

this expression of regret by the United States Department of State it was felt that no good purpose would be served by further correspondence on the subject, and a Minute of Council approving this decision was communicated to the Ambassador at Washington.

A proposal of certain citizens of Detroit in the state of Michigan to remove the hulls of three British battleships which were sunk in the river Thames by General Proctor in the year 1813, with a view to placing them as trophies of victory in Belle Isle park, in United States territory, came before the Canadian Government in August through the provincial archivist of Ontario. The Minister of Justice, to whom the matter was referred, was of opinion that the hulls of the battleships in question are vested in His Majesty in right of his imperial crown, but not in right of the Dominion. The question was referred to the Colonial Secretary for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, with the request that the minister might be empowered to take suitable action to prevent the removal of the hulls should steps be taken to carry out the reported intention. In a despatch of November 2 the Colonial Secretary said he was advised that the hulls of the battleships are vested in His Majesty, and he expressed the opinion that the Canadian Government would no doubt take such measures as might be necessary to prevent their removal from Canadian territory. Since then, in response to a request, the Dominion Government has been authorized to take steps to remove the hulls so as to ensure their better preservation.

British battleships sunk in Canadian waters are in right of the Imperial Crown.

The National Transcontinental Railway consists of two divisions, the Eastern from Winnipeg to Moncton, and the Western from Winnipeg to the Pacific Ocean. The first of these is under construction by a Government Commission, known as the Corporation of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, and the second by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

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Thirty-four survey parties were employed during the year on the Eastern division. The length of the location run was 895 miles, in six districts numbered from A to F. The survey of section A comprises 58 miles from Moncton to Chipman, 87 miles of unconnected sections from Chipman to Plaster Rock on

Eastern division.