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## MINING INDUSTRY HELPS STABILITY OF BUSINESS

Hon. W. A. Gordon, of Halleybury, Minister of Mines for the Dominion Reviews Activities of Mines in Canada, and Shows the Progress Made.

In an interview in Toronto last week, Hon. W. A. Gordon, M.P., of Halleybury, Minister of Mines for the Dominion, said that the mining industry of Canada had served as the principal stabilizing influence on the business structure of Canada recently.

"It is doubtful if any country has witnessed a greater amount of mining progress during the current year than has Canada," said Mr. Gordon, who has just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast, reviewing mining activities across the Dominion.

"Despite increased capital invested in expansions, most of the mining companies are able to show a reasonable profit. Because of this creditable performance, the Canadian mining industry has served as the principal stabilizing influence on the business structure of the country.

"In December of last year, industrialists, economists and other were much concerned as to the outlook for the present year," Mr. Gordon said. "A period of prosperity had run its course and activities in general were at a low ebb. Those whose interests were linked with the welfare of Canada's mining industry had perhaps more reason than others to be dubious of the prospects for the present year. Mining securities had been receding in value for some time, partly because of a necessary readjustment consequential to a period of feverish speculation and also because of a recognition that metals were being produced at a rate that was out of line with consumption demands. The reduction in the prices of most of the base metals and silver that followed did not help to improve the situation. Late in 1929 the stage was set for an ideal period of depression in all lines of industrial activity. Under such circumstances it would have been justifiable to have predicted a year of lessened mining activity.

"Now that the present year is so far advanced it is possible to review the progress made in the mining industry and to make comparisons with the year 1929.

"With the feeling, general at the beginning of this year, that 1930 would see curtailment in production of minerals it is interesting to note near the close of the year, that the quantity of metal production is substantially higher than for the year 1929, and had metal market prices been on a level with last year, the value of production would set a new record. Quantity, however, is the proper unit to be used to measure activity, and Canada's mining industry has accordingly experienced a very active year. This activity has not been concentrated on production. The year has set a new record for the amount of new construction work undertaken and completed."

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## French-Canadian Custom Being Revived in Rouyn

(From The Northern News)

An old French-Canadian custom is to be revived in Rouyn during the Christmas week when "La Guignolee," a time honoured ceremony will be carried out. La Guignolee dates back for many years and was originally started by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

On the day following Christmas or succeeding days, a gaily decorated sled will start out. Down each side of the street, of every thoroughfare in Rouyn men will pass, singing La Guignolee song or similar songs. They will invite all and sundry to contribute clothing, food or money, which will go towards relieving distress among the poor of Rouyn.

This ceremony has been carried out in various parts of Quebec province annually at Christmas time. Never before has it been held in Rouyn, for not until this year was there any need felt for it. This year the call is urgent. Clothing and food is needed, and will be gathered and taken to a distributing center where it will be passed out to the poor.

La Guignolee will be carried out under the direction of the executive committee, which is representative of all denominations and societies, named to conduct welfare work. A meeting of this body was held late last week, at which plans were laid for an immediate move to make possible the distribution of Christmas dinners this year.

Early this week a canvas was made of the wholesale houses and retail stores of the town to obtain food for these dinners. The supplies are to be gathered together early next week and distributed to needy families. The names of these families are now being gathered by a committee for that purpose.

Following Christmas, however, the plan to obtain clothing will be carried out.

The next regular meeting of the Timmins town council is scheduled for Monday afternoon, Jan. 12th, 1931, commencing at 4 p.m.

## ESCAPES DYNAMITE PLOT



PRESIDENT COLONEL CARLOS IBANEZ

head of the Chilean Government, with aides and prominent members of his party, narrowly escaped death when a plot to dynamite the Presidential train was discovered. Police and Government detectives came upon four "Reds" placing ten kilos of dynamite under the train, which was en route to the capital city.

## EARNINGS OF THE T. & N. O. PROVE VERY SATISFACTORY

No railroad in Canada had a better financial year than the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway for the fiscal twelve months of 1929-30, in the opinion of George W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O., who conferred with Premier G. S. Henry at Toronto on Thursday last.

During the period, gross earnings of the line amounted to \$4,959,552.10 and net earnings to \$949,989.15. These earnings represent a decrease of \$9,929 and \$77,000 respectively, from the earnings of the previous year, but in view of an increased interest payment of \$60,000 which the railway made this year and an unexpected expenditure of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 on storm damage and washout, the 1930 earnings are considered very satisfactory, said Mr. Lee.

The railway, out of net earnings this year, forwarded to the Ontario Government a cheque of \$850,000. In 1929, this annual cheque amounted to \$1,100,000.

## THE STORE OF A THOUSAND GIFTS, NOT A HUNDRED GIFTS

In the advertisement for A. J. Shrage Limited in last week's issue of The Advance through a typographical error the store was referred to as "the store of 100 gifts." This should have read "the store of 1000 gifts."

## BIG CROWD WELL PLEASED WITH CONCERT AT S. A. HALL

Mayor Drew Presides at Very Pleasant Event Under Auspices of the Salvation Army Wednesday Evening Last Week.

There was a large attendance at the concert on Wednesday evening last in the Salvation Army hall, and all present certainly enjoyed the evening immensely. The programme was one of unusual attraction, each and every number being given with effectiveness and skill. Mayor Geo. S. Drew presided for the evening and the big gathering was delighted with his chairmanship. He was interesting, witty, humorous and helpful in his opening address and in his comments as the programme progressed. The mayor himself enjoyed the evening, there being a jolly friendliness about Salvation Army events, and so everybody had a pleasant and interesting time at the grand concert by the Salvation Army talent last week. Capt. Ford introduced the mayor after the opening song and prayer, and then following a programme that greatly pleased all, each and every item being generously applauded on merit. The programme, following the chairman's remarks was as follows:—"Song of Welcome," by the Sunday School; recitation by Eileen Clegg; Sunday School acoustic, by twelve boys and girls; dialogue, "The Christmas Spirit"; recitation, by Violet Jones; club swinging, electric, by Mrs. Paterson (a novelty of great interest); "Action Song," by Ben Stevens; "Star Drill"; recitation, by Winnie Stevens; song, by the girls; "Brownie's Drill," by Little Tots; dialogue, "A Christmas Episode"; recitation, by Oliver Nichols and Eileen Barkel; musical march; benediction.

## STILL OF SAME OPINION ON TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"The Northland Post charges that The Advance, The Tribune and The Speaker have published a 'veritable deluge of editorial opprobrium' over the suggestion of a compromise in regard to the route to be taken by the Trans-Canada highway. It is also charged that unjust criticism has been levelled at the head of Mr. Wright, President of the Northern Associated Boards of Trade. Speaking for ourselves we have to say that there is not a word of truth in either of these charges; nor have we found opprobrium reading in either of the other papers mentioned, on the subject of the highway or on any other subject. But they are abundantly able to take care of themselves. However, we have to admit that if it is a Trans-Canada highway the country is looking for we are still of the same opinion as we were when the Associated Boards of Trade held their meeting last summer at Cochrane."

## RADIO SKIT WRITER



MERRILL DENISON

Noted Canadian playwright who advises budding genius to look to the radio and the "talkies" rather than the legitimate stage for financial return from dramatic effort. Mr. Denison practices what he preaches. He is the author of the popular "Maple Centre, Riding, Driving and Free-Sliding Association" radio skits and one of the foremost Canadians in the new profession of radio-writing.

## Record Attendance at the S. J. A. B. Whist Drive

All records for attendance at a whist drive were said to be broken at the Christmas Tree whist drive under the auspices of the Timmins Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade last week when 186 people made up 46 tables.

The twelve prizes, so generously donated by local gentlemen, were won as follows:—ladies, first, Mrs. F. McNamara, 187; second, Mrs. Treff, 181; third, Mrs. R. Webber, 178; fourth, Mrs. W. Greaves, 172; gentlemen, first, J. Park, 173; second, K. Gray, 172; third, A. Bellamy, 171; fourth, J. McFadden, 170. The mystery table prizes were won by Mrs. S. Whittam and W. Blackburn. The door prize was won by Mrs. Treff. The prize for the lowest card in the room was won by Mrs. C. Wakeford. The Ambulance ladies again served, as usual, a dainty lunch. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. The prizes for the evening were especially good being chiefly poultry and blankets. Everyone present felt they got several times the price of admission in the pleasure and interest of the evening.

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—In spite of the fact that the postal authorities warn the public to mail their letters and parcels early at the Christmas season the average man thinks that the warning is intended for some other person, and he does not hurry.

## CLOSE TO TWO HUNDRED HAMPERS SENT OUT TO-DAY

Charity Turkey Stag Results in Christmas Cheer for a Couple of Hundred Families. Contents of the Real Christmas Hampers, Other Particulars.

