

SOME IMPRESSIONS

A New Railway Project

THANKS to the creative enterprise of McKenzie and Mann, a new railway project has materialized and will in all probability be pushed to fruition. It is no less than the incorporation of the Toronto and James Bay line which will shortly be constructed to Sudbury. With the interests of the Canadian Northern and the further construction of two lines, they will have a very important bearing upon provincial connections.

The first is to construct a line from the French River to Ottawa and Montreal and thence to the seaboard by using the Intercolonial, making connection meanwhile by a fleet of boats with the eastern terminus of the Canadian Northern at Port Arthur, giving practically a third transcontinental line.

The second line is projected from Toronto eastward to Ottawa, thence to Montreal, and connecting near Hawkesbury with the Great Northern of Quebec, which has lately been acquired by McKenzie and Mann, giving an entrance to Quebec city and the Quebec bridge. By this means Toronto will be given two new avenues to Montreal, seeing that the James Bay Railway will also be available.

Judging from these facts, there is no diminution of railway possibilities. The carrying power of the Canadian Northern will be greatly increased by the new development, also the principle trading centres of Canada will be brought into closer touch with each other. The new project is deserving of every support and will be a real

boon to the newer sections of old Ontario. It will likewise introduce some healthy competition.

The completion of the transcontinental chain for this road is not yet contemplated, but the day is not far distant when such an innovation will be looked for and welcomed. The gratifying feature of the present enterprise is the willingness to use the Intercolonial, a road deserving of some consideration, but variously snubbed and neglected by other companies. Any increase in the usefulness of the Intercolonial will, we believe, be welcomed by the Government. Considerable results may, therefore, be expected from the efforts of McKenzie and Mann.

Kingston Locomotives

A recent order of ten Mogul engines from the Kingston Locomotive Works by the C.P.R. is an eye-opener as to the possibilities of Canadian manufactures. The fact that the Kingston product compares favorably with, if it is not superior to the American article, is a great encouragement to an enlargement of the enterprise.

Indications begin to appear that this industry and that of steel rail making have awakened the British iron-masters very unpleasantly, and there is a disposition to supplement the Canadian article, if sufficient encouragement were offered, in preference to the American-made engine. The Canadian industry is still quite inadequate to supply the field of demand. How much greater this will become through the newly-projected railways is easily apparent.