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## TWO LINES TO THE SATLLT.

Wi take ard vantage of an unexpected delay in the closing of the forms to note the passage of the Ontario \& Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company's 'Amendment Bill in the Railway Committee of the Ontario Legislature, under an agreement with the Canadian Pacific. The decision of Vice-Councillor Ferguson in the preliminary case brought against the Can sulian lacific was in favor of the Ontario \& Sault Ste. Marie Company. A conference of leading representatives of the lates compuny, anl Mr. Van Hornc, on the part of the Canadian l'acific, requlterl in an agrecment, under whal the advantages of the line, located by the Untarno \& Siult Ste. Marie, will be open in part to the Chuadian l'acific. Where difficulty arises in securing full width of way for two lines, owing to the natural ob. atructoons. Mr. Walter Shanly, C. F.., on an,
ongineer appointed by him, if he cannot act, ahall be called upon to arrange for roons for the two lines, with power to divide the cost of work thus rendered necessary, as soems fair to him. In reply to a question by a number of the committee, Mr. Bell stated that the work on the Grand Trunk extension had been begun under this Ontario \& Sault Ste. Marie charter. and that it would be preseod forward assoon as arrangemente could be made to that end. There was no need to push the work to the Sault before American lines were ready to connect, but the Grand Trunk was deairoun of reaching the Sault, and the work would not be unnecesasrily delayed.

Thi Parthia, the Bataria and the Abyn sinia, of the Cunard Line, will hold the route between the Canadian lacific, western terminus, and China and Japan until new steamers are built. The vessels will run monthly for the present.

Thr \& ubmarine tunnel between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island not having materialized yet, communication is still kept up by boats. This winter the communication has been maintained with great regularity, the bosts making trips daily with the exception of two daya which were too atormy to justify the crews in starting out with the boats.

A samile: "wave breaker" for spreading oil on the ocean has recently berns sent to the Hydrographic Otfice from Copenhagen. It consists of a conical shaped canvas bag fitted with at metal top and-metal apex in which thete is a small sieve. Oakum is loosely stuffed into the lower part of the lage, anil the nil soaking throush drops ont of the sicve. The Euglish channc! fleet was recently proviled with a number of these luags whale nt Copenhagen, and they , have been intronluced into the Italian navy.
"I've heard all the stories of long telegraphic circuits," said a postal telegraph operator at Buffalo, "and in my time I've worked some pretty long ones myself, but I'vo never heard of anything that equalled one that we had this afternoon. Our people are building a line from the terminus of the Canadian Pacific to Frisco, and I heard Vice-Iresident Henry Rosener talking with President Chandler in his office in New York city. Mr. Rosener was in New Westminister, which is on the Pacific coast, just opposite Vancouver Island, so they were talking across the continent. By that route it is alout 3,000 miles, for the wire was made up via Buffalo, Toronto and the Canadian Yacific. Every fow minutes I could hear Medicine Hat chip in, and all along the circuit the operatore were 'on.' It was a wonder to everybody, and the inatruments were working as clear as a bell on that long copper wire."

The following despatch from New York appeared in the daily papers of 14th inst:-An immense iron combination is leing formed here which aims at nothing short of owning and controlling all the known valuable iron deposits of Canada, now being ascertained to be the richest iron country in the world. The Central Untario Railway, which runs from Trenton, nn Lake Ontario, through the central part of Canada and all the irom interesta connected with it are to form part of this scheme. The road is to be extenied 150 miles through the heart of the won district $u$ a junction uith the Camarlian l'acafic IRailuay at Iake Nipissing. The capital of the company is to le ten millions, mole than two. thirds of whichare alrcady pledgen. Thesyn dicate, it is said, will ou n more than a hun dred diffenent properties at various ponts in Canada, and a mineral developinent cven greater than that on Lake Superior is pre dictod. Among the principal mosers in the matter are Seaator L'ayne, Stephenson Burke, S. J. Ritchie, all of Uhio; James McLaren, of Ottawa; Erastus Wiman, A. B. lhorrlman, and other prominent parties in Now lork.

## Personal.

Mk.J. W. Heansas has been appointed Resident Engincer of the roal which is now being built aeross the Island of Care Breton.
Ma. S. Barker, geacral mamager of the Northem \& North-Western inailways, who has heen ill for some time, is improving.
IV. T. Remo, for the past four years master mechauic of the Western Division, C.P.1., has resigned and aceepted a similar position on the St. Prul, Mimeapolis \& Manitobia Road.
Sik Johs Lasteg Kar hefore leaving for England had completed arramgements with the Government and the Camatian Pateific regarding his schemes for model farms of Mamitoba amd North-West.
Mr. S. Ockise, foreman of car slops of C. I. R. at Winmipes, has resigned and atecepted the pesition of formman of car shops at St. Patul, on the St. P'aul, Minneapolis \& Manitola, under Mr. W. T. Reed, master mechamis.
Genima, Surbastenmest Ebas, of the Manitoba 1R. R., announces by circular that W. I. Reed, formerly with the Canadian Hacife, has lreen appointed master mechanic of the Manitoba, vice Thomas Downing, resignel. He will have genemat elarge and supervision of the mechanical depatment, with healymarters at St. I:anl.

Mk. J.mpous, of Vanconver, has heen ap. pointed lridg. inspector of the Monntain Division of the C. 1. R., Iretween Donald and Revelstoke. It is believed he will make a very efficient inspector, as he had a vast monount of experience on brilgework during the construction of the C P. R.
Mir. Al..ns Macdoctiali, C. E.. one of the council of the new Canadian Institute of Cival Engineers, hats leen appuintel assistant city engincer of Toronto. The best manh hiss been chosen for the phate, whinh is not whays the case in civic appointments. M1. Motcolongall's special knowledge of suitury cuynecting will le of great benctit to the cits.
Mi: A. Fi: Wianter, of Tomate, bas been appointed general agent of the shate Steanship Compay, for Cimala, with full power to appont suln:agents and transatet the passenger monsincess for the late me bommion. Mr. Welister is a suecessful and enterpisingsigent, representma; a number of mpentinnt railway and steamshup companies, and the appointment is one on which the compang, as well as the alpiountec, is to le congriatulated.
Is clecting Hon. I. J. (C. . Mboutt to the mayomalty the citizens of Montreal have conferred litting honor apon one of the most distinguished of their umbler Mr Ahhott evi dently deemed the homor groat, for thefore be coming a cambidate he wesignei his high and lncrative position as solicitor of the Camalian Paeific Railway. The charge is mave that the election of Mr. sibbott will gitw the Canalian lacific an alvautage, but the lightness
with which the statement is made shows that those who make it do not mean what they say, and the fact that it attracts little pullic attention proses that the citionns gememally do not believe it.
Mr. C. Sunados, formerly of the Camadian lacific, with headquarters at Medicing Hat, has been apioninted superintendent of the Montana Division of the Maisitola Road: This is a new division extending from Minot, Dak., to Great Falls, Montana. Superintentent Kemp, of the Breckenridge Division of the Manitoba Road, lats ressigned anel has been succeeded by Roadhinaster Mayer. E. J. Roherts has been appointed chief engineer in charge of construction of the rond west from Minot. Mr: W. B. Scott, train despatcher of the C. 1 . M. at Wimipeg, has been offered and accepted the position of chief train despateher under Mr. Shields.
Thu: Iarriston Tribune sitys:-The other day when the Camadian Pac:ific Railw:ay ex. hibition car was at cialt station some little boys were on the platform of the ear, amd while doing so incurred the displeasure of the porter in charge. Out of revenge for sone boyish fraak the porter struek one of the lads a heary blow with a cane, cutting one of his ears open. The matter was reported to Mr. Callaway, district passenger agent at 'Toronto, who imumedintely telegritphed the dismissal of the porter. Mr. Callaway is deserving of commendation for his prompt action in the matter.

## Construction.

It is expected that the last section of the Lake St. John Railway will he gaded early in this spring and that the road will be completed to the lake before the end of the summin.
 rlection campaign, annmunced that the Gius ermment, if oustained, would complete the rail w. $\because$ from O forl to New Glasgon as a public work
Thi. Montical \& Westenin Renhary will be built foom St. Jelone, Que., to the Desert, A hundral miles up the Gatineat River. The new woud will open an imnense and wealthy country.
J.n (ont.in sajs he expects to lmalal as Hotuy milus of new railuaty as he dhd last sciason. "I his is tahen to mean t!ate the kinger
 new Jater -state Connmete lhall.
Tint: location of the Thanier Bay Colonizattion Railway from Beater mine to at point 43 miles west of the junction with the Canalian Pacilic, has been anthorized by the directors. The work is in charge of Mr: Wickstead.

A bu.ns is proposed from the liles branch Heminus at St. Tite, Que., to Iake St. John. The new line would open up a country of great wealth in good lanul, timher, mines and tish. Nome local bomase have liecu voted and at ioverument subsidy, it is believed would he gramied.

I'he: Union l'acitic Company has put everything in realiness for the extension of its sys. tem into the Territories of the far North West. Thete are, hewerer, several contugenctes that maty arise and prevent this huilding of new bonls. Still the constraction of hanches and fecelers into this new region wonk be wise.

