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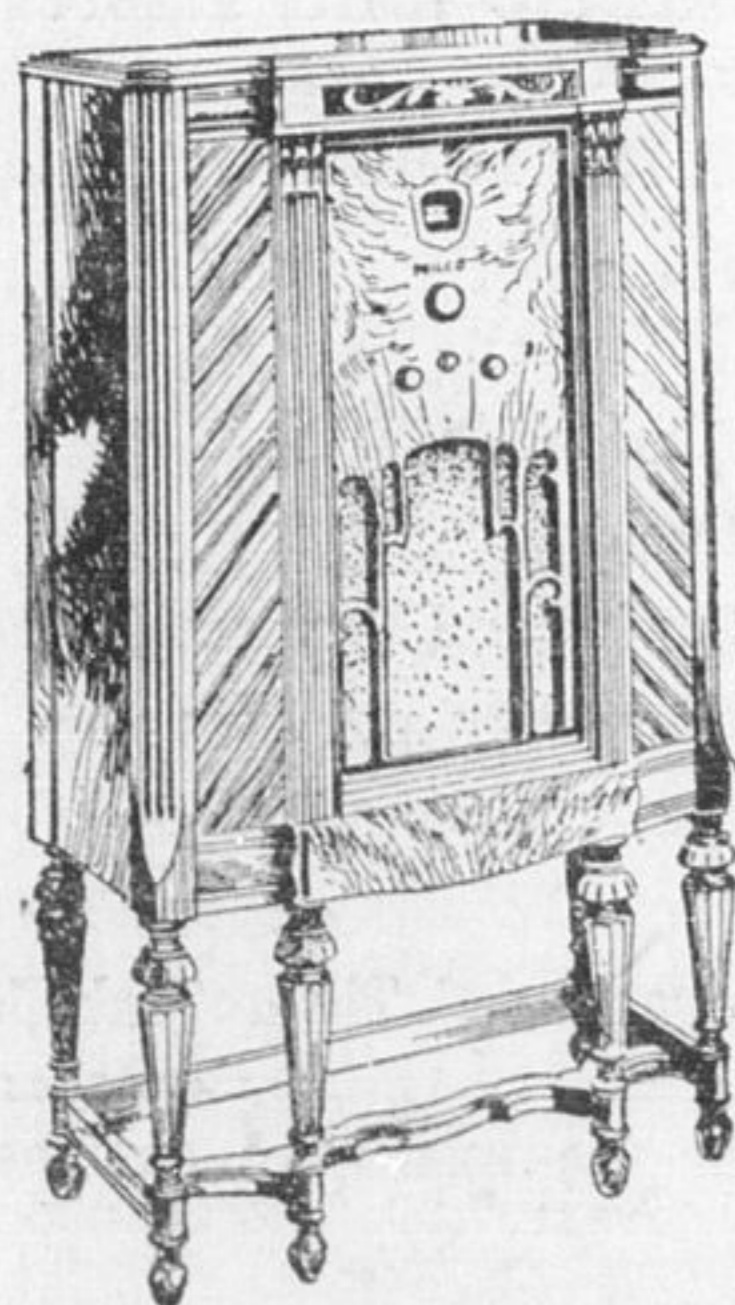
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## Main Highlights on Report on Railways

Chief Points in the Report of the Royal Commission Enquiring into Canada's Railway Situation and Possible Remedies.

The main points of the report of the Royal Commission enquiring into the railway situation in Canada may be summarized as follows:—

Three trustees to replace C.N.R. directors of seventeen.

New C.N.R. trustee commission to confer regularly with three C.P.R. directors on co-operative measures and services.

All disagreements at such conferences to go before arbitral tribunal. This body to constitute chief of railway commission and one nominee from the C.N.R. and C.P.R.

In major disagreements, two additional members to be appointed to an arbitral tribunal, if president of Exchequer Court should decide it advisable.

