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iron work of the new bridge to be put up across Pigeon Creek, at Omamee.

The Ontario & Quebec

The Kalidar Charybdis on the O. & Q.

Thousands of tons and thousands of cubic feet of material have been dumped into the sink hole; Oliver Twist-like, it asks for "more," but, unlike Mr. Bumble, the railway authorities have to respond. One day the track appears as solid as the foundations of the Bald mountains, in the vicinity, and very heavily laden freight trains pass over it in safety; the next day the track disappears under several feet of water. Every time it is plugged up, the engineers are confident it never will sink again, but the sink has no respect for their engineering reputation, and down it goes. The company desire to have it perfectly safe before heavy trains are run over it regularly, and therefore the running of regular trains is again postponed; under the circumstances, no fixed date can be announced.

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Passenger and Freight Traffic.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW COACHES.

On Friday last Mr. Geo. Stephens, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate, General Manager VanHorne, and other officials of the road, passed through Peterborough on their tour of inspection of the line.

They report the road in excellent condition and ready for traffic. The difficulty over the sink-hole at Kaladar has been thoroughly overcome, and the road bed is now as solid as on any other parts of the line. On Monday the entire line will be open for through freight traffic, and trains will be despatched daily.

On Monday, August 4, the running of through passenger trains will be commenced. The Dominion express company will operate the entire line, in fact they are already doing so between Toronto and Montreal.

THE COACHES DESCRIBED.

When a new road is being equipped it naturally has the advantage of being able to furnish its patrons with the newest improvements. This is the case with the Ontario & Quebec Railway, and it is but just to say that no expense appears to have been spared to make its equipment in every detail of elegance and comfort.

THE FIRST-CLASS CARS.

All the new cars have been painted the light reddish brown which is now the regulation Canadian Pacific color. All the first-class cars are fitted up with double windows and have an additional luxury in the shape of a lavatory at each end, and are furnished with the Spear heater. A few which have been built at Cobourg are lined overhead with bronze and sea-green metal handsomely embossed, forming a beautiful ceiling to the car and have "scratch-backs" to prevent the brakemen from defacing the car when lighting up. The seats are upholstered in red plush, and are made as comfortable as possible, while the backs are locked so that the seats cannot be reversed without the consent of the train officials. All the inner woodwork of both first and second class cars is of polished hardwood. The second class cars are finished in a similar manner to the emigrant sleeping cars now in use, the seats being of alternate strips of ash and cherry.

THE PARLOR CARS.

Four parlor cars have been built and are now in use between Montreal and Ottawa. These are the "Lacate," "Lachine," "Calumet," "Carillon." These are handsomely and tastefully finished in mahogany and inlaid wood. Ten luxurious revolving chairs run down each side of the cars, and each chair is supplied with a comfortable hassock. At each end of the car is a comfortable smoking room, fitted with lounges and every convenience for the patrons of the road. Each of these parlor cars has a

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THE SLEEPING CARS.

Five of the new sleeping cars which will run between Toronto and Montreal have already been delivered and will be put into service on the opening of the through line. Their names are the Chaudiere, Quebec, St-Lawrence, Peterborough and Gatineau. Two others the Montreal and Toronto, will be delivered shortly. They are placed on trucks of the latest and most improved pattern furnished with six wheels so as to raise as little dust as possible. The cars are divided into thirteen sections, each consisting of a double upper and double lower berth. The upper berths are finished in carved mahogany and when made up are firmly held in position by a strong wire rope attached to the lower berth. In some of the cars the seats are upholstered with olive green and in others with red plush. The floor is covered with a handsome English Wilton carpet, while the curtains and hangings are of tapestry of excellent quality and of tasty design. The blankets and linen are of the best quality to be obtained and have the words "Canadian Pacific Railway" woven in. Feather pillows and comfortable spring mattresses complete the furnishing of the berths. Like the other cars they have double windows, the

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were the wooden awnings some years ago.

The Toronto Excursion.

A very large number arrived in town by
the O. & Q. on Monday with the annual ex-
cursion of the Sons of Scotland, Toronto.
The first train arrived at 12 30 with a dozen
well-filled coaches. The second train, with
nearly as many excursionists, arrived at 1.20.
After dinner the members of the Robert
Bruce Camp of the Sons of Scotland, headed
by the Massey Manufacturing Company's
band, marched to Central Park, where a
programme of Scottish sports and games was
carried out. Several of our merchants
honored the visitors by decorating their
places of business. Messrs. Fair, Van Every
& Co. made an elaborate display, also, Mr.
J. Hackett, A. McNeil and John Erskine,
while the members of the local St. Andrew's
society showed the customary courtesies to
their brither Scots. The party, which num-
bered about 1,400, got off safely on two
trains at 6.30 and 7 o'clock.

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Warning.

The most suddenly fatal diseases of Sum-
mer and Fall are the various forms of Bowel
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