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Rev. Fr. O'Gorman at Barcelona, Palma, Etc.

Several Canadians Met on the Trip. One has Sister Teaching in Timmins. Others have Relatives and Friends in the North

Below will be found the third of the very interesting and informative letters written by Rev. Fr. O'Gorman while on his Mediterranean tour. Great interest is being shown by readers of The Advance in these able letters, and they are being followed very carefully. Rev. Fr. O'Gorman writes as follows:—

Malta, Feb. 21st, 1935.

We reached Barcelona early Feb. 17. Spain's largest city, it is a busy port, with fine wide streets, well-built and clean. Scarcely a vestige of the old city walls remains. But we saw evidences of the last revolution in one or two places.

Making a tour of the city we saw the former royal palace, one of the buildings, the Exhibition (1929) buildings, the mediaeval Town hall, Provincial Parliament Buildings and the Cathedral. The arena for the bull-fights is of brick, with seats of stone, in the open air.

This arena seats 18,000. Another 24,000. The season begins at the end of February.

The Spanish Village in the exhibition grounds was very interesting. It is a reproduction of village architecture in the 48 Spanish States, combining the various forms of buildings, from churches and schools to shops and homes, in a very pleasing way.

The public buildings were beautiful, and contained interesting historical pictures and some splendid Flemish tapestries. The old palace of Ferdinand and Isabella is not especially remarkable, except for the court where they received Columbus.

The Cathedral of St. Eulalia is a magnificent fourteenth century Gothic edifice. But Barcelona some time ago

type. The light pouring through the wonderful stained glass was delightful. The interior is simple, almost severe, but grandiose. It is about 400 feet in length.

Two other interesting churches were visited. There was an exquisite old cloister attached to the church of St. Francis.

In the afternoon we drove to the castle. It is wonderfully well-preserved, restored in part of course, but it has suffered from time only, not warfare. Once a prison, it is now a museum of architecture. It presents better than almost anywhere else today the castle of bygone days, with moats, drawbridge, tower, battlements, court. The view from the top of the tower was superb.

Oranges here were seven cents a dozen. Some of the ladies secured pieces of Mallorca china. Apart from farming and fishing the chief industry would appear to be catering to the tourist trade. At one time there were 24,000 foreigners here for the winters. But the depression has affected Palma also. And now apartments are easily secured and for comparatively small sums. We heard of another Canadian in Palma, a Major Lee, but did not meet him. Tuesday (19th) we spent some hours in Phillipville, Algeria, the "door of the Sahara," a modern and not very interesting port.

Some of us took a car to Boria, 60 miles off. It is the ancient Hippo. We saw some of the ruins and had a short time to visit the new and beautiful basilica of St. Augustine. The church where he preached for 37 years is supposed to have been close by.

Wednesday found us in Carthage. We visited the remains of the great arena, where so many martyrs died. Then to the White Fathers' Museum, where our able guide recalled the Punic, Roman, Pagan and Christian glories of the famous city. Some had time for a visit to the Cathedral of St. Louis. We finished the forenoon by lunch at a restaurant on the cliffs, with magnificent views of the sea.

While the main party went on to Tunis, which I saw five years ago, I remained in Carthage to visit two Canadians there. One, Mother Robert, superior of the boarding school, has a sister among the teachers of the Convent of the Assumption in Timmins. The other, Mr. Levesque, soon to be ordained a White Father, has many relatives in Timmins, a sister in Kirkland Lake, while his home is in North Bay. It was a great surprise for both, and they were good enough to say, a pleasure, to have news at first hand from home.

We have had uninterrupted fine weather in the Mediterranean. It was very warm in Carthage yesterday at noon, though not unbearable, but the evenings are cool. There has been much rain, too much they say, this winter. The country here is fertile, but failure of crops and low prices have caused much distress. Today we stop in Malta. Then disembark the 24th at Alexandria for ten days in Egypt and Palestine.

J. R. O'GORMAN

SMASH WAS THREATENED BY "CRASHING THE GATE"

(Ottawa Journal)

A concert was being held at the village hall and old John Briggs had been placed at the entrance to collect the tickets. Just before the concert commenced John left the door and went in search of the organizer.

