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CLEAR SAILING FOR C.N.R. IS NOW IN SIGHT

OTTAWA BEING ASKED TO CLOSE PACIFIC PORTS TO U.S. HALIBUT BOATS

Three Years is Time Fixed by Sir Henry Thornton for End of Deficit on Railway Operations

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Three years was the time definitely fixed last night by Sir Henry Thornton as the period at the end of which the Canadian taxpayers might expect to find themselves freed of the burden of deficits on the Canadian National Railways. In an address before the annual convention of the Commercial Travellers' Association, Sir Henry announced that the net profits of the system up to December 1 had reached $15,000,000. He predicted that up to the end of the year they would be $18,000,000 and declared that he would be disappointed if, at the end of next year there was not an operating profit of $30,000,000. The year after that all would be clear sailing for Canadians as far as their railway problem was concerned, he stated.

EARNINGS ARE ON UP-GRADE

Canadian National Shows 188 Per Cent Increase Over Last Year for Eleven Months

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The net earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the eleven months ending November 30 were $16,602,603, an increase of $10,830,487, or 188 per cent over the same period last year, it is officially announced. The extended favorable marketing conditions in Western Canada due to the mild weather largely accounts for the favorable showing.

WAR VETERAN DIED TODAY

Sergeant Alexander Walker of Copper City Expires in General Hospital

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of Sergeant Alexander Walker, war veteran of Copper City. Suffering from effects of overseas service in the Great War, deceased had been in the hospital several times during the past year, being last admitted on November 26.

Sergeant Walker was a native of Scotland and was 67 years of age. He is survived by a widow and family at Copper City. He was a member of the Great War Veterans' Association. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers. Interment will take place on Monday.

RUSSIANS ON WAY TO UNITED STATES

Large Party Stranded at Cherbourg After Being Chased From One Place to Another

CHERBOURG, France, Dec. 22. — A numerous body of Russian refugees, headed for the United States, has come as far as this French seaport only to find the emigration quota full, and no immediate hope of entering the land of promise.

The band, upon leaving Russia, went to Poland and stayed several months until compelled by the authorities to move on. Constantinople was the next stopping place, but there also they were regarded as undesirables, and sent away. Now, to the number of 200, they have reached Cherbourg and some of them are planning to try to hold out until next June, when new quotas will be operative. In the meantime they are receiving charity.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
Division I.

Aston Villa 2, Sheffield U. 2.
Birmingham 0, West Bromwich 0.
Blackburn R. 0, Tottenham 1.
Cardiff C. 2, Liverpool 0.
Chelsea 3, Burnley 2.
Everton 6, Manchester C. 1.
Huddersfield 6, Arsenal 1.
Middlesboro 1, Preston N. E. 2.
Newcastle U. 0, Sunderland 2.
Notts County 1, Bolton 1.
West Ham U. 3, Notts Forest 2.

Division II.

Blackpool 4, Derby County 0.
Bradford City 3, Barnsley 2.
Clapton 1, Stockport 1.
Bury 3, Leeds United 0.
Hull City 5, Bristol City 0.
Manchester United 5, Port Vale 0.
Nelson 1, Fulham 1.
Oldham A. 0, Leicester City 0.
Wednesday 6, Crystal Palace 0.
South Shields 1, Southampton 2.
Stoke 2, Coventry City 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Division I.

Airdrieonians 2, Aberdeen 1.
Clyde 4, Partick Thistles 4.
Clydebank 1, Ayr United 0.
Dundee 2, Celtic 1.
Falkirk 2, Morton 0.
Hibernians 4, Queen's Park 0.
Kilmarnock 2, Hearts 1.
Motherwell 1, Raith Rovers 3.
Rangers 4, Hamilton 0.
Third Lanark 3, St. Mirren 0.

HOCKEY SCORES

Victoria, 3; Saskatoon, 2; at Winnipeg.

Vancouver, 4; Regina, 3; at Regina.

