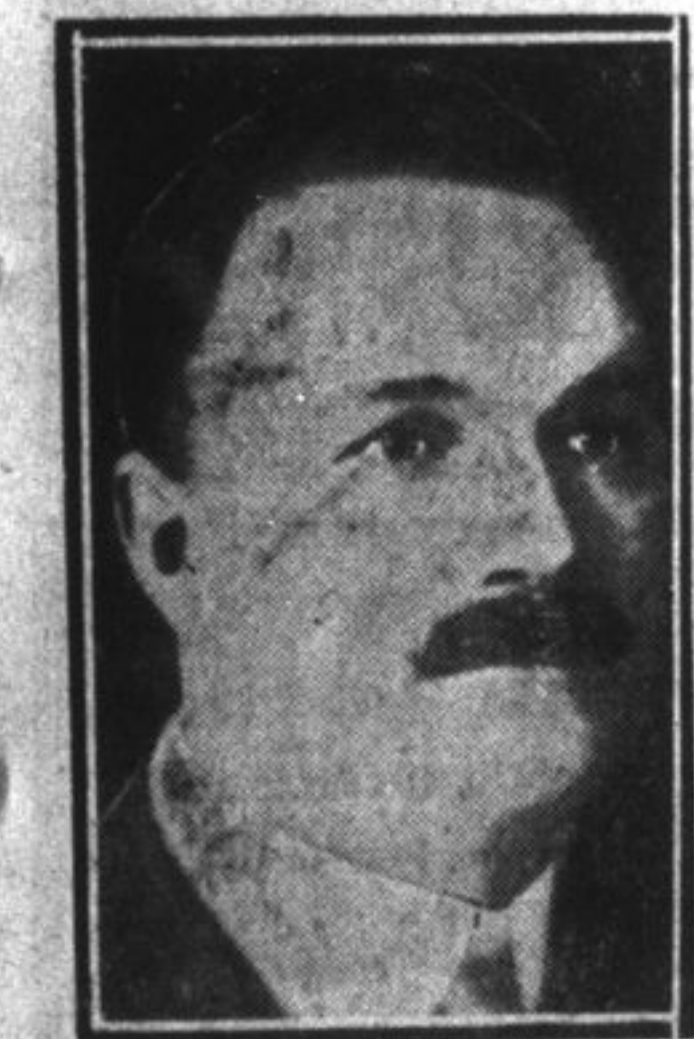


Dunning Views With Confidence Canadian National Railways' Future

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS PRESENTS ESTIMATES FOR YEAR

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Ottawa, May 26.—In presenting 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.



HON. CHARLES A. DUNNING

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Greatly Improved Showing. "It is now six years since the Government became responsible for the re-organization and consolidation of the National System. It is not until late in 1922, we have a six-year background from which to judge of the progress made by the railways toward recovery from the difficulties which proved too much for private ownership. There are a number of ways in which progress may be noted. It is four years now since there has been an operating deficit. In 1920 the operating deficit was \$34,000,000. In 1925 there was an operating surplus of \$32,000,000. The extreme swing between the operating deficit of 1920 and the operating surplus of 1925 was \$66,000,000, or an average improvement, over the period, of \$11,000,000 a year. "A very hopeful feature also of our railway situation is the fact that the annual increase in operating earnings in recent years has been greatly in excess of the annual increase in fixed charges. While, as stated, the total of the annual increase in operating earnings during the last six years

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The budget amount required for the present fiscal year, 1926-27 is \$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 payments... 165,133.33 Equipment principal payments... 7,337,400.00 C.P.R. 4% guaranteed stock... 2,433,333.33 Retirement of capital obligations... 808,000.00 Total financial requirements... \$48,452,546.00 Less resources... 34,379,529.00 Net financial requirements... \$14,072,716.00 General additions, betterments, including new equipment... 15,727,234.00 Discount on securities to be issued... 1,200,000.00 Total estimate... \$31,000,000.00 "The gross capital expenditure proposed is \$19,127,234.00, including recoverable through operating account reduce this figure to \$15,727,234. This year's vote is intended to provide for the following: Betterments to road... \$13,047,211 New equipment... 1,325,000 Betterments to equipments... 1,500,000 Coms. telegraph and express... 750,000 Electric lines... 795,000 Hotels... 336,300 Miscellaneous... 637,013 Central Vermont... 736,760 Gross capital expenditure... \$19,127,234 Less retirements recoverable through operating accounts... 3,400,000 Net increase in investment account... \$13,727,234

Solution of Railway Problem. "We hear various proposals, from time 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 several thousand miles of purely concentration railways. They are necessary to the development of the country, but they reduce the general good showing of the older established lines. Greater density of population will provide greater density of traffic where most needed, and when we have settled and prosperous communities contributing business to our colonization mileage, the lean line of the National system will no longer absorb so much of the vitality of the fat. The president of the National lines recently advised me that, for the first four months of 1926, 40,924 passengers had been landed at Halifax, St. John and Quebec by various ocean services. This compares with 24,152 passengers for the same period last year—an increase of 69 per cent. Improvement is apparent, therefore, in that direction. "In the circumstances, we may congratulate ourselves that the demands of the railway grow less and, instead of getting dust in our eyes sitting in the observation and contemplating at too great length the

Farmer Hit By Auto And Dies in Hospital. Brockville, May 26.—Charles Fritchard, 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 notice of the Riff chiefs offer to make peace. Captain Pelletier D'Olay, starts an air journey from Paris to Tokio.