"I say," said John, evidently perturbed, "I think you'd better get out quick, sir."

"Whatever do you mean?" asked the organizer.

"There's goin' to be trouble for you, and no mistake."

"Explain yourself, man. What sort of trouble is it?"

"Bigamy!" gasped John. "I've let in two women who says they were the organizer's wife; now there's a third wantin' to come in."

Portland, Maine, Express:—You can't fool all the people all the time, but it isn't necessary. A majority will do.

Substantial Growth by Canada Northern Power

Active Development in Territory Served Reflected in Higher Earnings. Power Output Increased by 12 per cent. Over \$800,000 Spent in New Line Extensions.

Canada Northern Power Corporation, in 1934, recorded substantial progress in all departments, according to the annual report of the company, now going forward to shareholders. Due to expansion in mining operations, and greater activity in the territory served, gross earnings for the year, amounting to \$4,166,303, showed an increase of \$476,019, while earnings applicable to the preferred and common stock amounted to \$1,147,038, an increase of \$215,069 over the corresponding amount for the previous year. The growth in earnings during the past year was achieved despite rate reductions made by the company, and a further increase in the already heavy burden of taxation. Net earnings of \$2,712,730 were \$121,918 higher than the net for 1933, while power output at 531,463,900 k.w.h. was 12 per cent. higher than the output in the previous year. The number of customers connected to the company's system during 1934 was increased by 1092 to 14,822. The merchandising department also reports experiencing the most successful year in its history.

Operating expenses for the year, exclusive of purchased power, were \$13,136 higher than in the previous year. Taxes were again increased from \$394,467 in 1933 to \$437,045 in 1934, while maintenance was \$14,426 higher. A new item for the purchase of power, amounting to \$253,961, appears in the 1934 statement.

After allowance for maintenance, bad debts, depreciation of \$720,000, and bond interest of \$840,885, earnings on the preferred stock were equal to \$20.86 a share as against \$15.14 in 1933. After deducting preferred dividends at the rate of \$7 per share, earnings on the 400,000 shares of common stock outstanding were equal to \$1.70 per share, as against \$1.12 per share in 1933. Surplus for the year amounted to \$266,896 as compared with the surplus in 1933 of \$102,813, the total surplus account standing as at December 31st last, at \$1,732,829.

Principal construction activities during the year comprised the building of a 62 mile transmission line east from Noranda, and two substations in Cadillac and Dubuisson townships. Over \$800,000 was expended on extensions to the company's lines and six new mines became power customers of the company during the year.

The balance sheet reflects the expenditure of over \$800,000 in line extensions—made without resorting to new financing—cash and all loans being down at \$211,211 from \$876,377. Investments are up from \$303,400 in 1933 to \$751,079, while receivables are also higher at \$451,795 as against \$364,874. Bonds held for sinking fund purposes are up at \$169,311 from \$114,454, while deferred charges are down at \$101,120 from \$150,544. Among the liabilities, the principal change is in an increase in surplus to \$1,732,829 from \$1,477,857. Depreciation reserve is up at \$8,292,195 from \$7,594,682; funded debt down at \$16,561,500 from \$16,778,500; subsidiary preferred stock down at \$1,331,600 from \$1,466,000; and subsidiary common stock down at \$222,391 from \$257,033. Balance sheet figures for the past two years are compared herewith:

In submitting the report to shareholders A. J. Nesbitt, president of the company, says in part:

Construction Activities

"During the year, the area served by the company was extended as a result of the construction of a new 62 mile, 110,000 volt transmission line east from Noranda, including the township of Bourlamaque, Quebec. In connection with this line two substations have been built, one in the township of Cadillac and the second at Blouin Lake, township of Dubuisson.

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Each of Three Boats Had Its Own Piper

Also the Pipers at the Time of Noah and the Flood had a Boat of Their Own.

Timmins, Ont., March 11th, 1935.

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Some years ago I had two experiences which I have never had before or since and I thought they might interest you.

The first one I have mentioned about six times. Twice I have been called a "liar" outright; three times my listeners have looked at me in a pitying manner as though they were wondering whether I was fooling or whether I thought they were, and the last time, the man I told, said:—

"I had the same experience in 1911 but you are the first man I have seen who would believe me."

