

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

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ONTARIO WEEK-END DEATHS

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN DIE IN MARITIMES TRAIN WRECK

Swift Freight Plunges
Into Washout Near
St. John's

FIRE LICKS AT DEBRIS

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 6.—
(CP Cable)—Two men were
killed when the engine of a
Port Aux Basques-St. John's
fast freight plunged into a
washout in the roadbed of
Newfoundland's narrow-
gauge railway four miles
from here to-day.

Trapped in Cab

Engineer Ernest Webber and
Fireman Amos Courage were trap-
ped in their cab when the engine
ran through a washed-out culvert,
with smashed freight cars piling in
on top of it.

Hastily-summoned firemen were
successful in battling flames that
licked at the debris when gasoline
ran from broken casks in one of
the wrecked cars. One passenger
and the remainder of the crew
were uninjured in the caboose.

Two days of heavy rain, followed
by a snowfall, was believed to have
caused the washout.

Weak Rain, Snow man Blamed For Greedy Train Wreck

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 6—(CP)—Two days of heavy rain and a snowfall that followed were blamed tonight for a washout that wrecked the Port-aux-Basques-St. John's fast freight with the loss of two lives.

Engineer Ernest Webber and Fireman Amos Courage were crushed to death when a dozen cars piled up on the locomotive after it left the rails but landed on its wheels. Remainder of the train crew and the lone passenger escaped uninjured.

The freight in charge of Conductor James Crawley, had completed all but four miles of its overland journey of slightly more than 400 miles.

Examination revealed more than 70 feet of the roadbed had been washed out and the ties and rails left unsupported. The road, a narrow-gauge one, is operated by the Newfoundland government.

Wreckage caught fire after the crash when gasoline from a broken tank carried in one of the cars, ran out but firemen from St. John's extinguished the flames.

WEDDINGS

MacLEAN-DAUPHINEE

HUBEARDS, Dec. 6—A wedding of much interest to the community took place at St. Luke's Church, Saturday evening, when Margaret Dauphinee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie Dauphinee, became the bride of Lionel MacLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. James MacLean of this place. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. C. Stone.

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CHESTER, Dec. 6—The marriage was solemnized at the Rectory, Martin's River, Rev. Mr. Ryott officiating, Thursday evening of Frank J. Hiltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I.

Nova Scotia

Ask That Help Be Continued History Briefs

ONE hundred and eighty years ago, in the year 1757, the settlers of Lunenburg had made surprising progress upon their lands.



but were not yet self-supporting. The approach of winter and fear of the possible cessation of bread from the Government, was causing considerable dread among them.

Capt Sutherland wrote on their behalf to the Council at Halifax, stating:

"That a continuation of that supply for a twelve-month longer is in my opinion absolutely necessary to the well being and future prosperity of that infant settlement, as the people are so constantly employed in clearing and cultivating their lots that they have neither time nor opportunity of earning money to purchase bread for their families."

When the price of supplies must be considerably advanced.

"I therefore humbly submit this matter to your serious consideration, and hope that a sufficient supply of Bread and Flour will be ordered for their further support and encouragement for that time, making no manner of doubt but that the Lands now cleared will enable the settlers sufficiently to provide bread for most if not all of the families."

After mature consideration the Council resolved "that a quantity of bread and flour be forthwith purchased at the cheapest rate sufficient to supply the said settlers at Lunenburg according to their usual allowance until the middle of June, 1758."

Convicted at Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 6—(CP)—Edward Downey, 34, of Toronto was convicted today of robbing Angus Rankin of Cape Breton of \$42 in a "coin-matching" game. He will be sentenced Dec. 13.

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Newfoundland Northern & Western.—
This line having been completed, the 1st
through train left St. John's, the eastern ter-
minus, June 29, arriving at the western ter-
minus, Port Aux Basques, 548 miles, in 24
hours. At Port Aux Basques the ferry steamer
Bruce, with a speed of 17 knots, takes passen-
gers aboard for Sydney, C.B., landing there in
6 hours & connecting with the railway systems
of Canada. This service gives Newfoundland
a tri-weekly connection with Canada. Track
has been laid for 25 miles on the extensions
from Brigus, Nfld., to Tilton, & from Harbor
Grace to Carbonar. The Co. is making

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ing a renewal of its powers. (May 1924, pg. 236.)

