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CANADIAN PACIFIC INCREASES CAPITAL Special Meeting of Shareholders Held in Montreal for the Purpose. \$150,000,000 OF SHARES President Outlines History of Growth of Traffic During Recent Years.

MONTREAL, March 19.—At a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today a resolution authorizing an increase in the company's ordinary capital stock from \$110,000,000 to \$160,000,000 was unanimously adopted, and it was further resolved that \$8,000,000 of the stock previously authorized, but not issued, and \$15,000,000 of the stock authorized today—in all \$23,000,000—be forthwith issued and distributed to shareholders at par on the basis of one share of new stock to three shares of their registered holdings when the books close for this purpose on April 20 next. In moving the adoption of the resolution, President Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy stated as follows: "The company's ordinary capital stock at present authorized is \$110,000,000, of which an amount of \$101,400,000 has been issued and sold, and your directors had your authority to dispose of the balance, \$8,600,000. It was evident that this would not be sufficient to meet your requirements for any considerable period if your business continued to grow, and therefore, having secured the required approval of the governor-in-council, your directors decided to call this special meeting of shareholders to consider and act upon their recommendation that the ordinary capital stock of the company be increased to \$160,000,000 and that \$23,000,000 be issued forthwith, thus making the total authorized capital of the company \$133,000,000. The proceeds of the sale of this stock will be supplemented by an appropriation of the surplus and surplus earnings. After making this appropriation and providing for dividends on the preference and common stock at the amount of \$4,000,000, the surplus earnings account as of December 31, 1905, will be \$18,366,748.37. At the special general meeting of the shareholders March 27, 1902, when moving the adoption of the resolution authorizing an increase in your ordinary capital from \$65,000,000 to \$84,000,000 I had the honor to state that the proceeds of that issue would enable your directors to provide such increased facilities and make such improvements to your property as would ensure greater convenience to the public and a marked reduction in the cost of moving traffic and in 1904 your directors, in recommending that the ordinary capital be still further increased to \$110,000,000, expressed their intention, subject to your approval, of continuing the policy of improvement and expansion until your capacity to handle traffic was well abreast of the requirements during the busiest portion of the year. "In the fiscal year 1902 your gross earnings were \$37,500,000. In 1904 it had increased to \$46,400,000, and in the current year there is every indication that it will approximate \$60,000,000. "That you have been able to handle with fair satisfaction to the public and with reasonable economy, the additional tons of freight represented by an increase of 60 per cent. in your gross revenue during the period of four years is conclusive evidence that the policy recommended by your directors and approved by you was wise, profitable and in the best interests of the country and of the company. While it might not be prudent to anticipate a continuing growth of revenue at the present pace, there can be no doubt that the increasing population and the development of additional agricultural territory will have a stimulating effect on trade and commerce of every kind, and as a consequence your traffic will, under normal conditions, increase in volume with considerable rapidity. "Since 1901 you have expended for additions to your rolling stock equipment and machinery on the different sections of the system \$6,445,000. Reductions of grades and general improvements of the line have cost you \$12,000,000, and the most important points, increased siding yard and greater accommodation over the greater portion of the second and third works for facilitating the movement of traffic involved a further outlay of \$10,000,000, and yet some of the important works originally contemplated have been necessarily postponed in order that others made indispensable to the orderly development of your business might be completed. "The tracking and improvements between Winnipeg and Port William, a distance of 425 miles, is well started and will be completed in 1907, and the reduction of grades between Swift Current and Dunmore Junction from a current maximum of four-tenths of a per cent. to one-tenth of a per cent. will be finished this year. For these purposes, as well as the increase year equipment and for such general work of improvement as is best calculated to increase the efficiency and economy, the proceeds of the present proposed issue

of capital and the appropriation from the surplus earnings will be required and used. At a meeting of the directors subsequently held a resolution was adopted authorizing the issue of \$23,000,000 in accordance with the resolution of the shareholders. The books will be closed for such purposes on April 20 and reopened on May 7 next.

