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GRAND TRUNK'S REPLY TO C.P.R.

Doesn't Know of Rate War, But When it Does—

C. P. R. INVITED TROUBLE.

Grand Trunk Ready and Able to Defend Itself;

THE C. P. R. MAKES A STATEMENT

In Which it Puts all the Blame on the Western Railroads.

The Grand Trunk Railway has not yet taken any definite action in the rate war which has been inaugurated by the C.P.R. circular ordering a cut in all trans-continental business along its line.

The following interview by a Herald representative with Mr. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway System, will explain why this is so. When asked what move the Grand Trunk were making in the present rate war, Mr. Reeve replied:

"We of the Grand Trunk have no idea that there is going to be any rate war."

"But since the Canadian Pacific has cut the trans-continental rate, will your line not take means to protect its own business?"

"Of course we shall," replied Mr. Reeve. "We are entitled to a fair share of Klondike business, and if we have not made any apparent movement yet, you may be sure we are watching developments."

"But are further developments necessary, in view of the large cut made by the Canadian Pacific?"

"We do not find any large quantity of business has been yet attracted to the Canadian Pacific Railway on account of that having abolished the established trans-continental rate. We have not seen much to warrant us losing any sleep over the state of affairs," said Mr. Reeve with a smile.

"Then they are particular considerations which make it necessary for the Grand Trunk to delay taking any action at present?"

"We are here, you must understand," responded Mr. Reeve, "to protect the interests of the proprietors of this railway, and not to thoughtlessly throw away money for the mere aggrandizement of our official positions."

"But are you not co-operating with the Northern Pacific and Great Northern in their cut to meet the C.P.R. cut?"

"I understand that both the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, through their agents now operating in Canada, are quoting rates which are practically equivalent to those rates now being quoted by the Canadian Pacific. These lines, with which we connect, up to the present time are paying us our usual local fare. But it stands to reason that if the situation grows worse, these lines will ask the Grand Trunk to participate in the protection of trans-continental business. When that time comes we shall consider what steps we shall take. But we do not intend to anticipate trouble or meet it half way."

"Then you refuse to even recognize such a thing as this so-called rate war?"

"What you call this rate war," said Mr. Reeve, "is a rather amusing little one-sided fight carried on ridiculously by the Canadian Pacific itself. It is really fighting against itself. But you may be sure that as soon as its actions materially affect the Grand Trunk that line will take the proper means of protecting itself."

Difficulties of Taking Action.

"It must be remembered that the Grand Trunk is not one line system. Before it can take any action in the present rate war it falls not only under the jurisdiction of roads with which it connects. Besides this it falls not only under the jurisdiction of the American Traffic Association, but has also to consider the wishes of a board of directors in London. These considerations may explain the G.T.R.'s present attitude of passivity. It is expected, however, that some startling developments will take place to-morrow or sometime early in the week.

In the meantime the entire trouble will now hinge on the conference which will take place this afternoon or to-morrow between the committee which arrived in Montreal this morning and the Canadian Pacific officials. This committee, comprised of Mr. Daniels, of the New York Central; Mr. Roberts, of the Erie Road, and Mr. McCormick, of the Big Four, has been sent to Montreal by the Joint Traffic Association to attempt to reach some satisfactory solution of the present rate difficulty. There seems to be little hope, however, of a settlement.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN AND THE ENCYCLICAL.

Education Without Definite Religious Principles a Failure, He Says.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 21.—In his Lenten pastoral, read in the Roman Catholic churches of his diocese yesterday, Archbishop O'Brien referred as follows to the Papal encyclical on the school question: "Our Holy Father, the Pope, has recently told us in his encyclical that the bishops of Canada, that 'purely scientific instruction,' and 'rational and superficial notions of virtue' are not sufficient to form good Christians

THE C.P.R. PUTS BLAME ON RIVALS.

Mr. Shaughnessy Makes a Statement

REGARDING THE RATE WAR.

He Says the C.P.R. Has Been Forced to Cut Rates

The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued the following explanatory statement, showing what reasons it had for taking its present attitude in the rate war now going on.

"For years past, by arrangement with its competitors for Pacific Coast passenger business, the Canadian Pacific has been authorized to quote lower rates by its main line via Port Arthur, than those in force by way of the other trans-continental lines, the difference being \$7.50 on first-class tickets, and \$5 on second class tickets.

"These are known in the railway world as differentials, and in this case they are accorded to the Canadian Pacific route not only on Pacific Coast business proper, but on business to points beyond, reached through Pacific Coast gateways, excepting trans-Pacific points.

"Some weeks ago, when the Klondike business commenced to move, and when it was anticipated that a large number of passengers would be offering the western lines in the United States, with the co-operation of the Grand Trunk and other eastern lines, and without the concurrence of the Canadian Pacific, disregarded the differentials that had been in force, and openly quoted the same rates to and from Pacific Coast points, as those quoted by the Canadian line. Indeed, in their anxiety to secure as large a percentage of this business as possible, tariffs were ignored, and tickets sold practically at any price that might be necessary to secure the passengers.

"As an illustration, in the early part of January, agents of the Canadian Pacific Company purchased second-class tickets from several points in the East to Pacific Coast points, reading via the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines, at rates ranging from \$15.25 to \$21.85 below tariff, and the movement, which, in the first place, was in the nature of a concerted attack on the Canadian Pacific traffic, resulted in a war of rates between the western United States lines constituting the combination referred to.

