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THORNTON ISSUES FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT GETS SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN FIRST DIVISION

Canadian National President Says No Improvement in Net Earnings to be Expected Yet

OTTAWA, May 29.—Improvement in the net earnings of the Canadian National lines is not to be expected during the current year according to a statement made by Sir Henry Thornton in the annual report of the directors for the year 1922 which was made public yesterday.

The report covers the Canadian Northern system, the Canadian Government Railways and the Grand Trunk Pacific, but does not include the Grand Trunk. Sir Henry states that this is to be the last report made on the three groups of lines by themselves.

YORKE'S MOTHER TO SUE CANADA

Indemnity to be Asked For Death of American Fisherman

SEATTLE, May 29.—Mrs. Mary J. Yorke, 78 year old widow, proposes to file a claim against the Canadian government through the American State department, for an indemnity for the death of her son and only support, Jacob Yorke, the Seattle fisherman, who was killed when Canadian customs officials fired on the fishing boat Siliam off Vancouver Island. The Siliam was accused of fishing in Canadian fishing grounds. The United States government has asked the Canadian government to give further explanation on the killing of Yorke.

GOLD ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

Longshoremen's Strike on, Volunteers Called to Unload Large German Remittance

NEW YORK, May 29.—Capt. W. H. Mann, of the steamer Mount, called for volunteers among the seamen to unload 200 bars of gold worth thirty million marks, which was landed from Hamburg today, during the longshoremen's strike, considered the credit of Belgium. This is Belgium's fourth installment of 1922.

WAY GETS MORE DUTIES AT ANYOX

Registrar of Vital Statistics and Mining Recorder—Dr. Whillans, Stewart, Coroner

VICTORIA, May 29.—Besides being government agent at Anyox, John Conway is to be registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and also mining recorder for the district, Premier Oliver announced.

Dr. Whillans, of Stewart, is to be made a coroner.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
Philadelphia 6-11, Boston 4-2.
Brooklyn 8, New York 7.
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 5.
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 5.
American League
Boston 8, Philadelphia 6.
Only one game.
Coast League
Sacramento 8, Seattle 6.
San Francisco 7.
Other teams travelling.

CITY CASE FOR RAILWAY HEAD

Committee With Mayor as Chairman to Meet and Confer With Thornton

Mayor Newton, as chairman, and Ald. Stephens, Ald. Collart and Ald. Smith will comprise a committee of the council which will prepare data for presentation of the city's case to Sir Henry Thornton on his forthcoming visit here. This committee will have a committee conference with the council and, on Sir Henry's arrival, will meet him with the city's claims. The council decided to this effect last night after Ald. Perry had withdrawn his motion of last week leaving the matter in the hands of the same committee with Ald. Collart as chairman.

Mayor Newton took the view that the entire council should have a hand in the preparation of the case for Sir Henry. It was a very important matter and the recommendation made by the council would doubtless have an important effect on the future of the city. It was important that a strong case should be presented and that Sir Henry should be entertained as a distinguished visitor.

Talk Business

Ald. Stephens said that the most important matter was the presenting of the city's case. If the council failed in doing so, it would not be doing its duty. They should talk business with Sir Henry for matters of policy affecting the railway were inseparably linked up with the city's future. The condition of the roadway to the wharf was one matter that should be taken up and Sir Henry should be apprised of correspondence that had come from the railway on that matter. The spectacle of the G.T.P. Development Co. making a taxation appeal after it had already been given many concessions should also be impressed upon Sir Henry. He was a man of action and affairs and more could be expected from him by talking business than by wining and dining him.

Ald. Collart felt that a small committee could handle the case better than the council as a whole.

Ald. Macdonald concurred with what Ald. Stephens and Ald. Collart had said. A committee should be appointed to start its work at once, consulting, however, with the council and having the mayor as chairman. He moved accordingly and Ald. Collart seconded the motion which was carried.

Mayor Newton is communicating with Sir Henry Thornton to ascertain the date of his visit here.

The launch Narbethong, skipper Hoopes K. Freeman, left port last night for Surf Inlet with a party of loggers who will work for the J. R. Morgan Logging Co.



Boatmen in Southampton reap a good harvest from the old fittings and woodwork left floating near the dock after the departure of big liners.

Baldwin Ministry Receives Favorable Vote on Question Protecting Home Secretary

LONDON, May 29.—The new ministry under Premier Stanley Baldwin received a favorable vote of 297 to 143 in the House of Commons yesterday on the second reading of the indemnity bill to protect Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, home secretary, from penalties threatening him as a result of the court decision rendering illegal his deportation of Irish agitators.

The followers of Ex-Premier Lloyd George supported the government, Mr. Lloyd George taking the attitude that Mr. Bridgeman had acted unwisely under bad advice. He suggested that the government's offer to pay deportees travelling expenses was not enough and Britain should pay them like gentlemen.

Lord Robert Cecil, making his first speech as a member of the Baldwin government, said that the government would secure for the deportees such compensation as they would be entitled to under an ordinary court decision.

The Laborites bitterly opposed the bill and moved for its rejection.

PREMIER APPEALS



Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in a recent address, made a plea for the preservation of the Canadian forests from the ravages of fire. He said: "Is it reasonable that, year by year, we should permit 4,000 forest conflagrations, due for the most part to our own carelessness?"

"I appeal to every loyal citizen to play fair with the Forest this year. Let us regard every acre of timber land as a source of natural wealth, in the ownership of which unborn generations stand as equal partners with ourselves."

May 29.—Fire destroyed the Binet and Lefebvre mill at Mayo valued at \$20,000.

BIRTH

At Victoria, B.C. on May 26, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. (Heinie) Curtis.