SUIT AGAINST HAMILTON. Custodian of Yellow Dog Fund Will Be Asked to Disgorge. New York, March 19.—Andrew Hamilton, the former legislative agent of the New York Life Insurance company, was served with a summons shortly after his arrival here from Albany today in a New York suit filed by the trustees of the New York Life Insurance company. The suit was brought by Keener & Lewis, acting as attorneys for the trustees, and the nature of the action was not made public. It is understood, however, to be a claim for the return of the Hamilton of moneys expended by him under the direction of the late President John A. McCall.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. Accused Janitor of Merchants' Bank Acquitted of Robbery Charge. Winnipeg, March 19.—Thompson, who has been on trial here, charged with robbing the Merchants' bank of \$3,000, while janitor of the building, the money being found in his pockets, was acquitted today. The money was returned to the bank, as Thompson swore it was not his. The Labor Trouble. Deputy Minister of Labor King is here inquiring into all cases concerning the importation of labor from England by the local Trotskyites when the strike occurred last fall. Several of the imported men returned to England, and complained to the imperial government of the misrepresentation of the situation, and His Majesty's ministers have requested a complete inquiry, which Mr. King will make.

FLAMES MENAGE SOUND VILLAGES Forest Fires Do Great Damage and Threaten Several Towns. OVERDUE FROM SAN PEDRO Twenty Miners Have Lucky Escape From Snowslides in California.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR. Kuroshioe, British India, March 19.—The Prince and Princess of Wales having completed a five months' tour of India, sailed today on board the British battleship Renown for Egypt, where they will spend a week. From there they will go to Athens, to meet King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Before their departure the Prince and Princess will visit an investment. Among the honorees conferred was that of Companion of the Order of the British Empire upon Major Colin F. Campbell, husband of the former Miss Nancy Leyser of Chicago.

BEHRING STRAITS TUNNEL. St. Petersburg, March 17.—Baron Lobov today placed before the national defence committee the project of the American Trans-Alaskan Siberian Company for tunnelling under Behring Straits and building a railroad from East Cape to Kanak to connect with the Siberian railroad. Baron Lobov is a Russian, and his project is necessary to meet strategic considerations. Mr. Teuchinski, chief engineer of the project, said that the principal technical problem was the construction of the tunnel, which would be 100 feet in diameter and 100 feet deep. The tunnel would be 100 miles long and would be supported by a series of pillars. The project would cost \$100,000,000 and would be completed in five years.

Count Witte's Health. On what is apparently reliable authority it is stated that the condition of Count Witte's health is unsatisfactory. He is said to have experienced a few days of illness, and he is now in a somewhat better state of health. It is known that Count Witte, believing that he had weakened the political situation, formed a determination to resign his office. He is now in a somewhat better state of health, and it is expected that he will keep up his fight against heavy odds. He is said to be in a somewhat better state of health, and it is expected that he will keep up his fight against heavy odds.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE. Edmonton, March 19.—The Alberta legislature resumed after adjournment today. The speech in reply was moved by Puffer, of Lacomb. Mr. Robertson, of High River, replied on behalf of the opposition, and he said the membership and leader.

FLOUR MILLS DAMAGED. Wheat City Mills at Brandon Gutted by Fire. Brandon, Man., March 19.—The loss by fire on Monday of the Alexander & Co. Wheat City Mills is greater than at first anticipated, and will reach fully \$200,000. The fire started in the mill at 11 o'clock, and spread rapidly. The mill was a total loss, including motors, generators and elevators. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the machinery. The mill was a total loss, including motors, generators and elevators.

HIGH STRIKE IN THE LE ROI MINE Important Find of High Grade Ore at Eight Hundred Foot Level. LARGE ORDERS FOR STOCK Free Milling Ore from the O.K. Mine is Given a Fair Test.

ROSSLAND, March 17.—The strikes on the Le Roi continue to be the all-absorbing topic of conversation. The management is extremely reticent, but it has leaked out that the ore on the 800-foot level, the new find west of the Josie dike, has drifted on for over forty feet, and is in high-grade ore all the way. The drifting continues, and it is probable that it will go considerably further before there is a break in the continuity of the shot. A good many residents are awaiting with considerable anxiety the cross-cutting of this shaft. The other strikers mentioned in previous dispatches are all looking well, and it is safe to say that never in the past five years has the Le Roi looked better than at the present time.

Large Orders for Stock. Following rumors of important strikes in the Le Roi mine large orders have been placed to London for stock. It is claimed by the brokers that Roseland has purchased fully \$300,000 worth of the stock of the Le Roi mine. The orders for the buying has been that the miners employed in the Le Roi have been among the larger purchasers of the stock. The orders for the buying has been that the miners employed in the Le Roi have been among the larger purchasers of the stock.