For weeks, even months, previous to the annual Timmins Charity Stag, "Lap" Laprairie and his assistants are kept very busy preparing and arranging for the big event, but the large amount so occasioned is no more than a circumstance to the time and labour entailed in the actual arranging, packing and delivering of the Christmas hampers sent out to needy and deserving families as one result of the Charity Turkey Stag entertainment. The hampers were sent out to-day and "Lap" and his willing assistants have certainly had a very busy time.

This year the Christmas hampers were actually hampers. Boxes have been found too awkward and cartons not solid enough. Accordingly this year hampers were secured. These hampers are easy to handle and after the families use the contents, the hampers may be used for clothes baskets, cradles, or what have you?

This year over 195 hampers were packed and delivered. Of this number 105 were for families in Timmins, 65 for Tisdale, and 20 were expressed to outside places in the Porcupine camp, including Drinkwater Pit, Connaught, Porcupine Junction, Nellie Lake, Matheson, Shillington, Anthony, Ramore and Bourke's. In each of the cases where the hampers were sent by express, they went prepaid, and the recipients in each case were notified by letter some days ago that a parcel would come for them by express and for them to be prepared to receive it on Dec. 23rd.

There is a total of over 12,000 pounds of food in the hampers sent out this year. There are turkeys in all hampers sent out to families with four persons or more. Some of the turkeys weigh as much as 15 pounds.

This year particular care was taken in going through the lists of those for whom hampers were asked. The idea was to see that all needy and deserving cases were sent a hamper, while those not actually in need or not deserving did not receive a hamper that should go elsewhere. All cases are very carefully investigated. Lists of deserving cases were received from the Children's Aid Society, the legion, the clergy-men of the town and district, the Town of Timmins relief department, the Township of Tisdale, the Salvation Army, the K. of C. and others. A committee went over these lists very carefully and duplications were removed, and then the lists left scrutinized. There were a number that were found on some of the lists to be scarcely entitled to the hampers. As a result there may be some disappointments, but the committee decided on fair basis and to the best of its ability from the facts as known. Some examples will show the difficulties encountered by the committee. In one case there were three families living in the one house, but in these three families there were only four children, and two men in the house were at steady work. There had been application for three boxes for these three families, but the committee decided that there were many more deserving cases, but that if there were a hamper to spare it might be sent to the house. Another application for a hamper was found to be for a young couple who had only one small child and the man of the house, about 25 or 26 years of age, was working. In this case the committee decided that the hamper could be more properly used for some more needy case.

There will be general interest in the contents of the hampers. Here is the list of contents of the hamper sent for a family where there are seven or more children:—90 lbs. bag of potatoes, 14 lb. turkey, 2 lbs. bread, 7 lbs. flour, 20 lbs. rolled oats, 2 lbs. butter, 1 lb. tea, 10 lb. sugar, 2 lbs. tomatoes, 1 hotel size in canned milk, 2 lbs. onions, 2 lbs. mixed nuts, 2 lbs. mixed candy, 1 package figs, 1 package raisins, 1 bag salt, 1 package of pepper, 40 ounces jam, 1 lb. shortening, 1 dozen oranges, and other tidbits for Christmas.

There are smaller hampers for smaller families, in proportion, while for larger families larger hampers are sent. Wherever there is sickness in the family three or four chickens are sent instead of a turkey.

## HUDSON-ESSEX NEARLY TREBLES NUMBER ON STAFF

With more than 5,700 men added to the Hudson-Essex employment total, the number of wage earners at the plant today is 9,244, it was stated by William J. McAneny, president and general manager. This figure compares with 3,500 a month ago. More men are being taken on, week by week, but it is emphasized that all of these are former employees who have been notified to return to work.