"When it was found that the same dishonest methods that had been adopted for the purpose of diverting traffic from the C.P.R. were being used in a more aggravated form by the western lines against each other, it was decided to hold a meeting to send a representative to agree upon and equalize rates. The Canadian Pacific replied that under existing conditions their representation at a meeting would be of no avail, and at the same time suggested that the companies responsible for the demoralization of rates in the first place restore their tariffs, when the Canadian Pacific would be glad to agree upon and equalize rates. The Canadian Pacific replied that under existing conditions their representation at a meeting would be of no avail, and at the same time suggested that the companies responsible for the demoralization of rates in the first place restore their tariffs, when the Canadian Pacific would be glad to agree upon and equalize rates.

"The Canadian Pacific has pursued a most conservative policy, holding aloof from the insane scramble and standing practically alone in its efforts to bring the delinquents to their senses.

"Finding that it was hopeless, and that the rate situation of the western lines was growing worse day by day, the Canadian Pacific, having observed the requirements of law, which had been quite ignored by its competitors, filed a schedule of passenger rates, to take effect February 19th, making its published tariff rates as low as far as it knows, as the lowest that had been secretly given by any of the other routes; and it contemplates a continuation of this practice of filing and publishing as its open tariff the very lowest rates that may be justified by the action of the other lines or any of them.

"The Canadian Pacific, with its own line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, has a larger interest at stake than any of the lines forming links in the other trans-continental systems, and for the same reason it is in a better position to take such strong measures as may be necessary for the protection of its traffic, without substantial sacrifice of revenue. It does not aim to deprive its neighbors of business legitimately theirs; but it will not remain passive and permit those neighbors to steal its traffic or reduce its revenue by improper and unbusinesslike methods. The Canadian Pacific deplores the necessity for radical measures in an endeavor to bring about a better condition of things, but its friends need not have any fear of the result, financially or otherwise."

Steamship Lines Take a Hand.

New York, Feb. 21.—Several important meetings were held in this city Saturday morning between the Western railway passenger agents and the agents of important steamship lines to this port.

The agents of the steamship lines hesitatingly sided with the American representatives and agreed to aid them in the battle against the Canadian Pacific. The Western passenger agents who attended the meetings were—B. D. Caldwell, chairman of the Western Passenger Association;

C. S. Fee, general passenger agent Northern Pacific; W. F. White, passenger traffic manager Atchafalpa, Topeka & Santa Fe; John Sebastian, general passenger agent Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; H. C. Townsend, Missouri Pacific, and P. S. East, general passenger agent Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

Saturday afternoon a meeting was held with the representatives of the lines running out of New York to the west and north. The situation was thoroughly discussed, and at times the debate among the representatives of the various lines was extremely lively. The result of the meeting was that D. J. Roberts, general passenger agent of the Erie, George Daniels, general passenger agent of the New York Central, and E. C. McCormick, passenger traffic manager of the C.G.C. & St. Louis, were appointed by Commissioner Farmer, of the Trunk Line Association, as a committee to go to Montreal to discuss with the officials of the Canadian Pacific the demonstration in passenger rates on North Pacific coast and trans-continental business.

Outs in the West.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Northern Pacific Railroad announces a big cut in passenger rates which became effective Saturday. The rate from Tacoma to St. Paul, Duluth and points in Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba is cut in two. Heretofore the rates to the above points have been \$50 first-class and \$40 second class. The new rates will be \$25 first-class and \$20 second class.

The rates from Tacoma to Chicago are \$81.50 first-class and \$26.50 second class. To points in Ontario and Quebec as far east as Montreal and south of the line of the Grand Trunk Railroad, Port Huron to Montreal, \$40 first-class and \$30 second class. The same rates prevail from the east to Tacoma.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—The railway rate war has extended to Winnipeg as a result of the cut in rates from Montreal and eastern points to North Pacific coast terminals by the Canadian Pacific.

Both the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific have made the passenger rates to the North Pacific from Winnipeg \$25 first-class and \$20 second class. This is a big cut, as the regular rates are \$50 first-class and \$40 second class.

Mr. Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific west of Lake Superior, said: "We concluded that the United States lines were not living up to their agreement. They were cutting rates on every hand, placing their business in the hands of scoundrels, and we concluded to give the people the share that the American lines were giving to scoundrel brokers and cut rates in half."

On the Exchange.

The rate war was again the chief factor on the Stock Exchange this morning, but Pacific shares were surprisingly firm. It is true that they declined something from the opening figure, \$2, but the feeling was steadier than on Saturday, and prices were maintained in the face of a generally depressing list. The closing price this morning was \$14.

TORONTO'S CROWDED STREET BY CARS.

An Injunction to Lessen the Grievance Has Been Refused.

Toronto, February 21.—Mr. Justice Falconbridge on Saturday gave judgment refusing the injunction sought by E. A. MacDonald and Mr. Rundle to prevent the crowding of street cars. He was asked to issue a writ to restrain the operation of the street cars from the opening figure, \$2, but the feeling was steadier than on Saturday, and prices were maintained in the face of a generally depressing list. The closing price this morning was \$14.

Concluding his Lordship said: "I fear that I am unable at this stage to give the necessary directions to carry out such an order, and that the only result would be serious complications, and possibly breaches of the peace. Whatever the rights of the parties may be ascertained to be at the trial of the action, I must be guided here by the facts and circumstances which govern the granting or withholding of an interlocutory injunction, and here I can find no such clear right at law and no such irreparable injury to the plaintiffs, or to those whom they assume to represent, as to justify an immediate interference. Perhaps, before the case comes to trial the city will define its position. I at present do not wish to decide whether any ratepayer, or any person or corporation, other than the city of Toronto, has right to maintain an action of this nature. The contract is with the city, and the city alone. As the matter stands, I have to refuse this application. Costs of the motion are made out in the proceedings to abide the result of the trial."

BRAKEMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Was Dragged Almost a Mile With a Crushed Hand.

