# Dunning Views With Confidence Canadian National Railways' Future

# PRESENTS ESTIMATES FOR YEAR Orange Secrets PLACE BOOKS

Hon. Charles A. Dunning Says It May Be Possible for the National Railways This Year to Meet Their Entire Interest Charges With Good Harvest and No Labor Troubles.

the railway estimates for the fiscal year 1926 in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, stated that he viewed with confidence the future of the Canadian National Railways.

and freedom from traffic losses due to labor difficulties, it may be pos-National Railways this year to meet ever, that of the \$50,000,000 voted ing his case, argued that Mr. Sexsible," said the minister, "for the their entire interest charges due the a year ago only \$10,000,000 were smith's information that had been



HON. CHARLES A. DUNNING

public. This, needless to say, would constitute a remarkable and wel-

"I have spoken with a certain optimism and a degree of confidence which I would like the House to share. With me it is not merely a case of the wish being father to the thought. I have been able to secure the operating results of the Canaian National lines for the first four nonths of the present year. They indicate net earnings of \$9,689,217, as compared with \$5,774,782 for the same period last year, an increase of \$3,914,435. It is on this outlook that I base the confidence that I would have you share. Our railways are excellent barometers so far as business is concerned. They reflect, in accurate measure, the trade and commence of the country.

### Last Year's Results.

so far in advance of previous years count reduce this figure to \$15,727, that I feel that my first duty should 284. This year's vote is intended be the altogether happy one of con- to provide for the following: dent, the board, the responsible of New equipment .... ficers and the rank and file of the Betterments to equip-National Railways on the results ments ..... achieved. To have done more busi- Coms. telegraph and exness at less cost is an accomplishment which has brought commenda- Electric lines .. .. .. tion from quarters ordinarily inclin- Hotels .. .. .. .. ed to hold that such things were not Miscellaneous .. .. really possible under public owner- Central Vermont .. ... ship. The figures indicate roughly that while two-thirds of the year's improvement of fifteen millions in net earnings was the result of increased business due to a good harvest and improving trade, onethird was due to decreased costs of operation. And Sir Henry Thorn- Net increase in investton affirms that this improvement was accompanied Mono deterioration in service or unfair treatment of employees. It affords us pleasure, therefore, on behalf of the Government, to acknowledge the loyal service of officers and employees, whose enthusiasm and good will made last year's achievement possible.

Greatly Improved Showing. period, of \$11,00,000 a year.

annual increase in operating earn-congratulate ourselves that the deings in recent years has been greatly mands of the railway grow less and, G. P. Woollcombe, Ottawa, Archin excess of the annual increase in instead of getting dust in our eyes deacon J. Patterson Smyth, Montreal, fixed charges. While, as stated, the sitting in the observation and con- and C. E. Fosbery, Montreal, are to peace, total of the annual increase in operat- templating at too great length the be given honorary LL.D. by McGill | Captain Pelletier D'Oisy, starts an ing on Thursday will show whether ing earnings during the last six years (Continued on Page 9). University.

\$40,000,000 less.

The Estimate for 1926. "A year ago Parliament was asked "Given a reasonably good harvest incurred by National Railways dur- Justice Meredith, after hearing mediate outlook for the railways was | manent. not very bright. It transpired, howrequired of the Government, and received for the proposed book conthere were no bond issues, either tained descriptions of degrees, signs, guaranteed or otherwise. This im- grips, etc. Mr. Sexsmith had belongproved state of affairs appears to ed to the Orange Lodge and had have been made possible by a num- taken fifteen degrees in it. Counsel ber of circumstances. The railway argued that defendant understood was itself able to provide 80 per that he had taken an oath to keep cent. of its interest requirement due the secrets of the Order and it was the public. That supplied the chief on the strength of the oath taken by reduction in the estimated require- him that the secrets of the Order ments. Nothing, perhaps, could be were revealed to him. Despite these more indicative of the rapidly-im- obligations and this oath, he had proving situation of the National proposed to publish this book. lines than the fact that a Minister of "Orangeism Unfolded." Railways finds it necessary to explain why \$40,000,000 voted were not required to be forthcoming. It is a very much more agreeable task than was not satisfied that his client had the books at Queen's University. would have been the necessity to ex- taken any oath. There was no plain why the railways had required written word to that effect. In ad- ed of the president of the conference \$40,000,000 more than had been esti- dition, counsel claimed that enough the secretary, Dr. C. D. Baldwin, Dr.

