

CROW'S NEST RAILWAY

That is the First Topic in Canada Just Now.

On Condition that the C.P.R. Forgoes the Claim in its Charter which Guarantees Ten Per Cent. on Capital Invested—Dr. Milne Considers his Fight for an Independent Line—C.P.R. Asks for \$20,000,000 to Build a New Line—President Grant Awarded—General News from Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Crow's Nest Railway is the question in Canadian politics to-day and it is likely that it will be considered in council to-morrow. The sub-committee, which has been devoting a good deal of attention to the subject for the past 10 days, is about ready with its report. It is said that the Ministers, recognizing the peculiar position in which a Government road in the Rockies would be placed, as regards its connections, will recommend that aid be given to the C.P.R. to construct the line. Mr. Blair spent three weeks in the Kootenay district and came away thoroughly imbued with the idea of safeguarding the interests of the public in the matter of freight rates. Indeed, Mr. Blair himself would prefer a Government railway, and it is rumored that only delivered to the views of his colleagues on condition that the C.P.R. forgoes the clause in its charter which forbids any interference with the freight rates under any time as the company is earning 10 per cent. on the capital invested. It is stated that this is the offer which will be made to the C.P.R., and that from this there will be no deviation.

Dr. Milne of Victoria, who has a good deal to say on Government matters in British Columbia, has not given up the fight for an independent line. During the past two or three days he has differently interviewed members of Parliament to secure their influence for Government or independent roads from the coast to Lethbridge.

It transpires that the offer of the C.P.R. as presented by Mr. Shaughnessy last week, asked a bonus of \$100,000 per mile for 200 miles, in return for which the company would introduce foreign capital to build the line from Lethbridge to Nelson, and have it in operation by next January. The offer is said to be made on any reasonable terms imposed by the Government as to freight rates and running powers to other companies over the line.

J. E. Prendergast, former Provincial Secretary in the Greenway Cabinet, has got his reward. An Order-in-Council having been passed appointing him to a county judgeship from March 1. It will be remembered that Mr. Prendergast recently resigned his seat for St. Boniface and espoused the Laurier settlement of the school question.

Mr. Fielding has not yet decided whether he will send the Superintendent of Insurance to Boston to examine into the affairs of Massachusetts Benefit Association, as requested by Mr. Leont, M.P. A high authority today discussed the point whether the Government can take any action in the matter on behalf of the policyholders. In ordinary mutual insurance the companies practically have the power to make the premiums as high as they like. People who are in for mutual benefit insurance assume that risk in so doing. But Mr. Leont, who is acting for the policyholders, holds the position that when the Canadian Mutual Company transferred its business in 1902 to the Massachusetts Company there was an agreement as to maximum premium charges. It is stated that the company's assessments in the United States are equally as high as in Canada; that in fact, the organization is making the policyholders pay more than the company is entitled to receive. It is only deemed unusual payments from its policyholders because of an unusual death rate. The company is able to squeeze out old policyholders and run the business on good risks, that is with young men.

Hon. E. H. Brown, M. L. A. for Ottawa, is in a precarious state of health, and yesterday was so ill as to cause fears that his recovery was doubtful. He was attacked by heart failure and for a while it was a question as to whether he would survive. Very close. Six medical men were unremitting in their attentions upon him. The family were summoned, but to no avail, and evening the Minister rallied and this morning is much better, but very weak. The trouble is explained as being a collapse of the nervous system, the heart's action, the primary cause being prolonged over-exertion. Mr. Brown will have to take a rest and all business cares for some considerable time.

Yvonne Grand-Maitre, a 16-year-old girl living in Hull, was almost instantly killed yesterday by a telegraph pole falling upon him while passing along a street, where employees of the Electric Company were working erecting new poles. The employees were removing a pole, and the girl was standing near it. When it fell on the child, who happened to pass at the time, coming from school. The boy had his arm crushed and his face badly hurt. He was taken to his father's residence, where he died two hours afterwards. Coroner Graham was called and held an inquest this morning. After examining a number of witnesses, the following verdict was returned, to wit: "That death was caused by the falling of a telegraph pole, and that the employees are to blame for neglecting the necessary precaution in their work."

Thomas Howard Christian, the victim of Tuesday's shooting accident, died at the drill hall, died in the Water-street Hospital this morning. Mr. Christian suffered intense agony for some time. Deceased was 35 years of age and was every inch a soldier. He had served twelve years in the British army, and at the time of his death he was a member of the P. L. D. G. and caretaker of their armory. The funeral will be a military one, and the expenses will be borne by the officers of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards.

