

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY WILL ASSIST

In Moving Western Grain By Cutting Rates to Lowest Possible Point.

Statement of Sir Henry Thornton—Number of American Vessels to Engage in Wheat Transport Next Month.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—"We are on the job and prepared to go the limit in assisting the moving of the western grain crop. We will cut our rates to the bone, so far as consistent with good business, but it must be remembered that we are not philanthropists."

Such is the terse summary of the attitude of the Canadian National Railways towards the situation which has arisen out of the refusal of American ship owners to come under the Canadian tariff filing regulations, as explained last evening by Sir Henry Thornton. Following the deadlock which resulted at the completion of the conference between the American shippers and representatives of the grain commission yesterday, Leslie Boyd, representing the commission, conferred with Sir Henry Thornton, with the result that the C.N.R. chief has given assurance that the National Railways will co-operate in every way to ensure the eastward movement of the crop, the marketing of which spells prosperity for Canada.

"We are fully alive to the situation," declared Sir Henry, "and are prepared to do everything in our power. Of course, we cannot be expected to transport the grain at a loss, but we are willing to cut our

rates to the lowest possible point in order to assist the marketing of the western wheat."

While the official announcement of the result of the recent conference with the American ship owners is that nothing was accomplished which would relieve the present deadlock, Mr. Boyd is of a decidedly more optimistic opinion.

It is understood that already several American ship owning firms have given assurance that they would be prepared to handle Canadian wheat, with the result that over 27,000,000 bushels will move eastward in American bottoms before the close of navigation. Between twenty-five and thirty such American vessels will be ready to engage in wheat transportation during the month of October, according to an authoritative opinion expressed yesterday.

Some American Ships Loading.

Fort William, Sept. 29.—No grain, excepting wheat, went down the lakes today, there being nine ships cleared with 1,453,000 bushels of wheat. Two of these, the E. J. Earling and S. B. Way, are United States ships. Ten vessels are reported as being under the elevator spouts today, of which no fewer than six are United States ships.

PUP FROM GEORGIA FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Terrier Will Seek to Gain the President's Favor Over Airedale.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Laddie Puck, an Airedale pup from Atlanta, Ga., arrived at the White House yesterday, to strive with Peter Pan, a wire haired fox terrier, from Boston, for the fame and favor that once belonged to Laddie Boy.

The Airedale was presented to President Coolidge by Captain M. C. Buckley, on behalf of Miss Mary Calhoun, of Atlanta, a grandniece of John C. Calhoun. His sponsors claim he will have a slight edge on Peter Pan because he is reputed to be a first cousin of the renowned Laddie Boy, but the friends of the Boston pup point out that he has been on the ground for more than a week and thereby has an advantage at the start that will be difficult for the other dog to overcome.

OUR POPULATION NOW 9,146,457

Canada Should Have Ten Million People in the Year 1925.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Canada's population at the end of June this year was 9,146,457, as compared with 8,966,834 at the same time in 1922, or an increase of 179,623. The rate of increase remains almost constant, as the increase last year over the previous year was 178,351, and the increase in June, 1921, the decennial census year, was 166,905 over that of 1920. At the present rate of growth, the population of the dominion in 1925 will be far past the ten million mark and in 1930 will be near twelve million.

EXCITING MAN-HUNT.

Ottawa Police Capture Escaped Prisoner Who Swam Canal.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—One of the most exciting man-hunts that the Ottawa police have ever taken part in ended yesterday afternoon, when, after fifteen minutes' chase, Frank Melville, claiming to come from Vancouver, who was arrested for housebreaking at noon, and escaped from custody by jumping out of a window on the third floor of the police station, was captured by Inspector Emile Jollet.

After making the jump, Melville swam the canal and was only cornered after a bitter fight with officers who cornered him in a Wilbur street house.

MAY LOSE HER SIGHT.

A Gun Was Fired and Burns and Bruises Followed.

Chatham, Sept. 29.—Leona Salisbury, aged eight, is in hospital and may lose the sight of one eye as the result of being shot at by playmate, Helen Jaspas, daughter of a Belgian farmer near here. According to the story told the police, the Jaspas girl got the gun and fired when the other child would not stop playing with Jaspas' dog. Fortunately it was a blank cartridge and the wounds are mostly burns.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

To Be Held on Monday at Residence of the British Premier.

