

WILL GET RID

Of the Intercolonial Railway.

ROAD WILL NOT PAY

WHILE UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

It Has Been the Most Expensive Experiment in Public Ownership in America—The Service is Filled With Most Incapable Men.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—There is considerable interest in railway and financial circles here over the disposition of the Intercolonial railway. That the Intercolonial will in the near future pass from the direct control of the government is considered very probable, in fact it has been stated that an important announcement regarding the railway is to be made by the government, shortly after the opening of parliament. This has been learned from reliable though unofficial sources. No official statement has yet been made on the matter, and it is not likely that anything very definite will be given out until the matter is brought up in the house at Ottawa.

It is known, however, that the question of change in the administration of the I.C.R. has been under discussion by members of the government for some time, and that the opinion is almost unanimously in favor of allowing the railway to pass from government control. There are no serious open to the government. The Intercolonial may either be offered for sale or a radical change may be made in the system of administration of its affairs whereby all control over the road will pass from the department of railways and canals, to a former case a number of financial men might be induced to form a company to take it over. It would have to be disposed of at a heavy loss, however, on account of its unproductiveness. It is a losing proposition at present, and the value which would be placed on it in the event of its change in hands would not be figured on the original cost but upon its present merit as a money earning proposition. Should the government decide on the second alternative it is altogether likely that a commission of railway experts who would be authorized to make recommendations by political considerations and would be free therefore to run the road on business principles would be appointed. This commission would of course be independent of the government.

The Intercolonial has probably been the most expensive experiment in public ownership ever tried in America. It has been an almost continual loser and the different governments which have had it under their control have been obliged to report deficit after deficit on it. The road has been of inestimable value to the country, in furnishing a link between the maritime provinces and the rest of Canada. Its construction was included in the confederation agreement and was carried out at enormous expense—railroad building being a much more expensive matter in those days than at the present time because it was recognized that means of communication

ROADY READY

To Look Into Wall Street Methods.

CHAIRMAN WHITE

ALL THE SESSIONS WILL BE SECRET.

Nothing to Be Given Out Until the Report is Laid Before the New York Legislature—Will Examine a Great Many Persons.

New York, Dec. 19.—The commission appointed by Governor Hughes, to enquire into the business and methods of Wall street, held its first meeting, yesterday afternoon, and organized by electing Horace White as chairman.

All the sessions of the commission will be secret, and it is unlikely anything will be given out until the commission finishes its work and makes its report. In this it will follow the example of Hepburn banking commission. The commission hopes to examine a lot of persons supposed to know about Wall street methods, without too much publicity being attached to their presence as informal witnesses.

EATEN BY A SHARK.

Boat Upset Off Coast of Quintana Roo.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—Inquiry into the recent death of Col. Harry Earle, who was reported drowned off the coast of Quintana Roo territory, while waiting with a companion in an open boat to be picked up by a steamer, develops that he was devoured by a shark instead of meeting death by drowning, as first reported. The small boat capsized and Col. Earle was swimming to the shore when a shark overtook him, biting his body fairly in two.

KNOCKS FLEET'S TRIP.

Expense Would Pay 17,000 Ministers For Year.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The combined salaries of 17,000 ministers for one year would be needed to pay the expense of the present cruise around the world of the United States fleet, according to Charles H. Beals, of Boston.

END OF THE FRICTION

OF HOLDING CANADIANS ON BORDER

By United States Immigration Officials—New Regulations to Facilitate the Entry of Alien Passengers.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—That the end of the friction caused by the holding of Canadians by United States immigration officials on the border is likely to be removed in the near future was the statement made by J. H. Clark, chief of the United States immigration for Canada, who has just left for Seattle after a visit of several weeks to this province. New regulations are soon to be passed by the United States government to facilitate the entry of passengers of the alien class who are going to the United States for business or social purposes and not with the intention of remaining. These regulations, he stated, will likely come into force early in the new year.

KILLED AT PINCHER CREEK.

Newcastle, Dec. 19.—Alfred Wilson, formerly of Durham county, who left in the fall of 1878 to join the Royal North-West Mounted Police, was accidentally killed at a railway crossing at Pincher Creek, Alta., while hauling a wagon with a double team. The wagon was struck by a train, and he was caught in the gearing and dragged for some distance.

BROKE DISTANCE RECORD.

