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## Railway Problem of Canada Challenges Country's Full Resources

### MUST SHELVE OUR POLITICS AND GET TOGETHER TO SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

Address By J. L. Payne, Ottawa, to Kingston Rotary Club--It Is An Economic Problem And Can Only Be Solved By the Application of Economic Principles--Canadian National Railway Must Be Divorced From Parliament.

"This problem is so big, so insistent, and its solution so necessary to national soundness, that we must all be prepared to throw prejudice and preferences out of the window. It challenges our full resources in sagacity and courage. In every aspect it is an economic problem, and it can only be solved by the application of economic principles. We must lay our politics on the shelf and come together as rational men, in a spirit of compromise, determined to handle one of the biggest tasks by which any nation has ever been confronted. If we do that, we shall find a way out. If we try amalgamation, let us see to it that the one sound railway we have is not wrecked."

With these words, Mr. J. L. Payne, Ottawa, summed up his splendid address, given before the members of the Kingston Rotary Club, at their luncheon on Friday, in the British-American hotel, in dealing with "The Transportation Problems of Canada."

Mr. Payne, who is regarded as an expert on the matters of transportation, was listened to very attentively by the members of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Canadian clubs, the members of the latter clubs being given a special invitation to be present at the luncheon. In the short time at his disposal, Mr. Payne gave a wonderful survey of his subject. At this outset, he declared it to be a "dry" subject, but as he got into the heart of his discourse, his hearers were convinced that it was not a dry subject, dealing as it did with a matter of vital interest to Canada. The president, R. H. Ward, presided at the luncheon.

**Have Railway Problem.**  
At the opening of his address, Mr. Payne stated that all would agree that Canada had a railway problem, and that it presses insistently for solution. What were the causes of this immense problem? It undoubtedly came about principally through the collapse of the Canadian Northern

and the Grand Trunk Pacific. But back of that were two other causes: (1) public optimism, (2) government blunders. "We were all at that period obsessed by the idea that our national expansion and prosperity would be in the measure of railway building. Therefore, the more miles of line we built, the quicker would be our growth and the greater our increase in wealth. If we were drunk with optimism, the government could still have saved the situation. It should have seen that three Transcontinental systems were enormously in excess of our capacity to assimilate. The west could not possibly produce enough traffic to enable them all to live.

The Plans Outlined.  
Proceeding, the speaker said that thus it came about that neither the Canadian Northern nor the Grand Trunk Pacific had been quite completed before they broke down under their own weight, and had to be financed on public credit. It had been generally assumed that only one course was open to the government, to take over these roads and operate them for the protection of the public equity in them. If we had but paused to reflect, we would have seen that at least three alternatives were available. (1) Put up both properties to public sale under a receivership. (2) Adopt the Shaughnessy plan. (3) Form a new company by the government continuing its guarantee and handing over the two roads, plus the Grand Trunk, along with a bonus of \$250,000,000 in cash. The first plan would perhaps have aroused the fear of monopoly. The third plan would have been ideal. It would have enabled the new company to eradicate all the defects which now admittedly attach to the Canadian National as respects mileage, duplication of service, parallels and so on. But the people

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### Union Bank of Canada To Be Purchased By Royal Bank

Ottawa, May 23.—Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance, announced last night that he had given his consent to the purchase of the Union Bank of Canada by the Royal Bank of Canada. Before the agreement can finally be approved by government-in-council it requires ratification by the shareholders of both banks, as provided by the Bank Act. Shareholders of the Union Bank are to receive one share of Royal Bank stock for each two shares of Union Bank stock.

### OBJECTS TO A VOTE FOR THE R.M.C. WHARF

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., Questions the Expenditure of \$1,800.

Ottawa, May 23.—"Are there any peace schools maintained by the Dominion Government, or do they just teach one line of national policy?" asked Miss Agnes Macphail (Progressive, Southeast Grey) in the House yesterday afternoon, while questioning an item for the expenditure of \$1,800 at the Royal Military College, Kingston, for "wharf repairs and protection work."