Either C.N.R., C.P.R. Dominion or any provincial government may invoke powers of arbitral tribunal.

Order or decision of arbitral tribunal to prevail in any dispute between tribunal and board of railway commissioners.

Aggressive competition should cease in regard to subsidiary services, such as hotels, telegraph systems and express service.

New C.N.R. trustee commission and C.P.R. directors to agree on schemes permitting harmonious working of these services now operating competitively.

Unwarranted duplication in services or facilities must be eliminated.

Co-operative measures must be adopted by two railways to remove unnecessary or wasteful services or practices.

Joint operation of properties which may be conveniently and without detriment to either party so operated is recommended.

Sums required to meet deficits of C.N.R. should be voted by parliament and not raised by issue of railway securities as formerly.

Continuous audit of C.N.R. accounts to be made by auditors appointed by parliament. These reports to be made to parliament.

Annual budget of C.N.R. to be under control of trustees; but first submitted to treasury board for approval and presentation to parliament by finance minister.

Responsibility for control of C.N.R. upon chairman and associate trustees—but provision urged for appointment of chief operating officer, with titular rank of president, under whose care will come details of working railways.

Appointment of chief operating officer or president to be made by trustees to whom president will be responsible and not directly to government or parliament.

Main measures held by the commission to be necessary to a practical solution of Canadian railway problem are:

1. Identity of the two railway systems should be maintained;  
2. Management of the national railways should be emancipated from political interference and community pressure.

3. Machinery should be provided for co-operation between the two systems for elimination of duplicate services and facilities and avoidance of extravagance;

4. The attainment of a scale of economies which will bring C.N.R. burdens within reasonable dimensions and effectively check extravagant and costly operation; and

5. Provide reasonable protection for privately owned undertakings against arbitrary action by the publicly owned undertaking which might affect unfairly interests of privately owned undertakings.

## COCHRANE DECIDES TO NAME STREETS AND NUMBER HOUSES

At the last meeting of the Cochrane town council it was decided to install names on the streets of the town and to number the houses, the cost of the street numbers to be paid by the house owners. With streets named and houses numbered Cochrane people will find it a great convenience and strangers more so.

## VISITORS SHOULD GUARD THEIR LIPS IN TIMMINS

The Roving Reporter of The Northern News this week had the following: "Lip reading is an accomplishment that is rapidly coming into its own among deaf and dumb folk. And the other day, in Timmins, a number of Kirkland golfers were amazed to learn how accurately those so afflicted can pick up the conversation of others. Howard Hawley and William Sixt, for instance, were sitting at a table in a restaurant having dinner. At the same table sat a stranger, also eating. From time to time the two Kirkland men had occasion to ask their fellow-diner to pass the salt, or the catsup, or other things beyond reach, and the other obligingly responded. It wasn't until the meal was over that the Kirkland golfers learned that their silent companion was deaf and dumb. But he never slipped up in passing over the right article, whenever it was asked for, and he explained it later—by means of a pencil and a pad of paper—that he had interpreted their requests by the simple expedient of lip-reading.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—That Ontario youth who shot a large golden eagle should have it explained to him that he would have been better employed killing a sparrow, swatting a fly, or trapping a rat.

## Bolt of Lightning but No Storm at the Time

An odd meteorological accident or incident was reported from Cobalt last week. Despatches from Cobalt say that a bolt of lightning shot unheralded out of a sky whose appearance suggested snow, scored what looked like a direct hit on the wires near the power company's sub-station at Cobalt and put out of commission for a short time all operations dependent upon electrical power. A sheet of flame arose at the power house, but no serious damage was reported anywhere. A Nipissing Central street car had to return to the barn at North Cobalt for repairs, while power was off in the district for about ten minutes. After the flash had struck, there came a prolonged rumbling of thunder, but there had been no previous warning of this nature. Several other flashes followed, with more thunder, but there was no rain for nearly two hours, when a heavy mixture of rain and hail fell. In the morning, conditions had suggested the possibility of snow, but they warmed up after the rain, which was accompanied by a brisk wind. While the rain was at its height, the fire brigade had a call to 182 Lang street, where overhauled stovepipes caused some excitement, but little damage. Box 42 had been pulled.

