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General Trade of Canada Moving Upward in Volume

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—Class 1 railways in Canada moved 276,789 loaded cars during the month of September. This was a gain of 44,154 carloads over September of last year. Of this increase, grain and grain products accounted for 31,336 carloads, while other commodities registered a betterment of 12,818. This must be regarded as highly satisfactory, and beyond all question proves that the general trade of the country has moved, and is moving, steadily upward in volume.

With a gain of 12,281 carloads in August, and 44,154 in September, there is no room whatever for doubt that railway traffic has received marked stimulation; and, if railway traffic has improved to that extent over the corresponding period of last year, all economic authorities would be agreed that such a fact merely reflects the same relative improvement in business conditions throughout the Dominion. Since this new impulse to commerce comes in considerable degree from the free marketing of the season's harvest, it is but natural that the increased number of carloads has attached chiefly to the western provinces. Nevertheless there has been traffic growth on a substantial scale in Ontario and the East. Merchandise and miscellaneous have contributed in the greatest measure to larger carloadings in eastern Canada.

The last week in September was typical of several others during the past two months, in the sense that every one of the eleven commodity classes showed a betterment over last year. A fact like that is peculiarly significant. It tells us unmistakably that a commercial revival is under way, and that it is general. This will help the railways in precisely the degree that it will help everybody.

From now onward to the end of November there should be a rising volume of railway traffic if the normal course of other years is followed. October of last year showed a freight movement of 278,322 carloads, and in 1923 of 291,013. November, 1924, ran up to 340,919. With a large volume of grain available this year, October and November should establish records. This prospect rests on the fact that the general trade of the country is this year better than it has been for three or four years. Railway earnings have followed the course of traffic. During the five months preceding August they were greatly depressed. They are now do-

ing better, and there would seem to be a good ground for the expectation that the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific will have operating surpluses about equal to those of last year. A good deal depends on the results for the next three months. A feature of autumn operations in Canada is the high proportion of empty cars moved. Owing to the trend of traffic being eastward, and the necessity for keeping an adequate supply of cars at shipping points in the west, thousands of empties have to be hauled. During the grain movement these empties at times equal the number of loaded cars. For the whole year they average 35 per cent; and no other country in the world has that high ratio. It is the handicap created by our geographical position.

The pick-up in traffic has very materially helped the employment situation. During the months between February and the end of July, thousands of railway employees were laid off. The drop in earnings made that necessary. They are now back at work. That will help trade in general. The pay-roll of Canadian railways last year amounted to \$231,517,863, and the number of employees was 159,030. The livelihood of one person in every seven, directly or indirectly, is gained through railway operations.

Auto bus competition with the railways is causing complications in the larger cities where commutation services have been in use. Trucks have taken away most of the incidental short-haul business, and buses are cutting seriously into passenger traffic. Under such conditions the commutation business is in danger of extinction.

Both the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific are picking up on net earnings as the movement of the western harvest and the growth in general commerce adds to gross receipts. Both have, however, been compelled to apply exceedingly drastic measures of economy.

The Safety Section of the American Railway Association has begun a campaign to reduce the number of accidents to employees. In Canada last year 107 railway employees were killed and 2,440 injured.

The Province of Alberta has offered to sell the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway to the Canadian Pacific, and, failing to do so, will offer it to the Canadian National. The road is 407 miles long, was built by the province, and leads to the Peace River country.

PICTON MISSIONARY HOME ON FURLOUGH

To Address Meeting on Armistice Day—North Vancouver Candidate Old Picton Boy.

Picton, Oct. 16.—There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church on Wednesday afternoon. The chair was occupied by the president, Mrs. C. C. Spencer. Reports were heard from the superintendents of the various departments of the work and Mrs. T. E. Waring led the devotional exercises. A duet was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Arnold Way and her daughter, Miss Helen. Arrangements were made for the November meeting, which will fall on Armistice Day, and which will be addressed by Picton's own returned missionary, Miss Mary Yarwood, home on furlough. Invitations will be extended to neighboring auxiliaries to attend. The new study book was introduced by Mrs. English, who was assisted in a resume of the first chapter by Mesdames Davidson, Haight, Dwight and Welbanks.

The weather man smiled on the field day sports of Picton Collegiate which were held on the Agricultural Grounds on Wednesday afternoon. There was a large crowd in attendance and the competition was keen for the medals, prizes and ribbons, which made up the largest prize list ever offered in Picton. A half holiday for the rural schools accounted for a large attendance, from outside the town.

The Regent Theatre was crowded to the doors on Wednesday night for the performance by Blackstone, the famous magician and his company of artists.