Not to Publish Orange Secrets

Chief Justice Meredith Makes Injunction Against Frederick Sexsmith Permanent.

At the Supreme Court sitting on Wednesday morning, Chief Justice Meredith heard the case of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, plaintiff, and Fred Sexsmith, defendant. The plaintiff asked for an injunction restraining the defendant from printing or publishing a work entitled "Orangeism Unfolded." Plaintiff was represented by Cunningham and Smith, and Ambrose Shea acted for the defence. Justice Meredith, after hearing counsel, made the injunction permanent.

Counsel for plaintiff, in presenting his case, argued that Mr. Sexsmith's information that had been received for the proposed book contained descriptions of degrees, signs, grips, etc. Mr. Sexsmith had belonged to the Orange Lodge and had taken fifteen degrees in it. Counsel argued that defendant understood that he had taken an oath to keep the secrets of the Order and it was the strength of the oath taken by him that the secrets of the Order were revealed to him. Despite these obligations and this oath, he had proposed to publish this book, "Orangeism Unfolded."

For The Defence. Counsel for defence stated that he was not satisfied that his client had taken any oath. There was no written word to that effect. In addition, counsel claimed that enough had not been shown to cause an injunction. No injury or irreparable loss had been suffered. It was the onus of the plaintiff to establish these things. Judge Meredith, in summing up the case said that it was a simple case of breaking a contract that had been entered into. This was a break of a contract of promise made between the two parties in the case. Defendant, his Lordship said, had not intended to break these promises, thus breaking the contract that had been made by the oath. The injunction, which had some time ago been made a temporary restraining injunction, was made a perpetual injunction by the Judge, and Mr. Sexsmith is restrained from publishing the secrets of the Orange Lodge at any time.

A STIR OVER MAKING OF CHEESE ON SUNDAY

Makers Unable to Handle the Big Milk Supply in Six Days. A problem which many of the cheese makers and the patrons of the factories in this part of the province have to decide is whether or not they will have cheese made on Sunday during the summer months. G. G. Publow, chief dairy inspector for Eastern Ontario, when spoken to by a representative of the Whig over the telephone, stated that there was more cheese being made in the Kingston and Brockville districts than any other places in the province. 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 a week this summer. 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 on the Sabbath. This condition prevails in villages where the factories are located. Mr. Publow, when asked if there was any way of avoiding making cheese on Sunday, stated that the farmers would have to arrange to keep the Sunday milk cool until Monday morning. If the factories were equipped for handling a double quantity of milk on Monday, there would be no need of making on Sunday. Some of the factories have had a double equipment for years, which has meant that the cheese maker can have a day of rest each week. In some factories it has been 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 as much milk again as any other day. It is understood that some people who are opposed to Sunday-making have taken the matter up with the Lord's Day Alliance leaders at Toronto.

C. P. Woolcombe, Ottawa, Archdeacon J. Patterson Smyth, Montreal, and C. E. Fosbery, Montreal, are to be given honorary L.L.D. by McGill University.

CHURCHES TO PLACE BOOKS WITH QUEEN'S

Along With Historical Sketches of the Various Circuits.

TO ELECT PRESIDENT

Of Bay of Quinte Conference on 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 keeping. That a brief sketch of the history of the different church circuits be prepared and deposited along with the books at Queen's University. That a board of trustees, composed of the president of the conference the secretary, Dr. C. D. Baldwin, Dr. Malcolm Macgillivray, Rev. J. D. Boyd and Rev. Andrew McLachlan be appointed to hold the documents in trust and not be released without permission of the members of the committee. For many years there was a committee in connection with the Presbyterian church which had charge of collecting historical documents, which has resulted in a large number of the Presbyterian churches being looked after. The work of the Historical committee will be in a great part to get the former Methodist circuits to deposit their books and also sketches of the history of their churches. Rev. J. D. Boyd, Kingston, and Rev. Andrew McLachlan, Lindsay, are the joint conveners of the Historical committee.