Instrab of bridging Moosehead Latke, Me., ns was at first intended in the short line extension of the Canalian Pacific through Maine, the company will buik by the foot of the lake after securing permission from the Maine l.egislature to change the location. The lbamgor and Piscataguis road will be crossed at Greenville, Me., and will be patal. leledias far as lirownville. From Matawam. keag to Vanceloro the Fimopean and North American Division of the Inane Central will be used after making grent improvements up. on it, the cost of which will be borne by the two companies equally.
Tur Samia Cunution says:--The proposal of the Michigan Contral lhailwiy to erect a briige at Jetroit for a winter crossing has elicited very strong nayigation interest all along the lakes. On its face, the proposal of the railwayjucople to use the brialge only during iec blockindes, and remove everything that interfereș with mavigation every spring, looks immocent enough, lut vesselmen have very little faith that the railway people would le contented with their own proposal. They are very certain that the winter use and spring removal of the bicige would be only the enter. ing end of the wedge, and that a summer bridge with all the anmoyance to mavigation that that impiies, would speedily follow.
Ms. J. R. liomir, who has a large interest in the Canada Athantic, is credited with having made the following statement to an intervibwer: Ihc Canada Atlantic Railway Company will, before they begin to think of sell. ing, extend their road to Georgian Bay, and the wonte of this catemsioh will lo from Ren. facu cia Exansille up the valley of the lbonnechere tmaning meat the Big Opeongo lake thence westolly to the deorgian lay, thus forming the shontest possible route to the sea. Luatrd by 900 miles. When the scheme 1 hane just ontlined is an accumphshed fact, when I get the Canatia Athatic Ralway completed and ruming from the seat to the fieorofian liay, and if a satisfactory price is offered me, then, but not till then, I may le willing to sell ms interest in it, as 1 wull any interest in any other entel prise if at sitisfactory piece were offered: when that diy arrives, there will d., betess le no lich of would-le murchaseis.

The location of the Quebee, Montamoney A. Charlevoix Rnijway has been completed, and estimates are now being made for bidg. ing, etc. The work will be pushed through as quickly is possuble in the spring. The full length of the lane is thinty miles, ruming east from (Puelece from the lalais statim, skiting the noith slime of the St. Letwrence, passing: the Montmorency Fills, and working its way to Ste. Anne through the oldest settled part of the Province of Nacbec. Those who have sailed down the St. Lawrence below Quebec
will recollect the grandener of the seenery through which the toad presses．Fon miles the shore is und continuous silhage．II．J． Beener is the president of the company and Isral liarte，of Quebec，vice president．One of the original promoters is Mayor Langelier， of the city of Quebec．
Tine following deseription of the proposed bridge across the St．Lawrence，at Queleec，is from the Montreal stur：－＇The plans for the bridge and its approaches have been prepared by Sir．James Bramees，the eminent English engineer，assisted by Mr．A．I．Light，M． Inst．C．E：．，govermment engineer of the Pro－ vine of Quebec．Ihe St．Lawrence，at the point selected for the bridge，is comparatively narrow，the width from shote to shore being 2， 400 fect．But the great depth of wate：pre－ vents the construction of piers in the centre， hence the new eantilever principle has to be adopted for the superstructure．Two massive piers of granite masomry will be huilt at a dis－ tanec of 500 and 240 feet from the shores of the river in a depth of about 40 fect of water， and on these the enormons cantilever iron work will be erected．The piers will be built suticiently high to allow the masts of the largest ocean steamers to pass under the centre span．The dimensions of the bridge will be as follows：Length of centre（canti－ lever）span， 1,442 fect；length of northern shore span， 487 feet；length of southern shore span， $4 S^{-}$feet；total leingth of bridge and ap． proaches， 3,460 feet；height from high water mark to bottom of bridge， 150 feet；height of piers above high water， $1: 00$ feet；extreme height of top of cantilever above high water， 405 feet．The centic span will be 290 fect shorter than that of the cantilever bridge now being built over the Firth of Eorth，which has a span of 1,730 fect and a total length of 10,000 feet．The Quebec bridge has been de－ signed for a double track，but for ceonomi－ cal reasons this may be altered so as to pro－ vide for a siugle track only．Mr．Sanlforl Fleming，C．M．G．，in his book＂Old to New Weatminster，＂speaking of this proposed bridge，says that＂the railway system of the Dominion will alwitys be incomplete until the St．Lawrence is bridged at Quelec．＂

## The Disallowance Question．

Tus：following appeared in the Ottawa cor－ respondence of the Tomonto Mail recently．－ ＂Mr．Lakivicre，provincial sceretary of Mani－ toba，was in the city．Your correspondent showed him the following paragraph appear－ ing in tho Matil：＇It is stated with a good deal of positivencss that some concession will shortly be made to Manitoba with respect to the disallowance guestion by the Dominion Government．＇Mr．LaRiviere was asked for a definite statement in regard to the disallow－ ance question．In reply he said disallowance had taken two forms，one under the monopoly clause of the Canadian Pacific Railway bill， the other as a general policy of the Dominion Government．Some acts that weredisallowed in the first instance were in contravention to the Canadian Pacific lhailway charter，but nome later acts of the Manitoba Jegislature
which，speaking from memory，he conld not enmmerate prositively，i d been disallowed as a general policy by the Dominion Gonermment under the veto power which they possessed． That part of the disallumance yticstiun，which has entirely under the control of the Federal Govermment，he had reason to believe，would not be excrcised any longer，and the govern－ ment candidates in Manitoba had been per－ mitted to make such an amouncement．The Canadian ${ }^{2}$ acific Railway monopoly clanse did not affect the origimal Province of Mani－ toba，but only the adied territory．He could not say definitely what the Camaitian l＇acific Railway intemed to do in regard to the mat－ ter，but he understood the company was will． ing to give up the present rights within cer－ thin limits．

## Bailway or Railroad？

＇Tus：R＇ciluwy A！fe s：ays：－Although the Railneay A！fe hats hell its peace for some time in regard to the absurd custum of representing the word＂Railroal＂by the letters L ．R．， it does not cease to groan in spirit over the violence of ctymology，orthogtinhly and good taste which that custom indicates．It has looked in vain for any defence of the practice of writing IR ．R．for Ratrond while abherv． ating Railway to liy．If R．R．is right then R．W．is the proper way to abbreviate Rail－ way．If Ry is sensible and convenient as atn abbreviation，as it certainly is，then why not lid？We observe that the Kansas mialroad commiesioners in their last anmal report，evi－ dently appreciating the bad taste and bad typographical appearance of 1R．R．，hatwe bold－ ly adopted a new abbreviation for the two words which has the merit of uniformity and consistency，Railroad leing represented by Rhd．and Rnilway by Kly．This certainly is better than the plan of abbreviation which assumes that the full expression is Rinl hoad －an obsolcte and improper designation．But While the Kansas commassioners should be commended for then good taste and there in－ dependence in moving in the matter of this reform，it is not evident why they do not dis－ card the letter $l$ in both abbreviations and simply write Rd．or Ry．It is to be hoped that in their next report they will make this final move toward the proper and uniform ab． breviation ；and moreover that other state railway commissioners will take the same ac－ tion，even if railway officials are so bound by custom and habit that they are slow about venturing to abolish the barbarous R．R．，the absurdity of which many of them admit．

## American Description of the P．E．I．Tunnel．

Tine following is from the Raileay Renister， of St．Louis ：－
Consul Keim sends to the State Department at Washington，D．C．，an interesting reprort of the scheme to connect Prince Filward Island with the main land by a railroad fourteen miles long，under water．

When，in 1872，l＇rince Fdward Luland went into Confederation，the Dominion Ciovermment guaranteed，among other things，to keep open winter comumnication vith the mainland，and
in 1873 the winter steamer，Northern Light wils put on to do this．she faled．High tides bing inmunse quantities of ace up and down the stanit．

The amount of subsidy granted annually by the（iovermment to Prince Edward province for iechoat，summer steaners，and loss on island railwaty is about $s=200,000$ ．
In 1573 George W．Howlan，a member of the I mominion Semate，and since 1Stid a United States consular agent，conceivel the plan of an iron tulular railway for a malway track，so goods cath lec shipped through at all searens without change of bulk，shortening the tine， not hous but days，and increasing trade with the Linited States，as there can lo 100 moving of freight during the winter months．
The shortest distance from l＇rince Edwad Ishand（Carlton Ifeal）to the mainhand in New Brmswick is fourteen and one－half miles．It is proposed to ran out on piles one mile from the New Branswick shore．
Inse tumel will le sixteen feet in diameter， built in segments of fivesegments to the circle， in ten－foot lengths，composed of irom，and lined inside with two feet eight inches of con－ erete in the bottom and one foot around the： circle．It will be laid by a plan recently pat． ented in the United States．

The Dominion fiovermment made at survey of the strait last summer over the proposed route．The bottom was found free fiom rocks and composed entively of brick clay．

The work is thought a simple and practicable one，and will take about three years to buill from the time it is started，and will cost about冬， 000,000 ．

## West Indian Trade．

Tix：Ottawat Joumal says：－The amounce－ ment that the Federal Government proposes to subsidize a steamship line maintaining a fortnightly scrvice between Canala and the West Indies created gratt satisfaction in mer－ cantile circles，especially in the Mantime porlnces．The importance of the tade that might be worked up in this direction has lreen recognized for a number of years．In 1875 a commission watd cppwinted to viste the West Indies．The first thing they realized as neces－ sary was steam communication，and the Governments of Canada and of the islands in the TVest Indies were induced to promise large subsidies，but they fell through．The trade be－ tween the two colonies in 1855 amonnted to about $\$ 5,000,000$ ，of which about $\$ 4,000,000$ was fish，the remainder $\$ 1,000,000$ being other prodncts of the islands．It is calculated that if steam communications and trade relations were arranged，Canala would receive direct all the tropical prorluctions and manufactures which are now received through other countrics．In 1S75 Cuba and l＇orto Rico had an almost prohibitory tarift，so that it was ill． possible to do any trade with them ；but now foreign vessels can trade with these islands on the same terms as the Spanish rhemselves．
＂An act to build up the Canadian l＇acitic railuray at the cout of the business mercests of the country＂might be suggested as a title for the Inter－State Coinmerce Bill．－Ex：


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## THE SAULT CONNECTION.