CHOSES THE BETRICE. Schooner Selected by Captain Mikkelsen for Arctic Voyage. The sealing schooner Beatrice of the Victoria Sealing company has been selected by the explorer, Edmar Mikkelsen, for his expedition to the Arctic which is to be outfitted and dispatched from Victoria. The negotiations for the purchase of the schooner Beatrice, which have not been completed, the schooner is to be hauled out on Turpel's ways, during the coming week, probably by Tuesday, and if the hull is found satisfactory the purchase price will be paid and the schooner taken over by the explorer to be made ready for her Arctic voyage to Bank's island where she will be placed in quarters while the explorer and the scientists with him continue their work. It was expected that while in the Arctic, Captain Mikkelsen would undertake the work of making observations for the Dominion government, but the negotiations to that end have failed, the expense being disapproved by the Dominion government. The schooner is secured arrangements will be made at once to secure a crew, and make arrangements for departure, probably in May next.

THE QUEEN CITY RETURNS. Five Whales Secured Recently by the Sechart Whalers. Steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, returned yesterday morning from Queen's Bay and west coast of the west coast. News was brought by the steamer that five whales were taken at the Sechart whaling station since the steamer went from Victoria. When en route down the coast of the west coast, the steamer, bound in to the station, with two whaling boats in tow. They were both multiplied by a large one. From Quatino the steamer brought ten tons of ore from the June group of mines, in which some rich ore was recently located. The ten tons of ore were consigned to the Crofton smelter. The large sawmills of the Sutton Lumber company at the harbor are busy with the spring salmon are running in Barkley sound, and good catches are being made at Toanout. The steamer will sail again on Tuesday for Cape Scott and way ports.

THE ZAPORA. Sighted When Bound North by the Steamer New England. The fishing steamer Zapora, of Tacoma, was sighted by the steamer New England, bound north, a few days ago. In some quarters there has been a tendency to believe that the finding of Zapora, consisting of some 200 men, and two steamships, on the coast of the west coast, was the result of a coincidence with the bringing of this steamer by the steamer New England. It was stated in the Colonist that the steamer was in port at Tacoma when the wreckage was found, and it must have been the Zapora. The steamer was on some previous voyage.

SEEKS IMPROVED TRADE CONDITIONS German Representative Proposes Removal of Restrictions With Dominion. NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNORSHIP Railway Commission Will Have Control of All Telephone Companies.

OTTAWA, March 19.—The government has not yet been able to find a man who will accept the lieutenant governorship of Nova Scotia. The royal cars, York and Cornwall were attached to the westbound transcontinental today for Vancouver. Capt. Trotter, Joseph Pope and W. H. Baker travel on them to meet Prince Arthur. Alex. McLellan, of Buckingham, today wired to the Vancouver Yacht club consenting at their request to enter his racing yacht, the trans-Pacific steam yacht race, from San Francisco to Honolulu. Hon. Mr. Patterson announced today that a representative of the German government had approached the Canadian authorities with a view to a removal of the trade restrictions between the two countries. The matter will be taken into consideration in revising the tariff. To Control Telephone Companies. All telephone companies are to be brought under the control of the railway commission by a ministerial bill this session. John Stewart has been appointed Dominion chief engineer of irrigation with headquarters at Calgary. There were stirring times in the senate tonight. Senator Miller was very warmly welcomed by Senator Ross of Halifax said his support to the confederation project was bought by a promise of a seat in the cabinet. Mr. McLean introduced in the house today a bill dealing with indemnity and pensions. He wants the bills to be passed before the session is closed. The bill does not interfere with the salaries of judges or the increase in the premier's salary. Complaint Against White Pass. Commissioner Mellish made a formal request to the railway commission to bring before the White Pass and Yukon route a complaint against the company regarding freight charges. Judge Dillon, chairman, was clearly of the opinion that the commission has authority over it. Judge Dawson, of St. Louis, representing the laborer, St. Louis syndicate who were taxed forty dollars for freight charges on their dredge has gone to Washington to secure the co-operation of the interior department commission for joint action. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick announced that an appeal from England in the case of an alien labor will be taken. The case will be argued before the judicial committee of the privy council at the July sitting. The petition of the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon railway asking for authority to build a number of branch lines on the mainland of British Columbia and increase the bonding powers to \$40,000 mile was presented to the house today. Hon. Mr. Templeman was not able to take his seat in the Commons today as the writ has not yet been returned.