A MURVALE RESIDENT IS AGED NINETY-TWO

Michael VanLoven Enjoys Fishing--Sowed His Garden This Spring. Michael VanLoven, who is ninety-two 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 bridge fishing. The Whig man stopped for a few minutes and had a very interesting conversation with him. Mr. VanLoven certainly does not look a man of ninety-two, especially if one were to see him walking from his home to the creek, where he spends a good part of the time with his fishing rod. He is not like one of those fishermen who go and never get anything, for he told the Whig man to come back that night and he would get a nice pike, but unfortunately for the newspaper man he was unable to return that way as his business called him elsewhere. Mr. VanLoven, like hundreds of others, has been taking the Whig for over half a century. He states that he has taken it for fifty-five years, never missing a reading of a single day, and hopes to be able to read the Whig until he dies. This spring, his veteran Murvale resident saw to it that his garden was put into a first class condition and he did the sowing himself. Last fall he helped his son, Frank, in the fields during the threshing season.

WILL TRY TO REVIVE THE CHEESE BOARD

Meeting Has Been Called for Thursday Afternoon--Still Have Hopes. An attempt is to be made to re-organize the Frontenac Cheese Board, it was announced, this morning, and a meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock (city time) in the Agricultural rooms to see what can be done with regard to bringing the Board back to life. This season the Frontenac Cheese Board has thus far failed to function and indications were that the Board had seen its last days of existence. Meetings were called but nobody paid any attention, and cheese from this section was hoarded in other places. It is firmly believed by some members that the Board can be revived and the meeting on Thursday will show whether it can be or not.

WILL SUPPLY LABOR FROM CANADA FIRST

Hon. J. C. Elliott Gives Government Policy to Questioner in Commons. Ottawa, May 26.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, 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. Mr. Elliott stated that an application had been received for workers in some of the mines in Nova Scotia. The department had asked its various agencies for information as to the extent to which they could supply the demand. The information given to the department was to the effect that there were sufficient workers in Canada to meet the requirements. Up to the present, it 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, Moosebank, was elected by acclamation yesterday in Moose Jaw 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, attend 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 Council. 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 running from Clergy to Barris streets, between Johnston and William, but the committee decided that it was not necessary. The Earl of Oxford and Asquith rebukes Lloyd George for his attitude on the strike. More than one hundred were swept to death by a volcanic eruption in Japan.

FURTHER CUT IN GAS PRICE 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.

A further reduction in the price of gas for the Kingston consumers was decided on at a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held on Tuesday afternoon. At the present time, the rate is \$1.70 per 1,000 cubic feet, with ten per cent. off, while the new rate will be \$1.60 with ten per cent. off. The new rates will go into effect for the June accounts, and the commission will inaugurate a campaign for the purpose of securing new customers. For some time, the members of the commission have had under consideration the question of a reduction in the rates, and after giving the matter further discussion at the meeting on Tuesday, it was decided by a unanimous vote to make the reduction as already stated. This will be good news for the gas consumers in the city, and the members of the commission believe that the publicity campaign which is to be carried on, and the reduction in the rates, will mean a substantial increase in the number of consumers. The commission will also seek an interview with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, regarding a reduction in the rates for electricity, and also the rates for additional power for Kingston. It is expected that in a very short time the Ontario Commission will have an announcement of interest to this city along this line.

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 the celery growers of his constituency, asking that an embargo be placed against celery entering the Dominion 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 comment.

DONALD ROSS-ROSS DEAD.

Secretary-Treasurer of Montreal Telegraph Co. Forty Years. Cornwall, May 26.—There passed away at his home at South Lancastray last 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 his life in Montreal. For the past forty years he was secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Telegraph Company, holding the position at the time of his death.

PERMIT TAKEN OUT FOR NEW RANDOLPH HOTEL

On Wednesday morning, Mr. Michael Sullivan, contractor, secured a permit at the office of the city engineer, for the erection of the new Randolph Hotel. The valuation of the new hotel is placed at \$100,000.

CALL FROM COOKE'S TO ARNPRIOR PASTOR

Rev. H. W. Clift the Unanimous Choice of Cooke's People. At a congregational meeting of Cooke's United Church, held following the evening service, on Sunday, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. H. W. Clift, M.A., B.D., Arnprior. It is learned he will accept and the matter will be finally dealt with by the presbytery this week. Mr. Clift is a young married man with a personality that has made him very popular with all acquainted with him.

TRADE IN CATTLE.

At Toronto Was Good--Prices Generally Steady. Toronto, May 26.—Cattle trade opened steady with a moderate run on the Toronto Livestock Exchange. 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 heaves at \$8 to \$10. Good butcher cows were firm at \$5.50 to \$6.50. There was a good enquiry for feeding steers. Calves were firm at \$11 to \$12 for choice. Hogs were unsettled 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 were steady at \$10 a hundred.

Luther to Visit America.

Essen, Germany, May 26.—Dr. Hans Luther, former chancellor, is making plans for a trip to the United States in June. The trip will be incidental to a tour of the world.

PLANES FLY BETWEEN BERLIN AND PARIS

Lebourget, France, May 26.—Aeroplane communication between Paris and Berlin became a reality to-day for the first time since the war, when two French commercial planes left the air port here for the German capital, and a German plane left Berlin for Paris.

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