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A GIGANTIC RAILWAY PROJECT TO DAWSON

English Capitalists Propose to Build Railway Between Dawson and Edmonton. Distance is Approximately 1,400 Miles. Negotiations to Begin in New York. Expert Pronounces the Country Rich in Timber and Mineral Wealth

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—To construct a railway, which will penetrate a country as yet absolutely undeveloped, reaching from Dawson City to Edmonton, an approximate distance of 1,400 miles, is the latest project which will come to the fore in the history of railway development in the west.

Indeed, so far has the scheme progressed, that promoters are now on their way to New York in order to obtain the assurance of sufficient capital, which, by the way, will be contributed entirely by monied men of English financial centres. Within two weeks' time an attempt will be made to get the Dominion Government to make an endorsement of the bonds.

May Begin Next Year.

If successful in this another year will see the beginning of operations in building a railway line, which will ultimately bring the farthest corner of the Yukon within fourteen days communication of the British Isles and continental Europe.

R. A. Lawther, London, of the firm of Lawther, Letta and Company, is the representative of the financial interests which are devoting attention to the project. For several months he has been in the west and Yukon, collecting information on the possibilities in carrying out such a scheme and though the matter has been for some time under consideration the reports obtained and submitted by Lawther and others interested in the vast enterprise indicate that they believe the matter feasible.

Accurate Data Has Been Secured.

G. M. Gibbs, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Dawson City, who is now a visitor to the city, has been in touch with Lawther a few days after the latter passed through on his way to New York. Interested parties, he says, have taken immense precaution to obtain all possible information on the route and general conditions of the country, and are satisfied with the feasibility of the undertaking. Accordingly immediate attention is being made to secure the necessary capital, and as soon as this is completed, the promoters will turn upon the government officials at Ottawa. Endorsement of bonds will be asked for, and following this, if successful arrangements are made, preparations for placing more experts in the country and for securing more data will ensue.

Across Stewart River Country Here.

These active measures, preliminary to a full construction, will take place, and the beginning of this scheme, which will penetrate to the farthest regions north, will be commenced. Lawther is already heavily interested in the Klondike mines railway, where he has two millions invested. The proposed route line will cross through the Stewart river country, thence across the mountains and down to Edmonton through a prairie country, which is claimed to be exceedingly fertile. Through the latter 700 miles, it is claimed that with the present rate of immigration and advancement of agricultural interests, the railway line would be self-supporting from the moment it would be placed in operation.

Country of Great Wealth.

Promoters of the present project also sent mineralogical experts to travel through much of the country, and their reports submitted claim that the country is inexhaustibly rich in minerals and timber, whose richness even surpasses the wealth of gold in the Klondike, or the timber resources of the Coast districts. The money for the scheme is to be entirely of British capital. No subsidy is to be asked, and within a few days the first actual negotiations will be inaugurated with a New York representative of a number of large London firms.

MAN BLOWN TO BITS.

Dog Toyed With a Dinner Pail Full of Dynamite.

Appleton, Wis., Sept. 17.—A dog jumping for a lunch basket is believed to have been the cause of Leonard Spiegeberg being literally blown to atoms by a dynamite explosion Saturday morning. Spiegeberg, a farmer, was on his way across his farm to blow up stumps. He carried his lunch basket and a large amount of dynamite with him. His dog accompanied him. Before he arrived at the place where the stumping was to be done, a terrific explosion was heard. Fred Batschke, a neighbor, started an investigation immediately after hearing the report and found pieces of the farmer scattered for yards. His legs were intact, with the exception of fractures, but the upper part of his body was literally torn to pieces. The dog was also killed. Spiegeberg had carried enough dynamite to blow up 25 stumps. The accident can be accounted for in no other way than that the dog, while the farmer was in the act of jumping for the lunch or in play.

N. D. BECK, K.C. THE NEW JUDGE

City Solicitor Elevated to the Bench District Court Appointments Later.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—The Supreme Court of the two new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan are now complete. At a meeting of the cabinet to-day J. H. Lamont, attorney general of Saskatchewan, was appointed puisne judge of the Saskatchewan Supreme Court and N. D. Beck, Edmonton, was appointed puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Alberta. The names of the chief justices and other puisne judges of both courts were recently announced. The two gentlemen named are both well qualified for the bench. Lamont was a member of parliament where he took an active part in the all important welfare of the west and hosts of friends in Eastern Canada as well as in the West are delighted to hear of his elevation to the bench. There will be no appointments to the district courts of Alberta and Saskatchewan for about three weeks.