Hon. J. R. King, Minister of Public Works, did not reply to this query.

"Is it customary for schools to have wharves?" further enquired Miss Macphail.

Dr. King replied that the Royal Military College was a Government school, and that the wharf in question was used by the cadets and by the school.

### WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALLEGED AGREEMENT

Between Brewers and Federal Government, Premier King Tells the Commons.

Ottawa, May 23.—"A gentleman's agreement between the brewers and the federal government, which reads more like a rogue's agreement," was subject of a question in the Commons yesterday. R. J. Woods, (Progressive, Dufferin) quoted from the Toronto Globe, an article claiming that such an agreement existed whereby "for money to be paid by brewers the federal government will make certain concessions in filing clearance papers of liquor presumably for export."

The article added that "this is one of the big reasons why bootleggers thrive in face of the prohibition law."

Premier King replied that if the author of the article would produce a copy of "the gentleman's agreement" referred to, the premier would be very glad to see it.

### JUDGE MOWAT RAPS RURAL MAGISTRATES

Lot of Injustice Done by Them in Convicting on Local Prejudices.

Toronto, May 23.—"We have a lot of magistrates in this country that are not versed in the law and they make slap-dash convictions at times. I don't feel like supporting them unless it is a clear case. I don't think it is good for the country to have magistrates running the whole law. There ought to be some supervision of them. A lot of injustice is done by magistrates convicting on local prejudice and so on."

Justice Mowat delivered himself of this stricture yesterday on an application to quash a London conviction for non-support.

"In England it is different," added his lordship. "There they have a lot of educated gentlemen who know a great deal about the law, and, with competent clerks, they have a regular court. That is different from having a ten-cent magistrate's court in some rural part of Canada."

Shipping Committee Report.  
Ottawa, May 23.—The recent report of the imperial shipping committee, which toured Canada in the course of an enquiry into marine insurance, has been received in Ottawa. Premier King said that as soon as the report has been scrutinized it would be tabled "unless there are some good reasons for treating it as confidential at this stage."

### LOOKING AROUND

Ottawa has been very enthusiastic over the new beer. Perhaps it is getting a real good brand to draw the drinkers on. It is said that the first of the new beer turned out recently tested under 3.4. When the brewers get the drink properly matured, it may become more popular. At present they may be a little afraid of going over the allowed strength of 4.4.

The Ontario Brewing Company at Portmouth appeals to the people at home to use its beverage and encourage employment here. This is a fair plea, so let us drink Portmouth beer which is our own home brew. When John Fisher conducted the Portmouth brewery he made the finest ale in Ontario. Nothing could beat it. He used to say that the limestone in the water here helped greatly in the making of beer and ale.

Most of the famous old beers, even from Milwaukee, tested under five per cent. They were just light palatable beers and not made for the purpose of intoxicating those who drank them. They were thirst quenchers chiefly, and foamed beautifully.

According to a Picton correspondent it is not safe to drink the tap water in that town. Here is a place where there will no doubt be a big demand for 4.4.

It is said that very few grocery stores in Kingston wish to sell beer. They hardly need to since there is a brewery in our midst.

Now Chicago announces a new serum for scarlet fever. It is not said, however, if it will be proof against the June "scarlet fever" of the Kingston girls.

The Queen's principal in addressing the McMaster graduates is reported to have told them not to work too hard and to cultivate leisure. If we do not get a little leisure we cannot restore either body or mind. The chief thing is to do honest work and take necessary leisure.

Peggy Joyce, an American actress, who was wedded to two millionaires and a baron, is bragging that in her third venture she has stayed married a whole year without a matrimonial mishap. Peggy should not brag so early, for she may never see a tin wedding anniversary.

Lansdowne and Newburgh appear to be supplying the appendix patients for the Kingston General Hospital this month of May, which means so many appendices less. Other places will come to the fore next month perhaps. Soon there will be few people in the district with an appendix.