## Farmer Tells Why There's Depression

Another View on the Cause of Conditions, and Like Other Views it has Some Truth in It, Too.

The Advance some weeks ago published the views of a man who wrote that he liked the depression—and why! Then came another man who preferred prosperity—and how! To make a triquet, the opinions of a Tennessee farmer are herewith given as to the cause of the depression. These opinions were voiced in a letter to his local paper, and this letter has an interesting story of travel. It was published in the local paper and was copied by various other newspapers for the amount of humour as well as the sound points it carried. Eventually it found its way into the bulletin of the Binghampton Rotary Club and a lady sent it to the editor of the newspaper at Clayton, N. Y. In that newspaper it eventually travelled to Timmins and a lady in town who received it has kindly passed it on to The Advance. Here it is:—

**Cause of the Depression**  
To his home paper a man in W. Tennessee writes:

Holler Rock Junction, Tenn.  
Dear Mister Editor:

There seems to be so much talk about our so-called Republican prosperity, I believe it's my duty to write my views on the same, and help analyze the situation as far as possible so's we can make up our minds we had auto change our ways of living and so forth.

I have taken my own case for instance. I see my mistakes and many others have acted likewise, I bought a Ford instead of a farm and it is all worn out, but the farm I figured on is still O.K. I invested in a radio instead of a cow, and the radio gives static instead of milk.

I am feeding five nice hounds which answer to the names of Red, Red Wing, Slobber, Jake and Bayrum, instead of five pigs. I had our piano tuned instead of the well cleaned out. I spent all my cash in 1928 and used my credit in 1929 and traded up my future wages in installments in 1932, so hard times caught me in bad shape last fall.

If I had spent my last ten dollars for flour and meat instead of gas and oil, I'd have been O.K. I built a nice garage last year instead of covering my barn, and I loafed in a mountain two weeks instead of being in the pasture fixing it so's my cow won't get out but she is dry and mortgaged to boot for two blankets my wife bought from an agent instead of paying the preacher.

I'm on a cash basis now but ain't got no cash. I am tied to the end of my rope and the man I'm working for is busted on account of nobody would pay him, and his cotton won't sell because nobody won't buy no cotton clothes; all the gals wear slick, silky underwear right here in our cotton patches. I had \$4.00 saved up for a rainy day; it turned dry and spent the \$4.00 for two inner tubes.

I tried hard to make both ends meet in the turnip patch but when I got turnips ready to sell, everybody was selling turnips for most nothing, and the markets are glutted. I'm worried plum to the bone and my wife's kin-folks are coming over next Monday to spend two weeks.

Write or phone if you hear of any relief from the government coming down my way, and I'm willing to be either a Democrat or a Republican for a few weeks if that will help out any.

MIKE CLARKE, R.F.D.

The Northern News last week says: "William Howes, well known Kirkland Lake man, is recovering from painful injuries suffered last week when motoring to Timmins. While rounding a curve, near Matheson, his car got into some looses gravel and left the road, landing in the ditch in a badly damaged condition. The motorist, who was alone, was given treatment at the Matheson hospital before returning to Kirkland Lake."

Barrie Examiner:—Miss Agnes Macphail is reported as advising the farmers not to pay their taxes. Cessation of tax paying would mean the closing of schools, stopping all work on roads, and the withdrawal of all services now carried on by the municipality. Difficult though the payment of taxes undoubtedly is, the farmers are not likely to follow Miss Macphail's advice and sacrifice their schools and other valuable services.

## Workers Take Over Mine for Back Pay

Held Manager as Hostage for Some Days but Let Him Go Later. Odd Proceedings at Le Roy Mine Near Amos.