Sherbrooke, February 21.—(Special)—A G. T. R. brakeman, named Begun, whose house is in Lewis, fell beneath a freight train between Waterville and Capton, Saturday morning, and his right hand was crushed by the wheel. With his left hand he grasped the beam and was thus dragged into the station, a distance of nearly a mile. He was brought to Sherbrooke and his hand was amputated. His other injuries were not serious.

ANOTHER YUKON STRIKE

This Time on American Creek, 130 Miles From Dawson.

Dawson, N. W. T., Jan. 15.—Via San Francisco, Feb. 21.—News has reached here of a rich strike on American Creek, 130 miles down the Yukon river. Tonight 75 men left Dawson for the new diggings which are on American soil, 25 miles across the boundary line.

HERALD CHAPEL'S OUTING.

The annual drive of The Herald composing room took place on Saturday evening to Knapp's Hotel, Blue Bonnets, Lachine, where the annual dinner took place. About thirty took their seats in the banquet hall, and put in a jolly evening. Mr. J. Wilson occupied the chair. The orators of the evening were Messrs. Busby, Strang, Mahoney, Lyons and Prym. Songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs. Mahoney, Stalker, Busby, Cantwell, Wilson, Strang, Lyons and Walsh. Messrs. Mahoney and Lyons won the cake walk from Messrs. Walsh and Grant.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.

Owing to the length of the programme at the Francais this week, the curtain will rise at 2 and 8 sharp.

ANOTHER OFFER FOR A YUKON ROAD

Will be Made to the Ottawa Government.

IT'S NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

The Object Seems to be to Annoy the Liberals

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 21.—(Special).—There is some talk to-day in political circles of another offer being made to the government from an American-English syndicate for the construction of the railway to the Yukon.

It is said that the offer is in the shape of a letter to the Premier and is in the first place for the building of a road from Pyramid Harbor, along the Dalton Trail to Port Selkirk. The terms are said to be more favorable than any yet published.

Parties who are said to make the offer are Wilson, New York; A. Bratnover, Montreal; A. Onderdonk, Chicago, and others. Mr. Smith, who has been here for the past few weeks, is said to be looking after the matter. It is also said that Mr. Smith will make a proposition to build the Telegraph Creek and Teslin road on better terms than that proposed by the Government to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann.

Mr. Smith is said to be working in conjunction with the Opposition of the House of Commons and his letters and efforts are not taken seriously. He has already circulated the report all over the Dominion that he has made an offer to the Government to build a road to Yukon, but no offer has been received.

Sir Charles Tupper was able to inform the Premier that Mr. Smith had written him the letter referred to a day after it reached Sir Wilfrid Laurier's hands. The offer is evidently made with a view of annoying the Government and playing into the hands of a few Yankee charter managers, who are annoyed that their schemes are east to one side on account of the all-Canadian route.

The Liberals say that if they were found keeping themselves to assist foreigners in attacking a project which was for the object the keeping under Canadian control the gold fields of the Yukon, the Conservative press would be filled with charges of treachery and treason.

St. Clair Ship Canal.

A proposal to guarantee the bonds of the St. Clair and Erie ship canal is being considered by the Government. A deputation of representatives and influential gentlemen from Kent county and the townships of Tilbury East and Tilbury Centre, accompanied by Mr. A. Campbell, M. P. for Kent; Mr. W. McGregor, M. P. for North Essex, and Mr. Gowan, M. P. for South Essex, waited on the Hon. A. G. Blair, a day or two ago, and presented a petition praying that the petition of the St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company, asking for a guarantee of three per cent. interest for twenty years on an issue of \$5,500,000 of bonds, should be granted. The three members and several of the delegates expressed themselves strongly in favour of the petition, showing that the benefits of this canal would be both national and local.

The more important of the points touched upon were the shorter distance between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie by seventy nine miles which would decrease the sailing distance, and thus increase the number of trips in a season; the avoidance of the dangers and delays of the Detroit river route; the lessening of the cost of transport between Port William and Lake Erie, and locally, the effectual drainage over a very large area of fertile land, now only imperfectly drained at a great cost, and the bringing a market, equal to that of a large city, to the very doors of the farmers and gardeners.

Mr. Ogilvie's Son Appointed.

Morley Ogilvie, son of Mr. William Ogilvie, has been appointed to take charge of a party of the Gold Hills Exploration and Development Company of Toronto in the Yukon. The party will be thoroughly equipped for prospecting and locating claims. Hon. J. D. Edgar is president of the company.

Dined With Mr. Tarte.

Hon. J. I. Tarte entertained the following to dinner on Saturday evening: Messrs. Haley, Donville, Russell, Tucker, Douglas, Rutherford, Ellis and E. V. Bodwell, Victoria, B.C.; Duncan Ross, Boundary Creek, B.C.; and A. J. Magurn and W. Mackenzie.

MR. AND MRS. ALLAN LEGALLY SEPARATED.

And Mr. Allan Will Pay \$55 a Week to His Wife.

Judge Mathieu this morning pronounced a decree of separation between Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allan, on the ground of ill-treatment, and ordered Mr. Allan to pay Mrs. Allan an alimentary allowance of \$55 per month.

CANAL ACCIDENT.

S. Chambers Badly Jammed at Coteau du Lac on Saturday.

Stone House View, via Coteau du Lac, Feb. 21.—(Special).—An accident happened here on Saturday afternoon on Mr. Underdonk's canal section by which Mr. S. Chambers was jammed between a stone and a car. His injuries are not likely to prove fatal, but are very painful. He was to be taken to the hospital this morning, but the storm has rendered the roads impassable. The mail had to be transferred from Cedars and Coteau du Lac to the railway stations by carriers on snow, as traffic by sleigh is impossible.

A NEW FENCE COMPANY.

