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# VIGOROUS IMMIGRATION URGED VIEW TO SETTLING LAND

## Must Hit on All Six Sir Henry Thornton Told Canadian Club

Urges Vigorous Immigration Policy and Sees Mining Source of Great Wealth to the Whole Country; Total net Earnings Large

TORONTO, February 14.—That the net earnings of the Canadian National Railways for last year were \$42,100,000 was announced by Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, in an address to the Canadian Club here. In making these figures public Sir Henry pointed out that the National Railways in common with other carriers had faced during 1927 increased operating costs, that the wages increase alone amounted to \$6,000,000 a year, and that the reduced freight rates chiefly in grain, cost the system a loss in revenue of \$1,500,000 per annum.

## MARCIL TAKES BACK MOTION

Will not Ask for Severing of Relations With Mexico Result of Persecutions

CONDITIONS CHANGED

New Facts Have Come to Light, the Member Says, in a Statement Made to House

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Hon. Charles Marcil intends withdrawing the motion that Canada discontinue relations with Mexico until the policy of persecution against the Roman Catholics has been stopped.

In a statement in the House, Mr. Marcil said: "I have nothing to take back or retract from what I have said in my letter of protest on the statement by the Mexican consul at Toronto or in my motion. But since that time new facts have come to my knowledge and a new situation has developed. In the best interests of the cause I have at heart, I have concluded that no good purpose would be served by the debate, which might lead to misapprehension both here and abroad."

## JONES ATTACKS FINANCE BUDGET

Claims Statement of Minister Did Not Represent Condition of Province

VICTORIA, Feb. 14.—J. W. Jones of South Okanagan was the only speaker on the budget debate yesterday. He contended that the showing of public accounts in the speech of the minister of finance did not properly represent the situation. Instead of being an excess of capital assets over liabilities, the situation was reversed. The Government estimated the assets in several instances high and left out Pacific Great Eastern bonds to the extent of twenty million dollars.

## AFTER FRESH HERRING FOR HALIBUT BAIT

Two local fish packers have left for Alaska to obtain fresh herring bait for halibut boats which are awaiting a supply before proceeding to the fishing grounds on their first trips of the season which opens tomorrow.

Last night the Pachena, Capt. Harvey Dumas left for Petersburg to take on a load of bait, the Bertha G., Capt. Alex Ohman having left Saturday night on a similar mission.

## STRIKE VOTE OVER DISMISSAL OF MEN

NANAIMO, Feb. 14.—The miners employed by the Western Fuel Corporation have decided to take a strike vote unless three men who were dismissed are reinstated.

T. J. Shenton, inspector of mines, after having spent the past few days in the Portland Canal district on official duties, returned to the city on the Cardena this morning from Stewart.

## PEACE RIVER PASS SURVEY IS COMPLETE MINISTER ANNOUNCES

Hon. Charles Dunning announced in the House of Commons that the survey of the Peace River Pass had been completed and that he saw no reason why the report of the engineers should not be laid on the table in the House of Commons. The report has been in the hands of Sir Henry Thornton and was passed on by him to the Minister of Railways.

## HICKMAN IS SENTENCED

Judge Says he Will Hang on April 27 for Murder of Marian Parker

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—William Edward Hickman was this morning sentenced to hang on Friday, April 27, for first degree murder of Marian Parker. The sentence was imposed by Judge Trabucco after he had denied Hickman's motion for a new trial.

## FEW JAPANESE WERE ADMITTED

Only 475 in all Came to Canada During the Year Including 115 Adult Males

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Four hundred and seventy-five Japanese were admitted to Canada during the fiscal year 1926-27. Of these 115 were adult males, 250 adult females and 111 children under eighteen years of age.



FLOODS OVER, BACK TO SPORT IN ENGLAND: Rosslyn meeting St. Johns, Cambridge, in fast Rugby at Richmond. A St. John's College player side-stepping a running tackle.

## FINLAND WON SPEED SKATING

Canadians Some Distance Down the List of Winners at St. Moritz

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Feb. 14.—Thunberg of Finland won the 1500 meters speed skating event at the winter Olympics today. His time was 21.1 seconds. Charles Gorman of St. John, New Brunswick, came fourth, Ross Robinson of Toronto seventeenth, and Willie Logan of St. John twenty-first.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL COMING TO COAST

VICTORIA, Feb. 14.—The visit of Viscount and Lady Willingdon to the coast will take place late in April, it was stated here.