Work on the Canadian Pacitic line to the Sault is procceding rapidly and in a fev months will be completed. The Grand Trunk awaits only the solution of some legal problems to proceed with its projected branch. It is amounced that the Brockville, Westport and Siault Ste. Marie have completed financial arrangements, not only for the rapid com. pletion of work immediately contemplated, but for the extension of the line to the Sault. The Pontiace and Pacific Junction, a road not now much known, but representing large cipital and immense influence, is applying for an amendment to its charter, which will authorize its extension to that magical point, the Sault. Other projects are being made ready and will be heard from cre long.

These projects represent the ambitions of at least three important points, each of which secks to direct as much of this trade as possible to its own advantage. The Canadian Pacific will carry the trade direct to Montreal and, when necessary,
on to ports which are open the year round. The Grand Trunk will bring a large part of this important traftic through Toronto and so to Montreal or other ports. By the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Mario line, Brockville would be made the jumping-olt place, so far us Canada is concerned, comections having alrendy been provided, it is said, for New York and Boston. This plan, if successful, would establish. a metropulis in the midst of the Thousand Islands. The Pontine and Pacific Junction project is more to the benefit of Montreal than any other place, and the road would have a choice of routes from Hull, either by the Canadian Pacific, or by the Canada Atlantic and Grand Trunk to Montrial. If cordial relations existed with cither, the connections to eastern ports would be ample. Important local interests would be promoted by this line.

It is safe to say that the connection with the Sault by the Grand 'runk would have been established before now but that the Villard interest on the Northem Pacific insisted upon the extension of the line to the Pacific ocean, instead of secking as Villard's predecessors proposed, the most advantageous castern outlet for the road from the first. The Northern Pacitic may well regard itself, as Sir Henry Tyler says he believes it does, as the "matural ally" of the Grand Trunk When it became clear that the Northern Pacitic would build west and not east, there was no object in the Grand Trunk building a road which could only lie idle until the necessary comnection was furnished. Now that an extension of the Northern Pacilic is building, there is every inducement for the Grand Trunk to proceed as early as possible with the construction of the Sault line. One of the greatest claims put forth by the Canadian Pacific is that its line from occan to ocean is under one management. With the Sault line constructed, the Grand Trunk and the Northern Pacific would each practically have a through line from ocean to ocean for they are "natural allies" and that line throughout would command a larger local traflic than the Canadian Pacific, owing to the fact that the latter traverses a newer, and therefore less thickly settled country than the former: The possibilities of traffic on such a line are simply limitless. The importance of it to Toronto is so great that this city
will wholly reverse its record if it does not assist in every way to hurry it for. ward.

One of the diticulties in the way of the (frand l'runk is tho litigation at present pending respecting the located line. The Grand Trunk interest has appealed to the courts to prevent the construction of the Canadian Pacific over the location, as they claim, that was made for their line. The road is to be built under the charter of the Ontario \& Saut: Ste. Marie Company. But the technical expiring of the time allowed for the work occurred it few days ago, and on this ground, as well as others, the Canadian Pacific allege that the rights, if any were established, have lapsed. At present a Bill is before the Ontario Legislature to extend the time, and this doubtless will be passed. The greatest lawyers are enyaged in this case, and it is being argued at great length. With the proverbial "laws delays," it will probably be some time before a fimal decision is reached. Should the case go against the Grand Trunk, it will, of course, facilitate the work of Canadian Pacific and retard that of the Grand Irunk. This will keep Toronto so much the longer out of the Sault trade; but that the Grand Trunk line must be built before long, there is no reom to doubt.

The immense sums of money spent by closely competing roads in order to save cuery fraction of a mile of distance on the through trade proves that the Sault line, notwithstanding all disadvantages of present lack of local traffic over part of the route, and notwithstanding the rexatious harriers of international restriction, is the ronte of the future. It is the air line from east to west for all points north of a line drawn from San Francisco to the Canadian sea ports, and these sea ports are nearer to Europe than those further south. With every Cana dian sea port there is some disadvantage, of ice, lack of existing trade, want of necessary accommodation, etc. But these are disadvintages which can be overcome or neutralized, while the shorter distance is a matter which no human device can alter, and every mile saved is a set-off against whatever disadvantages skill and capital cannot overcome. If the Sault turns out to be the best route for a great portion of the North-western States, all four projected roads might be
built to the Saultand half a dozen others besides, and still there would be traffic for all.

## THE RACE TO THE SWIFT.

An exchange in the course of an article giving sage advice to wage-workers, says:-"The country offers to every young man just as good opportunities for procuring wenlth and power as it offered to Gould, Dillon, Sage, and the many other men who started poor." This is the kind of stuff that the unsuccessful in the race of life have hurled at them. In the first place it is not truc. As well say that it is as easy to discover a new continent now as it was in the time of Columbus. In the second place, if it were true, it would prove nothing. The lesson that preachers of cheap advice of this kind seek to inculcate is that because the competitors all run on the same track and there are sure to be some flyers in the lead, nobody has any reason to complain because he is left behind in the race. But the mere fact that there are a few prizes and all the non-successful are distanced, is the best possible eason for complaint. To say that if a man has Jay Gould's energy, enterprise and keenness he will win a place beside Jay Gould, is to say in effect that the great prizes of the world, uncounted wealth, unlimited power, are to be offered only for excellence in the Jay Gould class. Why should the track be made to suit Jay Gculd's best points, or why should it be allowed to get into that condition? Why should not the muscle of a ullivan, the keen eye of a Carver, the poetic fervor of a Whitman or the devo. tion of a Spurgeon be placed on a line with quick wit or insatiable ambition? The law does not in so many words declare that to Gould, Dillon or Sage, or those like them shall be given unlimited power to purchase the good things of this world; but it is only because of the state of the law the present state of affairs obtains. Wilkie Collins has jus ly said that "everybody in the world is the greatest something or other, you know." It is not possible to give everybody's super-excellent qualities equal recognition with every other body's, but it is possible to move in the direction of greater equality, and in that direction the world is moving. The world makes mistakes and often imposes worse discrepancies in place of those it removes. But
that is no argument in favor of standing still. More good change3 in the laws are made than bad ones, and the time of equality is approaching. This confounding of the chance of everybody to get to the front with the iden that it is possible under present conditions for all to be in the front, is not likely to do any good. On the contrary it must tend to exasperase those who know that their comparatively slow pace is due in part to the track, and exasperation is not the feeling to arouse on vital questions of public policy.

## THE GLOBE SPECIAL.

A votable step in the railway development of the Dominion-and a more notable step still in its journalistic de-velopment-is the engagement by The Globe of this city of a special train to carry only the Globe to London in time to catch the early mails to all parts of the western peninsula of Ontario. It is understood that this grent enterprise has been under negotiation for a long time, and it is creditable alike to the enterprise of Canada's greatest newspaper and to the resources of the Grand Trunk Railway that the arrangements have been so satisfactorily made and so splendidly carried out. The Globe in this is but carrying out its traditional policy, proving that the spirit that George Brown breathed into it still lives, and that those in control to day are animated by it to emulate and even surpass the deeds of the most forceful man that Canada ever produced. Men in the heat of the battle of life today know how their fathers have told them of the times when The Glole first received by telegraph reports of the proceedings of the legislature and laid them before its readers a few hours after the House had adjourned-a sorcerer's feat in those days. Then the Atlantic cable came and The Gilobe had its own correspondent in England. Then to assert the pre-eminence of Toronto as the centre of the province and of The Globe as the metropolitan journal, a special train to Hamilton was run, at an expense which, in those days, was deemed simply fabulous. But rivals were asserting their equality with the great journal, some even affected contempt for its "slowness," in that The Globe having prepared the way they, the rivals, were able to move speedily along the beaten path. The truth so often asserted, that