The St. Lawrence Anchor Fence Co., with a capital of \$20,000 has been incorporated by letters patent. The parties are Messrs. George Frederick Benson, David W. Campbell, William Laurie Chipchase, George J. Crowdy, William Ewing, Paul Galibert, John Lonsdale Gilmour, Edward Kirk Greene, Jr., George W. Lovejoy, Frederick Gold Lyman, and Hon. Alfred A. Thibault, of Montreal; William A. Dickson, Longue Pointe; John M. Elder, Westmount.

A NEW PULP AND PAPER CO.

Messrs. E. Goff Penny, Robert Archer, William Strachan, William Currie, and Robert Law, are applying for incorporation as the Jacques Cartier Pulp and Paper Co. Capital, \$50,000.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE CONCERT.

A concert will be given to-morrow night by the pupils of St. Mary's College in their large hall in Bleury street. The plays to be given are "Doctor Oscar," and "Le Cebire Vierge."

NAT GOODWIN WEDDED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, and Miss Maxine Elliott, the leading lady of his company, were married in this city last Saturday.

THE GOVERNMENT GAVE CITY \$500,000

By a New Klondike Bond Regulation.

THE CONTRACTS AWARDED.

A Tribute to the Government from a Business Man.

If the Canadian Government had not acted promptly Canadian merchants and manufacturers would have lost the sale of \$500,000 worth of woollens, clothing, hardware, canned goods, drugs, vegetables, etc.

As it is, the work of purchasing goes merrily along. On February 2, The Herald told of the arrival of Mr. L. A. Phillips, the purchasing agent of the Alaska Exploration Company, whose headquarters are at San Francisco. As was then stated Mr. Phillips' mission was to purchase supplies for the gold fields, and as the Rothschilds are deeply interested in the company Mr. Phillips' orders were to buy all he could in Canada, everything being equal.

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McFarlane and Hodgson, stationery of all kinds.

McClary Manufacturing Company (Montreal office), stoves.

Lockyer Brothers, tea, coffees and groceries in general.

J. W. Morris, tinware.

Thomas Davidson, tinware of every description.

Dominion Woollen Mills, blankets.

Gault Bros., dry goods of every description.

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J. A. Taylor, condensed milk.

Davis, Lawrence & Co., drugs.

Lyman Sons, drugs.

Evans and Sons, drugs.

Wells & Richardson, a large order for lactated food.

W. Clark, canned meats.

The Laing Meat Packing company, one of the biggest ever given in Montreal with a rider that the company will take all the firm's turnover up to May 1.

Canada Paper Company.

Skelton Brothers, shirts.

There are an immense number of orders to be given yet. For instance: Boots and shoes, wines, liquors and cigars, etc. In addition to the orders just referred to, manufacturers in the following places have been given good contracts.

Hamilton, Belleville, Halifax, Windsor, Quebec, Fredericton, N.B., and Baldwin Mills and Toronto.

The hardware order will be a very big one but Mr. Phillips will not close until he has had a chance to compare figures. He has only five days in which to complete his work in Canada but negotiations are so well advanced that he will have little or no trouble. Mr. Phillips speaks in the highest terms of Montrealers and Canadians in general. He says there propositions are well planned on business principles and that honest dealing was always on the face of any negotiations.

Mr. Phillips leaves on Sunday night next for New York.

WEATHER CLEARING.

Probabilities:—High easterly to northerly winds; snow storm to-day; clearing during the night; moderately cold.

Minimum temperatures:—Kamloops, 30; Calgary, 4 below; Qu'Appelle, 12 below; Winnipeg, 10 below; Port Arthur, 2 below; Parry Sound, 10; Toronto, 24; Ottawa, 20; Montreal, 16; Quebec, 14; Halifax, 16.

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LT.-COL. HUGHES GIVES HIS SUPPORT

To the Ottawa Government's
Yukon Railway Bill.

THE MEMBER FOR HALIFAX

Makes an Erudite Speech on the
International Aspect.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special).—The first week of the debate on the Yukon Railway Bill, which was held in a dull and quiet way last night, there were two notable speeches made. The first was that of the member for Halifax, Mr. Hughes, who supported the Government's Yukon policy in a frank, decisive fashion.

The other was delivered by a high authority on international law, Mr. Russell, who, as a member of the House, is well known to the public. He believes that the treaty made between Great Britain and Russia is still the only basis for international right, and the only basis for the free navigation of the St. Lawrence River. He pointed out that the treaty of 1871, which gave the British the right to navigate the river, was a very important one, and that it was the only one of its kind in the world.

On the orders of the day, Sir Charles Tupper referred to Mr. Hughes' speech of the previous evening, and his statement in regard to the construction of the canal, and the matter of end sections, and his own desire to see a provision compelling the majority of the directors to be British subjects. He asked that the Government place a notice on the order paper of any changes they might desire to make in committee.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that the Government was glad to receive any suggestions from the public, and that he would be glad to see the details of the bill, and that he would be glad to see the details of the bill, and that he would be glad to see the details of the bill.

Dredging Licenses.

Mr. Davin stated that it was common talk in town that a number of dredging licenses had been issued, and that large banking transactions were taking place on them. He asked the Government to issue a public notice, advising of it, and giving the opportunity to apply. Why was the Government blinding the people?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"There is nothing at all blind about the matter. The mining regulations have been published, and everyone can take advantage of them. Everyone can make application for a dredging license, and if they apply according to the regulations the Government cannot refuse them. If any banking transactions are taking place that is a matter which the Government has nothing to do with, I repeat that there is no blinding of the public, nor is the Government going blindly."

Hughes Satisfied.

