

**TENDERS FOR HUDSON BAY RY.**

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Tenders will be called for at once for the building of the Hudson Bay Railway to tide-water. The contract will be let in September and work will be rushed to completion at as early a date as possible.

Announcement to this effect was made by Hon. Frank Cochrane yesterday. The minister stated that the object in calling for the tenders now was to secure active construction operations this fall and winter.

"I have therefore decided to call for the tenders at once," said Mr. Cochrane, who leaves immediately for the Bay. "The contractors can go to work on the profiles, which are all available here, and can submit figures on both routes to the Bay. When I return a decision will be reached with reference to the route and the contract will be let in accordance. It seems an unusual manner in which to proceed but it is essential that action of this kind should be taken. It is the object of the Government to build and complete the line at the earliest possible moment and for this reason I am making the arrangement that the contracts may be let soon after my return to Ottawa. The tenders for the building of the dump all the way to the Bay will be called for immediately."

**HUGHES ATTACKS GERMANY**

At a public meeting in Vancouver on August 6, Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, made a vicious attack upon Germany in outlining his views on the naval and military question. The following are extracts from his address:

"They pooh-pooh the idea that this country will ever be invaded. Gentlemen, never underestimate your foe, more unlikely things have happened; remember that the British Empire is the mother of civil and religious liberty the world over. It stands for law and order and decent living. It is a trite saying that the British bayonet and the British missionary have reformed the world, but our great curse at present is apathy and laziness. Look at our crowded jails, and we call ourselves civilized. Gentlemen, we are not more than half civilized today and war is closer than you dream."

"The great peril is from Germany. Why? Because Germany must have colonies within a generation or she will begin to go down. She is building ships on borrowed money and must seek new territory. She has a large number of citizens in the South American countries and there are only two fields where she can find the needed outlet for her surplus population. One is along the South American seaboard, the other is in the British colonies. It is well-known that Germany made a tentative offer to stop the shipbuilding race in return for the concession of British colonies. But this will never happen so long as the old flag floats. There was grave danger last year. The world awoke one morning to find Germany established at Agadir, a port in Morocco. She meant to establish a naval base there, but Britain told her to get out. For two days war was very near."

"Germany has to be taught a lesson and the lesson to be taught her is that Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand are behind the mother country. We know that Germany was behind Kruger and that there was a definite scheme to oust Great Britain from South Africa, but the fact that the colonies sprang to arms and sailed from all quarters of the globe to the assistance of Great Britain caused the scheme to be frustrated."

"Now, gentlemen, the time has come when a definite plan of empire defence must be adopted. Let it take the form of a full partnership with the mother country."

**BINDER TWINE SHORTAGE**

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Careful computations indicate that 120,000,000 pounds of binder twine will be required for the garnering in of the crops of Minnesota, the Dakotas and the Canadian Northwest. It is estimated the following amounts will be required by affected provinces and states:

Minnesota	25,000,000 pounds
North Dakota	30,000,000 pounds
South Dakota	12,000,000 pounds
Manitoba	12,000,000 pounds
Saskatchewan	25,000,000 pounds
Alberta	16,000,000 pounds
Total required	120,000,000 pounds

Of this amount of twine there has been shipped to the American states 51,000,000 pounds and to the Canadian Northwest

23,000,000 pounds. This leaves a twine shortage of 46,000,000 pounds. Of this amount the Canadian Northwest will require 30,000,000 pounds and the Northern States 16,000,000. The twine mills all over the continent are working night and day to catch up with the known needs of harvesting, but from present indications there will be a serious shortage.

**SHOES WILL COST MORE**

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Scarcity of hides is the basic fact that underlies the 15 per cent. advance in the prices of boots and shoes, as announced yesterday, according to A. L. Johnson, manager at Winnipeg, of the Ames, Holden and McCready Company.

"Leather prices have been on the up grade for over a year now," said Mr. Johnson, "and the decision of the manufacturers is not unexpected."

"Will this affect retail prices in Winnipeg?"

"It must, and at once."

"How much on a pair of shoes?"

"That will have to be worked out, probably from 25 to 50 cents a pair, perhaps as much as 75 cents on boots requiring much material."

"The fact that the supply of cattle in America today is not keeping pace with demands is affecting not only the beef we eat, but our boots, shoes, harness and upholstery."

Leather is in use, too, for many purposes

unknown a few years ago. I suppose that every automobile built uses up the hide of a steer and more. That means many hides in a year."

"Tanners' prices control the leather market and the tanner, having to pay more for hides, is charging more for leather."

**ROOSEVELT HEADS NEW PARTY**

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was unanimously named the presidential candidate of the new Progressive party in convention here today. His running mate for Vice-President is Governor Johnson of California. Miss Jane Addams, the distinguished social worker and founder of the Hull House, Chicago, made one of the seconding speeches.



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