

TRANSPORTATION FIGURES

Railway Statistics Showed Remarkable Increase in Every Phase for 1912

A despatch from Ottawa says: A summary of railway statistics for the year ending June 30, 1912, compiled by J. L. Payne, Comptroller of Statistics for the Railways and Canals Department, and tabled in the Commons by Hon. Mr. Cochrane, gives many illuminating facts as to the recent remarkable transportation development of the Dominion.

During the twelve months covered by the report, 2,933 additional miles of railway were put in operation, with 1,738 miles more reported ready for operation, and 10,000 miles under construction. Canada is now over 30,000 miles of railway, exclusive of sidings, double-tracking, etc. Eliminating Government lines, the total capital liability of Canadian railways on June 30 last was: Stocks, \$770,459,351; bonds, \$814,478,175, a total of \$1,584,937,526, or \$50,832 per mile. On this capital investment dividends were paid last year totalling \$31,164,791, equalling 4.04 per cent. on the total stock issue. The rapid growth in net earnings may be gauged from the fact that in 1907 dividends totalled only \$12,769,435.

Generous Public Aid.
The generous measure of public aid to railway construction in Canada is shown by the fact that the total Federal, Provincial and municipal cash aid now totals over \$208,000,000, while land grants total over 56,000,000 acres. Federal and Provincial bond guarantees aggregate \$245,070,045, of which the Dominion's share is \$91,983,553. Alberta has pledged its credit to the extent of \$45,489,000; British Columbia, \$38,946,832; Saskatchewan, \$32,500,000; Manitoba, \$20,860,000, and Ontario, \$7,860,000. Cash aid to railways totalled \$5,892,818 for the twelve months, including \$4,904,416 to the Grand Trunk Pacific under the "implement" clause.

Record Gain in Traffic.
Traffic shows a record gain during

the year. The number of passengers carried was 41,124,181, an increase of 4,026,463 over 1911. The number of tons of freight hauled was 89,444,331, a gain of 9,560,049. The traffic increase is reflected in the gross earnings, which totalled \$219,403,753, a betterment of \$30,670,259, or a little over 16 per cent. In ten years the gross earnings of Canadian railways have more than doubled. Operating expenses last year amounted to \$150,736,540, or \$19,691,494 more than in 1911. Net earnings were \$68,677,213, an increase of \$10,978,504 over the preceding year. Net earnings per mile of line last year were \$2,570, as compared with \$2,273 in 1911.

Equipment Improvement.
The equipment reported in use on June 30th last shows substantial improvement during the year. New locomotives totalled 265, passenger cars 433 and freight cars 13,760. These figures will be greatly bettered by the end of the present fiscal year. Oil appears for the first time in the official reports as fuel for locomotives, the consumption last year being 1,729,577 gallons.

Accidents Increase.
Railway accidents also show a considerable increase during the year. The fatalities totalled 598, an increase of 73, and the number injured totalled 3,750, an increase of 451. One passenger in every 872,855 was killed and one in every 84,792 injured. Of the total killed on railways during the year 47 were passengers, 215 employees and 235 were trespassers. Passengers injured numbered 485 and employees injured numbered 1,606. Collisions were responsible for eighteen passengers killed and 73 injured, while 203 passengers were injured by derailments and ten were killed and 51 injured by falling off trains. The number of railway employees grew during the year from 141,224 to 155,901, while the increment in wages was \$12,685,901.

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THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.
The Home Bank of Toronto takes over La Banque Internationale of Montreal.

Ontario butter brings a higher price in Toronto than New Zealand butter does in Vancouver.

The nineteen cadets just graduated from the Naval College are to be trained aboard H.M.S. Berwick. The annual militia report says that the general scheme of mobilization when needed is progressing favorably.

Postmaster-General Pelletier, in the Commons, promised early action in the matter of introduction of parcels post.

Hon. Thomas Ashburnham of Fredericton, N.B., succeeds to the title and estates of his father, the Earl of Ashburnham, who has just died.

Wm. Gauthier, a farmer, aged 65 years, inflicted terrible injuries upon his wife and then committed suicide at Orient, Russell county, on Friday.

Great Britain.
Sir J. J. Thomson of Cambridge, Eng., announced the discovery of a new gas.

The Marquis of Anglesey was present on Thursday at the marriage of his brother, Lord Viceroy Paget, with Olive May, a Victoria actress. The Marquis' wedding gift is understood to be the settlement of one thousand pounds a year on the bride and groom.

United States.
The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission announced two awards for brave Canadians.

General.
M. Poincare was elected President of the French Republic.

The interior of Mexico is cut off from the capital by the rebels.

The Czar's brother was deprived of the Regency-designate on account of his morganatic marriage.

HUMOR OF INDIAN BATHING.
Original Way of Washing by Natives in Jail.

One of the humorous sights of India is the daily bathing parade in a native prison. In the one we witnessed were youthful habitual criminals, varying in age from 9 to 15 years, taking their daily dip in Agra jail. While the governor watches proceedings from the shade of a tree, the prisoners, each man fettered and carrying a bowl of beaten brass or steel, are led out in double file to a stone pavement, on each side of which runs a shallow trough of water. At the command of a native warder bowls are washed in a second order the prisoners scoop water over themselves and then sink smartly to their haunches, one behind another, in parallel lines. Again comes a snappy order from the warder, and each man begins vigorously to rub the back of the fellow in front of him. When the warder judges the "massage" is complete his voice brings the two lines to a smart right-about-face, still on their haunches, and the vigorous rubbings begin again, each man doing for his fellow what his fellow did for him. The process, while comical, is a genuine illustration of the saying, "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," except, of course, to the prisoners whose fate brings them to the head or tail of the line, where they receive only half the "treatment" of their fellows.