PERSIAN EARTHQUAKE KILLS ONE THOUSAND

ASTRABAD, Persia, May 29.—Reports from Teheran state that 1,000 persons were killed by an earthquake at Turbat-i-Haidari. Many villages were devastated.

MCLEOD WILL BE COMMITTED

Preliminary Trial of Former Government Official is Completed

VANCOUVER, May 29.—At the conclusion of the police court hearing of charges of extortion and attempting to obtain money by false pretences against George G. McLeod, former supervisor of the Liquor Enforcement Act for British Columbia, Magistrate Shaw remanded the accused until tomorrow for commitment to a higher court.

Two defence witnesses, both government liquor officials, testified that McLeod was going to investigate the Lincoln Club in an attempt to secure evidence that protection money was being paid.

REMOVAL OF CARVELL FROM RAILWAY BOARD

Minister of Railways Tells Progressive This is Question For Parliament to Decide

OTTAWA, May 29.—When G. G. Coote, Progressive member for Macleod, brought up in the House of Commons the question of whether Hon. W. R. Motherwell's pre-election promise to work for the removal of Hon. F. B. Carvell as head of the board of railway commissioners had been acted upon or not, Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, said that it was a matter for parliament to decide and not the government.

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TIGHTENING UP HOUSING SCHEME

City to Foreclose on Loans Three Months In Arrears—Nanaimo Resolution Endorsed

There is to be a tightening up in the administration of the Soldiers' Housing Act by the city. This was indicated at last night's council meeting when a report from the housing committee recommending that foreclosure proceedings be taken against all those who are three or more months in arrears in their payments and that the persons so affected be notified was adopted.

Ald. Macdonald inquired if it was the intention to give due consideration to deserving cases which, but for unfavorable circumstances, might be unable to pay.

In reply, Ald. Stephens said the Housing committee had gone thoroughly into the question and found that some returned soldiers were paying little or nothing back. Some were not paying their taxes and in one case at least phone and light had not been paid for. Peculiarly, it was not working men who were in arrears but salaried men who should have been in a position to pay. Those who might have been expected to be behind were not behind. It must be remembered that, by means of the scheme, men were paying for their houses at a rate that would not be half what the rent would be for similar houses. He felt that the adopting of the recommendation would work no hardship on deserving cases which would be dealt with on their merits. It was not the idea to get after those who were struggling to pay but rather those who were in a position to pay and did not. In some cases, men holding loans were living beyond their means.

Ald. Macdonald said he was satisfied with the explanation. The report was then adopted.

The Housing committee also recommended the endorsing of the Nanaimo city council resolution asking for a transfer of administration of the Soldiers' Housing Act from the municipality to the federal government. The council adopted the recommendation.

A recommendation that Charles Youngman be allowed to pay \$35 per month on his loan failing which foreclosure action be taken was adopted and a report recommending foreclosure on the Sloan house was also adopted.

The leasing of the Albert Craggs house to J. C. Gavigan for one year was approved and J. W. Gibson was given permission to transfer his contract to another approved returned soldier.

VISCOUNT CHAPLIN DEAD IN ENGLAND

Was Prominent in Sporting and Political Circles—Won Fortune on Long Shot

LONDON, May 29.—Viscount Chaplin, prominent in sporting and political circles for more than fifty years, is dead. His horse, Hermit, won the Derby in 1867 at odds of 11 to 1 bringing a handsome fortune to his owner who backed him heavily. Deceased was a member of the House of Commons for 47 years.

ALASKAN WRECK IS BROUGHT UP

Member For Comox-Alberni Makes Charges Against Wreck Commissioner

OTTAWA, May 29.—A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni, brought up the question of the wreck of the steamer Alaskan, off Vancouver Island in January last, which resulted in the loss of thirteen lives. He asserted that the wreck commissioner, who investigated, had not visited the scene of the wreck and had failed to call important witnesses. He had been quite careless and incompetent, or both. It was stated that the Alaskan was unseaworthy and that the owners had risked lives for careless greed. He urged closer inspection of seagoing craft and better wireless facilities.

The government put the item over in the marine estimates to permit further discussion of Mr. Neill's point.

MAYO ORE IS ON WAY OUT

Winter Output Awaiting Transportation Valued at \$1,250,000

YUKON WILL HAVE LARGE PRODUCTION

DAWSON, May 29.—The winter output of silver ore from Keno Hill and Mayo will be transported to the coast within six weeks. The first 100 sacks has already reached here on the way out and over 3,000 sacks is at the mouth of the Stewart River. There are six thousand more sacks to come. The ore, which is valued at \$1,250,000, has been awaiting the opening of navigation.

Including the Klondike's prospective gold yield, it is estimated that the output of precious metals from the Yukon this year will be \$3,500,000.

PORTION OF LIQUOR PROFITS WILL MAKE NEW SERVICE FUND

VICTORIA, May 29.—Of \$1,201,950 the total liquor profits made by the provincial government during the last fiscal period of six months ending March 31, \$62,509 is to be put into a service fund before the division of fifty per cent is made among the municipalities, Premier Oliver announced yesterday.

FALLS INTO OIL TANK; IS KILLED

North Vancouver Ship Repairer Meets Death on Steamer Niagara

VANCOUVER, May 29.—Arthur Timmoth, of North Vancouver, while engaged on repair work to the steamer Niagara, in some unaccountable manner fell into one of the oil tanks and was killed. He was missing for several hours before the body was located.

NEXT MONDAY HOLIDAY

VICTORIA, May 29.—Next Monday, June 4, will be proclaimed a public holiday for the celebration of the birthday of King George V. Premier Oliver announces. The King's birthday is on Sunday, June 3.