A lady wishes to know if it was because of the coming of stronger beer that the city council had the names of the streets placarded anew. Her view was that the new signs would help those indulging in the new beverage to reach home. But it is safe to say that all drinking the new beer can look straight at the signs and solemnly and truthfully declare that even automobile drivers may safely quench their thirst with the new drink.

The news of the death in England of Earl Ypres—the great General Sir John French—was heard with deep regret. Many will remember the visit General French paid to Kingston a couple of years before the great war and his inspection of the old 14th Regiment on Barrisfield Heights one June night. This great soldier was a cavalryman, and as such he came into prominence against the Boers in the South African war. His leadership of the crack British professional army in the early days of the great war as it retired through Belgium before the German hordes, checking the invaders here and there, is recorded as a feat of generalship. Britain's old military men of genius are gradually passing—Roberts, Kitchener, French. But the ranks are always filled. Britain has never lacked military genius since the days of Marlborough.

Second Royal Court.  
London, May 23.—King George and Queen Mary held their second royal court of the season at Buckingham Palace last night, when a large number of invited guests attended.

### VERY HOPEFUL AMUNDSEN WILL RETURN SAFELY

No Word Received From Expedition Flying to North Pole.

### IT MAY HAVE LANDED

On Intermediate Body of Land For Closer Investigation And More Accurate Location.

Oslo, Norway, May 23.—The Shipping Gazette reports that weather conditions for Capt. Amundsen's North Pole flight continue very favorable and that there is every hope of the expedition returning safely. A despatch to the paper says the temperature now is mild.

The steamer Farm is not in communication with the other expedition vessel, Hobby, as the latter is not equipped with wireless, but members of the crew are confident that Capt. Amundsen and his companions will be able to return unharmed.

Those whose Arctic experience or other expert knowledge warrant an expression of opinion appeared today to think that Capt. Amundsen's continued absence indicated that he had landed at the pole or had discovered an intermediate body of land upon which he had descended for closer investigation and more accurate location.

### May Not Try To Land

Copenhagen, May 23.—Danish navy Capt. Godfred Hansen, companion to Capt. Amundsen and second in command of his 1926 Arctic expedition on the sloop G.J.O., today expressed the opinion that Amundsen would not attempt to land at the North Pole, but would drop the Norwegian flag there from his flying boat. Captain Hansen said he thinks Amundsen's chances of success depend entirely upon the weather conditions and his gasoline supply.

### SPECIAL BEER TRAIN

Thirty Kentuckians Will Reach Detroit Sunday.  
Louisville, Ky., May 23.—A special "beer train" leaving here Saturday evening, June 6th, and arriving in Detroit Sunday morning was announced today by officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The thirty will be ferried across the international boundary to Windsor, Ont., immediately after their arrival. It was announced. The return train will arrive at Louisville in time for Monday morning business hours.

New Quebec Weekly.  
Quebec, May 23.—A new periodical, "Le Cri de Quebec," will make its first appearance in Quebec today as the organ of the Young Liberals Association. Its publishers promise that it will be aggressive, vigorous and frank. The first number of this new weekly will contain articles on provincial and federal politics, literary essays and other items of interest.

### Got Drunk on New Beer?

Port Arthur, May 23.—A man who was fined \$10 and costs in Port Arthur police court for drunkenness, which the police told the magistrate was a very pronounced case, declared emphatically to the court that he had consumed nothing other in the way of liquor than 4.4 beer.

### Fingers Cut Off

Peterboro, May 23.—Milne Cullen, seventeen, lost all the fingers from his left hand when caught in a rip saw at the Dick and Carey Lumber Mill at noon yesterday. His fingers were thrown thirty feet. Part of his palm was amputated at the hospital.

### ADVOCATES SPANKING

Toronto, May 23.—Before the Ontario Bar Association at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Judge Costerworth spoke of the increase in crime in recent years, particularly in automobile thefts. He said that imprisonment and fines did not seem to work any improvement and advocated spanking as a "deterrent."

