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THE G. T. P. CONTRACT.

In spite of continued Tory obstruction the Grand Trunk Pacific railway measure is making progress through parliament, and its third and final reading is fixed for Thursday of next week. After that it is expected that surveying the eastern section will be immediately commenced. Work in that direction has been prosecuted by the company on the other sections for some months.

The section of the bill giving the government authority to appoint four commissioners who shall have charge of the eastern section construction has passed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stating that it is intended to appoint one for the maritime provinces, one for Quebec, one for Ontario and one for the west. There will of course be considerable speculation as to the Maritime province man likely to receive the appiontment of commissioner. It will be a lucrative position no doubt, and will not have to go begging. New Brunswick's commissioner for the construction of the Intercolonial was the late Hon. E. B. Chandler. Mr. Tarte in his speech in parliament rather disappointed his Conservative friends by favoring the construction of the eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

When the great work of building the new transcontinental railway is under way it will give employment to an immense number of people. The demand for engineers will furnish a great opportunity to men in that profession, and the number of laborers required will exhaust the supply in Canada. The Tory opposition in parliament through Mr. Earle, a British Columbia member is protesting against the employment of Chinese in the work, forgetting evidently that the import duty of $500 on every Chinaman who enters Canada virtually prohibits that class of immigrants reaching this country in any large numbers. In reply to Mr. Earle it was pointed out that he had sat in the House when the Conservatives were in power and never raised his voice in behalf of the white men of British Columbia and against Asiatic labor. Hordes of Chinese were brought to Canada by the Conservatives to build the Canadian Pacific. Such an amendment came with bad grace from a man who had been a railway contractor and in his private business a large employer of Chinese labor.

One hundred and twenty-one years ago on May 18, 1783, the Loyalists landed in St. John, and commenced to lay the foundations of that city. Its progress has not been great, but it is believed that the future has in store grand things for the city of the Loyalists. Aided by a paternal government, the resourcefulness of its people and its natural position as the winter port of Canada, the expectation is that fifty years hence or even sooner, St. John will have a population of at least 100,000.

The Richibucto Review, ever zealous for Kent County interests, wants the vacant senatorship for Mr. LeBlanc, M. P., and the surveyor generalship for Mr. Barnes, M. P. P.

Lord Strathacona's latest Canadian benefaction is $1,000 towards the erection of a new Presbyterian church at Huntington, Quebec.

An express agent at Hopewell Hill, being an ardent temperance man has resigned, rather than handle liquor which arrives there. Albert is a Scott Act county, with more temperance men comparatively than any other county in the province, and it will surprise a great many people to learn that the county imports quite large quantities of liquor. Surely it must be solely for medicinal purposes.

Politics aside when a man is in trouble, Mr. Tarte's wife is said to be dying, and the sympathy of all Canada will go out to the ex-minister who has been summoned from Ottawa to his home at Montreal, to say good bye to the life partner of his joys and sorrows.

The ratepayers of Sussex voted today on the question of incorporation. and it is expected that the scheme was carried. The legislation procured last session authorizes the election of a mayor, one alderman at large and six ward aldermen for the new town.

Delegates from the Baptist and Free Baptist churches of New Brunswick, met at St. John, yesterday and talked over the proposed union of those bodies. Cordial unaminity is said to have marked the meeting, and it is believed union will be brought about at an early day.

The supreme court of Maine has given judgment that malt liquor comes within the meaning of the statute of the prohibitory law whether intoxicating or not.

The Sun which is very much distressed because Mr. Emmerson does not take a more prominent part in the debates and business of parliament, should get after Sir Hibbert Tupper. The member for Pictou, arrived from England last Wednesday, made one little speech, his only appearance this session, and left for his home at Vancouver on Saturday. Sir Hibbert has been away to London on private business and has gone home on private business.

UNDERWRITERS' DEMANDS.

Reforms Fredericton Must Inaugurate to Prevent Rise in Insurance Rates.