Calgary, 3; Seattle, 1; at Calgary.

Mrs. W. F. Roberge, who has been visiting in Vancouver with Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson, has left for California to join Mr. Roberge.

The C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. D. Donald, from Vancouver and wayports, is due this afternoon on time at 3 o'clock.

G. H. Griffin of Terrace was a passenger on the Princess Beatrice this morning for Campbell River.

J. E. Kirby, mining recorder, arrived on the train last night from Smithers.

GERMAN SCHOOLS CLOSE

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Many German educational institutions are closing because of the economic situation. Others are removing from the cities to districts where living expenses are much less.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The Christmas concert of the Intermediate Methodist Sunday school held in the church auditorium last night was a marked success, the many entertaining numbers being particularly well received by the audience. The church and auditorium was delightfully decorated suitable to the festive seas.

Recitations were very creditably given by Billy McLean, Miss Olive Hicks, Geo. McLean, Bobbie Irvine and Neil McLean. One of the outstanding features of the musical entertainment was a pianoforte solo executed by little Miss Ruby Lee. Miss Lee, who is five years old, has been studying the piano under the tutorship of Miss Way for the past three months and her musical ability was very evident in the confident manner in which she executed her solo. Songs were rendered by Miss Linea Hanson and the Trail Rangers. A vocal duet in character costume of the poppy and the violet by the Misses Enid and Claire Williams was splendidly performed. The violin solo by Marno Sugurdson and Victor Thomas under the direction of Professor Pryce was excellent. A violin solo by Billy Murray, accompanied by Miss Grant at the piano, made a great hit. Barrie's Boy Minstrel Troup, led by Earl Barrie, kept the audience in good humor, their turn being much appreciated. The minstrel group included Henry Heilbroner, Clifford Cameron, Isa Katsuyama and Jack Stevens. The item "Seven Little Pumpkin Heads" by the boys was well done. This item was performed by Geo. Dibb, Donald Allistone, Olof Hanson, Richard Balsdon, Tenedy Nakalota, Tomo Katsuyama and Roger Obata.

The tableau entitled "Silent Night" was very pretty and each member of the cast took an excellent part. The cast included the Misses Credwin Morgan, Connie Morgan, Rhona Yates, Edith Thompson, Audrey Wrathall and Violet McCutcheon. Very favorable comment was made by the audience on the tableau entitled "The Seasons." The part of Queen of the Seasons was capably taken by Miss Daniella Christensen. The seasons were performed by Miss Evelyn Dalby, Miss Katherine Irvine, Miss Julia Thomas, and Miss May Thompson. The attendants were Miss Claire Williams, Miss Victoria Kirkevsky, Miss Ruth Wilkinson, Miss Toli Katsuyama, Miss Vera Parry and Miss Enid Williams.

SPANISH TRAINS COLLIDE AND ARE BURNED IN TUNNEL

MALAGA, Spain, Dec. 22. — The crews of two trains are believed to have perished when the trains came into collision in a tunnel near Malaga. A gasoline tank car on one of the trains exploded, and all the cars of the two trains were destroyed.

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VENIZELOS ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE

ATHENS, Dec. 22. — A council of ministers has decided to instruct Col. Plastinas of the revolutionary committee to ask Ex-Premier Venizelos, without any conditions and with complete liberty of initiative, to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand.

DISSOLUTION IS UNLIKELY

Premier King Speaks Following Election Result in Kent County

OTTAWA, Dec. 22. — Although the government regards seriously the defeat sustained in Kent County, New Brunswick, any suggestion that it may lead to a dissolution of parliament is quite without foundation. Premier W. L. Mackenzie King stated last night that the government was virtually in the same position as it was when it assumed power.

The losses sustained in Halifax and Kent are offset insofar as the standing of the House is concerned by the government's gain of two recruits from the ranks of the Progressives after taking office. On the other hand it lost when A. R. McMaster crossed the floor.

COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE MEETING WITH BOAT OWNERS

At a meeting yesterday afternoon, the council of the board of trade discussed the present halibut fisheries situation with representatives of the boat owners. E. C. Gibbons, president of the board of trade, was in the chair and the speakers included J. W. Nicholls, G. W. Nickerson and Dr. W. T. Kergin. Pending the meeting later in the evening, no action was taken although there was a full discussion.

J. Rogers, manager of the Rupert Marine Products, Tucks Inlet, who has been in the south on business, returned to the city on the Princess Beatrice this morning.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREE

Affair in Citadel Last Night was Most Successful Entertainment

The Salvation Army annual Christmas tree and concert held last night at the army barracks proved a great success. The hall was prettily decorated with holly, evergreen and flags and the attendance was large. The concert portion of the program was splendidly carried out.

The items on the program included a Bible reading by Miss Bernice Ross; Chrismas song by Jack Andrew and David Waddell; flag drill by Misses Edith Leek, Helen Sims, Dolly Smith, Amelia Exley, Nellie Gurvich, Annie Smith, Winnie Exley, and Bernice Ross; Mrs. Coleman playing the piano accompaniment; Brownies' drill by the Sunbeam class comprising the Misses Rosie Smith, Rosie Cox, Adelaide Piper, Gwendoline Macdonald, Beatrice Olson, Catherine Cadwallader Edna McLean, Jean McLean, Jack Waddell, Andrew Waddell, David Waddell and Walter Carruthers, Mrs. George Waddell presiding at the piano; instrumental duet by Tommie and Henry Smith; recitation by Miss Rosie Smith; tableau, "Rock of Ages" Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McLean; song, "Star of the East" by the Misses Edith Leek, Amelia Exley, Winnie Exley, Helen Sims, Nellie Gurvich, Bernice Ross, Dolly Smith, Annie Smith, with Miss Amelia Gurvich presiding at the piano; dialogue "Light Extinguishers," by the previously mentioned cast; Mrs. McLean playing the accompaniment; action song, "Goodnight," by the Sunbeam class.

At the conclusion of the concert Santa Claus arrived at the citadel and the distribution of presents was made from the giant Christmas tree provided. Every child in the hall received a present. A highly successful evening was brought to a close by the joint singing of the Doxology.

Staff Captain Carruthers presided.

DIVIDEND FOR HOME BANK DEPOSITORS

Twenty-five Per Cent Being Paid Today by Various Banks

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Payment of twenty-five per cent dividend to depositors in the defunct Home Bank commenced this morning in various banks throughout the city and district.

Vancouver Committee Brings in Report on Investigation of Dr. Price's "Faith Cures"

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22.—The report of the committee appointed by the Vancouver Ministerial Association to investigate the "faith cures" of Dr. C. S. Price, who conducted an evangelistic campaign here last April, was issued on Saturday. The report finds that of 350 typical cases considered, five amenable to mental treatment were cured, thirty-nine have died, five have become insane and four additional insanity cases were found in families of persons who were annointed. The ten thousand word report was signed by all but three of the board of enquiry composed of eleven clergymen, three university professors, eight medical doctors and a lawyer.

The report stated that in many cases the neglect of ordinary well proven methods of treatment had led to deplorable results.

The committee believes Dr. Price's methods were partly ordinary but mainly of a form of hypnotic suggestion. They admit spiritual benefit of ministrations but declare, however, the value of suggestion as a curative agency is strictly limited. The committee states that hypnotic suggestion can be used with safety only by skilled practitioners.

Resolution Passed at Meeting of Fisheries Interests Last Night

At a meeting in the city hall last night attended by Canadian boat owners and local business men, a resolution was passed by a decisive vote requesting the federal government to close Pacific ports of Canada to American fishing boats in line with action recently taken on the Atlantic coast. The resolution, which was moved by H. J. Bradbury and seconded by David Ritchie, was carried in preference to an amendment submitted by Dr. W. T. Kergin and J. Coombs that action be delayed for a week or ten days pending the matter being given further consideration by the city council, Board of Trade, Retail Merchants' Association, boat owners' and fishermen's committees.