### Nickle Proposes Toast to the Liberal Minister of Justice

Toronto, May 23.—Political animosities were laid aside last night at the annual dinner in Hart House of the Ontario Bar Association, when Hon. William F. Nickle, Conservative attorney-general for Ontario, in a particularly happy speech, proposed the toast of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Liberal minister of justice for Canada, who responded by half an hour address which roused his hearers to round after round of tremendous applause.

### UNFAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE MUST CHANGE

If Great Britain Is to Meet the Interest on Her United States Debt.

New York, May 23.—Unless Great Britain's unfavorable trade balance with this country is changed, she cannot continue to meet the interest on her debt to the United States, Sir Ernie Howard, British ambassador, told 1,200 members of the American Iron and Steel Institute at their annual dinner at Hotel Commodore last evening.

### No More Wednesday Evening Holidays for the Commons

Ottawa, May 23.—The House of Commons will enjoy no more Wednesday evening holidays this session except Wednesday of next week. Premier King stated yesterday that on and after Wednesday, June 3rd, the House would not adjourn at six o'clock but continue as usual until the business was finished.

### RIFFIANS FLEEING BEFORE THE FRENCH

Their Casualties Heavy as Result of Rout They Sustained on Friday.

Paris, May 23.—An official communication issued last evening regarding the situation in Morocco says General Count de Chambrun's French troops have routed the Rifians in the region of Taonat in an operation begun yesterday and sent the rebels fleeing in a north-westerly direction. The rebels are being pursued by artillery fire and airplanes, which are taking the effective role of cavalry in the campaign. The losses to the Rifians are described as heavy and the French casualties slight in proportion to the results achieved.

### Sir Edward Hulton Dead

Leatherhead, Eng., May 23.—Sir Edward Hulton, former owner of the Evening Standard, Daily Sketch, London Daily Dispatch and other newspapers is dead. He was born in 1869. Sir Edward owned a noted string of race horses.

### To Visit Canada

London, May 23.—Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former prime minister, will sail for Canada on October 2nd and spend some time visiting important centres of the dominion.

### 200 Houses Collapse During Earthquake

Osaka, May 23.—Two hundred houses were reported collapsed and numerous fires are raging today in the vicinity of Toyo-oka, a town of seven thousand population, eighty miles north west of Osaka, as the result of an earthquake. The shock was a horizontal vibration of nearly three inches. No details have been received regarding casualties.

### At St. Paul, Minn., U. S.

Federal authorities are investigating a large illicit alcohol ring which they say is backed by more than \$1,000,000 capital, with headquarters in the Twin Cities, and branches in many parts of the country.

Former Governor Jonathan Davis, of Kansas, was acquitted by a jury of charges of conspiracy to solicit bribes for pardons during his term of office.

Phonographic records of recitations of his poems by Lord Tennyson have been presented to the British Museum by his son, the present peer.

As Moscow, the Ukrainian Ecclesiastical Conference has pronounced the Ukrainian Church independent of the Russian Church. Verdict in the suicide at London of Lieut.-Col J. W. Byrne, British war hero, was that he was hounded to death by money-lenders.

### GREAT DISPLAY OF RIDING BY R.M.C. CADETS

Who Were Applauded From the Big Stand in Toronto.

### A GRACEFUL EXHIBITION

Of Military Drill And Training-- Toronto Has Seldom Seen Such Fine Horsemanship.

Toronto, May 23.—One of the finest displays of horsemanship which has been seen in the city for some time is to be witnessed in connection with the assault-at-arms, military display and horse show, which opened at the Coliseum last night with a good house, and which will be repeated this afternoon and evening under the patronage of the Governor-General, Lord Byng, and Lieutenant-Governor Col. Cockshutt. The purpose of the two-day display is to raise funds towards meeting the balance of the cost of an arch erected at the entrance to the Royal Military College of Kingston, in memory of the men who fell in the Great War.

