

High Costs Prevent Better Service

(Continued from Page 1) to the war. It is most important for the continued progress of the country that the strides which have been made by industry be matched by advances in the capacity of the railways to provide the necessary transportation services.

Few enterprises had enjoyed as long and intimate a connection with the development of Canada as the Canadian Pacific, Mr. Mather said. With the development of industry, with the discovery of oil and other natural resources, and with the extension of irrigation in the west there is indication that Canada will continue its rapid rate of development in which your company will wish to play a full part.

Although the days of extensive railway building were long past, there was still need for improvement and expansion. Density of traffic was increasing and enlarged and modern terminal facilities, heavier track, new signal systems and more rolling stock would be required.

"All this points to the necessity for adequate railway earnings," he said. "If railways are impoverished as a result of an unremunerative rate level they will neither have surplus funds of their own nor the ability to borrow the capital required for these purposes."

Analysing financial results of the company for the first quarter of 1948, Mr. Mather noted that gross earnings were \$6,210,268 greater than in the same period of 1947 but that "expenses rose as rapidly as earnings and a net of \$1,335,485 for this quarter was virtually the same as a year ago, which was a 53 year low."

"Locomotive fuel cost an average of 85 cents per ton more, adding \$1,250,000 to expenses, and the prices of many other materials were higher. These, and some wage adjustments made during 1947, absorbed the benefit of improved gross earnings."

Mr. Mather said the company "welcomes" the investigation into Canada's general freight rate structure which will be undertaken by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

"Twenty years have elapsed since this structure was last reviewed," he said. "The company welcomes the investigation of this complex problem which is under way. It will enter upon the inquiry with an earnest desire to remove any legitimate basis of complaint against the structure of freight rates and will, so far as it is able, expedite the preparation of the necessary data upon which the inquiry must proceed."

Referring to the freight rate increases recently allowed by the Board of Transport Commissioners, Mr. Mather said "even with the new rates in effect, the level of freight charges in Canada remains lower than in any other country in the world.

"The 21 percent increase in Canadian rates is not applicable to grain and grain products within western Canada whether for domestic consumption or for export. If this very important class of traffic is taken into account, the increase is only 16 percent. The wage rates and material price paid by the company have, however, increased approximately 46 percent since 1939. These facts should help to destroy and belie the rates charged by the railways have been increased to anything like the same extent as the prices the railways pay

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School Music Groups Brightly Open Music and Drama Festival

Two hundred school and pre-school children, eager-faced and smartly dressed, contributed vocally to the successful opening of Prince Rupert and District's first Music and Drama Festival yesterday afternoon in the Civic Centre.

Although many of the children were facing a large audience for the first time, most of them sang well and concealed any nervousness they must have felt.

Mayor Nora Arnold, introduced by master of ceremonies E. E. Hyndman, officially opened the festival. In her address she recalled how, in 1939, when the Prince Rupert Little Theatre was formed, there had been an effort to organize a music and drama festival. The outbreak of war had put an end to those plans she said, but now she was happy to have a part in this district festival.

Mrs. Arnold declared that it was excellent training for children and adults to appear on the stage after they had received instruction from teachers and leaders. She said it would teach poise so that they would be at ease with their audience and the audience would be at ease with them. She also pointed out that music and drama festivals permitted performers to more accurately judge their own ability by comparing themselves with others taking part and by noting the remarks of the adjudicator.

The Borden Street School Rhythm Band, which was the first group on the program, had a tough spot according to Ross A. Lort, the adjudicator, who pointed out to the audience that the tension is always greatest at the start of such a program.

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Music and Drama Festival

PRINCE RUPERT'S first full-scale music and drama festival opened at the Civic Centre Wednesday afternoon, beginning, we hope, an annual cultural institution which will take its place in the community.

Clearly, the first day's performances revealed a vast fund of talent in varying stages of development and time and training are the ingredients which may place it in a position to bring cultural honors to the city and district in outside competitions through the years.

However, satisfying as the performances are, there is another aspect worthy of cheeful note. That is the response of the citizens to the festival. In view of the large number of other activities that have been drawing good crowds in recent weeks, it is vastly encouraging that yesterday's performances should have been made to capacity houses, both afternoon and evening.

This clearly indicates that there is a real hunger in this community for this type of artistic expression.

This phenomenal community response is a thing that the players and musicians can cherish in the long, often wearisome rehearsal periods that are a necessary part of creative work.

MATTER OF CIRCUMSTANCE

MANY CANADIANS draw the line at eating horseflesh. It makes others feel uncomfortable to even think of it being used as food. However, this is something largely governed by circumstances. In this fertile and fortunate land, the best of everything is accepted as a matter of course. The idea of consuming that faithful old plug over there or some sleek, fast stepper, or the pal you so often slung a saddle over, is too much like cannibalism. In short, the suggestion is revolting. But it's not that way in parts of Europe. It is the truth to say that in various parts of the world, people are on the verge of starvation, and there is not much to encourage the expectation of any easing of conditions. Today, negotiations are in progress to ship Canadian horses to Belgium, for slaughter and distribution. This has brought strongly worded protests from all over Canada. And meanwhile, the government ponders.



PRESENT FOR CANADA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL — Lord Alexander of Tunis, governor-general of Canada, is shown (left) examining the model of the historic cannon "Roaring Meg" which was presented to him during his visit to Londonderry, Ireland. With him is Sir Basil MacFarland, mayor of the city. The original "Roaring Meg" was used in the siege of Derry in 1688-89. Lord Alexander was also given the freedom of the city.

WOMAN FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

KAMLOOPS, B.C.—A Supreme Court jury Wednesday acquitted Mrs. Cecilia McIvor, 63, of Merritt, on a charge of murdering John Robertson with a butcher knife last September 14. Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson discharged Mrs. McIvor from custody when the jury also acquitted her on a manslaughter charge.

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ments Mr. Lort mentioned that their timing in the second piece was very good. The smart uniforms and stage manners of the Annunciation School Rhythm Band caught the fancy of the large audience as did the band's interpretation of "The Blue Danube," their second selection. One of the pupils, Fay Trudeau conducted the band. Mr. Lort was

BUYS AND WHYS BY Barbara Brewster

A weekly shopping and information service for today's women. MONTREAL, May 6.—Time now, with days promising a sunny summer, to prep summer's biggest drawback... bugs! There's a home that isn't haunted by the loathsome of the mosquito come summertime. Best pest-killer as effective as Sapho available in your home! Sapho 5% DDT—the first DDT for flies, moths and bugs—is completely effective against insect pests of all kinds! And it's safe for clothes and furniture—unlike other DDT's. It can be easily brushed away! Ask for SAPHO 5% DDT with the hand sprayer... it's available across CANADA in drugstores and department stores—together with equally effective SAPHO 10% Pest Dust.

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At a Dinner Party...one of my favourite hostesses served a dessert that was the talk of the evening. She had made up Raspberry Jell-O, and chilled half of it in a mold; the rest was chilled until slightly thickened; set in ice water, whipped fluffy and poured over the clear layer. Then the mold was turned out on a large platter and decorated sumptuously with whipped cream, mint and macaroon cherries. M-m-m-wonderful! JELL-O's famous "locked-in" flavour makes really delicious desserts—whether it's for family dinner or for the important party. And served plain, Jell-O is about the simplest you could imagine!

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