WILLIAM F. HICKMAN, who received his sentence for the murder of Marian Parker this morning.

## Investigation Made by Sir Henry Thornton With View Purchase of P.G.E. Railway

OTTAWA, February 14.—Sir Henry Thornton has been requested, it was announced in the House of Commons, to investigate the railway problems presented by the several provinces including British Columbia in relation to possible acquisition by the Canadian National. The announcement came in answer to a question as to whether negotiations were in progress for the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

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EARL OF OXFORD AND ASQUITH IS DYING  
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SUTTON COURTENAY, Feb. 14.—Late this afternoon it was announced that the condition of the Earl of Oxford was precarious. He is still losing strength slowly and the family is remaining at his bedside. All hope is abandoned by attending physicians who said the end was only a question of how long the enfeebled heart of the 75 year old statesman could hold out.  
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## MABRITON SOON READY TO SAIL

Sixteenth Grain Ship of Season About to Leave With Full Cargo for U.K. Continent

Good progress is being made at the elevator in the loading of the British steamer Mabriton with a full cargo for the United Kingdom and Continent and this vessel, the fifteenth of the season, should get away today or tomorrow. On completion of the Mabriton loading of the Ashby, the sixteenth ship of the season, will be rushed. Up to this morning, no further grain ships for the port had been reported.

## WILL INVESTIGATE BANKING SYSTEM IN CANADA BY COMMITTEE

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Improvement in the banking system of Canada will be considered by the Banking Committee in the House of Commons. A resolution to that effect passed last night. J. S. Woodsworth raised the issue with a motion that the time had come for the establishment of a national system of banking. The motion was amended as above.

## POWER TO CANCEL PARK RESERVATIONS

VICTORIA, Feb. 14.—Under an amendment to the provincial Parks Act introduced by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, the cabinet would be given power to cancel any park reservation it desires.

## SKI RACING JASPER PARK

Annual Winter Sports to Commence Wednesday of Next Week

JASPER, Feb. 14.—His honor Dr. William Egbert, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, will officially open the Jasper winter carnival on Wednesday, February 22, according to word received here from Edmonton. He will be accompanied from the capital city by W. A. Brown, general superintendent, Canadian National Railways.

One of the most spectacular features of the carnival this year will be the cross country ski race, probably the longest and most difficult ever attempted. With the exception of three miles, the entire course of 32 miles will be over a mountain trail that clings precariously to the slopes of the Colin Range. The start and the end of the race are at Jasper Park Lodge, the runners going through Maligne Canyon to Medicine Lake and return. Shorter ski races for boys and girls, as well as the older folks, skiing, skating races, dog races, hockey matches, a parade of floats through the village and a fancy dress carnival are a few of the events which will be crammed into the two days' holiday. Gangs of men have been employed in clearing ice off Lac Beauvert, for the transforming of a lovely lake into a useful course for skating races, hockey and curling. The speed and fancy skating of Marion McCarthy of Edmonton, senior champion for the province, will be one of the drawing cards and of course the crowning of the queen of the revels, who will personally present the prizes will be the climax. It is still in the lap of the gods who will be queen, Miss Dora Johnson of Edmonton or Miss Grace Irene Poole of Jasper.

## PLENTY MONEY BRITAIN FOR THIS COUNTRY

G. G. McGeer Writes in Regard to Prospects in Old Country for Financing

VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—That there is abundance of capital in Britain for safe and sound under takings in western Canada and British Columbia is stated by G. G. McGeer in a letter to his brother, J. McGeer, from London. Commenting on the Pacific Great Eastern Mr. McGeer says: "You have got to remember that we must bring our proposals over here and keep British Columbia always before the investing public. F. A. Pauline, agent general, is doing exceptionally well with the limited funds at his disposal," and declared it would be a good policy for the province to spend more in publicity.

## OTTAWA PLANS RESEARCH WORK

First Wing of Building to be Erected at Ottawa Experimental Farm

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## PEACE RIVER MAN REACHES VANCOUVER ON MURDER CHARGE

VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—Lee Aloyd Packer, charged with the murder of his father on February 3 at Rolla, was brought here today and lodged in Okalla pending trial at Prince George June 20.

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