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WEEK-END NOTES.

(I. C. MORRIS.)

RAILWAY MATTERS-PROSPECTIVE.

the twenty five years of our cross- showing. country traffic, the amount of money pent on clearing the track, and the amount of business lost, would at way is now owned, controlled, and op-

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acreased earnings. This is what our whom, the problem is to be solved.

newly appointed manager. Mr. Russell ness. Increased freight traffic in a has faithfully earned his promotion, general sense, means increased pasand he brings to the position an all- senger traffic also, and these imply the round experience in railway work, circulation of more money, all which which fits him for the duties of the goes to build up communities. The enpost, and which marks him as the terprise of the Humber will mean a Much will depend upon the new busy transport at both ends. Looking management; but if the faithful ser- thus ahead, the railway seems to have vices of the past may be taken as a in its favor a chance of paying its criterion for the future, it is very rea- way. The pioneer railway operators consider to expect efficient service. That paid a big price in experience, worry, there will be draw-backs is certain-, and criticism, and the lessons which one of which is the fundamental draw- they learned should be beneficial to back, of our narrow gage line. The their successors. From their experihistory of the railway presents many ence they learned the weak points, and blunders, but among the lot none the danger spots of railway life. With were greater, and none more to be de- these experiences to guide, and with plored, than that of the narrow gage, increased traffic at hand, and with a The narrow gage line was the one better felling amongst our people, it is weak point in the pioneering of our not-teo much to expect that greater railway work, and because of that, the returns are due from the railway, and task of fighting our snow drifts has that the new management will prove been greatly intensified; and during worthy of their trust, and make a good

As our readers are aware, the rail-

east have paid the interest upon the erated by the Government. How long extra cost of a wide gage railway. The this will continue is not easy of disbstacles thus caused still remain, and cernment; but it is quite within the will mean many a worry for our rail- | limits of logic to surmise, that in due way staff; and if the cause is to be time the railway will pass into other averted, there is one economic and hands, and thus become more of a tusiness-like way to do it, and that is private speculation than government to shut off the cross-country trains in ownership implies. As to who the the vicinity of the Gaff Topsails, for likely purchasers will be is a doubtat least ten weeks of the winter. The ful problem; but it may be safe to amount of suffering and toil, and fin- suppose that the company would conancial loss, endured by the Messrs. sist of people and corporations now Reid and their staff for the past twenty operating within the country; or who five years, should be sufficient reason are directly interested in its developfor the new management to adopt a different policy, and to introduce a that the conserve new line is known that the conserve new line is the conserve ne ested in what may be called "the newa step, but rather is there much to be er development of Newfoundland," are, the Harmsworth Co., the Armstrongmore business-like practice to shut Whitworth Co., the Bell Island peodown for a while, than to continue the waste, which mid-winter running entails. Not only would it prevent many losses, but it should also prevent dis-appointment and unnecessary delay, work will fall. If these people fail to Perhaps it took us twenty five years to learn this lesson; but it is about time we learned it. There are some who never learn, and who will not learn; but ours should be a better The second quarter of the century policy. The prospects of the railway should tell a lot in this direction; for the immediate future are certain- however, it looks at present as lif the ly favorable. In addition to the regu- enterprise of these companies will lar traffic of the country, there will be prove their worth, and that a better the increased traffic, and additional day is in store for Newfoundland. This transportation, in connection with the better day cannot come by fishing Humber development. To expect too only. We have tried this one industry much from the Humber, or from any long enough. Our people are not goone particular new industry, is one of ing to fish as did their fathers. The the mistakes into which we have fall- change is rapidly setting in: hence, we en, and by which our people are too look shead, and in doing so we are con fronted with the problem, of who will By making a moderate estimate of own, control, and operate our railthe situation as based upon the pre- way? There may be various answers sent outlook, there is every indication suggested; but it does not need a viole increased traffic, and therefore of sion to see, where, when, and by

Frost-Proof Flowers.

Now is the Time for Bulb-Growing-Ash-Bed Device Which is Well are only wanted for brightening the

(By the Editor of "The Smallholder") What is the secret that enables the market-gardener to fill the florists' shops with tulips, daffodils and snowdrops, in full bloom, round about towards bringing them quickly into Christmas-time and through the darkest, dreariest days of winter? to make roots before it starts to The ordinary amateur gardener, of to bloom before March at the earliest. The secret, which is really no secret at all, is this: The professional beand September; the amateur only are three-parts filled with a soil bothers about them in November; the mixture made up of five parts of the bothers about them in November; the professional starts his bulbs a good two months ahead of the amateur, and because those two months are months of good growing weather he gets his flowers three months earlier. There is no difficulty in buying bulbs thus early in the season; they are now being sold everywhere. They may be a little dearer than they would be later on in the autumn, but they are of much better quality. Only the remnants and left-avers many of course. They should be covered in by adding more soll, which

greenhouse or parlour wherein growing flowers last twice as long as out flowers. There is another item in shoot its leaves. This is done by ourse, seldom even expects his bulbs keeping it in darkness for a time fessional plan in a nutshell, a plan them too far gone to do themselves when pressed down fairly firmly, ing of anything else; it results in to the bulbs to buy, the earliest are v ustice, are sold cheaply in Novem- should just obscure their tips. A earlier and far better flowers, strong the dainty, sweetly-perfumed lily-of-

cannot be planted in the open to

bloom in the depth of winter. They

have to be grown in pots or in box-

es, but that is no disadvantage. They

buib-growing, besides early September planting, which goes a long way flower. The bulb should be forced

the planting process. Now for a is the regular ash-bed period. After that which will almost guarantee that the plants can go into greensuccess. Instead of following the house or frame or glasstopped box. success. Instead of following the usual method of placing the pots, or boxes, in a dark shed, stand them close together out in the garden, but against a wall or fence and cover them over to a depth of 3 inches with a layer of ashes sifted from the kitchen fire. Let them also stand on a layer of ashes. It is this spell in the out and grown on, a constant sucash bed that performs the invaluable cossion of the heat and showlest are of much better quality. Only the covered in by adding more soil, which, trate on root formation before think- Christmas until March or April. As

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