alma ma-
ter?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.
"Oh," her hostess replied, "Joseph
didn't go any. He always signs his in-
itials just plain, old fashioned, without
any puttin' on."—Chicago Record-Her-
ald.

THE MARKETS.

Grain Prices Were Firmer on Saturday—
The Live Stock Markets—The
Latest Quotations.

Saturday Evening.
Liverpool wheat futures closed 1/4 to 1/4
higher to-day than yesterday, and corn fu-
tures 1/4 higher.
At Chicago, May wheat closed 1/4 higher
than yesterday; May corn 1/4 higher, and
May oats unchanged.

Following are the closing quotations at
important wheat centres to-day:
New York 81 1/2 79 1/2 77 1/2
Chicago 77 1/2 75 1/2 73 1/2
Duluth, 1 Nov 70 1/2 77 1/2 74 1/2

Grain—
Wheat, red, bush..... 80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Wheat, white, bush..... 80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Wheat, spring, bush..... 80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Barley, bush..... 70 1/2 to 71 1/2
Peas, bush..... 6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Rye, bush..... 6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Buckwheat, bush..... 6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Oats, bush..... 5 1/2 to 6 1/2

Hay and Straw—
May, per ton..... \$12.00 to \$13.00
Clover, per ton..... 6 00 to 7 00
Straw, long, per ton..... 5 00 to 6 00
Straw, short, per ton..... 4 00 to 5 00

Fruits and Vegetables—
Apples, winter, bush..... 80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Potatoes, per bag..... 1 00 to 1 10
Cabbage, per head..... 10 1/2 to 11 1/2
Onions, per bag..... 7 1/2 to 8 1/2
Turnips, per bag..... 5 1/2 to 6 1/2

Dairy Products—
Butter, lb. rolls..... 20 1/2 to 21 1/2
Eggs, new-laid, doz..... 2 1/2 to 3 1/2

Poultry—
Chickens, per pair..... 80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Ducks, per pair..... 1 00 to 1 10
Turkeys, per lb..... 18 1/2 to 19 1/2
Geese, per lb..... 12 1/2 to 13 1/2

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock amounted to 44
carloads, composed of 578 cattle, 700 hogs,
67 sheep and lambs, with about 40 calves.
Export Cattle—Choice lots of heavy
shippers are worth \$4.40 to \$4.75, common
rough exporters, \$4.25 to \$4.50.
Export Bulls—Choice heavy export bulls
sold at \$4; light export bulls, \$3.50.
Butcher Cattle—Choice picnic lots of
butchers' cattle, equal in quality to best
exporters, 1075 to 1150 lbs, each, are worth
\$4.25 to \$4.40; lots of medium butchers,
\$3.40 to \$3.75; lots of good butchers' sold
at \$3.25; rough, \$2.80 to \$3; canners, \$2.50
to \$2.90.

Feeder—Feeder, 1000 to 1100 lbs, each,
are worth \$4, and light feeders, 800 to 900
lbs, each, \$3.75 per cwt.

Stocks—Stocks, 500 to 700 lbs, each,
of good quality, are worth \$3 to \$3.25
per cwt; of color and poor quality of the
same weight are worth \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Milk Cows—Milk cows and springers
are worth \$35 to \$60 each.

Calves—Calves sold at \$3 to \$10 each, or
from \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.

Feeding lambs—Lambs sold at \$4.50 to
\$5.50.

Sheep—Prices \$3.50