BYE-ELECTIONS IN FIVE WEEKS

Three Seats to be Contested—Thanksgiving Day Has Been Fixed for October 31st.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—At to-day's meeting of the cabinet, the regulations for the bye-elections for the House of Commons were discussed. The Royal Assent, of the bye-elections, was given. The bye-elections will be held on October 31st, the day after Thanksgiving. The bye-elections will be held in three constituencies: St. John's, St. Catharines and St. John's West. The bye-elections will be held in three constituencies: St. John's, St. Catharines and St. John's West. The bye-elections will be held in three constituencies: St. John's, St. Catharines and St. John's West.

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Biography of Beck.

Nicholas Dulgas Beck, K.C., was born in the town of St. John's, N.S., on the 15th of August, 1861. He was educated at the St. John's Academy and at the University of Toronto, graduating in law in 1881. He was admitted to practice in 1882 and continued to practice in partnership with D. G. Hutton, of Peterboro, Ontario, and in 1884 he was called to the bar at St. John's. He was also partner with A. E. McPhillips, now of Victoria, B.C.

Minor Killed at Cobalt.

Cobalt, Sept. 18.—Otilien Lesart, a native of Montreal, aged about 75, fell out of a bucket in the main shaft of Way mine at 9:30 this morning. He dropped fifty feet and was instantly killed.

Calgary Band Back.

Calgary, Sept. 18.—The Calgary band will arrive home today after a trip abroad. In the evening they will give a concert at the Victoria Hotel. The band is composed of 25 members and is one of the best in the province.

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Geo. Green, Who Believes in Feasibility of Hudson's Bay Route to Locate Copper Claims

Despairing Wife Suicides.

Los Angeles, Sept. 18.—Driven insane by brooding over her ill health and the protracted absence of her husband, Mrs. Anna Baker, 31 years old, left the home of her brother-in-law last night, accompanied by her seven-year-old daughter and proceeded to the shores of Johnson Lake in the eastern part of the city limits, where she hurled herself and daughter into the deep waters of the lake.

ELECTRIC STORM SWEEPS ONTARIO

Severe Losses Sustained by Farmers.—Barns and Crops Destroyed by Lightning.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—Lightning wrought great damage in Western Ontario last night. The following farmers lost their barns and crops: Leslie Lovell, near Alvinstone, loss \$2,200; John McIntyre, near Alvinstone, barn burned; Robert Watson, near Alvinstone, barn burned, loss \$2,000; John Hickey, near Alvinstone, barns, crops and machinery destroyed, loss \$3,000 or \$6,000; Henry Small, Carleton Place, barn and sheep burned; Neil Galbraith, near Appin, barn and shed; Thomas Logan, Brooke, barn and shed, loss in cash crop \$1,800; Alex Kennedy, North District, horse killed.

WYOMING MINERS IN EXPLOSION.

Rock Springs, Wyo., Sept. 17.—Forty men were injured, twenty seriously, by an explosion yesterday at the mouth of mine No. 10, owned by the Union Pacific Coal Company. While a number of the injured are very badly burned, it is not expected that any will die. The explosion was caused by miners setting fire to coal dust with their lamps.

REPORTS MUCH EXAGGERATED

Vancouver Man Says Riots were not Nearly so Serious as Stated in Press.

Mr. C. H. Gillis, who has lived for number of years in the city of Vancouver, and who was in the city during the anti-Asiatic riots, is at the Alberta. He states that very newspaper reports of the riots are exaggerated and in many instances without foundation. The mob that committed the damage were composed entirely of the irresponsible element found in every city, who were carried beyond control by the parade of the Asiatic Exclusion League. The mob was not, as has been stated, a sober organized body of men deliberately carrying out a definite and pre-conceived action.

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Mr. Balfour, the Bulletin learns, owns several street railways and electric light plants in the old country, one of which is the street railway in Dundee, Scotland. He is also interested in others owned by companies and has an excellent financial reputation. Those who have some knowledge of the enterprises in which he is interested are of the opinion that his administration of the Edmonton street railway would be satisfactory, should the city decide, in view of present circumstances to abandon this branch of their municipal ownership schemes.

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