Notice is given of application to Parliament for incorporation of three new insurance companies. Two of these for life insurance and the third for the purpose of insuring against bad debts. Once before this branch of insurance was tried in Canada, but did not turn out an unqualified success, and in the end the company retired from business.

ALL IS QUIET NOW

But There May be an Outbreak at Any Time.

Hosts Think Europe is Behind Them and Are Getting Arrogant—They Demand the Blood of the Christian Who Has Dared to Question the Right of the Turks to Rule Them—Feeling at Athens is Very Bitter Against the Powers—Greece Will Not Withdraw Her Army from Crete—The Turkish Situation.

Canada, Feb. 26.—Most of the foreign warships that were lying in the harbor here have left and gone to Sud Bay, where there is a better anchorage than here. It is likely, however, that their presence here will again be required, as the situation has become more critical than ever before, and it would not be surprising if a conflict should occur. In one respect the interposition of the powers has had a bad effect, in that it has led the Moslems to believe that Europe is back of them in their combat with the Christians. As a result there are this afternoon 8000 Moslems fighting men armed, parading the streets of the city and demanding the blood of the Christian who dares to question the right of the Turks to rule them. The combined forces that are arrayed against the Moslems number only 800 men and it is believed that without the aid of the warships they would have been able to crush the Moslems in the city.

The popular passion has been added to by the fact that the Moslems, who have circulated false stories to the effect that the Greek troops are murdering Moslems, are actually doing so. It is known that these stories are untrue and apparently his object is to create among the Christians a feeling of hatred against the Moslems. He is carrying matters with a high hand and it is likely that the powers will have to intervene to check his ardent in behalf of the Moslems. Accompanied by an armed body of Turks he left Canada to-day and occupied strategic positions in the vicinity of the city from which he could bombard the harbor.

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MAC'S OPINION OF J. R. (Ridgeway Plaindealer.) We note that Mr. J. R. Gemmill is widely spoken of as a Sheriff Mercer's successor in office. We are glad to support Mr. Gemmill. He is white and square. Everybody says so. We never heard anyone speak ill of him, and in this censorious world of his, and in this good sign that there is not much to be said. He would fill the office well, he is not so rich as not to need the office, though one might think so, having been all his life an editor. And finally he is a consistent Liberal and deserves all the party who are going to support him. What the Banner will do without him we know not. He is useful, and as we hinted before, an ornamental piece of furniture.

When John McKay and he were both to the fore, we used to say, and say truly, that the Banner office could boast the handsomest and the homeliest specimen in Chatham. We do not wish to locate the prize further and say which department Gemmill took the prize in, but all the same he will make a good sheriff, and when his old friends go to hear of his going to make things as pleasant as he can for them, and give them as easy a send off as possible if it comes to the worst.

DRESDEN. Feb. 27.—The Tennyson Club met at the residence of Mrs. Huff, Centre street last evening. 8 Caraculans read essays, written by Rev. Mr. Hoyt, and Miss Murch gave a reading. The club commenced taking up one of Tennyson's pieces entitled "Imperialism." The program was studied through. Mr. Taylor led the discussion. Mrs. Ryan returned from the Maple Club, extending the invitation to the Dominion government praying that Dr. Clapp be appointed inspector of the town of Dresden, thereby saving farmers much inconvenience while the townships of Dawn and Camden are quarantined. We hope the petitioners' prayers will be granted, as Dresden is a great hog market.

Rev. J. M. Kennedy, of Thameville, will occupy the pulpit in the Dresden Methodist church to-morrow. The Rev. Mr. McTavish will preach in Thameville. The Band of Hope met last night in Wright's hall. Rev. Mr. Davis, of the North Dresden Baptist church, addressed the band.

Services in all the churches to-morrow, and the pastors will occupy their own pulpits with the exception of the Methodist church.

THAMESVILLE

Notice is hereby given that I have received a notification from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, that the Township of Dover has been placed under Quarantine on account of the existence of Swine Plague in certain parts thereof and that no movement of swine to or from any part of the Township can be allowed except under the supervision of the Government Inspector of the Township, Mr. J. R. Tupper, of Wallaceburg.

All farmers having diseased hogs are also required to report the same, whenever they become aware of the existence of the disease, to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, in accordance with the provisions of the "Animal Contagious Diseases Act." Dated this 15th February, 1897. By order of the Minister of Agriculture, THOMAS A. KING, Reeve of Dover.

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