Referring to the efforts of the St. John Fire Insurance underwriters to secure increased pertection against losses by fire in Fredericton, the Sun says:

"At Fredericton, Mr. Clinch asked that a fire district be made, from St. John street to Northumberland street, and from Brunswick street to the river and in this district no wooden buildings be built and no shingle roofs be put on in the future. He also asked that one double sixty chemical engine be procured by the first of August and also that the water main on King street be sunk below the frost level. At present the tops of these mains are six feet from the surface, and during the past winter it was found that the frost reached to a depth of eight feet. The board will probably be satisfied if the bottom of the main is at a depth of eight feet.

Provided the building law regarding the fire limit, which has been already approved by the Fredericton council, is not promptly carried out, an increase of 15 cents per hundred dollars will be made. If the chemical engine is not secured by August 1st, a second increase will be made and if the water mains are not sunk to the required depth by Oct. 15 a third increase of 15 cents will be made.

NATIVE OF QUEENSBURY.

Death of Mr. Lawrence King at Presque Isle.

Precque Isle, Me. May 16.—Mr. Lawrence King, who has been suffering with tuberculosis for the past six weeks, died at his home in Blake street, Sunday morning, May 15. Mr. King was born in Queensbury, York Co., N. B., and was 37 years of age. He has resided in Presque Isle for a period of 15 years, during which time he engaged in house painting, excepting at intervals the last few years when ill health prevented.

Mr. King leaves a mother, four brothers, Alexander, of Quebec; Hatfield, of Bangor; Lewis, of St. John, and Thomas King. Also a wife and one child, a daughter. Mr. King was a man of excellent habits and decision of character. He leaves a large circle of friends who have been deeply interested in his life. During the latter months of winter he was under treatment for a special trouble in a Bangor hospital and returned cured of his malady, but contracting a heavy cold he was soon a victim of consumption which did its fatal work. Funeral services will be held from the Free Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon, May 17.

TEN THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Result of Earthquake in the Balkan Region.

London, May 16—A man who recently returned from Sofia writes to the newspapers giving a description of the results of a Balkan earthquake on Easter Monday, which was mentioned briefly in the cable despatches.

Two thousand houses were destroyed and 10,000 people made homeless in a fertile valley, in which lies Jumababla the scene of the disaster. The writer describes a ride through the villages a week after the seismic disturbance. Houses were levelled to the ground and there were huge cracks the streets. Sulphurous streams of mud and water were ruining the crops.

The smashed arsenals the Khan were crumbling to the ground, and the Government buildings littered the earth like rubbish heaps. Amid the tragic confusion the poor people, who were dazed confused, were silent, but were striving to repair the damage to their homes, although this was almost hopeless, as they have little capital and meagre resources.

Skipped Out.

Moncton, N. B., May 17.—Some prominent citizens are mourning the sudden departure from the city of a young man who has been in the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company here for the past years or more. The agent in question formerly belonged to Truro, and while here was a member of one of the leading church choirs and was teacher in the Sunday school. His unpaid bills included his board and at least one or two accommodation notes.

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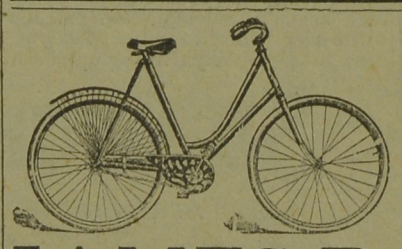

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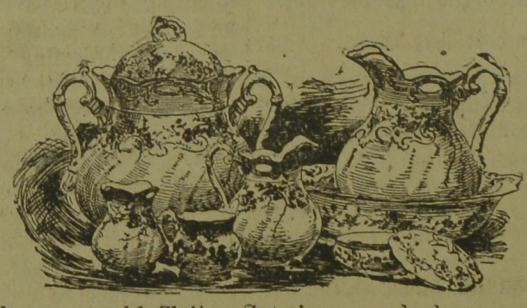

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