\$31,000,000, distributed as follows: Interest on funded

and other debt ...\$36,540,598.34 Grand Trunk Pacific guaranteed interest 1,108,000.00 Sinking fund pay-

ments ..... Equipment principal payments C.P.R. 4% guaranteed

Retirement of capital obligations .....

Total financial re-Less resources ... 34,379,829.00

Net financial requirements ......\$14,072,716.00 General additions, bet-

Discount on securities

to be issued .... 1,200,000.00 Total estimate ....\$31,000,000.00 proposed is \$19,127,284.00, including Central Vermont. Retirements "Last year's operating results were recoverable through operating ac-

gratulating the chairman and presi- Betterments to road ... \$13,047,211

Gross capital expendi-Less retirements recov-

erable through operating accounts ....

ment account .... \$13,727,284 a week this summer.

Solution of Railway Problem

"We hear various proposals, from ime to time, intended to relieve our railway ills. My own view is that the solution of the problem must be found along the line of greater density of traffic. It must be remembered that, so far as the Canadian National is concerned, we have sev-"It is now six years since the Gov- eral thousand miles of purely colonernment became responsible for ization railways. They are necessary Grand Trunk financial and while the to the development of the country. re-organization and consolidation of but they reduce the general good the National System did not take showing of the older established place until late in 1922, we have a lines. Greater density of population six-year background from which to will provide greater density of trafjudge of the progress made by the fic where most needed, and when we railways towards recovery from the have settled and prosperous comdifficulties which proved too much munities contributing business to our for private ownership. There are a coloniation mileage, the lean kine number of ways in which progress of the National system will no longmay be noted. It is four years now er absorb so much of the vitality of since there has been an operating the fat. The president of the Nadeficit. In 1920 the operating deficit tional lines recently advised me that, was \$34,000,000. In 1925 there was for the first four months of 1926. an operating surplus of \$32,000,000. 40,924 passengers had been landed The extreme swing between the oper- at Halifax, St. John and Quebec by ating deficit of 1920 and the operat- various ocean services. This coming surplus of 1925 was \$66,000,000, pares with 24,152 passengers for the or an average improvement, over the same period last year-an increase of 69 per cent. Improvement is ap- Lord's Day Alliance leaders at To-'A very hopeful feature also of our parent, therefore, in that direction. railway situation is the fact that the "In the circumstances, we may

# Not to Publish

Chief Justice Meredith Makes Injunction Against Frederick Sexsmith Permanent.

At the Supreme Court stiting on Wednesday morning, Chief Justice Meredith heard the case of the Grand Orange Lodge of British annual increase in fixed charges over North America, plaintiff, and Fred that period was but \$26,000,000, or Sexsmith, defendant. The plaintiff asked for an injunction restraining the defendant from printing or publishing a work entitled "Orangeism Unfolded." Plaintiff was representto provide \$50,000,000, to meet ex- ed by Cunningham and Smith, and penditures made and indebtedness Ambrose Shea acted for the defence. ing 1925-26. At that time the im- counsel, made the injunction per-

Counsel for plaintiff, in present-

For The Defence.

Judge Meredith, in summing up the committee. but he now intended to break these Historical committee will be in

time ago been made a temporary re- their churches. publishing the secrets of the Orange torical committee. Lodge at any time.

## new equipment .. 15,727,284.00 A STIR OVER MAKING

"The gross capital expenditure Makers Unable to Handle the Big Wilk Supply in Six

spector for Eastern Ontario, when his home at Perth.

A few years ago some of the makers decided to operate their factories on Sunday during the summer months, and from the present indications a larger number of factories will be running seven days

In some of the communities, which have been visited by a Whig representative, many people were found who were absolutely opposed to the cheese factories being operated the Sabbath. This condition vails in villages where the factories

Mr. Publow, when asked if there was any way of avoiding making

Some of the factories have had double equipment for years, which has meant that the cheese maker can have a day of rest each week. In ome factories it has beeen the practice to make cheese on Saturday night, which meant that the Saturday evening milk was cared for, and on Monday there would only be half much milk again as any other

who are opposed to Sunday-making have taken the matter up with the

Along With Historical Sketches of the Various Circuits.

## ELECT PRESIDEN

Of Bay of Quinte Conference of Thursday---Rev. N. B. Topping, Perth, a Veteran.