The meeting also passed a resolution, on motion of Dr. Kergin, seconded by B. M. Newell, asking Ottawa to issue licenses for American boats to enter Canada for a period of three months only or subject to 90 days notice of cancellation instead of for the entire year 1924. The resolutions came at the conclusion of a discussion of three and a half hours in the course of which the situation was thoroughly reviewed. There were differences of opinion, boat owners to a man seeming to favor closing the port while business interests were divided. G. W. Nickerson was among those who were in accord with the move to close the port while J. W. Nicholls and J. C. Gavigan were strenuously against making such a request. Fred Stork, M.P., was chairman and G. A. Woodland acted as secretary. There were about 100 persons present.

After Mr. Stork had been appointed to the chair and the secretarial duties had been delegated to Mr. Woodland, the former briefly explained why the meeting had been called and called for discussion.

John Hansen stated that, of 71 Canadian halibut boats operating out of this port last year, 20 had already changed registry to the other side on account of disadvantages under which they had been laboring. This affected perhaps 100 men and more would probably have to follow suit. Under present conditions Canadian fishermen were operating under a serious handicap and all the advantages were being received by Americans. If the port were closed to American fishermen he thought that they would eventually have to come here in any case. Anyway there were very few American fishermen making their headquarters here now. If the port were closed they would have to come to this side.

Dr. W. T. Kergin

Dr. Kergin stated that the Canadian fleet had stood still since the 2c tariff had been imposed on Canadian fish entering the United States. Before it had been put on, the fleet had increased steadily. Now Canadian fishermen were losing money as compared with Americans. There was considerable investment in Canadian boats and what was loss to them was loss to the port. One boat owner had figured that he had lost $800 last year and each of his men $600 through the difference in prices caused by the tariff. Canadian boat owners and fishermen had nothing against the Americans and closing the port would not be a measure of retaliation but merely a means of combatting an unfavorable condition by forcing

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ACCOUNTS ARE FOUND PROPER

Waterhouse Report on Pacific Great Eastern Received at Victoria

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—Immediately after the prorogation of the legislature yesterday, the government members took up the consideration of the Price Waterhouse report on the audit of the P.G.E. railway accounts. The document arrived too late for presentation to the legislature while in session. While details of the report have been kept secret it is understood that nothing derogatory to the government was found. Hon. Dr. McLean, provincial secretary, said that the report showed all statements of accounts to be in proper order. The only exception was the sum of five thousand dollars which was due to a difference of opinion in auditing.

WINTER SCHEDULE OF C.N.R. STEAMERS

Prince Rupert Will Lie Over Tomorrow Night Until Friday to Relieve George

On her return from Stewart tomorrow evening, C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. D. Donald, instead of sailing for Vancouver, will remain over until next Friday morning when she will relieve the steamer Prince George, Capt. Harry Nedden, which is to go into dry dock for annual overhaul.

From this on, the winter schedule will be in effect with one sailing for the south on Friday mornings at 10 o'clock. Arriving from the south on Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock, the weekly steamer will sail for Stewart and Anyox on the evenings of that day.

PRINCIPAL BRADY SPEAKS TO SCOTS

Deals With "The Teachings and Philosophy" of Robert Burns

Before a large audience of the St. Andrew's Society Principal J. C. Brady gave an address last night on "The Teachings and Philosophy of Robert Burns" at society headquarters. Following the address an excellent vocal program was rendered. The vocalists were Mrs. H. C. Fraser, Mrs. C. Woodworth, Mrs. P. S. Bonney, David Gay and James Stevens, W. Vaughan Davis playing the piano accompaniments. In the course of the vocal selections delightful refreshments were served by the ladies of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary.