

C.N.R. DEFICIT HAS DROPPED

Nearly Six Million Dollars During the Past Year.

AN EXECUTIVE BOARD

To Be Appointed By the Government to Assist Sir Henry Thornton.

Ottawa, May 29.—The chief outstanding feature of Hon. G. P. Graham's candid statement in the Commons yesterday on the operations of the Canadian National Railways last year was that the total deficit was \$52,779,350, as compared with \$58,696,911 in 1922.

The total operating revenue on all lines was \$263,554,436 and the gross operating expenses \$242,366,973. The total fixed charges were \$66,144,226, being an increase of \$5,947,533 during the year.

Mr. Graham outlined the new policy of the government concerning the directorate of the railway. The government, he stated, intended to appoint an executive board within easy distance of the head office, who could be called by the president at a few hours' notice to deal with any question of importance.

THE HYDRO SHOWS A LARGE SURPLUS

Demand for Power Shows Immediate Need for Increasing Generating Plants.

Toronto, May 29.—A net surplus in excess of requirements return to the municipality of \$345,588.41 is shown by the Ontario Electric Power Commission in its annual report issued today.

The report states that the total investment of the commission in power undertakings and Hydro-Electric railways is \$178,960,696.56, and the investment of the municipalities is \$62,892,504, making a total investment of \$241,853,201.

There has been a considerable growth in demand for power and on several systems the commission has reached the limit of capacity of existing generating plants.

The need is shown, in the report of increasing facilities for generating more power to meet ever-increasing demands.

PREDICTS APPROVAL OF DAWES REPORT

Attitude of the German Nationalists Said to Assure Acceptance.

London, May 29.—The German cabinet shuffle has placed the Dawes reparation settlement plan in a position of uncertainty so far as Germany's acceptance is concerned, but British officials who are keeping in close touch with events in Berlin hold to the opinion formed some time ago that no German government can conceivably be so stupid as to reject the experts' proposals.

SEEKS THE RELEASE

Of Missionaries and Others Captives of Chinese Pirates.

Peking, May 29.—Culver B. Chamberlain, United States vice-consul at Canton, has gone to Wuchow in Kwang province to urge action by local authorities to obtain the release of two United States missionaries and their twenty-two companions, taken captive recently by pirates who captured the motorboat Roanoke.

Two British citizens, Rev. R. A. Jaffray of Canada, and E. K. Herb Austraber also were taken prisoner, along with twenty Chinese.

All were blindfolded and taken to the pirates' mountain stronghold.

COMPLETED THE WORK

Of Liquidating Surplus War Stocks of British Government.

London, May 29.—The Disposal and Liquidation Commission of the British Government which, in connection with its predecessor, the Ministry of Munitions, has had in charge the liquidation of the surplus war stocks and properties of the British government, has just completed its work, and has realized for these stocks in the past five years \$3,235,890,000 at par of exchange.

BRITAIN TO OFFER A TREATY PARLEY

Will Urge Acceptance on the Russian Delegation Without Financial Assistance.

London, May 29.—The soviet Russian delegation now in London attempting to make a new treaty with Great Britain has blundered its way into serious difficulties, first by obstructing progress, and second by attempting to force the British government to discriminate between small private claims and the larger claims of capitalist institutions such as banks and corporations formerly operating in Russia.

Great Britain now proposes to put its entire case in treaty form. Thereafter the soviet deputies will be given an opportunity to discuss the clauses of the treaty, offer amendments, and revise the form, without injecting further extraneous matter into the conference.

When Great Britain presents the treaty in its final form Mr. MacDonald will probably strongly urge Russia to accept it without any guaranty of financial assistance.

No immediate payment will be asked of Russia, but if Russian prosperity is restored through the aid of British capital, this country must have an assurance that private claims will be paid.

FOR MAH JONGG SETS.

Shinbones of 700 Steers to be Shipped to China.

Boston, Mass., May 29.—The shinbones of 700 steers leaving here next Saturday for Liverpool on the liner Devonian will be transported to China and returned to this country in another form—that of Mah Jongg sets.

On arrival at Birkenhead the Devonian's cattle will be landed and slaughtered within a few hours and the shinbones soon afterward will be on the way to Shanghai.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY UNDER DISCUSSION

Woodsworth Wants the Dominion Government to Extend its Operation.

Ottawa, May 29.—The Dominion government might pass legislation to extend the operation of the eight-hour day in industry as a test case of the power of the Federal government in such matters, J. S. Woodsworth (Labor, Winnipeg Centre) suggested before the House of Commons Committee on Industrial and International Relations yesterday.