At a meeting of the Historical Committee of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church held at Sydenham street United church on Wednesday morning, it was decided to recommend to conference that the following suggestions be followed out.

That all old and valuable books in connection with the churches in the Bay of Quinte conference, which at the present time are not in use, be sent to Queen's University or Victoria University libraries for safe

of the different church circuits be forty years he was secretary-treas-Counsel for defence stated that he prepared and deposited along with

That a board of trustees, compos- time of his death. had not been shown to cause an in- Malcolm Macgillivray, Rev. J. D. "The budget amount required for junction. No injury or irreparable Boyd and Rev. Andrew McLachlan the present fiscal year, 1926-27 is loss had been suffered. It was the be appointed to hold the documents onus of the plaintiff to establish in trust and not be released without permission of the members of

the case said that it was a simple For many years there was a comcase of breaking a contract that had mittee in connection with the Presbeen entered into. This was a byterian church which had charge break of a contract of promise made of collecting historical documents, between the two parties in the case. which has resulted in a large num-Defendant, His Lordship said, had ber of the Presbyterian churches bedmitted these promises were made, ing looked after. The work of the promises, thus breaking the contract great part to get the former Methothat had been made by the oath. dists circuits to deposit their books The injunction, which had some and also sketches of the history of

straining injunction, was made a Rev. J. D. Boyd, Kingston, and perpetual injunction by the Judge, Rev. Andrew McLachlin, Lindsay, ped for a few minutes and had a new hotel is placed at \$100,- 4 and Mr. Sexsmith is restrained from are the joint conveners of the His- very interesting conversation with + 000.

> Will Elect President. dent at the present time.

gister at the conference was Rev. he would get a nice pike, but un-N. B. Topping, Perth, one of the fortunately for the newspaper man oldest ministers in the former Met- he was unable to return that way as hodist Church. Mr. Topping when his business called him elsewhere. A problem which many of the speaking to the Whig, refused to ac- Mr. VanLuven, like hundreds of cheese makers and the patrons of knowledge his age, but stated that others, has been taking The Whig the factories in this part of the he thought that he had only missed for over half a century. He states 1,325,000 province have to decide is whether or two annual meetings of conference that he has taken it for fifty-five lng the evening service, on Sunday, not they will have cheese made on in the last forty years. He stated years, never misses reading it a a unanimous call was extended 1,500,000 Sunday during the summer months. that he could not afford to miss this single day, and hopes to be able to Rev. H. W. Cliff, M.A., B.D., Arn-G. G. Publow, chief dairy in gathering and made his way from read The Whig until he dies.

336,300 Whig over the telephone, stated that ing had labored in work of the Met- was put into first class condition and Mr. CHff is a young married man 637,013 there was more cheese being made hodist ministry, he had been posted he did the sowing himself. Last fall with a personality that has made 736,760 in the Kingston and Brockville dis- for the most part on mission work. he helped his son, Frank, in the him very popular with all acquainttricts than any other places in the He has two sons, one on a mission fields during the threshing season. field in China and the other in educational work in western Canada.

> Nothing To Announce. Rev. Dr. W. T. G. Brown, Chair man of the Settlement Committee when asked on Wednesday afternoon if he had any report to an nounce regarding the meeting, stated that there was nothing to be made public at present. He did no know whether there would be a firs and second slate of changes of min isters in the conference.

Bishop Williams to Preside.

A special session of the Synod of cheese on Sunday, stated that the Ontario convenes on June 2nd at noon farmers would have to arrange to in St. George's hall, for the election keep the Sunday milk cool until of a successor to Right Rev. E. J. Bid-Monday morning. If the factories well to the bishopric of Ontario. His were equipped for handling a Grace, the Archbishop of Algoma, double quantity of milk on Monday, who for some time has not been enthere would be no need of making joying good health, has delegated Bishop Williams, of London, to pre-

## Farmer Hit By Auto

Brockville, May 26 .- Charles Pritchard, aged over seventy, a farmer living near Fernbank, was struck last night by a motor car while walking on the provincial highway near his home, and died later in the General Hospital.

The French Cabinet takes no tice of the Riff chiefs offer to make

London, May 26-Her Ma- + + jesty, Queen Mary, is fifty-nine + + years of age today. Flags are + & flying from all the Government &

### PETITION WAS TABLED.

Ontario Celery Growers Asked for Ban on Imports.