Ben Hokea, with his eight-piece orchestra, was at the Bay side Inn on Wednesday night, where a large company of young people danced to the entrancing strains which floated out over the beautiful bay.

Rev. John Lyons is in attendance at the Provincial Synod of the Church of England meeting in Toronto this week.

Pictonians are interested to know

that George H. Morden, of North Vancouver, an old Picton boy, is the Conservative candidate for that riding in the Federal election.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams, Mrs. Thomas Woods and Mrs. Frank Powers motored to Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon, attending the Smith meeting in the evening, and remaining over Sunday to visit with friends.

Jack Fee came to Picton from New Liskeard last week and visited at the manse with his parents, Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Fee, before going on to Kingston where he will attend Queen's.

Mrs. Clarence McKenna, of Oshawa, was called to town owing to the serious illness of her father, Mr. E. Insley. Mr. Insley has since passed away.

Jerome Helferty is in Montreal this week.

My Own.
I sat in the gathering shadows
And I looked to the west away;
There the hand of an unseen artist
Was painting, at close of day,
A strange and beautiful picture
That filled my soul with awe,
And made men think of the city
No mortals ever saw.

Paint me, O wonderful artist,
I cried when the shadows came,
And bid the marvellous glory
Of the western hills aflame—
Paint me the face of an angel;
And lo, before my eyes
Was the face of my sainted mother
Who dwells in Paradise.

Paint me the face of a sinner,
A darker shadow crept
Down the hills, and I thought, in the
twilight

The unseen artist wept;
And lo, from a magical pencil
A face in a moment had grown,
The sad white face of a sinner,
And I knew it for my own.
—Author Unknown.

It is estimated that every seventh person in Europe lives in a city with a population of more than 100,000. The deepest hole in the Atlantic is off Porto Rico and goes down 27,965 feet.

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JOINT LUNCHEON AT CLINICAL BUILDING

Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs Had
a Unique Gathering on
Friday.

To mark the opening of the clinical building at the Kingston General Hospital, the members of the Kingston Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs held a joint luncheon at this new building on Friday. There was a good attendance, and following the luncheon the members made an inspection of the new building and were greatly pleased. H. C. Nickle, chairman of the board of governors, of the General Hospital, presided at the luncheon, and he had on his right President "Billy" Moore, of the Kiwanis club, and on his left, President R. H. Ward of the Rotary club. The luncheon was provided by the hospital management, and it was all that could be desired. The tables were very prettily arranged, while a bevy of pretty nurses waited on the tables and gave excellent service. Indeed it was the general opinion that the service could not have been improved on.

Mr. H. C. Nickle, in a brief address, stated that it was the desire of the hospital management to have the members of the club make an inspection of the new clinical building. He pointed out that the hospital had within the last four years, expended \$1,100,000, to not only serve the people of Kingston and the surrounding district, but the whole of Eastern Ontario. The speaker went into the financial side of the question, and stated that the hospital was endeavoring to give the best possible service, and he asked for the warm support of the people.

On motion of President Ward, of the Rotary Club, seconded by "Billy"

Moore, of the Kiwanis Club, the two clubs decided to provide the money for the furniture required for the sun room in the new building. This will involve an expenditure of about \$150 and the sum was granted by the members by a unanimous vote. President Ward reported that Judge McKinley, of the Juvenile Court, Ottawa, would come to Kingston shortly to address a gathering in the interests of the establishment of a Juvenile Court in this city, and asked for the support of the members in backing up the move in Kingston to establish a juvenile court.

On motion of Kiwanian W. Y. Mills, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the board of governors of the hospital, to the members of the staff, to the superintendent, Mr. Fraser Armstrong, to the nurses who waited on the tables, the dietician and the chef.

In moving the vote of thanks, Mr. Mills stated that the occasion was a unique one, and he paid a tribute to the members of the board of governors of the hospital who gave so much of their time to help along the work of the hospital. The speaker also warmly praised the work of the superintendent, Mr. Armstrong, stating that he was "the right man in the right place."

Rotarian Dr. P. H. Huyck seconded the motion put forth by Kiwanian Mills, and it was carried by a unanimous vote, and with great enthusiasm.

Through the kindness of Mr. Nickle, the members had the pleasure of viewing a picture of the General Hospital, as it appeared in 1857, a very small building, and giving an opportunity for the members to consider the wonderful advance made at this hospital since that time.

During the luncheon a framed picture of the hospital and Queen's building was presented to Mr. George Van Horna, he being the holder of the lucky ticket picked from a basket.



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