There was some question as to the jurisdiction of the Dominion government in these matters, Mr. Woodsworth had no doubt that the government had jurisdiction over all public undertakings and that that control could be extended. The British Empire Steel Corporation was doing government work on 11 and 13-hour shifts, while their competitors in the United States were working on an eight-hour day basis.

Mr. Woodsworth drew attention to legislative precedents in the Lord's Day Act and the Industrial Disputes Act. These indicated that the Federal Government could extend its powers.

Gerald Brown, assistant deputy minister of labor, reviewed the operations of the eight-hour day in Canadian industry.

The review, which is of the date of October last, showed that out of 690,317 employees in the various industries, except agriculture and fishing, 374,274 were on the eight-hour day or the 48-hour week or less, or 54.22 per cent of the total.

A similar inquiry in 1918 gave 43.4 per cent on an eight-hour day or less.

GRANT GIVEN OF \$75,000

For Research Work in Mental Hygiene in Canada.

DEAL WITH CHILDREN

The Gift Is From the Rockefeller Foundation to the National Committee.

Toronto, May 29.—The Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene has received a grant of \$75,000 from the Rockefeller foundation for research, experimentation and demonstration in mental hygiene.

This generous gift is the outcome of a number of consultations between officers of the Canadian committee and the Rockefeller foundation, it goes on. "It has been decided to direct attention to children because it is believed that much can be done to prevent insanity, to head off delinquency and to deal in a more intelligent manner with those who present personality defects and distortions.

"It has always been the desire of the National Committee to conduct work in mental hygiene that would benefit, not only the mental health of the dominion, but, at the same time, would add to the sum total of human knowledge in psychiatry. The Rockefeller gift makes possible this enlargement of activities, and Canada will be placed in a position of contributing to mental hygiene progress throughout the world."

BOY OF 6, A TRAVELER.

Crosses Ocean Alone Without Fear, Yet Dreads Streets.



Toronto, May 29.—Horace Horne, six, is afraid to cross the street alone. But when it comes to crossing the ocean, he is a hero.

He has just completed a 3,000-mile journey from Margate, England. "And I wasn't scared the least bit," he says. "My daddy was over here, and I just had to come."

"There was no one to take him, so he decided to come alone. "First I took a train," he explains proudly, "and then a steamer—the Minnedosa. It's a hard name but I can spell it all right."

Paris, May 29.—Pierre Paul Cambon, former French ambassador to Britain, died at his home here last night.

M. A. MacDonald, K.C., Vancouver, has been appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia to succeed Judge Eberts, deceased.

BRITISH COAL MINERS' ACCEPT AGREEMENT

London, May 29.—The prolonged dispute over the question of coal miners' wages was definitely settled today when a full conference of miners' delegates voted 473 to 311 to accept the terms of agreement reached by the Miners' Federation representatives with the owners on May 15th.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Wrestler Lewis again defeated Stanislaus Zbyszko at Chicago.

The Irish Free State takes exactly the same stand as Canada on the Lausanne treaty and refuses ratification.

A shipment of cattle, expected to be the forerunner of a steady trade between Alberta and Great Britain, is now enroute over the Canadian National Railways from Edmonton to Quebec.

W. J. Reilly, who has been with Hon. Howard Ferguson's law office at Kemptville, has been appointed assistant master of the supreme court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, at \$3,500 a year. He was called to the bar in 1919.

Application for probate of the will of the late Warren Y. Soper, Ottawa, was made on Wednesday, in the Surrogate Court by the executors Mrs. Warren Y. Soper and her three sons. The estate amounts to approximately \$3,500,000.

Another princely gift to the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto will be announced shortly. A fellowship of research in the Department of Mining, Toronto, soon will be established through the gift of a large mining corporation.

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SLAYING A WOMAN

He Shrieked at the District Attorney That He Is Innocent.

New York, May 29.—Harry Hoffman, charged with the slaying of Mrs. Margie Bauer, on a lonely Staten Island road, was found guilty early today of murder in the second degree. The verdict was held up for eight hours by two jurors holding out for murder in the first degree.

Hoffman was sentenced to from twenty years to life at Sing Sing. He staggered at the verdict and on passing out of the court on the way to prison, shrieked at District Attorney Fach.

"Now you and your lying witnesses can divide up your reward. I am innocent and you know it."

Mrs. Bauer, young and pretty, was shot, beaten and strangled on March 25th last.

P.W.O.R. INSPECTION ON FRIDAY EVENING

Will Take Place at Barriefield No. 1 Area—The Orders Issued.

The annual inspection of the P. W.O.R. by the G.O.C. takes place Friday evening on No. 1 Area, Barriefield. The general will be received in line after which the battalion will move forward by companies to the attack.