We sailed on the Cunard liner, Ausonia, from Southampton on April 23rd, 1914, and we were eleven days coming across. About three days out of Quebec the fellow with whom I was travelling and I were called to the purser's cabin to see about a mistake in our tickets. When we were in deck we saw a field of icebergs reaching forward and aft as far as we could see. It took us twenty-four hours to pass it and the stewardess said she saw three bears on it.

Two other boats landed the same hour that we did so that there must be thousands of people in Canada who saw it.

When we reached port we found another boat had come in about ten minutes before us and we were put in the cage next to them.

One of our passengers was a Scotsman and he had entertained us, coming across, by playing the bagpipes. We hadn't been in port for a half an hour before another boat landed her passengers into the cage behind us. Just then one of the passengers ahead of us began to play a tune on the bagpipes and we all listened, very much interested.

When he had finished we asked our man to give us a tune on his bagpipes. We wanted to show those cocky people in the next cage that we had a piper too, and we were just as proud of him as they were of theirs.

Before he could make up his mind, one of the men in the cage behind us began to play. I am sure it was a puzzle to tell which of the three cagefuls of people were most surprised.

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I remain,
Yours most sincerely,
A. J. Doling.

Another Incident to Show the Kind Heart of Premier

Those who know Premier Bennett best often speak of the gentle kindly heart beneath a sometimes brusque exterior. It may be said about Premier Bennett that he does not suffer adult fools very gladly, and "chisellers" will find him very cold and unresponsive.

To children, however, his friends say he is a different kind of man—the kind kind. A recent incident is being told to prove this. Little Thelma Anderson, of Harris, Saskatchewan, was a sad girl recently. She loved skating but had outgrown her skates and so was missing what to her was most of life's happiness. An older girl advised her to "write to Mr. Bennett—he fixes everything these days." Thelma took the advice seriously and secretly wrote the premier a letter telling her troubles. A few days after the letter had been received at Ottawa, Thelma was delighted to receive a registered letter from the premier of Canada. And in the letter was a cheque for \$5.00 to buy the desired skates. It is safe to say, though, that the letter to the little girl will be treasured long after the skates have been outgrown, and the people in general will feel that they are right in believing the premier to be a big man in all the better meanings of the word.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus:—"When you were a plumber, were you in the habit of forgetting your tools?" "I don't remember."

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Hepburn Dismissed Over 1300 Servants

Report to Legislature Gives Cost of Probes. Enquiry into T. & N. O. Netted Mr. Racine \$6,400.

Dismissals from the Ontario civil service since the government of Premier Hepburn came to power last July were 1,330, according to a return tabled in the legislature in reply to opposition questions.

Dismissals were ordered "on recommendations of responsible ministers."

Out of a total cost of \$16,480, for the Abitibi inquiry, \$6,532 was paid to the legal firms headed by Arthur G. Slaughter, K.C., in answer to another reply showed. Hon. Justice Robert Smith and Chief Justice F. R. Latchford, commissioners, received honorariums of \$1,500 each.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway inquiry conducted by Armand Racine, K.C., cost \$10,628 of which the commissioner received \$9,400.

The Ontario Air Service inquiry cost \$9,445, of which D. W. Lang, K.C., commissioner, received \$2,219 and D. J. Coffey K.C. counsels, \$2,539.

Mr. Justice R. G. Fisher's inquiry in the case of Police Magistrate D. McCaughrin, Orilla, cost \$2,101; the St. Patrick's election inquiry, \$1,076; and Ontario Athletic Commission inquiry, \$1,193. Armand Racine received another \$650 as commissioner in the Niagara Parks investigation which cost a total of \$1,523.

A total cost of seven inquiries conducted since the government came into office was \$42,451.

Other answers revealed that Peter Heenan, Jr. receives \$3,000 annually as secretary to his father, Minister of Lands and Forests, and that R. H. Elmhrst secretary to the Prime Minister, receives \$3,600, less a salary assessment, or \$600 more than the secretary to the former Premier Henry. It was stated, however, that since the retirement of the deputy to the Prime Minister, Mr. Elmhrst's responsibilities have been increased.

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