The Newfoundland Government Ry. Commission is reported to have decided to relay the track from St. John's to Clarendville, 132 miles, using 70 lb. rails in place of the present 50 lb. ones, and negotiations for the purchase of 10,000 tons of rails are said to be in progress. It is stated that the work will be started in the spring. A St. John's press dispatch of Feb. 15 says that the Newfoundland Government has awarded an issue of \$4,000,000 securities to English financial interests, and that an agreement has been made with the Trade Facilities Board, whereby a portion of the money will be utilized in the purchase in England of 10,000 tons of steel rails, resulting in the undercutting of Belgian and German bidders. (Dec. 1924, pg. 617.)

Quebec Extension Ry. Co. is reported to have been incorporated and to be con-

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~~passed a resolution~~
Railway Commissioners to hold a session
in the city to consider the matter.

Pacific Great Eastern Ry.—The machine
shops at the corner of Marine Drive and
Twenty-Ninth St., West Vancouver, B.C.,
are being moved to west of the foot of
Pemberton Ave., North Vancouver.

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A press report states that plans have been prepared for a general overhaul of the line from Squamish to Quesnel, the work to be spread over several years. The engineer's report is stated to show that while the trestle work along the line is in a safe condition for traffic, many of the trestles are reaching the age when they must be renewed. The first portion of the work to be put in hand will be in the vicinity of Lillooet, where an old trestle will be removed, the roadbed cut into the mountain side and carried forward with a large gravel fill, thus making a permanent job. Other work will be done in the vicinity, at a total estimated cost of \$200,000. Tenders are being invited for the work by the Minister of Railways.

R. A. Thompson, consulting engineer, San Francisco, Cal., went over the line recently from Squamish to Quesnel, with T. Kilpatrick, General Manager, on a gasoline speeder, and then on to Prince George by automobile. It is stated that the trip was for the purpose of making a report on the railway and its possibilities to United States financial interests which had approached the Government with a view of buying the line. D. Thomas, who returned recently to Vancouver from England, is reported to have stated that a group of British financial men were considering the buying of the line, and that it was expected they would send men to make investigations at an early date.

Pelican Lake Tramway.—Track has been laid on the grade at the portage at the north end of Pelican Lake, Ont., 2,000 ft., and motor boats, canoes, etc., are being transported over it, thus making a connected water route from Sioux Lookout, Ont., to the Red Lake mining area. (May, pg. 233.)

Dominion Valley Ry — The Alberta Legis-

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gami, Que. (May, pg. 255).

Held-Newfoundland Ry.—A new through siding is being put in at Donovan's, Nfld., a new station and freight shed has been erected at Crabbs; a new station is being built at Stephenville, and 15 houses are being put up at different points for the accommodation of sectionmen. It is proposed to erect a freight shed at Woodfords, and to repair the wharf at Placentia. (July, pg. 381).

St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Ry.—An act passed last session of the H.C. Legisla-

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rial despatch they are entitled to at each end of
by the route."

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Dr. J. Alex. Hutchison, Chief Medical Officer of the G.T.R. has also been appointed Chief Medical Officer of the G.T.P.R.

Reid Newfoundland Co.—W. E. Hamilton has been appointed General Passenger Agent of this Company's Railway and Steamship System, with office at St. John's, vice H. A. Morine.

R. P. Inglis, of Montreal, the proprietor of the Edmonton Street Ry. and of the Shippers' Cartage Co., Ltd., has gone to Australia for some months.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Co.'s surplus for the last fiscal year amounted to \$760,564 after paying dividends, against a deficit of \$79,740 in 1903-4.

The G.T.R. has offered to contribute \$4,500 towards the erection of a building at Allandale, Ont., for the Y.M.C.A., to which a large number of the G.T.R. employees belong, and to contribute \$90 a month towards its maintenance. In order to provide a suitable building public subscriptions to an equal amount are asked.

Sue—Why are all vessels spoken of as she? Is it because they glide so gracefully?

He—No. It's because their rigging costs so much.

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