The following cheese, all colored, were boarded: Glenburnie, 70; Howe Island, 40; Model, 90; St. Lawrence, 39; Silver Spring, 27; Thousand Islands, 32.

Newsy Bits From To-day's Classified Ads.

Owing to ill health a man is selling his farm. Here's your chance!

Some of the opportunities listed in the Whig's Classified page, were made to fit your case.

Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees no classified economy won.

GIRL SHOOTS A YOUNG MAN

She Did Not Know the Revolver Was Loaded.

TRAGEDY AT NIAGARA

Fred Bowen, Trenton, the Victim—Had Been Visiting At the Girl's Home.

Niagara Falls, May 29.—Fred Bowen, aged twenty-three, of Trenton, Ont., who was employed in this city, was shot dead by Stuart Rogers, a sixteen-year-old girl, here last evening. The affair, according to all accounts, was purely accidental.

When the revolver was brought down, when the revolver, a .32 calibre, was shown, Bowen emptied out the cartridges and clicked the gun several times, then reloaded it and gave it to Stuart, she, according to her statement, did not know it had been reloaded, and playfully aimed the gun at his head. The first shot misfired, but the second was fatal.

Miss Rogers appeared before Magistrate Fraser last night, but was allowed to go in her mother's care. The father is in Florida.

KIWANIS KARNIVAL

The Complete Programme Will Be Announced on Saturday.

Plans and specifications for the big Kingston Kiwanis Karnival which starts in the Armouries on Tuesday next, are nearing completion and it is certainly going to be a big week.

Both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides have volunteered to help out in any way possible besides appearing on the programme of entertainments. The Scouts will sell ice cream and soft drinks, act as concessionaires, take tickets, and render their aid in any manner in which it is desired.

The complete programme of events will be announced in Saturday's paper and it will be an attractive list.

The displays of the Kiwanians are already planned out and every booth has been taken. Space was allotted finally today. One merchant has stated that he intends changing his display daily and others may follow suit.

THE CHEESE BOARD.

Sales on Thursday Were Made at 14 15-16 Cents.

All the 298 cheese boarded at the Frontenac Cheese Board on Thursday afternoon were sold at 14 15-16 cents. Bidding began at 13 1-2 cents. This week's price was made by Mr. Gibson and followed by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Gibson took all but Howe Island, which went to Mr. Purphy. Last week's price was 14 1-4 cents, which was not accepted.

It was decided to hold next week's meeting at 11 a.m. Friday so as not to conflict with Mr. Bushell's excursion to Ottawa. After that the meetings will be held one hour later, at 2.30 p.m.

Will Sue the City For Damage to Car

H. G. Millican has given notice that he will take action against the city for damages to his automobile while driving on Montreal street, near the Cohen building.

Mr. Millican states that in order to avoid hitting a child on the roadway, he was compelled to run into a hole in the pavement and that as a result the springs of his car were badly damaged and he is looking for the city to pay damages. The mishap occurred on Sunday, May 25th.

Sir J. A. M. Alkias, Lieutenant-governor of Manitoba; Right Rev. H. Brent, Bishop of Western New York; A. E. Gooderham, member of the board of governors of Toronto University, and William Tytler, B.A., Inspector of public schools, Guelph, will have the honorary degree of LL.D. conferred on them by the University of Toronto.

AN ARMED MAN KILLED BY HAMILTON POLICE

A Running Fire as the Police Chased a Trio of Suspects.

Hamilton, May 29.—An unidentified armed man, supposed to have been a foreigner, was shot to death by the police in a revolver battle at one o'clock this morning. He, with others, was seen to emerge from an alley, on Duke street, and when pursued by the police the trio drew revolvers. One of them ran up another alley and was hemmed in by the police. While the constable was scaling a fence the gunman fired at him, but missed. The police returned the fire and the man dropped out of sight. At daybreak his body was found on the back verandah of a house on Robinson street. He had an automatic revolver, and in one of his pockets was found a piece of paper on which were scrawled hieroglyphic which looked like "Welland."

GRACEFIELD VILLAGE WAS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Bank, Two Hotels and Three Stores Destroyed Early Thursday Morning.

Ottawa, May 29.—The village of Gracefield, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, fifty miles from here, is reported on the verge of destruction by fire which broke out in a store at midnight. At three o'clock this morning the village was isolated.

The Banque Nationale, two hotels and three stores had been destroyed at that time. The hull fire department sent assistance.

The fire was brought under control at four o'clock this morning, according to telegraphic advices received here by the Canadian Pacific Railway. No estimate of the damage is available.