Ottawa, May 26 .- In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, J. E. Armstrong (Conservative, Lambton East), read a petition from celery growers of his constituency, asking that an embargo be placed against celery entering the Dominfon from the United States, covering the period October 1st to February 1st each year, "similar to the embargo placed on this product going into the United States from Canada." The petition was tabled without com-

DONALD ROSS-ROSS DEAD.

Secretary-Treasurer of Montrea

Telegraph Co. Forty Years. Cornwall, May 26 .- There passed away at his home at South Lancaster tast Monday evening, Donald Ross-Ross, at the age of eighty years. He was born in Rosshire, Scotland, a son of Donald Ross-Ross, and came to Canada when about 16 years of age, and, with the exception of a few years in Prescott, spent That a brief sketch of the history his life in Montreal. For the past urer of the Montreal Telegraph Company, holding the position at the

### MURVALE RESIDENT IS AGED NINETY-TWO

VanLuven Enjoys Fishing-Sowed His Garden This Spring.

Michael VanLuven, who is ninetytwo years of age, and who resides at Murvale, is one of the most active men of his years one would want to meet. Recently when a representative of the Whig was passing through Murvale, he saw this old gentleman standing on the erection of the new Randolph & bridge fishing. The Whig man stop- | Hotel. The valuation of the

Mr. VanLuven certainly does not | . . . . . . look a man of ninety-two, especially The election of the president for if one were to see him walking from the Bay of Quinte Conference will be his home to the creek, where he one of the first items of business at spends a good part of the time with LALL the conference on Thursday morn- his fishing rod. He is not like one ing. Rev. C. W. Barrett, is the presi- of those fisherman who go and never get anything, for he told The Whig One of the first delegates to re- man to come back that night and

This spring, this veteran Murvale and the matter will be finally dealt spoken to by a representative of the During the years that Mr. Topp- resident saw to it that his garden with by the presbytery this week.

Wedded Fifty Years.

Havelock, May 26 .- Guests from Peterboro, Campbellford and Keene. as well as from other places in the district and from different parts of Canada and the United States, will gather here next Monday to join in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barnett, who have lived here for over 12 years, but whose long lives began in Otonabee town-

## TRY TO REVIVE

Meeting Has Been Called for Thursday Afternoon-Still Have Hopes.

made to re- making plans for a trip to the Unitorganize the Frontenac Cheese ed States in June. The trip will be Board, it was announced, this morn- incidental to a tour of the world. And Dies in Hospital for Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock (city time) in the Agriculdone with regard to bringing the + PLANES FLY BETWEEN

> tion and indications were that the .- Aeroplane istence. Meetings were called but + came a reality to-day for the + nobody paid any attention, and + first time since the war, when + cheese from this section was board- + two French commercial planes + ed in other places. It is firmly be- + left the air port here for the + rebukes Lloyd George for his atti-Neved by some members that the & German capital, and a German & tude on the strike, Board can be revived and the meet- + plane left Berlin for Paris.

This season the Frontenac Cheese

# FOR CONSUMERS IN KINGSTON

\* The Public Utilities Commission Reduces Rate From \$1.70 Per Thousand Cubic Feet to \$1.60. With Usual Ten Per Cent. Off---Street Railway Power Question Up Again.

of gas for the Kingston consumers .65 cents per killo watt hour. The was decided on at a meeting of the price was sent on for the approval Public Utilities Commission held on of the city solicitor. The latter ap-

per cent. off, while the new rate will is on this point that the street railbe \$1.60 with ten per cent. off. for the June accounts, and the com- of a conference of representatives of

mission will inaugurate a campaign the company and the commission. for the purpose of securing new cus- The commission decided to refor the commission have had under con- way was 1.20 cents. sideration the question of a reduc- A communication was received tion in the rates, and after giving from the city clerk, enclosing a re-

meeting on Tuesday, it was decided committee, that a new hydrant be by a unanimous vote to make the placed at the corner of Collingwood reduction as already stated. This will and Earl streets, and another on be good news for the gas consumers Montreal street, between Russell and commission believe that the public- with Manager Folger for a report. ity campaign which is to be carried Manager Folger will also report the number of consumers.

