

**THE TOWERMAN**



This sketch by Grant Macdonald shows Henry Gardner, Canadian National Railways towerman operating the levers which route the many trains of war materials through one of Canada's huge railway yards. It is one of the series of drawings by Mr. Macdonald graphically depicting the big job being performed by Canada's railway workers in moving the immense wartime traffic. Last year the National System handled 71,543,237 tons of freight and the amount moved this year will be considerably greater. If the freight, passenger, and work equipment of the National System, together with locomotives, could be set out buffer to buffer, in a single line of track they would form a train 1,100 miles long.



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**Verdun Rebekah Lodge Installed Officers Tuesday Last**

Installation of Officers of Verdun Rebekah Lodge No. 184 was held in the Lodge Rooms of Arena Building on Tuesday, October 19th, when Sister Gertrude Illott, of Toronto, District Deputy, President of Centre District No. 2 conducted the installation ceremony, assisted by a staff of 30 members under direction of Sister Edna Johnston, Staff captain.

The following Officers were installed for term 1943-44.

- Junior Past Noble Grand—Sister Pearl Lilloco.
- Noble Grand—Sister Vivian Arnold.
- Vice-Grand—Sister Myrtle Dron.
- Rec.-Secy.—Sister Mabel Pirrgrave.
- Fin.-Secy.—Sister Edna Cleave.
- Treasurer—Sister Olive Reid.
- Warden—Sister Allen Bradley.
- Conductor—Sister Edna McGibbon.
- Chaplain—Sister Emma Mendham.
- Pianist—Sister Dora Petch.
- R.S.N.G.—Sister Florence Bailey.
- L.S.N.O.—Sister Laura MacKenzie.
- R.S.V.O.—Sister Pearl Scott.
- L.S.V.O.—Sister Betty Kercher.
- Ins. Guardian—Sister Marie Day.
- Out. Guardian—Sister Edna Spence.
- Sister Arnold, new Noble Grand, presented Sister Illott, D.D.P. with suitable gift and the Dist. Dep. President made presentation, on behalf of Verdun Rebekah Lodge, of Past Noble Grand's Collar to Sister Pearl Lilloco in recognition of Sister Lilloco's two year period of services as Noble Grand.

Sister Violet Pearce, Secy. of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario and Sister Meda Lewis, Past President of Rebekah Assembly voiced praise of the War Group activities report of Verdun Lodge which reflected such credit on the work being accomplished and the Assembly Officers complimented Verdun Rebekah Lodge on its steadily increasing membership which speaks well for the progress of the lodge in its work in the community.

Sister Pearce Ass. Secy. related an interesting incident following an air raid in London England, when an ambulance was hastily summoned to remove an injured officer who happened to be an Oddfellow to Hospital and the ambulance that responded was the one presented by The Rebekah of Ontario

for service in England. Various other presentations were made by friends of members and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close when the committee served delicious lunch to upwards of one hundred persons present.

**POTENT FACTS ABOUT CANADA**

**Juvenile Delinquency Causes Heart Searching**

The war has altered our way of living to such an extent that if we were to turn the hands of time backward to early 1939 we would have some difficulty in recognizing our peace-time ways. Today, we have the rationing of certain foods, of gasoline, of rubber, control of credit and buying, and we pay heavier income taxes. It has caused some adjustment in our methods but the task has not been difficult. It is a small price to pay for victory.

But while we have been concentrating our efforts upon the winning of the war, what has been happening to our young people? Have they been allowed to get out of hand through lack of sufficient supervision or guidance? Statistics of juvenile delinquency compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics paint a rather grim picture of the situation.

In 1938, the year before the outbreak of war, 8,829 of our juveniles were brought before the courts to answer for their alleged misdemeanours, 6,100 for major offences and 2,729 for minor offences. These totals increased at such a rapid rate that by 1942, 13,802 youths had been summoned to appear, 7,038 for major breaches of the law and 6,764 for minor offences. Of the juveniles summoned for major offences 6,920 convictions were obtained in 1942.

Some comfort may be taken from the fact that of the offences committed against the state minor cases are

accounting for an increasingly larger proportion of the total. In other words, the crimes of our juveniles seem to be becoming less severe in character. Further solace may be taken from the fact that the number of repeaters has shown an almost steady decline. In 1938, there were 1,518 of these habitual criminals, whereas by 1942 this total had fallen to 1,343.

Amongst the provinces, Nova Scotia showed a decrease of 20.7 per cent in juvenile delinquency during the pre-war 3 year period and a further decrease of 13.8 per cent during the three war years. It is the only province in which juvenile delinquency has decreased during the war. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick show that juvenile crime in those provinces has increased more slowly during the three war years than during the similar pre-war period.

Quebec increases have not been accelerated by the war, being almost identical with pre war increases. From Ontario westward the war years show juvenile crime increasing at a sharp rate. Ontario shows a 139 per cent in-

crease for the war years as compared with an 0.5 per cent increase for the preceding three years.

In the three pre-war years juvenile crime in Manitoba increased 0.8 per cent; while in the three war years the increase was 60.6 per cent; in Saskatchewan, in the pre-war period a decrease of 3.7 per cent was recorded while in the war period an increase of 102.6 per cent was shown; Alberta's pre-war increase was 9.3 per cent compared with a war period increase of 86 per cent; in British Columbia the pre-war increase was 13 per cent while in the war period the increase was 4.0 per cent.

**STEWARTTOWN**

The whole community was shocked last Thursday morning to hear of the sudden passing away of Mr. Hume Currie.

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