A NEW SECRETARY ENGAGED FOR Y.M.C.A.

Milton W. Harlow Has Had Considerable Experience in the Work.

At a meeting of the board of directors in the Y.M.C.A., Wednesday evening, Milton W. Harlow was appointed general secretary, his duties to begin June 1st.

Mr. Harlow was born in Dunganon, Huron county, in 1884 and spent eight years in business. For six years, (1908 to 1914) he served the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. boys' department, and was intercollegiate secretary from 1914 to 1916 in Edmonton. During 1916 he was engaged in war work in a military camp in Alberta; and spent one year in the religious department of a Winnipeg Y.M.C.A. Mr. Harlow went to India in 1917 and spent one year in army service and five years as secretary of the international committee, and was appointed general secretary of the Allanabad Y.M.C.A. For some weeks prior to coming to Kingston he has been engaged in Y.M.C.A. financial campaign work, in the New England states.

In addition to the above, Mr. Harlow has had several years experience in Sunday schools and Young Peoples' societies, and has also attended several summer schools and Y. M. C. A. conventions. He was president of the Y. M. C. A. University of Alberta, in his senior year and received his M.A. degree in 1916. The new secretary is a Presbyterian in religion, is married and has three children. He was expected in the city on Thursday to take over his duties from Mr. Wilson.

Percy H. Punshon, one of Ottawa's outstanding figures, passed away on Wednesday following a brief illness from erysipelas. He was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Morley, Punshon.

Stirred Horne's Nest. All went along as merrily as a marriage bell with the report of the management committee until the clause recommending the appointment of Mr. Thompson was read by Trustee Bishop. This was the last recommendation in the report, and it stirred up a hornet's nest among the female members of the board.

Trustee Newlands moved for the appointment of a lady member of the teaching staff and was supported by Mrs. Revelle. Trustee Mrs. Newlands mentioned the names of Miss Lovick and Miss Ryder and asked that one be given the position of principal of Louise school and the other principal of Frontenac school.

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"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE d'ALROY On "Present-Day Stockings"

How stockings change— It's very strange! Long ago GOOD women wore SILK dresses and COTTON stockings. Now ALL GIRLS, even if they wear A COTTON frock, Wear SILK stockings— And most of them all the way up From fifteen to fifty and over. And yet, legs are not What they used to be any more. Ever since Fashion Permitted ALL women To show the world HOW they stood. Ankle are about as

THE SESSION VERY STORMY

Board of Education Discusses Appointment of Teachers.

INSPECTOR SUPPORTED

In Recommending Male Principal For Frontenac School—Women Members Opposed.

The recommendation of the management committee for the appointment of E. Thompson, a former member of the teaching staff of the Ottawa public schools and a recent graduate of Queen's University, as principal of Frontenac school, to take the place of T. A. S. McKee, resigned, resulted in a stormy session of the Board of Education on Wednesday night.

Trustee Mrs. A. Newlands, seconded by Trustee Mrs. S. E. Revelle, moved in amendment, "that this board engage a lady principal from its staff for Frontenac school, the choice to be made by Inspector Stuart." Trustee Mrs. E. Godwin and Trustee Canon J. W. Jones supported the amendment; but after a lively debate that lasted for over an hour, the report of the management committee was adopted and Mr. Thompson will take over the position at the beginning of the fall term.

The Report Presented. The entire report of the management committee, presented by the chairman, Trustee T. G. Bishop, was adopted as follows:

"That E. Thompson be appointed principal of Frontenac school, in place of T. A. S. McKee resigned, salary \$2,000 per year, duties to commence September 1st, 1924. "That the salary of Miss M. Fair, of the Collegiate Institute staff, be increased to \$2,000 per year from September 1st, 1924.

"That the resignation of Miss M. D. McClelland and W. Pyle, of the Collegiate staff, be accepted. "That Miss M. Sheridan, of the Collegiate staff, be granted leave of absence from September, 1924, to January, 1925, for the purpose of studying French in Paris, provided satisfactory arrangements for a substitute teacher can be made.

"That the following appointments be made to the staff of the Collegiate Institute, duties to commence September 1st, 1924: "Classics master, H. E. Paren, Woodstock, salary \$2,600 per year; "Junior mathematics and science, W. S. Collins, Oakville, salary \$2,000 per year.

"That the salary of Miss Eva McCullough, of the Public School staff, be \$950 from September 1st, 1924. "That Miss Winnifred Guild and Miss Inez Paul, both residents of Kingston, be engaged as public school teachers at the minimum salary of \$800, duties to commence September 1st, 1924."

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