The Globe leads and all others follow, needed to be exemplified once more. The word is spoken and at one stride the great journal places itself years ahead of those who aspire to become its competitors. The Globe is in the present age and others are in the past.
The new train runs on the Southern Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, one of the best roads in the Dominion, learing Toronto at $3: 55 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and reaching London at $6: 40 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. The whole dis. tance of 112 miles is thus covered in two hours and forty-five minutes. This is not a mere trial spurt or fancy experiment, but a feat which must be accomplished six days in the week every week in the year. It must be done, therefore, without seriously interfering with the traffic of the line, which is as heavy as any line of equal length in Canada. None but a thoroughly efficient staff could have so quickly adapted itself fully to the new state of things set up in a single day and with but short warning to them, Grave fears were enter. tained, even by some experienced railway men, as to the possibility of adding this new train to the regular business of the road. But the train has been running ever since the 4 th inst. without a miss, without failing once to make the appointed connections, and without a mishap, even of the most tritling kind. the Gilobe train is an accomplished fact, and its daily journey is a daily certificate of the watchfulness, intelligence and care of the whole staff of the line, aud through them a testimonial to the organizing powers of the chief officers of the division, Mr. Charles Stiff, superintendent ; Mr. R. Larmour, assistant superintendent and the others.
The first run as stated above was made on 4th March. The man who har the honoralle place of conductor was Mr. Wm. McKay, while engineer C.J. Domville, son of the Mechanical Engineer of the Southern Division, had charge of the engine-No. 900. James Rhynal was fireman, W. Cameron, brakeman, and George Gardner, baggageman. The train was made up besides No. 900, of baggage and express car No. 534, and the parlor car "Toronto." The crew has not always been the same, but in every case the most reliable and experienced men have been chosen to. perform the duties on the Globe train.

To fully appreciate the effect of this revolution sq far as journalism is con.
cerned，and in that as＇well as in its＇ railway aspect Rallway Life is interest．－ ed，it should be remembered that the Southern Division of the Grand Trunk Railway is the main artery of the coun－ try westward of Toronto，and that from＇ Loudon the centre of that fertile penin－： suin which，ail in all is the finest piece of ground that exists，veins as large as arteries radiate like the ribs of $n$ fan． On the way a large number of smaller lines are crossed which in turn cross others and even before the main distri－ buting point is renched，packages of Gilobes，for scores of villages，towns and cities have been thrown off to be car－ ried away by the carlinst trains．The whole peninsula is thus reached at al－ most as early an hour as if a special train were rum on every separate line． Speaking of this aspeci of the case The rifole says ：

When the special reaches lomdon at di：40 a biag of Globes is at once placed on the Lemulon d．Port Stanley train，which leaves inmediate－ 3y．In this way it Thomas is reached at 7 ：ini， while formenty by the ohd filole train the papers did not get thete by way of Hagers． ville until 10：30 or 11．In this way dylmer is reached at $7: 49$ instead of $1: 02$ ，and Cayuga， Simeoc and Tilsonbmg share the advantage proportinnately．A train on the Londion， Huron d Brace division of the（：．I＇．R．now leaves with the dilohe on hoast at 7 i：in，sup． plying：large district to the north．Clintom is thus supplich at $!9: 3.5 \mathrm{a}$ ．m．instead of $2: 20$ in the afternoon．The Giohe now arives at Winghan at 10：ins at．In．While，formerly it did not get there matil 3：20 $\mathbf{j}$ ． m ．Such places ay Exeter，Henshaw，Kippen and Blythe，are served proportionately carly，while Goderich recelves the clobe at $10: 40$ instead of at three in the afternoom．liy sendin．o papers over ti：c London，Huron ：Bruce，Brussels，Listowel and points on the Wellington（iroy \＆Brnce ate supplice about two hours carlier，Kin－ eardine formerly could not be reached till $4: 40$ $i^{n}$ the afternoon，but now the papers are there at 2：20．The people at Iucknow also get their Globes tro hours ahead．Ailsa Craig，Park． hill，Meaford，and Forest，which formerly got The Glohe at $1: 0 \mathrm{~S}, 1: 22$ ，and 1：40，respectively， are now smplied by way of the l．II．\＆I3．， which crosses the Stratford line of the G．T．K． at Lucan at 9：20，and thus＇he Glolve gets to Ailsa Craigat 9：31，larkhill at $9: 54$ ，and Forest at 10：40．Stratford is supplicd now at 8．40 a．m． instead of at noon．On the Sarnia line a train leaves London at $7: 35$ and Sarnia is reached at 9：4．7 a．m．instead of at 4：40 in the afternoon．Strathroy now receives The Globe at $S: 20$ as against $3: 10$ formerly．Petrolea was formerly supplied at $3: 30 \mathrm{p}$ ．m．but is now at $\$: 3$ as．Point fiward was not reached until five o＇elock in the evening，but now The Gilobe is there at 10 a．m．St．Mary＇s is now supplied with The Globe between eight and nine in the moming as against $4: 40$ in the afternoon under the former arrangement．Norwich，a town on the $B$ ．N．\＆$P$ ．T．line，receives the paper at 9：02 a．m．instead of at noon．

## Editorial Notes．

We would direct special attention to the article in another coluinn describing： the snow sheds on the Canadian Pacific line through the Selkirks．The article is from The l＇arsity，the able journalistic representative of the men of Toronto University．

Tue International Jubilec of Railways celebration is to open in Paris in May． Other countries are takingr an active in－ terest in the affair and will send exhibits of various kinds．Canada has as many miles of railway in proportion to popu－ lation as any other country and also has the hargest continuous railvay in the workl．What is being done to win us a creditahle place in this great exhibition？

A compenponiment of the Railiond Guzelf，signing himself＂Resarf，＂points out that while improved heaters are used in first－chass coaches and sleepers，the baggage－car is too often heated by a cheap cast－iron stove．In a smash it very ofien happens that the baggage－car is broken into mateh wood and the rest of the train piled on top of the re－ mains．In such a case the improved heaters，however imocent they may be， camot prevent a conflagration．The bagrage car should not lee overlooked when improved heaters are being dealt out．

As will be seen by the account of the meeting，given in another column，the Society of Civil Enginecrs has been formed under the happiest auspices． Such a society cammot but result in good to the profession and to the members individually．It will benefit the milways also by making a uniformly high stand－ ard for engineers．We are glad to notice also that incorporation is being applied for．Through a good charter the profession could be placed on a basis in which the qualification would be as well recognized as that of the lawyer or the doctor is now．Canadians are natur－ ally proud of the able engineers Canada has produced．We trust that this society will be the means of giving in－ creased usefulness to men who have al－ ready made a name for themselves and of bringing forward others who have genius，but are still without fame．

Tur American North－West has every－ thing to lose and nothing to gain by the proposed non－intercourse provisions against Canadian contemplation by Con－ gress，and it is natural that such a pro－ posal should arouse some apprehension in that important section．The feeling has not heen better expressed than by the St．Paul Pionecr Press，the principal newspaper of the North．Western States． This journal points out the advantages about to accrue to St．Daul and other cities through the opening of the Sault Lines，and strongly objects to those ad vantuges being cut ofl merely for the benefit of a fow in the enst．The liomer． Press says：－

We have more than a general mad matiomal interest in the guarrel which is now being forced as tapillly as possible to extremes．The Inter． State Commerce Bill，coupled with a non－inter． course act，would help，Chicago to get out of the Iosing position in which she has licen phaced by the superioi enterpise anl udvantages of the North－Went．

We regcet to learn from a circular issued by Mr．M．McInteer，Grand Chief Foreman of the Brotherhood of Railway Section Foremen of North Amerien． that this most important organization is already threatened with difficulties so soon after its establishment．It seems that an organization has been formed which clains to have vested in it the authority of the origrinal body and which has assumed power to declare the Grand Chief Foremanship vacant and to elect another Grand Chief Foreman．Mr． McIntecr，who is a man of energy and ability，as showed by the Railu：ay Sec－ tion loremon，of which he is the founder and editor，has issued the circular re－ ferred to as a declaration that the or－ ganization stands as at first and that he is still the head of it．The secretary of the original order，Mr．M．Scanlan，hav． ing taken part in the second mecting is declared by Mr．MeInteer to be deposed and his place filled by the appointment of S．A．Owen，until the Brotherhood shall declare its choice．Mr．McInteer also calls upon the members of the broth－ crhood to stand by the order and to cherish the principles it was founded to disseminate．

The promoters of the Parry Sound Colonization Railway have received a promise of $\$ 3,200$ per mile from the Do． minion Government and are seeking also a bonus from the Ontario Govermment．

They base their chams not merely on the importance of the road but upon the fact that the crown lands of Parry Soumd yield in the shape of timber dues large revenues to the Provincial treasury and that the district has never received any fair return, while the older counties that give nothing to the Province directly have, in very many cases loca! railways subsidiaed by the Province. Judge MeCurry, Mr. Wm. Beatty, Mr. Ireland, and other promoters of the road have been in To. ronto personally urging attention to the chaims of the project. The Province, since the Dominion assumed control of Provincial railways, has not granted bonuses, but it is not impossible that an exeeption will be made of this case. The road will run from Parry Sound to some point on the Northern Pacific Junction and will furnish a much needed link of communication not only for the lombermen nad farmers of the distriet but for the constantly increasing number of summer tourists who seek the Georgian Bay as one of the most delightful places of rest on the continent. The promoters say that with fair support from the Province they cau have the road ruming in less than a year.

