

I. G. R. EMPLOYEES

A Frank Statement from Hon. Mr. Fielding

RELATIVE TO GENERAL DEMAND FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

Trackmen to Receive Sub- stantial Raise.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Dec. 19.—Before leaving Moncton last night, Hon. Mr. Fielding, acting minister of railways and canals, authorized the publication in the Transcript of the following statements:

The acting minister stated that there appeared to be an impression along the line of the Intercolonial railway that there was to be an indiscriminate increase of salaries on wages of all classes of workmen.

"This was an impression which he was not at liberty to encourage. He was aware that in recent years of prosperity the cost of living had increased and that workmen might reasonably expect higher wages than were paid a few years ago.

"It was necessary to remember however that wages on the Intercolonial had not of late years been at a stand still, but that in various classes substantial increase had been given.

"This fact as well as others would have to be borne in mind by the workmen. He was quite willing to talk up their individual cases, or, where it could be done, the cases of particular classes of workmen, who felt that they had just cause for complaint. In all cases however the workmen should be prepared to submit to a fair comparison with the rates of wages paid by corporations and private employers for similar classes of labor. They should remember also that wages in private employment fluctuated, and that if the maximum wages of private employers were taken as a standard for the Intercolonial, reductions might have to be made in the event of private wages falling.

"The claims for increases were very numerous and some time would be required for the investigation of them. The management would endeavor to have them all looked into in due course. While bound to discourage a general demand for increases, he was prepared to remedy any real grievance that was shown to exist.

"Mr. Fielding stated that he had been giving particular attention recently to the claims of one of the largest classes of employees on the road, and one of those receiving the smallest compensation, namely, the trackmen. He had found, on enquiry, that the trackmen, whose duties were arduous and involved a considerable degree of responsibility, were hardly receiving as good wages as were being paid for the best classes of ordinary labor along the line of the Intercolonial. He was therefore willing to agree to an advance of the ordinary wages of trackmen from \$1.30 to \$1.40 per day.

"In the case of trackmen employed in certain special yards where the work is more than ordinarily responsible the rate would be increased from \$1.30 to \$1.50 per day. Some increases are also included to section foremen and mechanics in connection with the maintenance of ways.

The number of men who will participate in these increases approaches one thousand.

STRAITS NAVIGATION.

Winter Service Was Inaugurated Today.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Pictou, N. S. Dec. 19.—The Steamer Princess left Pictou on Friday, and

arrived at Charlottetown at 3 a. m. this morning, after experiencing a very severe and stormy passage of twelve hours. This will be the last trip of the Princess for the season.

The winter service with Charlottetown and Pictou opened today with the arrival of the Minto at ten from Charlottetown with a full load of freight, besides passengers and mails. The Minto will leave here Sunday morning at 7 o'clock to run to Charlottetown. Pictou harbor is still open, thermometer at zero.

STILL AT LIBERTY.

Cashel, the Escaped Murderer, Leading Officers a Merry Chase.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Calgary, N. W. T., Dec. 19.—Investigation into Cashel's disappearance still proves fruitless, but the police are of the opinion that the escaped murderer is in the city, and it is believed he slept in a hut on the exhibition grounds Thursday night. They scoured the country south-west of the city yesterday.

Col. Sanders of the mounted police has returned from Langdon, and reports the rumor that Cashels is in that district as untrue. Six white men and two Indians started for Morley yesterday to follow up the clue there.

PRESENTATIONS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Dec. 19.—S. R. Anderson, military instructor in the Y. M. C. A. was last night presented by the boys with a \$10 gold piece.

W. F. Buck, retiring master mechanic of the Rocky Mountain division at Anaconda, was recently presented with a pair of good cuff links and a gold chain by his men. Mr. Buck formerly worked in the I. C. R. shops in this city.

HANGED HERSELF.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mrs. McConnell, daughter of Mrs. Alex. Forrest, of Atwood, committed suicide by hanging herself with a towel in the cellar of her home here. She had not been well for some time and was subject to spells of despondency.

PEACEFUL PROPOSITIONS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Paris, Dec. 19.—Russia has made another move toward averting a rupture with Japan, and there is reason to believe it will be followed in a few days by the submission of a second proposition tending to ameliorate the present strained situation.

G. I. P. DEPOSIT

Put up in the Form of the Grand Trunk's Guaranteed Stock.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following official statement has been handed out by the government:

"The Grand Trunk Railway Company has deposited \$1,000,000 of their guaranteed stock as security for the carrying out of the agreement entered into last session between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, subject to ratification of their shareholders at the general meeting.

"Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or government securities for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth today more than par, and their value is unquestionable."

It is learned that although the deposit is not in accordance with what is demanded by statute, it will in no way interfere with the prosecution of surveys by the government, and other work necessary for going ahead with the trans-continental railway.

Elevator to be Used.

The I. C. R. elevator in this city is to be used in connection with the winter port business. Word has been received that 40,000 bushels of oats are now on the way here over the Intercolonial. These are for shipment by the Manchester Line steamers. The fact that this shipment is on the way is believed to mean that other shipments will come. In fact it will not be surprising if the I. C. R. elevator is kept busy from now on.—St. John Globe.

Couns M B McNally and J F Timmins, of Queensbury, were among the visitors to the city today.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr George F Pinder, of St. Stephen is in the city today.

Mr Morris Scovil, of Gagetown, is stopping at the Barker.

Mr Albion Eaton, of Calais, who has been here for several days, returns home this evening.

Mr. Sherwood McGibbon, of Iowa, who has been visiting his old home at Douglas, returned to the West early in the week.

Mr H Barton Logie, of the staff of the Woodstock schools, was here today on the way to his home in Chatham to spend the holidays.

Mr H W Wade and wife of Newport, Me, are guests at the Barker, having been called here by the death of Mr Wade's brother, Mr J Herbert Wade.

Tracy Sports.

One day last week while her husband was away from home, Mrs. Rankine Burt, of Tracyville, spied a number of deer in a field near the house. She seized her old man's rifle crept to within 250 yards and picked off the finest buck in the lot. Cecil Lord of Tracy is the champion boy sport of those parts. He is just 16 years old. When he was thirteen he downed two deer—when he was 13 years he bagged one and this year he slew two.

A Successful Guide.

Mr. Arthur Pringle, the well known guide of Stanley, was in the city today. Mr. Pringle returned home several days ago from his camps on the Northwest Miramichi. He reports the past season the most successful in his experience. He had out thirteen lady and gentlemen hunters, and they secured eleven moose, thirteen caribou and several bears.

Native White Stock.

The mortality in the colored population of the United States is nearly double that of the white population. Native white stock has the advantage of foreign white stock at most ages above infancy.

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