London, Sept. 29.—The inaugural meeting of the Imperial Conference of Premiers will be held at eleven o'clock Monday morning at No. 10 Downing street, the London residence of the British premier. The conference will meet again on Wednesday and Friday, by which time it is expected that Premier S. M. Bruce, of Australia, will have arrived.

The Imperial Economic Conference will meet in the British Cabinet offices on Tuesday and Thursday of next week, when the discussions will be chiefly concerned with questions of procedure and with general opening statements. In the second week the economic conference probably will be broken up into committees, of which there will probably be half a dozen, judging by the agenda.

FOUR KILLED IN TORNADO.

Which Swept Through Council Bluffs Last Night.

Council Bluffs, Ia. Sept. 29.—Four persons are known to have been killed in a tornado which struck this city last night, uprooting trees and blowing down houses and sheds. Four of the dead were killed when their homes collapsed. They are one woman and three children.

STOLEN CAR IS LOCATED

Escaped Convicts Drove It Into Granite Club Yard.

BNK PAPERS FOUND IN IT

Hamilton Report Says the Bandits May Have Camped Near There.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—The stolen Overland car used by four bandits who robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia branch on Thursday afternoon was found last night in the yard of the Granite Club. The car had been driven into the yard early yesterday morning and left there standing unnoticed. Last night an investigation was made and papers of the Bank of Nova Scotia were found in it. There is no other trace of the bandits, who are thought to be the men who escaped from Portsmouth penitentiary two weeks ago.

A Hamilton Clue.

Hamilton, Sept. 29.—A possible clue to the movements of the desperadoes who on Thursday robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia branch in Toronto, has been supplied to the police by a west end resident. He reported that three men spent two days and nights camped in a lonely bush near Paradise road, at the extreme limits of Hamilton. At first he thought they were duck hunters, as they had a supply of guns. Early in the week a car drove up, with a fourth man, who took the others away. Subsequent investigations by the police revealed that the camp had been deserted.

Saw Men Counting Money.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Ryan is experienced at bank hold-ups, and if he was in Thursday's raid, he was the leader by vaulting the counter and holding up the teller and taking the money alone. The man who robbed the teller's cage was picked out from the police photos as being Ryan.

The first clue as to the possible whereabouts of the bandits was received by the police yesterday afternoon when Edward Hanley, Agnes street, Weston, real estate agent, re-

NORTH AMERICANISM.

WRITTEN FOR THE WHIG BY ARTHUR HUNT CHUTE.

Of all the speakers that crossed the line from Canada to the United States, probably the most effective was J. A. MacDonald, of the Toronto Globe.

I went to hear Byron one night in Carnegie Hall, but to my surprise, when the meeting ended, the ovation was not for Byron, but for my fellow-countryman MacDonald.

On a subsequent occasion I had the honor of succeeding MacDonald on a certain American Lecture Course. Naturally I went with trepidation. Following in his footsteps, I was especially impressed by the effect which he had left. His appeal was universal.

The secret of his success was expressed in Hamilton's phrase, "thinking continentally." MacDonald was a typical Highlander, with the broad outlook of his race, hence the breadth of his appeal.

It is a pleasing picture presented by the two Highlanders, one a Presbyterian, and the other a Catholic, dwelling side by side in perfect amicability. Some one remonstrated with the son of the Kirk, for not raising a little Hell on the side, "Don't you know that your neighbor is a Baptist?"

"I dinna ken what he is on the Sabbath," was the reply. "But I ken he's a grand neighbor on every other day of the week."

Because J. A. MacDonald was filled with his broad tolerance of his race, he was one of the prophets of North Americanism, indeed in many of his later speeches, North Americanism was the word most frequently upon his lips.

OUR COMMON DISTINCTIONS

We have had plenty of discussion on our distinctions as Americans and Canadians. But we have had little thought on the common distinctions of this New World, as apart from the Old World. Such distinctions were brought out clearly by our New Old World armies Overseas.