Ramina Lafe, desirous of being identified in the minds of railway men with study and self-improvenent, submits to its readers a special proposal. If the members of any organization will secure among themselves or outside their membership twenty subscribers to this journal and will send $\$ 20$ to pay the subseriptions in advance for one year, we will send to their secretary a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary: This work has been well called "a library in itself," it is one of the most comprehensive, accurate and instructive compilations ever read. There is no subject on which it does not throw light, and on many it furnishes the most complete and authoritevive information within the covers of any book. A new feature of the work is a pronouncing gazetteer of the world, containing over 25,000 titles briefly describing the countries, cities, towns and natural features of every part of the glole. No man who reads can afford to be shut out from aecess to a good dictionary, and if Webster's Unabridged has a place in the meeting room of the division, lodge or assembly every member will have an opportunity of consulting it. If any of our readers is
ambitious to possess this work we will send it to him if he will get up a club of twenty members.
'Ins eflect of the Inter-State Commerce Bill upon American railways camot be bad if it does not injure those who have bonu;fide money interests at stake or those who thaw no more than farir pay for actual work in operating. Though the new law may prevent the nequirenent of control of roads by inllated and unjustly appropriated stock, aud thus injure the business of stock-gamblers and corporation-wreckers, that is nothing for genuine milway men or genuine inventors to feel sorry ahout. That this is likely to be the effect is indicated by the opinion of the Railucay Times, of Jondon, Englaud, a joumal published manly in the interests of milway sharebolders in Great Britain. Speaking before the new law wats signed by the president the Times gives the following opinion, evidently after careful consideration :

The Inter-State Commerce Bill, shoull it become law, will of course prevent pooling or special preference contracts of any sort on turiff rates thoughont the United States and it will regulate many oppressive abuses. Now, as without this bunt, and only a possibility of its passing in sight, mices have tumbled to what they ate, what will be the figures when it really docs step in and tike control: Natur. ally one womld say, down, down, down. We say wo. Showhl it beeome law-and, we repeat, some such, is bound to prevail in the ins. mediate future-it would he the dawninglof better days for Americanstocks. Wholesome business laws would then take the place of rapscallion methonls that change with the pocket interests of the controllers of railu:ays. The railways would be brought within the full and benign infuenees of the gencral lans of commerce, and the result would he the sweeping away of rubbish, the assumption of legitimate market values for properties, and the bilding up of the same from this newly ereated and much-wished-for fommdation. We say paiss the Bill by all me:ms.

## TEE WISCASSET AND QDEBEC.

It is not often that so phan and convincing a statement of adrantages to be reaped is given to the public as is to be foumd in a pamphlet issued by the company which has in hand the Wiseasset and Quebee scheme. This road proper, is chartered from deep water at Wis. casset, Me., to the boundary line at Quebee i province, where conncetion will he made with the loint Jevis and Kemelec for Point Levis opposite Quebec City, the whole distance by the route selected leing 241 miles. Of this alistance a portion is already covered by existting ronds, so that there remain to be built
ouly 16 miles. This project has been agitat. ed by difierent people in former years, but not until now has there been delinite reason to ex. pect success. But Wiseasset chaims to be the best habor on the coast, not excepting New Sork, Halifax or any other establiched port and the best point for the $\lambda$ thantic terminus of the Camadian l'acitic. In proof of this there is a mass of expert testimony given in the pamphet teferred to, the statements being elineled and verified by a copy of that part of the authorieed matical clent which takes in Wiscasset, its approaches abd surroundings. The necessary depth of water for the great vessels of to diay is fomail together with abso. lute freedom from ice and storm. The sailing distance to Liverpool is 100 miles greater than from Quebec, but the alvantiages of the port, it is said, more than eomaterbalane this. It is 9,0 miles nearer from the North- West to liverpool lyy way of Wiscasset than by any route commecting with New Cork. This in. cludes the American as well as the Camadian North. West, for the samlt ste. Mario line now so rapidly advancing to completion will dellect the trade by way of the Salult instearl of by Chatago. Besides the through trade the new lines wili open up a rich and inpoltant country in Quchee and Maine, whichisalready in at position to furnisla great deal of tatatic and the possibilitics of whel ate well nigh boundless. The enthusiasm shown by the promoters of this line is another indication of the tremen. dous importance of the sault comection and is a feature of the great strugele of localities which is now in proghess to place thenselves in a poxition to reapl the bencfits which will grow out of the change. The following gent. lemen are the committee represcating the Wisciasset and Quelee Railroad Company:Hemry lagalls, Joseph Tucker, F. P. Brskine, Wiscasset; J. R. Bodwell, Hallowell: Selden Comor, J. Matehester ILaynes, Augusta; William Atkinson, North Aluson.

## RAILWAY BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISTATURE.

A sumame of bills affecting railway enterprises are now before the Ontario Jecyislature, and others are promixtid as soon as they can be daaftel and printed.
Col. Morin, of Wellam, secks the incorporation of the International Ferry Kainay Company. The act constitutes Benjamin Baxter, Bdwy Baxter and W. B. Jierce, together with such others as shall become shareholders of the company, and anthorizes the construction of a mailway of standard gange from some point on or near the bombiny of the garrison reserve, in Bertic township, to a point within the village of Fort Firic. The company is authorized, at any point where the railway approaches any mavigable waters, to purchase and hold wharves, piers, decks, water lots rand lands, and whuild upon them amd to own and run steam: vessels. At the western terminns the company is anthorized to own and manage a summer resort and pleasure grounds. The capital of the commany is $\$ 0,000$.
llon. C. F. Enaser introduced a billto amend the charter of the Brockville, West Port \&

Suult Ste．Marie Hailway Company．The issue of bouls and debentuio stock is limited to $\$ 25,000$ per mile of the road anil its branchea．The company is authorized on ap－ proval of two．thirds of the shareholdere to umalgamate with auy other railway conpany now incorporated or to be incorporated，or to lease the line or acquire running powers over other lines．The time for the fulfilment of contracts with municipalities，grauting bonuses，is to be computed only from the dute of the deposit of the money or mecurities，pro． mined in the hands of trustees as provided in such contractu．The company is given power to acquire running powers over bridges，either over the St．Lawrence and the St．Mury rivern，and the time for completing the road is extended to eight years from the grauting of the cliarter．

A bill to amend the c！arter of tho Eastern Outario Railway Compauy is pregented by M． Mack，of Cornwall．Hy this meanure the charter，which hail lapsed through nou－com． pletion of the railway，is revived，and the time for commencement of the romd is ex． tended to three yeara，and for completion，to eight ycary from the passing of this act． There is to be a new provisional board，con－ visting of Messrs．Alexander MacLean，Don－ ald B．Maclnuean，J．G．Suctsinger，Francis H．Chryaler and James IV．Russell．

The Southem Central Railway Company seeks incorporation under a bill presented by Dr．Mekay，of Oxford．The proposed line will run from l＇ort llurwell to Stratford，cia Ingermoll，with a brauch to Maris nad lbrant． ford．The provisional directors are ：William Wiatterworth，Janles Trow，M．1＇．Frank Tumer，C．F．．，Juschh Gibson，Nicol Kinga－ will，W．R．Darshall，R．＇I．Suttum，Thomas Willian Doblic and Harry Symons，with power to add to their number．The capital is half a milliun dollary，with power to increase ：as provilled in the geacral miluzay act of the powince．The company ixpauthorized to own anil operate vesosels to ply in connection with the sailwiag．The time of comunencement of the work is limited to thres and the comple－ tion to five years afte－the pasaing of the wict．
line Thusiler Buy Colonization Hailway Company applies to have its mame changed to the l＇ort Arthur，Buluth \＆Wicstern Hailway：

A bill prescuted ly Mr．Waters proviles that ilitclics，drains or crecks running along or maler railway tracks may be used an ant mutlet for＿drains，conatructel unler ．the net． The award of the engiucer of the municipality is all that is necessary to decile the question， subject to the same moile os apjeal as pro． vided for ordinary land owners uniler the act． Provision is marie that the track or roan shall uot be harmed or traflic interfered with， and the engiseer of tise railwiay or another on his lehalf may inspeet the work，as it is being jrucecied withor afterwards，but such ill－ spection shall not interfere with the dutica demanded of the engineer of the municipality in the way of inspection．The railway com－ jany is uot to leceliarged for the cost of the work or any jart of it，anil the engineer who acts on belialf of the railway has no clain for remuneration．

Hon．Mr．Framer prosents a Bill to incos． porate the Ottawa \＆Thousand Island Rail． way Company to run from Ottawa through Carleton，Grenvillo and Leeds counties，to a junction with the Brock ville，Weatport \＆Sault Ste．Marie，either at Rrockville or elsewhere in Leeds county．The company is authorized to run boats in connection with the road．The capital atock in $31,250,000$ ，und the incorpora． tors are ：Robert G．Hervey．William B．Smel－ lie Hugh T．Fitraimmouy and William H． Jonen，of Brockville；and Clarkson Jones，of Toronto．

