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VOL. 34. FORM LINKS IN CANADA AND THE NORTH FOR WORK POINT.

Company No. 58, Royal Garrison Artillery, Left Halifax on Special Military Train To-Day. Halifax, Dec. 22.—No. 58 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, left on a special military train this morning for Work Point barracks to relieve the Victoria company stationed there.

TRANSFER OF INTERESTS TO MACKENZIE & MANN Object of Company Formed in Ontario.—The Search for Cash Still Continues.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Joseph Segar, of Waterloo, has bought King Edward's three-year-old colt, Persistence, for something like a thousand pounds. The colt is to go to Canada. Three brood mares will go with the son of Persimmon and Laodamia.

Transfer of Roads. The Northern Consolidated Holding Company, with a capital of eight million dollars, just chartered by the Ontario government, has been formed in connection with the transfer of a controlling interest in the Great Northern railway and subsidiary roads to Mackenzie & Mann. It is the intention of the securities of the Great Northern railway and Montreal and Garmouche Colonization railway. In the new company the shareholders are Mackenzie & Mann, who have paid cash for their interest to former holders, on one side, and directors and shareholders of the Great Northern, who, it is believed, still retain a large interest in the company.

The men employed by the Massey-Harris Company have been notified that a reduction will be made in their wages commencing with the present week. The reduction will amount to about ten per cent, and will affect not less than 1,000 men. President Lyman Jones calls it a readjustment, and says the contemplated highly-paid men will not be affected.

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Counter Action. Mr. Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg, agent for the Dominion stock exchange, issued a writ for balance claimed on a stock transaction in the Dominion stock exchange, claiming \$9,000 for alleged wrongful conversion of stock.

Poat's Desire. Montreal, Dec. 21.—Speaking before a meeting of the Dominion League yesterday, Hon. Geo. E. Foster said: "Give me one generation of people who were total abstainers, and with a few exceptions, having undertaken to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

Still at Liberty. Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The police still have nothing definite in the Cashell case, although they are waiting on various charges. This afternoon it was reported that Cashell's body was found in a well three miles west of the city. A man from the barracks went to Sandy McDonald's ranch, only to find that the body in the well was that of George Bacon, a young man who worked on the farm and had a great amount of time to raise the body, as the well is a hundred feet deep, it being necessary to haul the well while drawing water with a bucket. The coroner is investigating.

WORKING FOR PEACE. Report That Britain and France Redouble Efforts to Prevent War. London, Dec. 22.—The Times's Tokyo correspondent says that owing to the rumors of the assembling of military transports at Hiroshima, there has been a change in the tone of the Japanese press. Dispatches from Paris to the morning papers say that France and Great Britain are redoubting their efforts at St. Petersburg and Tokyo respectively to prevent a rupture between Russia and Japan.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent, the government has given notice that it will require all the dry docks in the country for the use of the Japanese fleet, the vessels of which are already beginning to dock for cleaning purposes. The correspondent says that the Russians have begun the building of a rampart around Port Arthur, and the new town and that the old rampart is to be demolished.

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REDDOND AND LAND BILL. Says Dublin Castle Legal Officers Prevent Proper Operation of Act. London, Dec. 21.—John Redmond, speaking at Bunningsdale, County Sligo, Ireland, to-day protested against the decision of the legal officers at Dublin Castle, which he said prevented the proper operation of the Irish Land Act in congested districts, by enabling landlords to combine in a refusal to sell grazing lands. He declared the decision was a gross violation of the government's pledge, and the Irish party would demand their amendment in the coming session of parliament.



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THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROAD. FACTS REGARDING WORKING OF LINE. Earnings of Company Have Decreased.—President a Believer in Future of Klondike. New York, Dec. 22.—The annual report of the White Pass & Yukon, the most northerly railroad, is extremely interesting as affording the first official sketch of the peculiar railroad. It is noteworthy that trouble seems to sit lightly upon the men that are running the road. In 1902 they paid a regular dividend of 2 per cent, and a special stock dividend of 25 per cent. In 1903 earnings had fallen off to such an extent that the total amount available for dividends was reduced to \$354,876.

Net income for river division in 1902 was for fourteen months, and mail in 1903 was for eight months only. The profit and loss of the senior company shows as follows:

Table with financial data including Net Income, Surplus after chgs., and Dividends for various years (1902, 1903).