The Continental Drill Sergeant had a hard time with the Canucks, and later, he had an equally hard time with the Yanks. For instance, saluting did not come easy to our lads from overseas. At first this caused a scandal, but before the war ended the truth was learned again, that you cannot pour new wine into old bottles, that you cannot make New World troops into Old World soldiers.

The war brought out clearly the fact that there are distinctions between the New World and the Old, something that marked us off, that set us apart.

In spite of the slobbers societies that try to make us one, in political allegiance, Canada, and the United States are as separate as the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and yet, in spite of differences, there is a spiritual brotherhood that binds all New World peoples.

One of our Jeremiahs has been uttering lamentations regarding Canadianism. He says that abroad you may recognize the American as a type, but not the Canadian. I disagree, for my experience abroad has led me to believe that if I could pick up a Yank one block away in Port Said I could recognize a Canuck two blocks away.

Scotland and England have left their stamp far more indelibly on Canada than on the United States. But the American who thinks, because of that, that Canadian provinces are merely farther shires of the United Kingdom, is vastly mistaken.

DESIRE FOR FREEDOM

The Stuart exiles of Canada came out with the same urge as the Nonconformist exiles of New England. The Plymouth Puritans wanted more latitude to worship God. The Bonnie Prince Charlie Jacobites

ported he came across two men in a field off the Bloor street highway between Weston and the Humber River counting considerable money.

CLAIM VOTES TAKEN ARE NOT BINDING

Presbyterians Say Union Voting Will Have to Be Done Again.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Null and void and of no binding effect whatever are any votes which individual Presbyterian churches may have taken so far on the issue of whether they enter or stay out of the United Church of Canada.

This was the announcement made at the Presbyterian section of the joint committee on church union yesterday. It was pointed out that the bill to be submitted to parliament calls for each congregation to vote within six months of the passing of the act. Therefore any votes taken previously have no binding effect, and if any congregation wishes to stay out of the union it must take another vote after union is legalized.

MILLIONS OF FLEAS INVADE RAILWAY SHOPS

Trying to Smoke Out the Pests With Sulphur Cones.

St. Thomas, Sept. 29.—The Canadian National and Wabash railway shops, in this city, have been invaded by millions and millions of fleas, and so serious has become the situation that an appeal for assistance was sent to Health Inspector W. J. Shaw today.

Employees in the shops are working under difficulty on account of the pests and several of them have had to quit on account of the stings received. A foreman reported the invasion to the health inspector and displayed his arms literally covered with red welts made by the insects.

In consequence of the health inspector's visit the men hope to be soon rid of the unwelcome visitors. Gangs have been organized and are smoking out the fleas with sulphur cones.

Every crack and crevice in the building is full of the energetic insects, while the men's bodies also are covered.

Mission from government of Denmark see Hon. John S. Martin regarding employment of Danish farmers in Ontario.

PROSPECTS OF PROSPERITY IN KINGSTON ARE BRIGHT

There Is a Growing Optimism Among the City's Business Men.

Survey of the Commercial And Industrial Conditions Made By the Whig—Manufacturing Prospects Good.

There is a growing optimism among business men in Kingston over business conditions, based upon a gradual improvement during the past six or eight months. This is borne out by the transportation companies who report that the volume of freight both to and from the city has shown substantial increases over the corresponding months last year. There has been an improvement generally all along the line, and while there is nothing in the nature of a boom, the improvement noted is a cause for much satisfaction.

The abundant harvests, which constitute the basis of our prosperity, exceed those of almost any previous year, and business men feel confident that next year will see a vast improvement in all lines of business as a result. Manufacturers, and wholesalers express their satisfaction over the change, and while none of them feel that they have any cause for undue jubilation, they are eminently pleased with the immediate prospects.

ment of this company is corroborated by the dealers in pianos. There is not so much activity in phonographs as in pianos. The improvement from the manufacturers' point of view, is attributed to the great wheat harvest, in the west, and the general condition of farming prosperity in eastern Canada.