## Society of Civil Engine：rs．

Tus Montreal Herald，of Feby．25th，gives the following account of the great meeting of civil engineers held in that city ：－

The civil engineers from all parts of the Do． minion attended at the Harbor Commissioners＇ office，on Feby．24th，for the purpone of form． ing an association which would look after the intcreste of the profemsion．There were repre－ sentative from Ottawa，Toronto，Kingston， Peterboro and all town in the Dominion present，Mr．T．C．Keefer，of Ottawa，presid． ing as chairman．The meetiug was private， but a reprencutative of the Merald afterwards got the result of the deliberation．A constitu． tion was drawin up and adopted，and the fol． lowing officers were clected：Mr．T．C．Keefer， Ottawa，president；and Messra．W．Shanly， Montreal，C．Gzonski，Toronto，and J．Ken－ nedy．Montreal，vice－presidents：Council， Mesars．E．I＇．Hamaford，H．Walliz，P．W． St．George，H．T．Hooey，I＇．A．l＇eterson，and I．ouis Lemege，Montreal ；N．F．Broley and F． N．Gisborne，Ottawa；H．D．Lumsilen and A． Machongall，Toronto ：S．Kecfer，Jrockville： Hurd l＇eters，St．John，N．W．：WI．I＇．Jennings， J．ondon；H．N．y＇atton．Timjeg and H．S． loole，Stellarton，S．S．Montreal is to lee the heallguarters oi the ansociation，which is to the catitled the Canadian Socicty of Civil Eugi． neers，anil regular annual mectings will inchela here．In the evening a converamainne wias fiven by the resident members to their viait． ing brethren in the liedpath Musenm，which was largely attendid．
among those who ware present were Messrs． Andrew Allen，Audrew Rolertaon，A．F． （iault，W．C．Van Hornc，Sir Win．Dawson， His Worshin the Mayor，Jos Hickson，il． Seargeant，W．Wain wright，Chas．Cassils， 1 ． U．Augas，I．K．Wiard，and others．The guests were received loy the reception commit． tee in the upper hall，anda very pleasant time was patael inaprecting the scientific specimens exhibited in the museun．
Sir William Dawsun delivered a brief ald． drea of welcome，after which Mayor lkeau． grand and Mr．T．C．Kecfer，the preailent of the socicty，made a few remarks．The scanco was cloed by the scrving of refreshments in the lecture Komin．

Ir is statel that owing ho financial dificul． cultics，the Rusaian Government will susperd operations for the present on nearly all the great railwaya under construction，including the traus．Siberian road to the liacific，the Asiatic counterpart of the Canarlian Pacific．

## The 8t．Lawrence Route．

At a general meeting of the lBoard of Trade， of this city，last month，Mr．Barlow Cumber． land，well known in Canadian railway circles， brought up the question of enlarging the canals．Mr．Cumberland is a member of the Canadian Marine Association as well as of the Board of Trade，and is peculiarly well fitted to discuss this question．He put his subject before the meeting by moving this resolution，which Mr．G．A．Chapman sec－ onded：
＂That the interests of the Dominion de－ mand that the camals between Lake Ontario and the sea be at once enlarged to the same size as the Welland Caual，and the board re－ commends that for the furthering of the ex－ port trade，via Montreal，the reduction of tolls continue to be madle on export grain jas． ing through the canals．＂
Sir．Cumberland addressed the meeting for over half an hour in support of his motion． His speech，which was full of interesting data and facta，wal attentively listened to．He said it was emincutly in the interests of the country that the St．Lawrence Canal should be enlarged to a uniform size，so that vessels could proceed from Lake Eric and Lake On． tario ports without breaking bulk at Kiuk． ston．Thie canal had lwen enlarged at Corn－ wall and Lashine，but at the other points there was barely a nine－foot draught．Next in inportance to enlarging the canal was a continnance of reduced tolls on grain passing to the sealonard，ria Montical，for export． The sovernment had merely male these con－ cessions temporarily from year to year．The Linited states（iovernment had permanently aholished the tolls on grain on the Firic Caual． This reduction on our canal was only intro． duced in ISS．i，and was but partially felt in that year，when $5,010,000$ hushels of grain for export passed through the canal．In iss6 $10,520,000$ bushele went down．

He went on to explain that it might be ab． jected that the country could not stand the large expenditure which these inprovements would catail，lat it slowhil les semembered that this sum，however great，would lie re－ tumed in the slinge of rechuced freights on prolucts en route to the sealooaril．That would le equivalent to a diviliend ont the out－ lay．Mr．Cumberiani jminted out another immense advantage ly the cularged canals 1 y shipping coal direct from the Nova Nertia mines to the lake ports without translipment at Montical，which cost from lifty to mixty ecntsper ton．With the deejer canal the gulf．going atcamers of the lower ports could collue straight flirough to Toronto．Nova Scotia conl of the lower grailes，for minnufac－ turing purpoees，wiak sold on the diocks at Montreal at $\$ \geq$ yer tonl，while for the same grades in Toronto，the price lasi leen \＄3．05． Mr．Cumberland，continuing，saill he could wot impress upon the meeting ton strongly the great importance of this project．Sulmerquent－ ly Mr．Cumberlanil said to the reporters that he thought it．would require alsout $\$ 10,000,000$ to decpen the canal as proposel．
Mr．G．A．Chapuanastrongly advocated the I project anset forth in Mr．Cumherland＇s
motion．＂It was all the more necessury to make these inturovements，＂lie said，＂in view of the retaliatory policy of the United States Govormment and of the Inter．State Commence Bill，which hat been introduced in Congress．＂

Mr．Thos．Davies fasored sending u strong deputation to，Ottaka at once to pressfthe mut－ ter upon the govermasat．

Mr．A．M．Smith said it would reguire a great deal of pressure on the govermment to obtain a continuance of the reluced tolls on grain for export．Jast year＇s concession han been given with bad grace and after a hard fight．

Mr：Cumberland and Mr．Chapman were then named as the deputation．

On Tuesiday，Sth inst．，the Poronto deputa tion，together with other genthemen from this city，Montreal，＇Kingston and St．Catharines， waited upon the government to lay the case before them．ZThe foliowing male ；up the whole deputation：Messrs．Jinlow Cumber－ land and（i．A．Chapman，Toronto lboard of I＇raile；Capt．Craugle，ex－All．Hall and Mr． W．W．Keighly，of Toronto，representing the vessel intereat of the lakes；Messrs．A．T． Freed and J．B．Fairgrieve，of Hamilton；Mr． Sylvester Neelon，of St Catharines：Capt． Gaskin，Messrs．J．S．Muckleston，（：．Kich－ ardson and John McIntyre，of Kingston； Mesgrs．Anlrew Allan，D．A．Watt，A．（i． Mel3can，D．（i．jThomson，Ahl．Grenier，Chas． Gould and A．C．Thomson，of．Montreal．They were accompanied by sir Douald suith and Mr．J．J．Curran，of Montrcal，and Mr：I＇ay－ lor，of Gananorjue，all umemers of parliament． The deputation was receited lig Sir．Jalu Mae donall，Sir Charles Tupper athl Hon．．3． 11. lope：The western men urged the decpern－ mg of the canals，and those from Montreal the abolition of tolls and the assumption ly the government of the deht incurred in working the deep chanacl tinoutgh Jake：St．l＇cter． Sir John Macionald，in his reply，leclareal that it $\mathrm{H}^{\circ}$ was the prolicy of the government to decpen the callaik as rapilly ：ws the resources of the courtry would lermit．The puestion of rerluction or alxolition of tolls woull le taken intel connideration at once．He did not refer to the suhject of the Lake St．Jeter iedt．