It is being held under the presidency of Major-General F. L. Leppard, C.B., and under auspices of ex-Cadets club of the Military College and the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, and the fact that the citizens of Toronto are sympathetic towards both units was amply displayed last night by the opening crowd of spectators.

So far as the display itself was concerned, it produced some remarkably high lights in horsemanship of the members of the Royal Military College, as the gentlemen cadets demonstrated the product of training received at that institution and won a fine round of cheers from the big stand.

In addition to the vaulting ride, there were some spectacular numbers, such as jumping their horses over a table at which other cadets were apparently enjoying a meal, without any thought of disaster which might well overtake them. There was also a fire jump, when eight riders followed each other over a burning barrier with flaming posts at either side, and there was, as well, a nice demonstration in tent-pegging.

When it came to athletics, without the aid of mounts, the gentlemen cadets were equally effective as they showed a fine degree of training and they performed their difficult work with apparent ease; and, to round it off, they gave demonstration of tricks with chairs which, beyond doubt, will set all small boys among the spectators by the ears and have them ruining kitchen chairs in the back yards for a week or so. There were also parallel bar display, sword play and a tableau at the end.

The Globe writer says of the display: "Seldom, if ever, has Toronto witnessed so proficient and graceful an exhibition of military drill and training as that provided last night by gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston."

British Steamer in Distress.  
Marseilles, May 23.—The British steamer City of Valencia is reported by wireless as in distress in the Bay of Biscay, having lost her propeller. She is calling for assistance.

### 40,000 NATIVES

WELCOME THE PRINCE

Umtata, South Africa, May 23.—As the royal train carrying the Prince of Wales on his South African tour covered the last few miles toward Umtata yesterday the great sloping plains of the veldt swarmed with tribal horsemen arriving for what proved to be the greatest native demonstration of the prince has witnessed. More than 40,000 natives gathered to meet him in Umtata. The prince reviewed by boy scouts and girl guides, and later placed a wreath upon a memorial to white South Africans who fell in the great war and another upon a memorial to natives who lost their lives in the conflict.

### RESIGNS FROM THE CABINET

Hon. E. J. McMurray, Solicitor-General, Drops Out For Purely Personal Reasons.

Ottawa, May 23.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Premier King announced the resignation from the position of solicitor-general of Hon. E. J. McMurray, and read the correspondence which had passed between himself and the re-



HON. E. J. McMURRAY  
solicitor minister, which was as follows:  
"Office of the solicitor-general of Canada.  
Ottawa, Ont., May 20th, 1926.  
Dear Premier King.—Matters of a personal and private nature induce me, after careful consideration, to

tender you my resignation from your government.  
"In asking you, to accept my resignation, permit me to express my thanks for being honored with the appointment of solicitor-general and a seat at your council board; also accept my deep appreciation for many personal acts of courtesy and kindness."  
"I avail myself of the opportunity to express my deep regret in disassociating myself from yourself and colleagues with whom I had such cordial relationship."  
"May I urge for reasons above recited that I be relieved from my duties as a member of the government and as solicitor-general at as early a date as possible."  
"Sincerely yours, (Signed) E. J. McMurray."  
Premier's Reply.  
Premier King replied in part: "It is with sincere regret that I have received your letter of yesterday stating that, owing to matters of professional and private nature, you wish to be relieved from your duties as a member of the government and as solicitor-general at as early a date as possible."  
"Your letter confirms the representations you have already made to me in conversation. Were it not that reasons which impel you to desire to be relieved of your present public responsibility are of the character to which you refer, and that we have already talked the matter over fully, I should be most unwilling to have you sever your connection with the government."  
"I have read your letter to the other members of the government and they desire to join me in expressing our united regret at your withdrawal from the ministry."  
"Although there is no official announcement to this effect, it is not thought likely that any successor to Mr. Murray as solicitor-general would be appointed for the time being. There is talk of merging of the department of solicitor-general with that of the justice department and thus going away with the portfolio of solicitor-general."  
"Mr. McMurray retains his seat as a member of the House."