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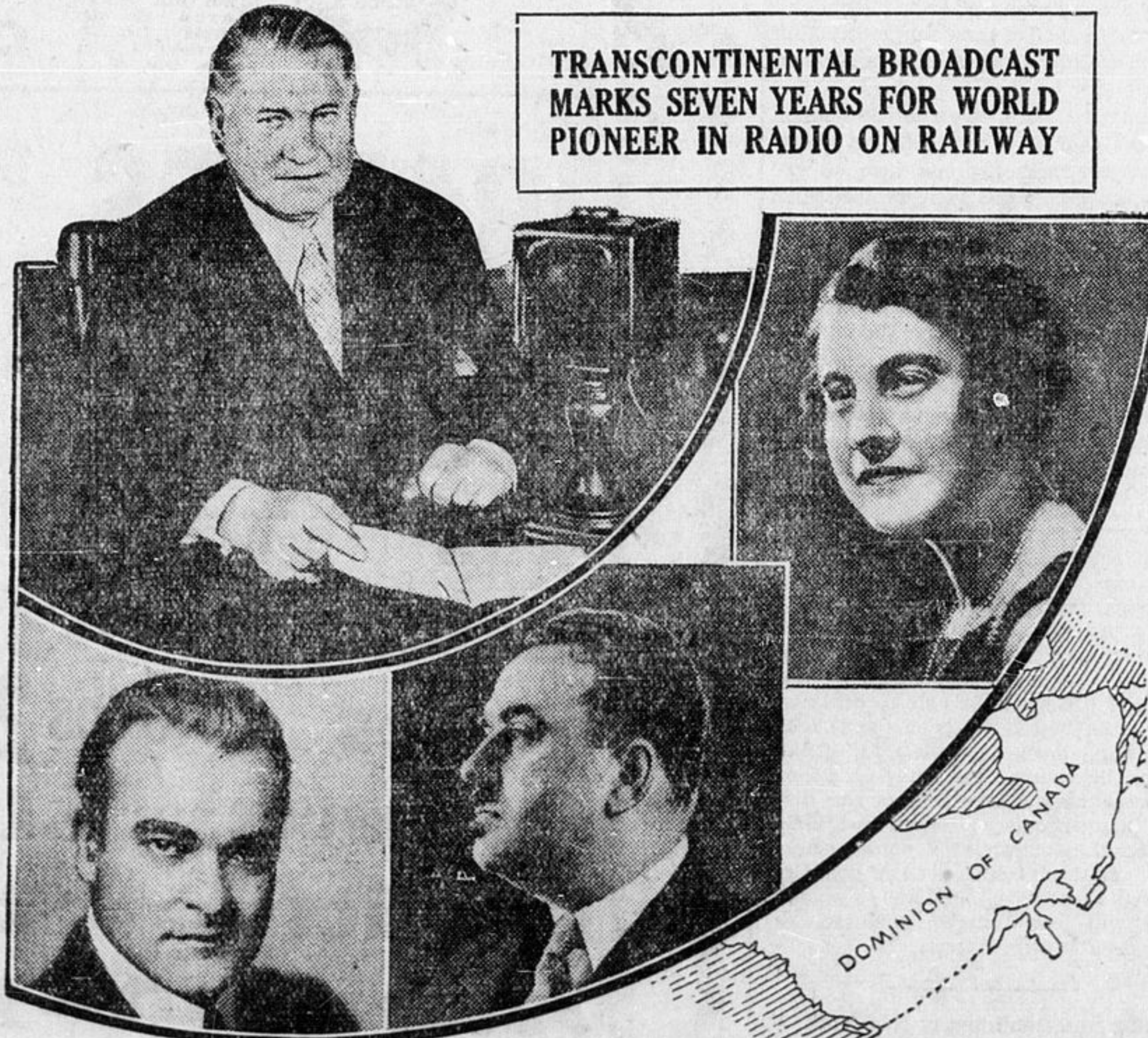
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## TRANSCONTINENTAL BROADCAST MARKS SEVEN YEARS FOR WORLD PIONEER IN RADIO ON RAILWAY

On New Year's night, the Canadian National Railway system, first railway in the world to equip its trains with radio and to build up a chain of broadcasting stations, will celebrate the seventh anniversary of its service to thousands of unseen listeners. The event will be marked by a concert, broadcast from Montreal through sixteen Canadian National and associated stations from one end of Canada to the other.

Sir Henry W. Thornton, Chairman and President of the Railway, will deliver a short address, and W. D. Robb, Vice-President, who has jurisdiction over the radio activities

of the system as well as over other departments, will speak briefly in French.

It is not easy for a railway president to make personal contact with his hundred thousand employees, but every year Sir Henry delights in the opportunity he has of addressing directly the members of what he calls his "family" in all corners of Canada. His voice will be heard in greeting by officers in Halifax as well as Vancouver, by section workers along the line in Manitoba, by agents at lonely outposts in the woods of Quebec and Ontario, and by tens of thousands of others, no matter what department of the widespread railway

is theirs or whether they live under Atlantic Time, Eastern, Central, Mountain or Pacific Time.

The orchestra will be conducted by J. J. Gagnier, well-known Montreal musician, and the soloists will be Joan Elwes, the celebrated English soprano, and Henri Pontbriand, tenor, who has a high reputation in both Europe and the United States.

Sir Henry Thornton, seated in front of the microphone, is shown above on the left. Joan Elwes is on the upper right, and the other two photographs are, left to right, Henri Pontbriand and J. J. Gagnier.