## Snow Sheds in the Selkirks．

Tus：following interesting lescriplim of the suow sheds on the line of the Camalian lan：ific is from the linxicy－Any araveller in first－ ers Canula who is familiar with the ligh： structure of the snow sheik un the litercol－ onial Railxay can form little or so iilea of the mow sheds in the solkirk range of momatains on the Canalian l＇acific liailway，or umler． stand the part they have to play in kecping the road open in the winter time．The suno sheds on the Intercoionial kailway are marie of a framework，like that of a ham，concrest with planks naileri on，with small spaces lic－ tween，very muci，like the imards on $\pi$ fence． The primary oljeect of thewe shenis is to pre－ vent anne drifts from accumblating＇，on the romel．On railways which pass throush a mountainous country the snow shals asaune a much more durable and jermanent char－
acter，as the service that is expected of then is muth more important．It is，in fact，to beep the line open and elear from the aceuma． lation of suow and ice brought down by aval anches，or，as they aremore freduently called， ＂snow slides．＂
A writer in a recent number of Chembers Journal diviles avalanches into four kinds， viz．，the powders，the ereeping，the glacier， ami the true avalanche，or awalatione proper． The first he describes as being composed of finely divided snow and ice，which is liroken up into the form of powider in the descent． This kind of avalanche is the most likely to disturb the dir，and so produce a harricane． the rast power of which it is inpossible to eatimate．The crecping avalanche，as its name implies，is produced when vast matsses of snow and ice move slowly down a gradual slope．The glacier avalanche is brought alout by the mass of ice at the lower extremity of a glacier lecoming detachech and sliding down into the moraine lelow：Iantly，the aval－ anclie proper is the rapid deacent of a mass of onow，which，begiming high up on the moun－ tain slope，and increasing in volune and speed as it idescenis，rushes headlong into the valley below．It is to resist the effects of snow slides of this hind that the snow sheds in the Selkirks have been constructed．
The sheds themselves art com－ posed of a crib work similar to that used in the construction of wharves．it is made of heary cedar timbers，twelve incles spuatce，with ends dovertailed into one another，and spiked．The crib is ateurely tich， $\bar{y}$ and is thor． onghly billed with h：mblers anul Imase maseces of roch．It stands in a sphace cut out of the momation slope leside the miluay track． and hetweren it and the mematain． On the outer side af the tract ： series of triaugular frames，placed at short intertals，minde of the same mateiail and the same sizel timikers as the crib，ate： used to support the lower enil of the ronf． which extemis downwarils from the cril，in a slanting direction．The crib is earriel up much higher than ife outer wall，so that the slope of the wol is，wincre practicalike．as nearly in the same angle as the slophe of the monntats as prossilite．The reof is stronaly liracel，and together with the ruter wall ami crib，furnas a structare suflicicutly strong ：o lear the force of the lescenling sucu，ice， imoliders，and other elehris，which is carrien downin the mow slide．The mof anll outer nall is planked．so that the interior of the shed is fuite dark，lut in summer sime the onter wall phak immediately waicer the eave can ice removel，in orifer in give lighe amd lact． ter ventilation．The use of the crils－work on the inside is to prevent the whole sheif from icing carrich anay by the downorash of the snow fom alovic．The shed is of stich a forms that it offers very litile resistance to the ales． cconding inass of snow，but allows the nyal． anclic to paxs over the mof anil pile itecli up in the ralley below．
The track of a snow slide is very exaly dis．
ecmible even in summer time，from the fact that the uprooted treces，earth．boulders，anel dilinix carried down，ate piled up at the bat tom of the valley，yprealing out in ufan shapmel mass，and making a smoother mul less acnte slope than the sest of the monnain sur－ face The snow slicle cuts a path fur itself through trees，removing bouhlers，earth，riots， Se ：and the following summer only bushex atul sharulis grow in the path made by the avalanclue The sides or margins of these slides show trees and rocks in a disturled con－ dition．though not carried away completely， as in the centre of the slide．Fach year that a mow slide takes place in any particular． locality，renders the probable recurrence of a ＇slide in the same place more and mote certain， as each year the slope lecomes sumostler and more free from olstrutions of all kinds．

As the taveller preceels west from Donald， or the first crosuing of the Colambia Liver on the（C．R＇．R．，he timds himself passing down the canyon of that river on the left lazak．Af． ter a few miles have leen tateersed，an abrupt turn to the left bringe him into the narmos and ruaged canyon of the lhatrer，a suall strean which here empties inter the Columbia． The ascent through this gorge is at lirst made on the right lank，but as the valley opens ont． the stremm is crossed，and the ascent of the

eastens Nompe of the selkirks is ln＇gun in carn－ est．As the sumbin of the gracte is ap． proacheit，sereme suow sheds atre passed throuzh．lesers l＇ass statim，the stammit of the Selkirks，near Monnts Carmill and Her． mit．has an elevation of about f，iOR fect almove the level of the lacitic ocean．Le：aving this station，the derecht of the wentern slupe is loce Elun，lowa the valley anil canyon of tice Illecil－
 is alunat there－juarters of a mile long，amil is pased through shortly licfore the＂J，ox）p＂is reached．The whers vary in leugth aceonl－ ing to their pusitions．

There are mores：aow she．ls on the western slope of the mountains than on the castem， on acoount of the snow fall lecing heavier ani the slifies more freyuent on iliat side than on the other．The effect of ${ }^{*}$ werthering＂on the l＇acific side of all the ranges of monatains is very clearly markel．The asecut of nearly all the mumeaian slojees of IBritish Columilia is， as a rule．casicr when mate from the caxtern side．This prolaligy arises from the fact that the warill waters of the great＂Jajan Curr． rent，＂striking the conat of America in the neighlmoliont of lineouver Islans，and whicla
rembers the climate of Victoria su mild，canges ＂greater degee of severity farther imland． The warm water at the const of necessity po． duces a great deal of mois are，which，as it mores inland，is sutecessively enught by each of the monntain chatins and is comdensed and deposited in the form of snow or rain，atecord． ing to the altitule，on the western slope of each range．This process，going on for ages upon ：tores，has produced it powerful mondify－ ing etfect on the physical axpect of the come－ try，atul it is not improbable that it is to the indmence of the dap．un Cinrent，amalogens to the enlf stream in the Athantic Ocean，that the skill of the engineer has been taved to e sumewhat greater extent in the ficking Horse l＇ass and the valley of the lllecillewact than in the valleys of either the linw or the Henver Rivers．
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A．U．Dinowksibr．

## A Popular Superintendent．

 the emplayees of the latidway Depataneut， Cumbertand Railway and Coal Company in a lobly invalded the residence of Mt．I．Gresham Aikman，the popular superintendent．Itr． Aikmatn was fumul comfortally sented，sur－ somuded ly his family，realing the latest clec－ tion news，and was very mach surprised in． deed at the appearince of such a larise hoorly of men．Visions of strikex ：anl surprise parties Atasthed across his mind．However，fe smilina－ 1：xrected the men ame bate them he seated．
 ceeded tosead the following inhlress：
l'us:s:ol:a, N. S.

TOJ．©： C．Ji．al C：Co．．
Sut：－He，the cmployees of the haitway
 this eveninge－．．the purpose of shawing in somac mamer the mataal confinleace amblhindly Fecling existing lectween ns and apmeciation
 temilent．Aifhough in the past we lane mot 1eca mamimiful of yomr many acts of kimdness， yet we lave never slown our appreciation of Yom in ally markion？or taziginle forsm．Since You lecente superintembent of this miluray those whon have serven moder you cun testify tos your unfailine conrtex and c̈rcful manane－ ment．

We ask that youa aceept efo aecompanying： sadmon roul as a matu：al grod will osfering anil we trust slast you may loun lie spracel anil have healh and strenith gin wield it with plozsure saul succes．
lijth the host wishes for the erntinual hizu－ piness of yourself anme fanily：
lle are．Sir，yours sespectully；
Fn：1，l．u．wi：
II．II．IIceriniv， and forty odicrs．
Mr．Nikman，who was mikell cutirely ly suro priac．made a fecling reply：Ise thatiked the men very heartily for sheir exprescions of gomel will and aid she ethiciency of the railuaty lejemeded largely upnothe arol mulerntanling caisting between cmployers and cuphoyres．and he felt
 pare farorably in that respect or ang other with any lerasch railu：ay in the lominion．

Thic salmon rell war made se vricr ly Nr． Jor Dalzell of St．Inhm．D．13．．is of the latest
pattemand what is lanown as the Dalecll Come bination rod，being composed of sectional strips of lancewood and greenheart，and cost over fifty dollats．The mountings ate of solid silser and lear the following inscription：－ ＂l＇resented to J．Gresham sikman，Eeq．， Superintembent C．R．A．C．Co．，by the em－ ployees of the milway department，as a token of respuct and esteem．＂

## The Location of Railways

Mr．Wiont，the represcatative of Sorth Hastings in the Untario L．egislature，has in－ troduced a bill in that boly to amend the law relating to lowincial Railways．Mr．Wood proposes to ald to section 20 of the（ieneral det，which section deals with the expropria－ tion of lands，ablitrations，etc．，the following clanse：：－
＂Any party fecling agricered by the pro－ posed lucation maty within fifteen days atiter seceiving the motice aforesain，apply to a Comnty Court Jubse of the Connty where suin！ location has been mate，hy petition setting forth his oljejections to the route designated． and the suid ．Indge may，if he considers suf．
ficient eanse thencher ceists， ficient eanse thel char exists，npupint three dis． interested persons，one of whom must lee a civil Vingineer，Commissioners to exannine the said
 combin or alter the same as majo he consistent With the just a inhts of all pmaties ami the puib． lic，hut ins sucjs alteration slabll le made ex． ecpt with the comeurreneeof the Commissioner whin is at civil Engitseer．The determination of the Commassionces shall，within thity days after their appointument，be made and certitien－ loy thest and the eertiticate filed in the ollise of the Clemp of the Perace fur the snil County： The said Commissioners shall be entitled to the sume fees as in hitratomx，and such fees shall in the tirat instane he paill hy the persouspply： ing for their ：！ppointment，but if the prenkesel route is altered or chanjen loy the Commis－ simere，the Commany shilll refumi to the ap－ julicant the almant so pain．＂

The liall wate read the secomal time on Frillay ISth inst．．and reforncol bua speciai Committe chasisting of Han．1．Wh．l＇arilec，Musurs． Werelith，Clarke，（Wellingtan），Crcighton， Murray，Clancy，Dobin．Hudsun，l．eys． l＇rexton and Wionl．