Major Sam Hughes (North Victoria) summed up the debate from the Opposition benches. He rose amid absolute silence from his own side of the House, but after a few seconds' pause he got a hearty hand-clasp from the Government side. The gallant Major said that he felt himself in an embarrassing position, as he felt it his duty to go against his leaders and vote for the Government. While this was an unusual position, the only fault he had to find with it was that it did not stand from a Canadian point of view, and thus gave a vote entirely on Canadian soil. Reckless men from all parts of the world would gather in that country, and it might some day be necessary to send in troops to keep order, when a route entirely on Canadian soil would be a great boon.

Major Hughes devoted ten minutes to answering the objections of his Conservative friends to the bill. He trusted the Government to fix the rates of toll, and had no fear but that they would fix them fairly for the railway and travellers both. Of the "monopoly" clause, he declared that no Canadian business men, politicians, or patriots would object to the bill, because the Government reserved the right to build the extension of the road to the Canadian coast. There had been a great cry against the land grant, but it only amounted to one block in twenty-six, and he had no doubt that the contractors would have preferred to get 5,000 square miles in one block wherever they selected over the whole country. Time was the essence of the whole matter, and the Government was to be commended for its prompt action on the question of the extension in Alaska. The United States had amended, and the duties which had existed would no longer present themselves.

Another objection made was that tenders were not called for. Members on that side seemed to forget that the history of the Conservative party was that tenders were never called for in reference to public lands when given as a bonus for railway construction. In that as well as in other points, the policy of the Liberal Conservative party, as led by Sir John A. Macdonald, had been followed by the present Liberal Government. It was said that this was a surrender to foreigners by the Government, but exactly the reverse was the truth, as the Government had refused to let foreigners in advance of Canadians to the benefits of the Yukon trade.

He was glad that the Government had

not descended to a policy too often adopted on their side of pointing out the weakness of Canada's case when anything of an international character came up, especially if it concerned the United States. As a rule in this debate, Conservative speakers had been loyal to the nation and had not pointed out the weakness, if any, of the Canadian case.

"There have been one or two notable exceptions," remarked Sir Louis Davies.

Canada has the Whip Hand.

Major Hughes, like other gentlemen who endorse the bill, has been on the Coast, and is familiar with local conditions. Taking up the question of transshipment at Fort Wrangel he showed that even if the United States Government should refuse to allow transshipment of passengers and cargo at Wrangel, or make embarrassing regulations, Canada had an available route. He had been informed in Vancouver that navigation by the Portland Canal from Port Simpson to Wrangel and the mouth of the Stikine was perfectly practicable for 600 days out of every 1,000, for small row-boats and canoes. The route was as sheltered as the Gulf of Georgia, if not more so. It would be quite an easy matter to transship at Simpson and then proceed onward by Telegraph Creek, or the difficultly could be overcome by building a railway from Alice Arm, thus building up another Canadian town, where Canadians could do business with the miners along that shore.

Another contention of the Opposition was that the Government should have built the line itself. If the Government had done so, for one, would have opposed them most strenuously, and he had not the slightest doubt that the British subjects would have been even louder in condemnation of that policy than they were of the land grant. (Liberal cheers.) Speaking of the land grant, Major Hughes remarked that railway companies in the North-West had found much of their grants did not turn out to their expectations, although in a rich arable country. He believed that the contractors in this case would have the same experience, and that their expectations would not all be realized.

The hon. member expressed his belief that the Government could not collect a cent of toll, royalty on the gold mined by free miners, as the law was too large and would foster deception and robbery. He suggested to the Government that they should reduce the percentage materially. While Major Hughes pointed out how difficulties at Wrangel could be overcome he expressed his own convictions that the route would always be open to vessels, whether British or American, for commercial purposes. He brought out an important point which has not before been noticed, and that is that the wagon road will always be open for travel, winter and summer; that the company will not control it at all.

Work for Canadians.

A fact which gave Major Hughes great pleasure was that the contract had been given to Mann and Mackenzie, Canadian gentlemen, whose names alone were a guarantee that the contract would be carried out in good faith; men whose policy always had been to give Canadian workmen the preference on their contracts.

"Some Conservatives," said Major Hughes, "have not read the contract, but have been carried away by the headlines in their papers. (Liberal cheers.) Some think they see in the position of Sir Charles Tupper on the question an opportunity to take his political head off. I hope he will long be spared to display to the House and the country the physical and intellectual vigor he has shown, this session, and if he is to fall I trust he will fall in a different way from that of a politician, as he uttered the words the gallant major drew his hand dramatically across his throat.

In conclusion he expressed the wish that no time should be wasted in further discussing the question, and no factious opposition would be shown to the measure.

Wanted to Read Him Out.

Mr. Casgrain (Montmorency), who followed, suggested that Major Hughes should be read him out. He thought that the member from North Victoria would advance grave reasons for his attitude on this measure, but he had not found anything in the hon. gentleman's speech nor any arguments strong enough to warrant anyone on that side voting against his party. The Minister of the Interior was praised for having a brief well-prepared and well-presented speech, but as the member from North Victoria were any arguments in that speech either. But Mr. Sifton's reference to Sir Charles Tupper and to the late Sir John Macdonald vexed Mr. Casgrain's soul more than anything else and he said so. Coming to the subject of the bill Mr. Casgrain went over the same ground exactly as his leader, in opposing it. The only new objection he made was to raise in regard to the guarantee that no guarantee had been given to build anything but the railway. There was nothing to compel the contractors to carry out the construction of the wagon road or to supply the link between Teslin and Dawson City by the navigation of the Hootalinqua.

