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RAILWAY FINANCE, MEETINGS, ETC.

The Alberta Ry. and Coal Co., by an act past at last session of the Dominion Parliament, is empowered to enter into an agreement with the C.P.R., or the Calgary and Edmonton Ry. Co., for the conveying or leasing to them of its undertaking, either in whole or in part, subject to the approval of the shareholders and of the Governor-in-Council.

Bale des Chaleurs.—The Quebec Court of Appeals, at its last sitting, confirmed the judgment of the Court below in the case of Armstrong and the B. des C. Ry. Co., appellants, and Chevrier, respondent. This was an action brought by the respondent for \$53,284, the amount of promissory notes made by the railway company. The court below gave judgment for the full amount of the claim against the company. The railway company and Armstrong in making appeal from this judgment claimed that the notes in question were issued illegally, and without the consent of the railway company, and also alleged that Chevrier was not the rightful holder of them, but that they were in reality held by Mayor Prefontaine, of Montreal, who was a director of the Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry., which Co. purchased the B. des C. Ry. The appellants also claimed that Mr. Prefontaine pretended that he had purchased the notes on behalf of the company of which he was a director, while as a fact he had purchased them on his own account. The respondent, Chevrier, in reply, contended that the notes in question had been legally discounted by the Bank Ville Marie, and were renewals of anterior notes. The judgment of the lower court in favor of Chevrier was maintained.

The British Columbia Legislature recently passed the Railway Lands Timber Royalty Act, by which it is declared that all grants of crown lands heretofore made in aid of, or as a subsidy for the construction of railways, were subject to the provisions of the Land Act with respect to the reservation of a royalty upon all timber and other wood cut upon lands to be granted by the crown, and with respect to the power conferred for the enforcement of the royalty. The grants are also declared to have been subject to all the amendments that had been made to the Land Act, and that the royalty is not to be deemed taxation within the meaning of any provision exempting a railway company or its property, real or personal, from taxation.

B.C. Railway Tolls.—By an act passed at the recent session amending the British Columbia Railway Act, R. S., chap. 163, subsections 11 and 12, sec. 31, were repealed. Section 11 gave power to the legislature to reduce tolls upon any railway with the consent of the

co. when it is shown that the net income of the co. is found to exceed 15% of the capital expended upon the construction of the line, and sub-sec. 12 provided that no by-law of any co. altering tolls chargeable should have any force until approved by the Lieut.-Governor in-Council.

Calgary and Edmonton.—Net earnings for Mar. \$25,764, against \$16,603.20 in Mar., 1900; for April \$23,676.61, against \$15,041.08 in April, 1900, making for the 4 months to the end of April \$78,776, an increase of \$17,435.

The Co. announces that the Dominion Gov-

of an issue of 5% gold bonds to the amount of \$2,400,000, to be secured by a first mortgage on the line, at a meeting to be held in Montreal, July 17.

Central Ontario.—The annual meeting was held in Trenton, May 15, when the retiring directors and all the officials were re-elected.

The Consolidated Lake Superior Co., of which Mr. F. H. Clergue is Vice-President, and Canadian general manager, held its annual meeting in New Haven, Conn., recently, when over 330,000 shares of the total issue of 400,000 shares were represented. The action of the directors at their meeting in determining to increase their capital stock to \$117,000,000 was approved, and the directors were authorized to issue the increased stock from time to time. At Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., the contract has been awarded for the erection of a \$10,000,000 steel plant, and work is to be begun on it immediately.

Dominion Atlantic.—Gross receipts for May, \$57,200, an increase of \$4,079 over May, 1900, making for the five months to May 31, \$248,431, an increase of \$1,634.

The Fredericton Ry. Co.'s annual meeting will be held in the C.P.R. offices, St. John, N.B., Aug. 2.

Grand Trunk.—Coates, Son, & Co. are authorized by the Grand Trunk Western Ry. Co., with the concurrence of the G.T.R. Co. of Canada, to receive applications for an issue of \$4,850,000 first mortgage 4% 50 year gold bonds at the price of £102 for \$500 bond. These bonds form part of an authorized total of \$15,000,000, \$9,587,000 of which are already issued or reserved for the retirement of the former 1st and 2nd mortgages of the old Chicago and G.T.R., and \$563,000 are reserved for redeeming a similar nominal amount of North Western G. T. mortgage bonds maturing Jan. 1, 1910. Out of the proceeds of the present issue the cost of doubling the track and making certain improvements to the line and its equipment will be provided for. The interest on the whole issue of \$15,000,000 is unconditionally guaranteed by the G.T.R. Co. of Canada. The principal will be repayable at par on July 1, 1950.

The Great Eastern Ry. was bought at a Sheriff's sale by R. Prefontaine, of Montreal, and transferred to him by deed dated Sept. 2, 1899, for \$500. The line was 28 miles in length, and ran easterly from St. Michel de Yamaska to St. Gregoire station on the G.T.R. C. N. Armstrong is now suing Mr. Prefontaine in the Quebec Superior Court for \$65,000, contending that the latter consented to share with him the ownership of the road and use it for the extinction of the Co.'s debts. Mr. Prefontaine in his defence denies the making of any such agreement, and pleads that he purchased the road regu-



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ernment subsidy for the six months ended June 30, together with the net earnings of the Co. to April 30 last, will permit of a distribution of £2% in respect of the interest due July 1 on the first mortgage sterling bonds.

Canadian Pacific.—Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange to list a further issue of 4% non-cumulative preference stock to the amount of £650,000, and an issue of £430,000 of 4% perpetual consolidated debenture stock.

Cape Breton Ry. Extension Co. (Ltd).—The shareholders are being asked to approve