FIRE AT CORNWALL. Cornwall, Ont., March 19.—The Ross sawmill, saw and door and blind factory here was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is between \$2,000 and \$3,000; insurance, \$3,000. KAISER'S HOSTILE WARMS. Insurance in Southwest Africa Has Already Cost \$150,000,000. Berlin, March 19.—Official dispatches received from German Southwest Africa today, announce the failure of the comprehensive surrounding movement undertaken by the German troops against Jacob Morengo, the last and most active of the native leaders of the rebels. The movement had been going on for five weeks, and six large detachments, with fifteen field and machine guns, participated in it. The Reichstag today passed the fourth supplementary African budget of \$7,500,000. The total cost of the instruction up to date is about \$150,000,000. A NARROW ESCAPE. Passenger on E. & N. Fortunately Avoids Being Run Over. Nanaimo, March 19.—(Special)—Mr. Hayes, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce had a narrow escape yesterday. He was returning from Victoria and at Duncan, while trying to board the train, he was struck by the engine. He was thrown on his face on the ties. Just as he was falling under the wheels, the protruding end of the truck hit him on the hip, throwing him into the ditch. His face was disfigured considerably and he was otherwise injured. A New Baseball league was successfully launched yesterday. The league includes Dunsmuir, Chemists, Lady-smith and Nanaimo. Fred Gough, promoter of the league has two handsome silver cups for the competition. Following are the newly elected officers of the league: President, Fred Gough; vice president, C. A. Sutherland; secretary, T. B. Booth. Four inches of snow fell at Cumberland last night.

NOT STOWAWAY FROM HONOLULU. Dr. Milne Corrects an Eroneous Story Appearing in a Local Journal.

DR. MILNE was interviewed last evening in reference to an article appearing in the Evening Times. He said: "There is absolutely no truth in the statement that young Pike was a stowaway on the Miowera. He paid his fare from Honolulu in the usual way, and had some money when he arrived here. If he had been a stowaway the ship would have been stopped at Honolulu, and he would have been sent back to Honolulu. The young man was not returned on account of not complying with the requirements in any other way. As his landing in Seattle or anywhere else in the United States, except as above stated, the United States immigration officers here having made these inquiries had no hesitation in allowing him to go to Seattle, to which place he went last night. "There can be no reflection on officials of the Miowera; nor can it be said that there was any carelessness on the part of the immigration officers, as the facts show that the case has no semblance to the highly-colored article appearing in the Times of last evening."

SENSATIONAL REPORT FROM ALBERTA MINES REACHES DETROIT. Detroit, Mich., March 19.—A dispatch from Great Falls, Mont., says that a strike of coal miners at Lethbridge, Alberta, has caused so much uneasiness among citizens that they have called upon the Dominion government to render assistance. The mounted police have been placed in control of the town and a curfew law prevails. This action irritated the miners and causes fear of grave disorders. More than 600 men, there are still 100 at work, under the direction of the police.

STRIKE AT LETHBRIDGE. Sherman, district president of the union says the strike may be extended to other coal fields in Alberta and British Columbia, unless an agreement is reached. The union is now on the verge of a coal famine and all shipments to outside points have been stopped.

NORTH BAY BOY TAKES HIS FATHER'S LIFE. Defends His Mother From Abuse and Wields Axe in Self Defence.

NORTH BAY, Ont., March 19.—A tragedy occurred at a farm house about twelve miles from North Bay, early Sunday morning, by which Edward Norman met a sudden and violent death from the blow of an axe wielded by his thirteen-year-old son. The boy, who is a native of North Bay, was in the habit of going to the farm from North Bay Saturday night in a quarrelsome frame of mind. He had been drinking and was in a state of intoxication. He was in the habit of going to the farm from North Bay Saturday night in a quarrelsome frame of mind. He had been drinking and was in a state of intoxication.

WITTE'S HEALTH WILL COMPEL RETIREMENT. Russian Premier Will Resign Owing to Attack of Heart Trouble.

TORONTO, March 19.—Police Magistrate Denison sent up for trial Walter Percy Brett and A. McIntosh Fisher, of the staff of the Toronto World, on the charge of theft of a draft bill relating to the University of Toronto. The probable defence will be that the draft of the bill alleged to have been stolen was not a state paper, but a mere memorandum which had no value as an official document.

NEW NIAGARA BRIDGE. Buffalo, March 19.—The News today says the International Railway Company of White had decided to erect a new bridge across the Niagara River below Niagara Falls. The first step was taken today when the bill was introduced in the senate and assembly incorporating the Trans-Niagara Railway. Albany tonight a bill will be introduced in the senate and assembly incorporating the Trans-Niagara Railway. Albany tonight a bill will be introduced in the senate and assembly incorporating the Trans-Niagara Railway.