M. Russell of Halifax.

Mr. Russell, the erudite member for Halifax, who is conceded to be an authority on questions of international law, discussed the contents of the bill. He said that Mr. Casgrain as to the rights of Canada and the United States on the Alaskan frontier. He addressed himself to the consideration of the question whether the rights of navigation of rivers Yukon, Porcupine and the Stikine conceded by Russia to the subjects of Great Britain did or did not remain intact until the time when they were surrendered, if they were surrendered, by the negotiations at Washington in 1871. Anything he said, that could be done to surrender them was done at that time through recklessness and ignorance. He was inclined to think, though he was not absolutely certain on the point as he would like to be, that the rights accorded to Great Britain by the treaty with Russia still remain intact, and still can be insisted upon. If there was any question of doubt it was raised by the reckless surrender of those rights by Sir John Macdonald at the time the Washington treaty was negotiated. But it was arguable that the Washington treaty did not abrogate the terms of the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1825, guaranteeing these rights of navigation. Resuming after a short interval, Professor Russell turned to Mr. Hughes' statement of the Canadian despatch in 1877, and read that gentleman's reference to it and then the actual despatch as published in the journals. There was a small and important word omitted in the former, Mr. Russell pointed it out, which entirely changed the drift of the paragraph quoted. Mr. Haggart had based on this the argument that Canada's rights in the Stikine depend on the Washington treaty. The despatch had reference to the right to convey a prisoner, one Peter Martin, down the Stikine river and through Alaskan territory, on the way to jail in British Columbia. What Peter did in the frozen north does not appear, but whether he stole oranges or used a gun too freely the United States Government demanded his release. Lord Carnarvon's despatch laid down the ruling

that the unauthorized conveyance of the prisoner through foreign territory, even if not a subject of the foreign power, was illegal, and that his liberation could be demanded.

The despatch continued: "Being of opinion that the rights of free navigation now depend upon the 26th article of the treaty of Washington, which expressly states the navigation to be open for the purposes of commerce, Her Majesty's Government is of opinion that a prisoner cannot lawfully be conveyed through Alaska."

The use of the word now here, which Mr. Haggart had ignored, Mr. Russell said showed that the English law officers considered that there was a difference in the rights of British subjects prior to 1877. For by Article 6 of the convention of St. Petersburg, it was understood that British subjects had unrestricted rights to free navigation on all rivers for every purpose whatever.

Davin Asks a Question.

Mr. Davin wanted to know if it was not possible that instead of being limited by the subsequent treaty, our rights had been made wider.

Mr. Russell—if any one can show me that it is an extension of our privileges to strike out the words all rivers and insert the names of three rivers, and take out the words for every purpose, I shall be delighted and absolutely transfixed with joy.

Continuing, the honorable gentleman said Canada had put a weapon into the hands of her enemies by Article 26, by practically placing an admission in that Article 6, the original treaty, was no longer in force, an admission which, the Americans chose to strain it, might imply that the article had never been in force. Looking at the case from the premise that Canada had to depend on Section 26 of the Washington treaty, Mr. Russell made a very strong point. There was a very high American authority, he said, who believed that we need fear no unreasonable, obstructive, or destructive regulations in gaining access to the Stikine River. This was Caleb Cushing, who was thoroughly acquainted with the subject, and had written a book on it, and who represented the United States at the convention of Geneva. That jurist said: "Regulations which are to be no invasion of the belief that we need fear no unreasonable, obstructive, or destructive regulations in gaining access to the Stikine River. 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THE RATE WAR.

The official declaration by the C.P.R. and other Pacific Coast lines of great reductions in their through rates may be looked upon as putting an end to all doubt about the volume of business to be evolved by the gold discoveries in the Yukon district. The amount of attention given to the Klondike by the railway companies, whose managements have exceptional facilities for learning the state of public opinion all over the world, shows clearly that we are on the eve of a gigantic movement of population that will probably eclipse all other gold rushes the world has ever known. It is to be remembered that this time the facilities for reaching the gold fields are better than they have been in the past. There is railway and steamboat communication right up to the gold hills, and by the end of a few months this service will be yet further improved. There is no long voyage round the Horn, no tedious journey in ox-wagons across the continent as happened in the California rush. There is every facility to transport passengers from any part of the world to the gold fields in the space of a month, or so. And the transportation companies have satisfied themselves that a rush is certain.

According to the published statement of the C.P.R. the prospects of business have been great enough to induce American railway combinations to depart from their custom of allowing the Canadian road to carry passengers at a slightly lower through rate. They modified the C.P.R. that for the future they proposed not to be placed at a disadvantage in this respect. Then began competition not only as between the American lines and the C.P.R., but among these lines as against one another. The C.P.R. has brought matters to a climax by cutting its rates in two, the Northern Pacific has followed suit and the war of rates, which has heretofore been carried on by evading regular schedules is now officially declared to be in progress. Where it will end there is no telling. The Atlantic steamship lines are apparently engaged in it, and no doubt there will be all sorts of steamship arrangements on the Pacific Coast. Railway stocks have rapidly declined in response to the scare, C.P.R. having fallen ten points below its highest recent mark. It would not be surprising if these official declarations induced yet larger numbers to visit the Klondike, as a difference of from fifty to a hundred dollars in the matter of cost might very well induce some to take the chances of finding gold who otherwise could not see their way to doing so.

Whatever the effect upon the value of railway property there can be no doubt whatever as to the meaning of these occurrences to the general business of the country. The New York Bankers' Magazine estimates that as soon as spring comes at least "a hundred million dollars will be seeking investment in the search for gold. This is very nearly as great a sum as was expended during the first year of the Civil War, and will be more than would be put into supplies, etc., if there should be a war with Spain. The cost of the war of 1812 did not exceed eighty millions, and that of the Mexican war sixty millions of dollars. To carry resources of civilization into the barren regions of Alaska, where the country itself can be depended on to produce little or nothing, will be very much in the nature of a war in the absolute consumption and destruction of vast quantities of products. These must be made good, and it is easily to foresee that a great stimulus will be given to many classes of manufactures that will be felt as a benefit in all parts of the United States."