## Stock Jobbers at Work．

fus：fullmwing apparel in the Now Yonk Trihune on Fedruary lst：

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Montis．．．z．Fell． 17.
－The：Camalian lacific latway has leecu completely hilrekiaded witin sume for the past three weeks．It has lecels impmasilile to alb． tain c：xact informsation in renaril to the extent of the ofstruction，far everyone comected with，the management preacries the closest re． ticence，loint．s＂far as can he leanel fimut careful inuluiry，the blockiule is practically complete．The mal llest of Winuipeg has becn blo：ied far iwenty－shree slays．annl sucei－ ally in the Solkirks and weot of Calgary．The sume sheds there have failed io alforil jroutec． tion in consengence of heavy hand alises which have lemoralizel them in several places．The protion of the mad running throngis the

Fiaser siver valley is blocked by smow and rock and landslides．For some time the liaser vicer has heen frozen up at the month，so that versels could not reach Vincouser Island． To add to the dilliculties of the company the supply of coal at many joints has been ex． hausted，and the blockiade preventy stocks from heing repleaishend．It is reported that a large number of＂dead＂engines have leen abandoned in the Selkirk runge on both sides of it．General Manager Vian Home is at Huron，or mather he expected to arrive there yested day；le started with at party of gentle－ men who wished to go over the line，but on acconnt of the obstructions to travel，they bateked ont，and he finally went on alone． He is making strong e！forts to oluen the rail－ way in the course of the nent few wecks，hut it is believed to be douhtful if be will he able to run tatins regularly muelh lefore the first of May：In substance it appears that the whole line west of Wimipeot，and perhaps from that phace cast to J＇ort irthur on Jake Superior，is blocked with snow．＂

The sume day Mr．Vina Horne sent the fol． lowing telegram to the Tribume：

## Mostинан．，Fel．1S，18S\％．

## To ethe Lere Jork Tribune，Nere Sork：

The special telegran from Montreal in this muminis I＇ribume reported snow blockiales， hand slinces；dead engines，and other ditticulties on the Canalima l＇acitic laidway；is a mali． cions falsehorod from legiming to cond．The Canabinu I＇acific tatios arre not only ruming ：lurouph from Montscal to the Inacife every day，lut they are running on time．There is wot a dean cugine on the line，ami not a foxit of it is blocked，mor is there any shortage of cral．Only me hlockale has ocenrred durims the entire winter，and the greatest alelay to any train ly this was ninety hours．

W．C．Van Hurnc，

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The fearful weather of a week ago catsel a further Hock，lut this was＂mised＂with a little more delay than the other．The Can－ adian l＇acific lias made as georl a reeronl as amy other line of egual length．

## Legisiature Railway Committee．

Th：following äcutlenen form the lail． way Conmittec of the l＇wovincial lecginlature of Ontari＂，now in suasiont．－Messrs Allan， Inuxtrongi，$\lambda$ wrey．Malfour，lkallantyac，ligg－ gar，Ibishop，likeanal，Hyth，Ironson，Cliamli． crlain，Clishodm，F．F．Claike，ITorento，II． 8．（\％arke，（Torcato，）Clarke，（Wellington，） Cinnnce，Craig．Creighton，Crues，Dr： liryilen，Fivanturel．Fell，Ferguson，Fiedn，
 （ll：ron，）Gilmmar，（：onld．Guthric，Hanmell， Hlarcourt，Heas．Hilliani．Iugran，Kems， L．ces，（lanark），L．eys，（Tnronto．）Mack，Marter， Master，Meacham，Meredith，Metcalfe，Miller， Munck，Nurgan，Morin，Murray；，Mcking；，Me， Ianghlin，Mediahon，Diarn．U＇Comur，Us． trom，lianlec，liselas，Ireaton，liaysilic，Jin． billiand，liuse，（llitron．）Suiler，Stexint． Etrateons，Texiley，ilinhlitich，Willoughby， Wilmus，Wiont，（lirant）．Wimel（Ifastings）． and Wylic．Nine members of the Committee firm a тูomas．

## The Railway Service.

Ir is stated that the general freight agent's oflice of the Michison Central will be temoved from Chicago to Detroit.

Ches total ear equipment of the Callada Southem Division of the Michigan Centmal is $\because, 440$ cars.

Tut: Hechly Telemupher says:-it would to a lappy day for the telestaphic featernity if every railway eompany in Interica would unite in the recrece that no man addiet. ed to the use of intoxicating liguors eouh be employed upm their line of road.

Tus: Railscuty Aus s:ys :-The miluays of the United States now constitute one of the effective temperance organizations in ex. istence. l'ractionlly they ancomaze. ann most of the companics reguire abotinence from intexicating lisuors on the part of their fi(n), ono or more emplogees. A great and gtatifying elange in sentiment as well as in practice on this subject has taken place annong miluat oficers and men within a few years. It is : comparatively short time since to le a mailway man was considered almost equivalent to ho ing atrinking man, and the ollicer or em. ployee who refusel to drink waty hardly eonsidered adapted for his profession. All this is happily changers.

Braon: the Dominion elections the follonsing circular was issued hy the (ieneral Minager of the (irami Trunk lailway:-(:omplaints are retching me of some of the Compuny's agents and others in the service. interfering actively in the elections now in progress throughout the conntry. I ilesire to remind the statr that it is contrary to the Com. jman's regnlations for any one in its cimploy. ment to cugage in cantissing on in the werk of intluencing votes in faror of any political camibilate, and the penalty for disregariling this regulation is dismissal from the service. It is my wish that cecry one who is entitled th vote should le allowed the opportunity of exercising that right where such can lee ilone consistently with the proper performance of his rluty to the Compraty:
A. American cxchange has the fullowing:The Canadian Pacific Jailway Compony is an enterprising and progressive voncern. lis mabagement is in competent hamis. and mu opportunity is omitted to till its manks with the most experienced amiable men to lef fomm. Heeently it has ireen crussiug over the line, anl cnlisting some of our brighteat railrmalers in its service. It tomk George Olds from the Missouri l'acitic, and made him its (iencral Trathic Manager: then it wanted a l'assenger Trattic Manager. and fonnellim in Joncins Tuttle, of the Ioston iv Lowell : now it has tilled the positinn of (ieneral Faxtern Freight and lassenger dgent, at New lork, ly ap pointing 1:. V. Skinucr, of the West Shore Mailread. The Camadian l'acilic is to be cem. plimented upou having sicured three such ef. sicicut nflicials.
 Order of Rnilw... Telegraphers hats a sound and thoughtful article under the sughestive heading " l'ulling out in the Spring." The article refers to the temieney on the part of young telegraphers to wante their carlier yea:s in ".bamping." The Trlamaphors:ys: - Many operatons hecome posseased with a wild infatnation to see more of the wohld. to measure sumds as it were with the lightning jerkers away from home, and think that if they cam hohl down their jolss just through the winter, in the spring they will pull ont. When springe comes away they oo. work here and there, just enough to cam a living and biny a few clothes, matil winter conces, when they will try and pull in until spring. This is usually done alont thee at four years, when the vietim will just begin to realize that that much of his goung life has lecen wasted. Those precions years in whid he conld have fitted hinnelf for the disputcher"s or eren the superintentents chair, are gome, never again to retun. Those golien days are gone forever-wasted. Tomby brethern, you who have lmajant hopes, or bright witicipations of some day shininu in the firmament of telographic planta. lopp your rambling ide:s, gour thonghts of pulling out in the sprins. and get down to this hasiness serimesly:

## Mechanical.

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It is clamed that a new syisten of lizhiani cars lyy electicity, tested on the lhastom :mal
 tical and sucecessin.

Mi:. Frask I:. Pon:tri, m:unager of the Detroit Flectrical Works, it is clamed, hatx: new clectrical mutor of his own invention which will Iraw light trains with great speced and at low cast.

A Mosi: the Americat patents recently insued to Canalians, as reported ly Messrs. Whittlescy anml liright, l'atent Atorncys, $62+\mathrm{F}$ strect. Washiagtom, ix one we licorge llaves, Wimiju:s, for:acar seat, anilume tos lill, of Allison.a device fur ularating train switeles.
TH: Canadian lateitic Co. las notitied the corgorition of Montreal of their intention to huith workshope in the city to crost $\mathrm{ESOO}, 000$ : and the city cotucil ayeral to assess the land and buildings at Sl로,(00) on comlition that the comphay cuploy in the workshopsut less than: 000 hamis.

Actint: ミecretary Fairchilh has issuch a circular to censtructors of passeliger carn and atcamisates and other jersmis, thronghout the United Statere inviting sugesestinus as to the best methois of builiniog milman cars and stean vescls, and lieating the sume so as to pretent loss of life and property by tire. Cirrrespmulents are requestel to send sketches or drawings af their lesigus when practicalic. 1
Tur: Cor and Tomomotive Ihnibiov speaks thus of an immoriant Canodian inclustry : The Canalian locomutive and Fingine Company, Kingston, Ont., are leing a yoenl hasis. ness in locomotive building. Mr. F. D. Child, so Well known in the United States as super-
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