The commission will also seek an cafe on Princess street. interview with the Ontario Hydro- The tender of the Northern Elec-Electric Commission, regarding a re- tric Company, for a carload of dues, duction in the rates for electricity, was accepted, and the manager was power for Kingston. It is expected supply of coal. Commission will have an announce- chase a supply of cast iron pipe from ment of interest to this city along Isaac Cohen, at \$60 per ton.

Power for Street Railway. mission the cost of power for the J. M. Campbell.

\* PERMIT TAKEN OUT FOR

NEW RANDOLPH HOTEL

On Wednesday morning, Mr.

• Michael Sullivan, contractor, •

• of the city engineer, for the •

Rev. H. W. Cliff the Unanimous

Choice of Cooke's

People.

Cooke's United Church, held follow-

prior. It is learned he will accept

TRADE IN CATTLE.

At Toronto Was Good-Prices Gen

opened steady with a moderate run

Heavy steers brought \$7.75 to \$8.50

with choice near heavies at \$7.50.

Choice handyweight steers sold

from \$7 to \$7.50 with a few baby

beeves at \$8 to \$10. Good butcher

cows were firm at \$5.50 to \$6.50.

There was a good enquiry for feed-

with salesmen asking \$15 off car.

A few yearling lambs brought \$15

to \$15.50 a hundred. Spring lambs

sold from \$10 to \$15 each. Sheep

Luther to Visit America.

Hans Luther, former chancellor,

were steady at \$10 a hundred.

Calves were firm at \$11 to \$12

on the Toronto Livestock Exchange.

erally Steady.

Toronto, May 26,-Cattle trade

+ secured a permit at the office

A further reduction in the price street railway company was fixed at proved of the price, but in his letter At the present time, the rate is stated that .65 cents could not be \$1.70 per 1,000 cubic feet, with ten taken on the basis of costs, and it way company has taken objection. The new rates will go into effect The price was arrived at as a result

the matter to the city solicitor. The For some time, the members of former rate charged the street rati-

the matter further discussion at the commendation of the fire and light in the city and the members of the Rideau streets. The matter was left

on, and the reduction in the rates, on the recommendation of the City will mean a substantial increase in Council, to have a two-way wall hydrant installed in front of Peter Lee's

and also the rates for additional instructed to call for tenders for a that in a very short time the Ontario The commission decided to pur-

The chairman, R. N. F. McFarlane, presided at the meeting, and also present were Commissioners At a recent meeting of the com- James Halliday, James Harris and

## WILL SUPPLY LABOR

Hon. J. C. Elliott Gives Government Policy to Questioner in Commons.

Ottawa, May 26 .- In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, J. S. Woodsworth (Labor, Winnipag North Centre) asked Hon. J. C. Elliott. Minister of Labor, for a statement in respect to the application of the Labor Department for workers from Europe to be employed in the mines of Nova Scotia. ARNPRIOR PASTOR

Mr. Elliott stated that an application had been received for workers in some of the mines in Nova Scotia. The department had asked its ve lous agencies for information as to the extent to which they could supply the demand. The information given to the department was to the At a congregational meeting of effect that there were sufficien workers in Canada to meet the reguirements. Up to the present, is had not been deemed necessary to comply with the request for workers outside of Canada. It was the policy of the department to supply workers from Canada before bringing in workers from Europe.

Acclamation in Moose Jaw. Regina, May 26 .- Thomas Waddell, Mossbank, was elected by acclamation yesterday in Moose county provincial seat, Hon. Charles Dunning's old seat, in Notukeu made vacant by the election of George Spence in Maple Creek federal constituency. Alex. Grant, Liberal, Hillendale, and Thomas McCaw. independent, were nominated.

### WOULD HAVE CHAIRMAN ATTEND CONVENTION

Of Fire Engineers in New Orleans-No Light for a Laneway.

The Fire and Light committee, on Tuesday afternoon, approved of the request of Fire Chief Armstrong that the chairman, Ald. Milne, at-Essen. Germany, May 26 .- Dr. | tend the 54th annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers to be held at New Orleans, October 19th-22nd, and the matter will be brought before the City

Tenders for repairs to fire equipment were considered but no action was taken.

A petition was read requesting that a light be erected in a laneway Lebourget, France, May 26. 4 running from Clergy to Barrie a streets, between Johnston and Wil-Board had seen its last days of ex- + between Paris and Berlin be- + liam, but the committee decided that

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith

More than one hundred were a swept to death by a volcanic eruption in Japan.