We venture to assert that, inasmuch as these gold diggings are largely in Canadian territory, the proportion of advantage accruing to Canada from the expenditure of this hundred millions ought to be, and will be, more per head of population than that derived by the United States. It will be Canada's own fault if this is not the case. The Government has ensured the expenditure of nearly four millions to begin with on a railway altogether in Canadian territory, and it will be strange, indeed, if Canadian merchants do not do their part in capturing all that is possible of the trade in outfits and supplies. The Canadian transcontinental railway has shown that it is quite capable of defending its own interests. Canadian merchants may be expected to imitate the example with success.

ENTRY BY LYNN INLET.

The weakness of the Opposition case against the Klondike railway contract is very well indicated by the lack of agreement on the principal essential features of the contract. In his reply to Hon. Mr. Haggart, Hon. Mr. Fisher devoted considerable attention to one important phase of this lack of cohesion. The ex-Minister of Railways had gone so far in his reckless denunciation of the contract as to advocate the construction of a railway by the Dalton Trail route, beginning at Pyramid Harbor, in territory now held by the United States, over the Chilkoot Pass and thence overland to Fort Selkirk. Of course such a plan must be condemned, as not

ensuring to Canada a sufficient means of access to the Klondike under certain contingencies. So long as the United States chose to be agreeable, and so long as everything went smoothly in the mining territory the road might suit the purpose well enough, but in time of trouble it would be utterly useless to the Canadian Government, because by controlling the ocean terminus the United States would have a powerful lever for securing such advantages as they might desire, and because in time of trouble the Canadian Government would have no independent means of getting troops and police into the country. Both these disadvantages, it is true, apply at present to the Stickeen route, but there is the all important difference that the Stickeen route admits of being quickly pushed to a Canadian ocean port in case of necessity; whereas no railway starting from Lynn Inlet affords any such opportunity. The choice of the Stickeen route therefore, simply means that in any negotiations which may take place hereafter between the two countries the Canadian Government will have control of the natural advantages of the situation, instead of being, as they would be if the railway started at Lynn Inlet, pretty much at the mercy of the United States.

This was the point insisted upon by Mr. Fisher, as it has been urged by all the Liberal speakers, and by Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Haggart, whether to show his independence of his nominal leader or because he does not properly appreciate the difficulties of the situation, expresses his preference for the Lynn Inlet route. It is safe to say he will not find in the House a corporal's guard to take the same view. Hon. Mr. Fisher also showed by reference to the terms of the contract, that the possibilities of the contractors reaping undue advantage, to the exclusion of other miners, are very remote indeed, and that the Government has by every means in its power restricted these opportunities. There had to be land grants in order to make the Klondike pay for the road without cost to the people of Canada, but the arbitrary direction of the lines bounding the contractors' selection, the size of the blocks, and the reserve by the Government of alternate sections prevent any possibility of monopoly, while still leaving the contractors a fair chance to recoup themselves for the risk of their outlay. Mr. Fisher closed an exceedingly able argument by a succinct review of the whole transaction. "The points I wish to emphasize," he said "were that the Government of Canada look to make this an all-Canadian route. We take that as a principle necessary to be maintained and made the essence of the contract. Honorable gentlemen opposite, whatever they may have insinuated, have not yet dared to say that their party is against that feature of the contract. The next thing we have maintained as a principle and in the essence of the contract is that the Klondike shall pay for the Klondike, that the people of Eastern Canada—farmers, shopkeepers, and wage-earners—should not have placed on their shoulders an additional burden of debt in consequence of the building of this road. These two things are sufficient to recommend this contract to the people and the House."

These are, when all is said, the conditions that must govern the construction of any Klondike railway. Time will certainly justify the action the Government has taken.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Klondike will pay for the Klondike Railway.

Business men approve of the Klondike Railway contract. Only politicians oppose it.

Wars of all kinds are bad for stocks. The Maine explosion cost twenty-five millions, and the railway rate war will cost a few millions more in the same way before it is over.

The Klondike Railway has failed as an Opposition issue in Ontario. The Conservatives have now returned to their old charge that Hardy is in alliance with Laurier and Tarte.

According to recent reports, nearly all Canadian factories are working overtime. They would soon stop that if Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Haggart succeeded in killing the Klondike Railway bill.

It was erroneously stated in Saturday's paper that the letter from Lord Tennyson, there published, was sent to Sir William Dawson. It should have been Mr. S. E. Dawson, Queen's Printer, Ottawa.

It is said that Vancouver goods are mostly bought in the United States. In view of the great activity among Canadian manufacturers in the East this can hardly be credited. If true, it ought not to continue.

The Ontario election campaign is entering upon its last week, and the Opposition have as yet produced no evidence of wrong-doing on the part of the Hardy Government and its predecessors, although there is a record of twenty-seven years to scrutinize.

The almost universal experience has been that gold-mining in the early stages has not produced more than was spent in getting it. That does not affect Canadian manufacturers very much just at present, however, for what they are concerned with is not the gold taken out, but the money spent in getting it out, and there is every likelihood that that sum will be very large.