Death by Boiling.
In old England, before the law was passed which prohibited "cruel and unusual forms of punishment," murderers were often condemned to death by boiling. In such cases the victims were chained in large kettles of cold water, which were gradually heated until it caused the flesh to drop from the bones. The last English victim of the "boiling death" was one Rouse, a cook, who, it was alleged, had killed seventeen persons.

THE BARBER'S POLE.

Current Interpretation of the Red and White Stripes.

The origin of the barber's pole is usually traced back to the fact that the barbers were originally also surgeons, and the red and white striped pole is supposed to have represented the white bandage and red blood (blood-letting was one of the chief remedies applied by surgeons) incident to the latter calling. But this does not explain the pole itself. My it not have been used as a pun on poll? The word poll was in constant use for head down to the seventeenth century, as we can read in Shakespeare's plays. All the crafts in mediaeval and Tudor times had signs illustrative of their industry, which they displayed in their pageants, in the market, and often in the quarters in which they lived. In the larger towns all engaged in an industry lived in the same quarter or street. The barbers may well have been puzzled for an appropriate emblem, and in those boisterous, mirth-loving times may have hit on a punning device as we have suggested. A pole was the more appropriate, as "shaving" was very little practised, except amongst the monks and the clergy, and they probably shaved themselves. Doubtless, however, the current interpretation of the red and white stripes is correct.

\$10,000,000 TO AID FARMING.
Minister of Agriculture Moves Appropriation for Ten Years.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon. Martin Burrell on Tuesday moved the following resolution: "That it is expedient to provide that a sum not exceeding ten million dollars be appropriated and paid out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada during the period of ten years, beginning with the year ending March 31, 1914, for the purpose of aiding and advancing the farming industry by instruction in agriculture, including the work carried on by veterinary colleges."

DEFENCE IN MURDER CHARGE.
Brutalities of Husband Drove Wife to Desperation.

A despatch from Paris, France, says: A wife's right to shoot her husband in self-defence after he had made her life a torture was successfully raised on Tuesday as the defence in the Seine Assize Court to the charge of murder brought against Madame Lhoste, a handsome woman, who described her married existence in bitter words to the jury. Daily brutalities, said Madame Lhoste, were followed by his proposal to give herself up to a shameful life. The jury acquitted her in spite of the declaration of the public prosecutor that "no woman possesses the right to kill her husband whatever his faults."

TWO LIVES WERE LOST.
Crushed in House in a Bad Fire at Edmonton.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alberta, says: Fire in the wholesale district on Thursday night took the lives of several Italians. The blaze started after midnight from an unknown cause in the five-story brick block of the Canada Rubber Company, which was completely destroyed in less than an hour. Two bodies have been recovered from the ruins of an Italian boarding-house, which was crushed by falling walls. One is that of a woman, probably the wife of the proprietor, and the other that of a child. It is believed that there are two more bodies in the ruins.

Catarrh Brands You An "Undesirable"
So Lethal is the Disease That Few Will Associate With a Catarrhal Victim.

Is Your Trouble Catarrh?

Poor remedies have given Catarrh the reputation of being incurable. But it is curable, easily and quickly. Snuffing a powder or ointment up the nose won't cure Catarrh, neither will tablets, douching, or stomach medicines cure. These treatments fail because they only affect local conditions, they do not remove the cause, which is germ life established in the lungs, bronchial tubes, and nasal passages. Ordinary remedies do not reach these remote parts, but Catarrh-zone does, for it is breathed through the inhaler into every air cell in the lungs, into every air passage in the head and throat. No matter where the Catarrh is Catarrh-zone will reach it. It kills the germs, heals sore spots, clears the nose and throat instantly. Universally used; pleasant and clean; guaranteed to cure or money refunded.

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PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Butter, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Butter.
Toronto, Jan. 21.—Manitoba Wheat-Lake ports, No. 1 northern, 92 1/2c; No. 2, 93 1/2c; No. 3, 94 1/2c; No. 4, 95 1/2c; No. 5, 96 1/2c; No. 6, 97 1/2c; No. 7, 98 1/2c; No. 8, 99 1/2c; No. 9, 100 1/2c; No. 10, 101 1/2c; No. 11, 102 1/2c; No. 12, 103 1/2c; No. 13, 104 1/2c; No. 14, 105 1/2c; No. 15, 106 1/2c; No. 16, 107 1/2c; No. 17, 108 1/2c; No. 18, 109 1/2c; No. 19, 110 1/2c; No. 20, 111 1/2c; No. 21, 112 1/2c; No. 22, 113 1/2c; No. 23, 114 1/2c; No. 24, 115 1/2c; No. 25, 116 1/2c; No. 26, 117 1/2c; No. 27, 118 1/2c; No. 28, 119 1/2c; No. 29, 120 1/2c; No. 30, 121 1/2c; No. 31, 122 1/2c; No. 32, 123 1/2c; No. 33, 124 1/2c; No. 34, 125 1/2c; No. 35, 126 1/2c; No. 36, 127 1/2c; No. 37, 128 1/2c; No. 38, 129 1/2c; No. 39, 130 1/2c; No. 40, 131 1/2c; No. 41, 132 1/2c; No. 42, 133 1/2c; No. 43, 134 1/2c; No. 44, 135 1/2c; No. 45, 136 1/2c; No. 46, 137 1/2c; No. 47, 138 1/2c; No. 48, 139 1/2c; No. 49, 140 1/2c; No. 50, 141 1/2c; No. 51, 142 1/2c; No. 52, 143 1/2c; No. 53, 144 1/2c; No. 54, 145 1/2c; 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