S. Anglin and Company, manufacturers of lumber and building materials, report that the season was very fair in their line of business, considering general conditions. By reaching out in some other lines the turnover was improved to some extent. The forecast is regarded as bright. Babson's report for the province of Ontario gives an improvement of five per cent. in November.

In the retail business the year opened very quiet, but there has been a gradual improvement. There is still more or less trouble experienced with collections, and the utmost care must be exercised in the matter of credits. Money has not been coming in as fast as might be desired, but buying has improved and if there is no particular disturbance in price levels, merchants look for normal business under stabilized conditions. When the people anticipate changes they naturally withhold their purchases. Prices have been pretty well stabilized, with a tendency to firmness, and under such conditions business invariably improves.

Manufacturing Plants.

A representative of the British Whig made a survey of commercial and industrial conditions in the city this week, and he found a situation at the various manufacturing plants that might be regarded as most satisfactory, considering the conditions prevailing during the past two years. Not only is production being maintained, but prospects are regarded as good during the coming winter.

In the textile business there is a strong demand for goods. Colliers Limited, manufacturers of woolen overcoating, and men's and women's suitings, are rushed with orders, and are installing six more looms. This is essentially a winter business, as the goods are required for the winter trade. The factory was established within the past ten months, but now employs sixty hands. Only high grade cloth is produced and the management is optimistic regarding the immediate future. The Dominion Textile Company, manufacturers of cotton, working at full capacity with orders far ahead of production.

Wholesale Trade.

Mannes and Minnes, wholesale dealers in drygoods, report a fairly good business during the past season and predict improvement. The prices of cotton goods remain firm but there is a good trade. This is the largest firm of its kind, outside of Toronto and Ottawa, and its business reflects the general situation in an unmistakable manner.

Dalton and Sons, wholesale dealers in hardware, report business fair with an improvement over the previous year. Prices remain firm, however. A. F. Chown and Company, and E. Chown and Son, wholesale dealers in hardware, corroborate Dalton and Sons regarding the activity in business. In the hardware trade there has been a growing demand for supplies but the business has experienced tight money and collections consequently slow.

Construction Work.

The firm of McKelvey and Birch, report a good year in construction with business fair in the hardware lines. This firm in addition to dealing in hardware, stoves, plumbing and fixtures, are constructing engineers and builders in a large way. The past season has been good in the building line in Kingston although prices are still firm in such lines as steam, hot water boilers and fittings, bath room fixtures, etc. Other firms in the building trades have had a share in the activity of the season.

There has been a shortage of skilled labor, stone masons, particularly, being scarce. There was plenty of unskilled labor, and this was pretty well absorbed in one form of construction or another, a condition of improvement inexperienced in the past two years.

Thomas G. Bishop, machinist, reports the best year in his business. In addition to machine repair work he operates a moulding shop and does a large marine business.

Retail Trade.

Stacey Limited, dealers in drygoods, household and fancy goods, reports an improvement in the retail trade in these lines. "There has been a noticeable turn for the better within the past year which is a cause for renewed confidence," said Mr. Stacey. "All retail merchants have experienced depression but the trend is in the right direction now."

Stacey's Limited are strong daily advertisers and changing conditions are quickly reflected in their lines of business.

The retail grocery stores have their credit difficulties as well as

The Collingwood Shipbuilding Company reports a busy season with good prospects for the coming winter.

This plant has filed a great need in lake navigation since its establishment here, being the only shipbuilding and repair plant situated between Montreal and Toronto. The splendid drydock provides accommodation for large vessels, grain and coal carriers, and the excellent equipment enables the management to execute orders with the utmost efficiency and despatch.

The Davis dry dock is a smaller plant than the above named, but there have been employed there from twenty-five to forty men. The past season has, generally speaking, been fair and John Davis, the manager, says that business prospects are good.

The Canadian Locomotive Company resumed production during the year, after nearly two years of inactivity, and at the recent meeting of the directors Aemilius Jarvis, the new president, reported unfilled orders at that time approximating \$2,000,000.

Tile and Pianos.

The Frontenac Floor and Wall Tile Company has had a busy year and is engaged on production in a satisfactory volume. This company manufactures ornamental tile, using a large quantity of felspar mined near Kingston and produces first class tile.