In the excellent Ottawa correspondence of the Toronto Globe it is pointed out that the changes in the Yukon Railway Bill promised by the Government in response to Opposition criticisms are that the majority of the directors of the railway shall be British subjects, that the line must be operated as well as built by the company to secure the grant, and that the reservation of alternate sections to the Government shall apply in the case of extensions as well as in regard to the original blocks. These changes have been ar-

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Mr. Charles Chappell on the Laws Committee of the A.O.U.F.
The Ancient Forester, the official organ of the subsidiary High Court of Canada, published in its February issue splendid photo pictures of the laws committee elected at the recent annual meeting. The Montreal member of the committee is Mr. Charles Chappell. In its letter press the Forester says:—
"The pleasant face and cheery voice of Bro. Charles Chappell are well known to the delegates of recent High Court meetings. He has always been a strong advocate of the order, and never allows an opportunity to pass without speaking a good word in its behalf. He will, we feel convinced, prove a valuable addition to the laws committee, and with the experience gained in similar societies, he is a source of strength. Bro. Chappell was born in Worcestershire, England, in the year 1860. He came to Canada in 1884, and settled in Montreal, where he has a large and flourishing business; joining Court V. Williams at its institution, April 12th, 1889, he was elected to the office of chief ranger and has been elected to the chair on three different occasions. Bro. Chappell attended the High Court meetings at Toronto, Woodstock, Cobourg and Owen Sound, and at the meeting held at Cobourg, he was elected district chief ranger. In addition to his membership in the Ancient Order, the brother is a past master of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E.R., A.E. & A.M.; a past president of the S.O.E., and a member of Stanley Lodge, A.O.U.W."

LIBERAL CHANCES IN EASTERN ONTARIO.

They Are Growing Brighter Every Day
—Mr. Whitney's Opponent.

Cornwall, Feb. 21.—As the eventful 18th of March draws nearer the prospects of the Liberal party in Eastern Ontario daily grow brighter and the outlook is most encouraging for the Government candidates despite the fact that there are strong independent candidates in the field in both Stormont and Glenora. In the former county Mr. Mulhern has held a large number of meetings and everywhere meets with the utmost enthusiasm and promises of support. He has been assisted on the platform by Dr. McDonald, M.P., Mr. Ethier, M.P., C. Macell, of Montreal, J. A. Chisholm and other local speakers.

Mr. Bennett, the independent candidate, is also putting up a strong fight and his friends are confident of his success. In Glenora, the heartiness of the reception with which Mr. D. C. McRae, the Liberal candidate has been received, has surprised even himself. Mr. McRae is a practical farmer and has had several years' experience in municipal politics, being the present warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glenora. Meetings in Mr. McRae's interest will be held this Monday evening at Dalketh and Glen Sandfield. Tuesday evening at North Lanear; Wednesday evening at Glen Nevis and Glen Robertson; Thursday evening at St. Raphael's and Williamstown, and Friday evening at Tytoon.

In doing old Dundas W. B. Lawson, a young and enterprising lawyer, is giving Mr. Whitney the fight of his life for his own constituency. He has proven himself a good worker, the Liberals are standing by him nobly and his prospects of election are bright. He will hold meetings at Inkerman and South Mountain on Wednesday; Winchester on Friday; Chertsville on Saturday; and at Morewood on Monday, Feb. 28. A grand rally will be held at Morrisburg on Thursday, Feb. 24. J. E. Lister, M.P., of Lambton, is assisting Mr. Lawson.

MUST HAVE PROHIBITION.

Mr. Sol. Cutter says Temperance People Cannot Compromise.

"No compromise is possible and nothing but the complete overthrow of the traffic will satisfy the friends of temperance." These were the words used at St. James Methodist church last night by Mr. Solomon N. Cutter, treasurer of the National Prohibition Federation, in the course of an address on Christian citizenship. Mr. Cutter commenced his discourse by making a feeling allusion to the death of Miss Frances E. Willard. He proceeded to discuss the general question of temperance. The fulminations against the traffic from the Christian pulpit were considered of evil omen by the politicians, and the opinion of the great Methodist church was that no compromise was possible, and nothing but the complete overthrow of the traffic would satisfy the friends of temperance. In the last three years, 28,298 men and women were committed to goal in the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and of this number 21,336 were sent down for drunkenness or crimes associated with it. This, to his mind, sufficient proof that the liquor business had got the people under its control, and was robbing the nation of the only capital worth having, its noble manhood and womanhood.

This was shown at the last municipal election, when a Christian gentleman in St. Lawrence ward was defeated by a man backed up and supported by the alcohol element. The people, by their actions at the polls, showed that they loved to have it so, and as a consequence, there was not a single member of Parliament, with possibly one exception, who was not under the more or less powerful influence of the nefarious traffic in strong drink.

What was needed was Christian citizenship, and it seemed to him that the day was not far distant when the man who did not go to the polls and record a righteous vote should get out of the church.

In no time in the history of the country were good and true men more required in the councils of the nation. The hero was not the man who courted death at the cannon's mouth; the true hero, in time of peace, was the man who remained loyal and incorruptible, as patriotism itself. It was the duty of every citizen to combat the evil of intemperance, which was robbing the country of its best element.

During the last year no less than ten thousand people actually died of starvation, in New York, while \$200,000 was daily taken over the bars of the city. The speaker then concluded his remarks by alluding to the woman's crusade in 1873, and pointed out that in the last twenty-five years twenty billions of dollars was spent by the people in liquor alone.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing a verse of the National Anthem, and the pronunciation of the Benediction by Mr. W. W. Buchanan. At intervals during the meeting some vocal selections were sung by the St. Lawrence Male Quartette.

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Recorder Imposes a Business Tax on the Company.

The appeal of the Can. Pacific Ry. Company from the decision of the city assessors imposing upon them a business tax for a vacant lot used as a place to store coal in Hochelaga Ward, came up on Friday before the Recorder, Mr. R. T. Henery representing the company. The city, through the Clerk of the Court, confessed that the company carried on no business at the place mentioned, but pointed out that because this piece of land was separate from the rest of the company's property, it could not escape the business tax for which the company are assessed upon the whole of their property. If the vacant lot in question was adjoining the rest of the property, it would be included in the general assessment of the company's land and buildings and consequently the company would be bound to pay a business tax upon this part as upon the rest. It was held that the company was liable for this business tax, which amounts to the sum of \$37.50. The case was taken en delibere.

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