Lemans, France, Dec. 19.—Wilbur Wright, yesterday, broke the distance record for aeroplanes with a flight of sixty-one and one-half miles in one hour, fifty-three minutes and fifty-two seconds. The flight was made in competition for the Michelin prize of 20,000 francs, which will go to Wright unless another aeroplane beats his mark before the end of the year.

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A pipe, cigar, case or smoking set for him. See Best's display before you buy. You will not be sorry if you buy it there.

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PAY FOR BURNED CHURCH.

Breaking of Gas Main Will Cost \$14,500.

Welland, Dec. 19.—Judge Wells has handed out his award of damages sustained by the Methodist church in the burning of the building through a gas fire. The amount is \$15,500, and the town of Welland will have to pay this to the church, as well as law costs, which will amount to a couple of thousand more.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

THEORY OF ENGLISH DOCTOR IN HAWAII.

Honolulu, Dec. 19.—Dr. John Acheron, of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, who has practised twenty years in the Hawaiian Islands, now makes public a new theory as to the cause of leprosy. He attributes the disease to diet and says it is analogous to scurvy.

PLEASE HIS MOTHER.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Mason M. Wilson, reported to be heir to a million dollars, was married yesterday, to Miss Nellie M. Kerman. They are now on their honeymoon.

BRITISH FLYING SQUADRON.

Thirty Warships to Visit the Isthmus.

Panama, Dec. 19.—Persistent rumors current here that a British flying squadron of thirty warships, their fleet and crew numbering 20,000 men, will arrive here about the middle of January and remain several days. The rumors are exciting considerable interest. The cruiser Shearwater, which arrived here at the same time as the American squadron, is the first British warship to visit Panama in many months. If the British ships come here they will receive a hearty welcome from the officials.

TO PREVENT BURIAL OF LIVING.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—Before issuing a certificate of death physicians should apply an electric battery to the body of a person who it is believed has died. The electricity should be used immediately after death, and a vigorous effort to revive the action of the nervous system and the heart should be made, according to Dr. George R. McKwen, of New York, formerly professor of anatomy in Rush Medical College.

MAN WHO ONCE ENTERTAINED AN EMPRESS IS EVICTED.

London, Dec. 19.—The vicissitudes of life have scarcely ever found a more striking illustration than in an eviction which has just been carried out in County Cavan, where the effects of a once wealthy landlord have been handled by the sheriff's bailiffs.

QUEEN'S PROFESSORS TO ASSIST.

The American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America will hold a convention in Toronto, December 28th to 31st. College lights will be present from every leading university on the continent.

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A genuine blue lynx set \$15.

See Bibby's swell \$2 umbrellas.

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LATEST NEWS

Dispatches From Near And Distant Places

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

MATTERS THAT INTEREST EVERYBODY

The report is gaining credence, in Berlin, that President Castro has left Venezuela for good.

WILL CELEBRATE EVENT.

Three Hundred Years Since the Settlement.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 19.—Next year will witness the ter-centennial anniversary of the first settlement of Cupids in Conception Bay by John Guy, and it is likely that some form of celebration will be held in commemoration of the event.

ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 19.—General Antoine Simon, the leader of the late revolution in Hayti that resulted in the flight of President Nord Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphal entry into Port Au Prince ten days ago, was today unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haytian congress.

HOW'S THE FIRE!

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TOWN OF GANANOQUE.

What is Transpiring in the River Town.

Gananoque, Dec. 19.—At a session of the town council, the requisite by-law for fixing the date of municipal nominations and elections for the coming year was arranged for Monday evening, December 28th, from 7:30 till 8:30 o'clock, for nominations, and if election be necessary, Monday, January 4th.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—(Ed. note)—Strong south to west winds, milder with some light snow falls; Sunday, fair and moderately cold.

STEADY'S GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- For Ladies
- SILK WAISTS.
- LACE WAISTS.
- WOOLLEN WAISTS.
- MUSLIN WAISTS.
- SILK PETTICOATS.
- HEATHERBLOOM SKIRTS.
- MOREEN PETTICOATS.
- KIMONOS.
- DRESSING SACQUES.
- BATH ROBES.
- FINE FURS.
- KNITTED JACKETS.
- SILK HOSE.
- CASHMERE HOSE.
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A map may select his wife, but he can't pick out his own relatives. New burning outfits at Best's. Don't forget to get one of our fancy lamps. We have them as low as \$1.42.