An unusual story comes in despatches from Amos, Quebec. It is to the effect that the Le Roy Gold Mines, some eighty miles from Amos, have been taken possession of by thirty Polish miners who have been working there and who have about \$7,000.00 due them for back pay. Last week Arthur Melkman, aged 24 years, and the manager of the property, came out to Amos and is credited with telling that he had been held on the property for several days virtually a prisoner and a sort of hostage. The workers of the property were all behind in their wages and in addition food was at low ebb. The manager had made a recent trip to Amos and, had returned to the property on the Hurrianaw Creek with money enough to take the men in to Amos, but they refused this plan as it meant that they would still be without the wages due them. Manager Melkman had found it necessary when no more money was coming to him to pay wages and for supplies, transportation, etc., to shut down operations and to pull the pumps, allowing the mine to flood. Proposals for the men to go in to Amos were rejected. The men wanted their wages first of all. In the meantime, food supplies were running low as the transport companies had not been paid and were not anxious to carry in further supplies until things were straightened out with them. The miners at the property, according to the despatches, practically held the manager as a sort of hostage that they would be supplied with food and receive the wages due them. Eventually,

however, arrangements were made for Melkman, the manager, to go in to Amos and send back food supplies, and take up the matter of the wages due with his father, the president of the company, and other officials. Melkman is understood to have sent in two weeks' supplies to the men and in the meantime he has announced his intention of doing all within his power to help the men to secure their back wages. To this end he says he will co-operate with the miners in every possible way. The president of the company, according to reports from Montreal, is at present in New York in an attempt to secure funds to pay all debts against the property and to carry on the work of developing the mine. In the meantime Arthur Melkman, according to the reports from Amos, has announced his resignation of the position of manager of the mine.

Toronto Globe:—In Timmins a citizen has been honored on account of having reached his eightieth birthday. Evidence of a young community; in the older centres eighty-year-olds still are among the boys.

Perth Expositor:—Let us not be too hard on the police dog. A section of humanity are frequently ready to condemn any and all things on the slightest pretext. It is quite true that this breed of dog has been guilty of some grave misdemeanors, but too often these are brought about by the unnatural surroundings in which the dog is kept. To be on their best behavior it is necessary that they have plenty of outdoor exercise, be given proper food and not overburdened with the attentions of children. Those familiar with this breed of dog realize that while he can be quite mischievous, frequently his biting proclivities are due to nervousness.

## Pleasing Entertainment at the A.Y.P.A. Last Week

On Wednesday, September 21st, a very successful entertainment was presented by St. Matthew's A.Y.P.A. and their efforts were rewarded by a packed hall, with very little standing room left over. Many complimentary remarks were passed on the variety of the entertainment and the excellence of the artists and it is encouraging to the members, who will present another such pleasing event in the near future.

The programme was made up of solos by Mrs. Carson and Mr. Chas. Napper, dances by Misses Audrey and Ivy Paice, Peggy Gedge, Grace Lawrence, Beatrice Pennington, Annie Jopson, Winnie Jackson and Kathleen Wilkinson, girls trained under the direction of Mrs. Burt, dancing teacher.

The A.Y.P.A. humorous quartette, Isobel Drew, E. Cleveland, S. Burt, and S. Fowler, a sketch entitled "Uncle Dick's Mistake," under the direction of C. P. Walker, the cast being Miss Isobel Drew and Miss Bunny Bailey, Ernest and Edwin Lacy and Earl Abraham, a young boy meriting special mention.

Each item was appreciated for its particular style, the soloists for their fine voices, the dancing for its high quality in young girls, the sketch for its humour and the piano for its fine rendering, and last but not least, but nevertheless very important, the accompanying on the piano by Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Ann Scott and the Rev. R. S. Cushing. Altogether an excellent manner in which to spend an evening of fun at little cost.

Barrie Examiner:—The situation in Manchuria is really getting serious. Brigands went so far as to interrupt a game of golf the other day.



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