

**Canadian Pacific Railway**—First sod turned May 2nd, 1881; the last spike was driven by Sir Donald Smith, in the Rockies, Nov. 6th, 1885. First Eastern bound train arrived at Montreal from Port Moody, July 12th, 1886—"sharp on time."

**Canadian Pacific Railway**—Tenders first issued calling for three fast steamers to ply between Vancouver city and Yokohama and Hong-Kong calling at Shanghai (British Government giving an annual subsidy of £45,000 and Canadian Government one of £15,000) October, 1888.

**Canadian Pacific Railway**—First Engineer-in-Chief of Surveys of, appointed March 4th, 1871, Mr. Sandford Fleming receiving the appointment.

**Canadian Pacific Railway**—The first cabinet minister to cross by the C. P. R. to the Pacific coast was Hon. Thos. White, July, 1886. Sir John Macdonald followed shortly after, arriving at Port Moody on 23rd July, the same date on which, fifty years before, the first railway in Canada was opened. As he steamed into Victoria, intelligence was conveyed that the first tea ship from the East had just been sighted.

**Canal**—The first Canal in Canada was the Sault Ste. Marie. Harmon, in his "Journal," says: "Sault Ste. Marie, May 30th, 1800. Here the North West Company have built locks to take up loaded canoes."

**Canal**—Rideau. The first stone of the Rideau Canal was laid by Captain Francklin, the celebrated Arctic explorer (afterwards Sir John), August 16, 1827. The *Montreal Gazette*, of October 23, 1827, quoting from the *Montreal Herald*, gives an extract from a letter written by a correspondent at the Rideau Canal, dated August 16: "I have this evening to communicate to you one of the most important events that ever occurred in the Canadas—an event which will doubtless form an era in the history of this country for ages to come,