The Weber Piano Company finds business improving and good prospects ahead. There is a splendid business being developed in the maritime provinces and in the west. Stocks are moving out and production going on. This is a considerable improvement in the piano business during the year. The state-

U.S. Governors' Conference On Dry Law Is Secret

Washington, Sept. 29.—President Coolidge is expected to announce tomorrow the date of the conference here of state governors on enforcement of prohibition and other laws. Invitations will be issued within a few days for the meeting which will closely follow the governors' annual conference to be held at West Baden, Indiana, Oct. 17th, 18th and 19th.

The governors probably will be here only one day. Their deliberations, officials have indicated, will be in executive session.

Murder Is Suspected.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Autopsy on the body of a forty-year-old woman, found in the bay, indicates murder, says Coroner Graham. The remains had been in water for some days.

Hon James Robb hopes to attract settlers for Canada from United States.

TO GET THE EMPIRE OUT OF THE LEAGUE

Should Be Aim of Canada's Mission, Says the London Morning Post.

London, Sept. 29.—"Canada's mission should be to get the British Empire out of the League of Nations and into a world association of sounder type," says the Morning Post in commenting on the Imperial conference. The Post notes with surprise that the Dominions seem particularly fond of the League, and says Canada's case is especially remarkable since her natural instinct is to avoid the vortex of European militarism, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier used to call it. The Post thinks that Canada does not, at present, see where she is. "At present her instinctive aloofness is mainly expressed in a tendency to resist any better organization of the Imperial conference and particularly to shelve defence questions. She does not yet see that a consolidated British Empire is the only hope for a future world league whatever. Canada likes to think of herself a liaison nation between Britain and America. But liaison is an active function. The Canadian mission should be to get the British Empire out of the League of Nations and into a world association of sounder type such as Uncle Sam would like to find, if only he could see what form it ought to take. In a larger association the British Empire would be a single unit that would be entirely agreeable to Uncle Sam, who insisted that the Canadian plenipotentiary signed for the Empire, and not for Canada only, the halibut fisheries treaty and all along has objected to the illogical principle of separate Dominion membership in

the League of Nations. Uncle Sam, indeed, may plausibly claim to have saved the Britannic Commonwealth from itself. As one unit in a new association the British Empire would be an example to multiple monarchy and the United States an example of federal union. Europe would be welcomed as soon as she had got a permanent conference of ambassadors or any other means of speaking with a single voice; likewise South America and China and Japan."

NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Three Measures Come Into Force on Oct. 1st.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Monday is the date chosen by the Dominion government to bring into force three pieces of legislation which closely affect the business world, one of them particularly touching frequently the average citizen. The three laws referred to are amendments made last session to the bank act, revision of the bankruptcy act and the withdrawal of the privilege of using postage stamps for the payment of most of taxes under the war revenue act.

RUMOR IS DENIED.

O.T.A. Will Stay as It Is, Declares Ferguson.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Interviewed upon an Ottawa rumor that the Ontario government intends to amend the O.T.A. without a popular vote, for the purpose of introducing a system of government control, Premier Ferguson said, "The act will stay as it is until we believe there is sufficient sentiment to warrant the holding of another referendum. At that time there will be a referendum. It is a matter of psychology."

Live stock saves the situation during lean years in west. Asquith warns Liberals against aims of protectionists.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY.

ON "HE-FLIRTS"

SHALLOW MEN'S hearts
Are like SHOWCASES:
In them you will find
MANY WOMEN,
Most of them YOUNG,
ALL of them beautiful,
But NONE of them—WISE.
These men collect hearts
A. other men
Collect objects d'arts,
But their chief pleasure
Is in ACQUIRING them,
Not in POSSESSING them—
And they soon TIRE,
And the lovely lady—who
Believed herself "his ONLY love"
And entered his heart
As into a SANCTUARY,
Finds it more like a MORGUE,
Where many others before her
Have DIED of neglect.
Mortified, she threatens
To leave him AT ONCE.
But though he speaks gently
He does not DETER her,
For his eyes are upon
A NEW conquest.
When ONE man makes
A woman suffer,
ALL other men—PAY.