THE ALTERNATIVE. Salmon Keepers, Bartenders and Gamblers Must Quit Occupations or Leave Old Odd Fellow Lodges. Springfield, O., Dec. 22.—Grand Master Charles Payne, of the Ohio Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has issued a circular to the effect that on January 10th, 1904, all saloons, taverns, bars and professional gamblers shall either quit the order or those occupations.

BOTH KILLED. Two Farmers Fought a Duel With Guns. Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 22.—John Scott and Sam Victoria, farmers, fought with guns at Ardmore, yesterday, both being killed. The misunderstanding arose over Scott's cattle breaking into Victoria's field.

ACT AS PEACEMAKERS. Great Britain and France Make Efforts Towards Preventing War in the Far East. Paris, Dec. 22.—Confirmation was obtained from official sources to-day of the reports that Britain and France redoubled their efforts to prevent war.

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THE CHICAGO STRIKE. Chief of Police Will Put a Stop to Picketing Around Houses of Mourning. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are being held is beyond the tolerance of a civilized community, said Chief O'Neill, who had ordered that you beyond that picketing of houses, and such performances as the carrying of a coffin to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the police.

OMINOUS SIGNS IN THE FAR EAST. WARSHIPS GATHERING NEAR PORT ARTHUR. The Japanese Government Preparing for Transportation of Expeditionary Force—Rumors Denied. London, Dec. 23.—Japanese warships, according to the Tientsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, are concentrated in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and the same paper is authority for the statements indicating preparations for the transportation of an expeditionary force.

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SIX DEATHS FROM GAS. Although Window Was Open to Bach Room, the Result Was Nevertheless Fatal. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Six persons were asphyxiated by gas on Saturday night and the coroner concluded that the cases were all accidental. In most instances the windows were closed in which the gas was escaping, and the coroner called attention to the fact that it is popularly supposed that gas does not enter when fresh air also has entrance.

NEW YORK, DEC. 23.—The World prints the following special from Washington: "The administration believes that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable. The beginning of hostilities within a short time would not surprise the President or Secretary Hay. Their opinion is based on the reports from Minister Conger and from other sources, which few regard as groundless."

ST. PETERSBURG, DEC. 23.—A telegram from Vladivostok, under to-day's date, to the Westochodni Vestnik, says Admiral Komorov, the commander of the Far East, has been authorized to settle on the spot all questions concerning neighboring states which appear expedient.

TOKI DISPATCH SAYS SETTLEMENT MAY BE REACHED IF RUSSIA ACTS QUICKLY. Berlin, Dec. 23.—The German foreign office is estimating the probabilities of war in the Far East, and its attitude is being moment on Great Britain, rather than Japan, for it is recognized that Japan is only waiting for Great Britain to declare war against Russia to begin hostilities.

PARIS, DEC. 23.—An authoritative denial is made here of the reports published in London that the Foreign Minister Delcasse had offered to arbitrate the Russo-Japanese dispute.

TWO NEGROES SHOT. Killed by Marshal and Deputy While Resisting Arrest. Hoffman, N. C., Dec. 22.—Two negroes, Galloway and John E. Blue, were shot and killed by Town Marshal Thompson and a deputy last night, while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. The officers were fired upon, but escaped injury.

ASSAULTED HIS TEACHER. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 21.—Ernest J. Derry, a school teacher, of Grimsby, is in the hospital here suffering from severe injuries to his face by a pupil named Fisher throwing a slate at him. His condition is considered serious.

FISCAL QUESTION. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—E. S. Montagu and H. B. Hallett are registered here from England. They are studying the fiscal question and have letters from Lord Curzon and other to Lord Minto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and others ministers of the crown.

EXTERMINATED FAMILY. Despondent Machinist Killed His Wife and Three Children and Committed Suicide. Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over his financial affairs, killed his wife and their three children at their home here early on Sunday, and then committed suicide.

SHOT ON WAY HOME. Negro, Who Disregarded Repeated Warnings of "Whitcaps" Was Murdered in His Buggy. Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 22.—Ely Hilson, a negro, living eight miles from Brookhaven, was assassinated the day before yesterday, while on his way home in his buggy.

PUGILIST'S DEATH. Thomas Pendergast Died After Fight at Sacramento.—The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 22.—The coroner's jury in the case of Thos. Pendergast, who was killed in a fight with "Kid" Williams last Friday night, has returned a verdict that "Death came to his death from rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, caused by blows received in a boxing contest with 'Kid' Williams, in this city, and in our opinion without malice."

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