TWO HOURS OF TORTURE. Niagara Falls, March 19.—George Hawthorne, engineer of a work train on the New York Central railroad, was pinned down by the overturning of his engine and slowly roasted to death in the sight of the train crew who failed to help him. The engine was derailed by a freight in a blinding snowstorm. The engine, which was being hauled by Hawthorne beneath the firebox. He pleaded to be out of his misery. Death came after two hours of torture.

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CAPE HORN SCHOONERS. The Markland and Beatrice L. Corkum Reported From South America. The sealing schooner Markland, owned by William Munroe, of this city, arrived at Port Stanley to land her sealing cargo on January 16th and sailed on the 19th for Punta Arenas, on her way to Victoria. The schooner Beatrice L. Corkum, owned by the same firm, was reported to have left Port Stanley on January 20th and left the same day for Buenos Ayres.

GUILTY OF FORGERY. New York Lawyer Convicted of Crime in First Degree. New York, March 16.—Huffman Browne, a lawyer, was today convicted of forgery in the first degree. It was charged that he had attempted to secure control of the property of a Norwegian, who, with his late family was drowned when the steamship Geyser sank in mid-ocean in 1888.

FATALLY BURNED. Little Child at Eatehazy Falls Against a Hot Stove. Eatehazy, Sask., March 16.—The little daughter of George Beaudin was fatally burned while playing around a stove yesterday.

IN THE UPPER HARBOR. Norwegian Ship Ganges Comes to the Machinery Depot for Repairs. Norwegian ship Ganges, which arrived some days ago from South America, was towed to the upper harbor above the E. & N. bridge yesterday morning, to be hauled out on the Victoria Machinery Depot's ways to be cleaned and painted. The Ganges is here for orders.

LUMBER CARRIERS. Two Vessels From Chemsinus Have Arrived at Sydney. Ship Emily Reed, which sailed from Chemsinus on December 23rd for Sydney, N. S. W., arrived at her destination on Tuesday with 1,784,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$123,163. German ship Carl, which sailed from Hastings on September 28th, with 1,627,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$119,700, for Falmouth, England, passed Dunsmuir on Monday. The Carl, which left Chemsinus four days before the Emily Reed, with 847,000 feet of lumber, arrived about a week ago at Sydney.

STANLEY CUP GOES TO MONTREAL WANDERERS. Hockey Championship Trophy Captured From Ottawa Last Night.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special)—The Stanley cup, symbolical of the hockey championship of the world, was transferred to Montreal tonight after a stay in Ottawa for three years. Five thousand people saw the final game in the series between Ottawa and the Wanderers. Up to five minutes of the close of play the teams had tied two matches, but then the Wanderers scored two additional goals, giving them the cup. Tonight's score was: Ottawa 9, Wanderers 3. The aggregate of the two series was 10 goals to 3. Over 1,000 persons came from Montreal to witness the match. Unrehearsed Ontarians admitted Ottawa should have retained the cup.

WINNIPEG PRINTERS' GRIEVANCES. W. L. Mackenzie King of the labor bureau has left the capital for Winnipeg to investigate grievances of the printers of that city. Some time ago an agent of Winnipeg master printers went to England and engaged some 70 printers and brought them to this country. They allege that they did not get the work promised. They petitioned the sovereign, and Mr. King will now investigate at the request of the colonial office.

THE VALENCIA FINDING. Report on the Disaster Ready for Presentation. The finding of the commissioners—Captain James Gault, local agent of the marine department, Captain J. G. Cox, Lloyd's agent, and Captain Newcombe of the fishery cruiser Kestrel—was reported to the investigation committee by them concerning the Valencia disaster, has been completed and is being reviewed by the attorney who represented the Dominion government at the enquiry. Mr. C. H. Luginbuhl is before presentation. The finding will be read in open court, possibly on Monday if the finding is an analysis of the 1026 pages of typewritten evidence submitted before the commission by a large number of witnesses, the finding consisting of about 15 typewritten pages of about 400 words. It gives the verdict of the commissioners as to the causes which led to the disaster, which involved a loss of 140 lives, and also a number of recommendations suggested to the department of marine for the betterment of the aids to navigation for the prevention of shipwreck, and outlines necessities for life-saving in the event of shipwreck.