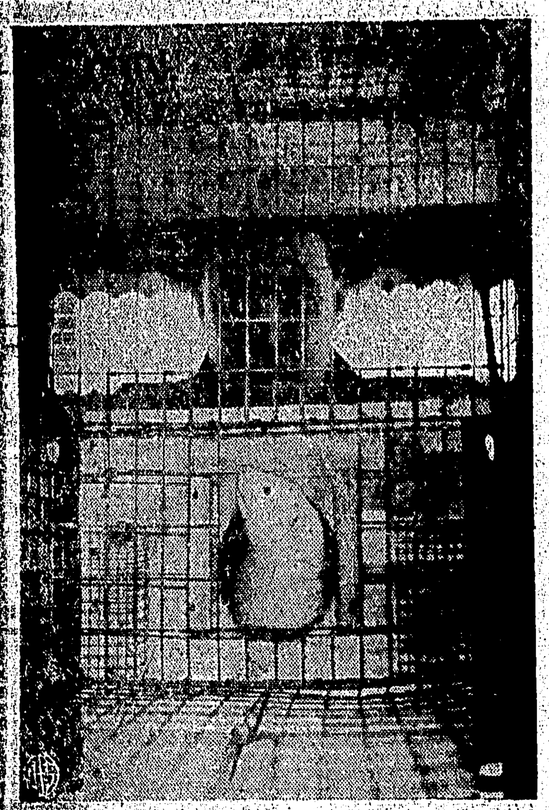

WHO'S THAT KNOCKING AT MY DOOR! — Popping out of its den to see what all the racket is about, this "boarder" destined to wind up as a fur coat peers inquisitively from its cage at Belgium's only successful mink ranch, at Edegem. Extremely difficult to raise in captivity, the capricious animals go wild at unaccustomed noises, making "silence" the watchword at her 25-acre ranch. Refusing to share its lodgings, the mink demands at least two rooms, using the first (foreground) as a combination dining and play area, and the second (rear) as a private study, to be used presumably for dreaming of a future in fashion.

$26,076,951 SURPLUS

CNR Revenues, Spending Both Reach New Peaks

OTTAWA—Operations of Canadian National Railways in 1956 produced a surplus of $26,076,951.

The company's annual report, tabled in the House of Commons, discloses that, with traffic at a record volume, CNR operating revenues and expenses both rose to new peaks. The final income result after payment of fixed charges, exceeded by $15.4 million the railways' 1955 surplus of $10.7 million, and represents a dividend of 3.1 per cent on the non-cumulative 4 per cent preferred stock held by the Government of Canada.

The report summarizes the company's financial results over the past five years and notes that average net income for this period works out to about $1.7 million a year. From an approximate breakeven position in 1952, net income has ranged from a deficit of $28.8 million in 1954 to a surplus of $26.1 million in 1956.

"These figures reflect the degree to which railway earnings are sensitive to changes in the level of traffic," the report states. Demands for rail service may vary sharply in a relatively short period, and even a modest variation in traffic volume may mean the difference between a surplus and a deficit."

Operating revenues in 1956 reached a record level of $774.8 million. Freight revenue accounted for 79 per cent of this total, increasing by $72.6 million to $612.8 million. To earn this, Canadian National carried 99 million tons of revenue freight an average distance of 423 miles.

Nearly all types of shipments were up in volume, but the traffic pattern again showed a concentration of gains in the lower valued bulk commodities, such as grain, iron ore and coal. As a result, average revenues received for hauling a ton of freight one mile fell fractionally to less than 1½ cents, in spite of freight rate increases authorized during the year in Canada and the United States.

The aditional revenue which these rate increases produced in 1956 fell substantially short of meeting the additional cost of higher wages and other benefits and increased material prices incurred during the year, the report notes.

The railway carried more intercity passengers and fewer commuters in 1956, with the result that "the average journey was longer and passenger miles increased by 2.5 per cent despite a decline in the total number of passengers to 16 million." Of these, 37 per cent were commuters.

Passenger revenues rose by $1.6 million to $45.8 million. Revenue from other passenger services, including sleeping, dining and parlor car sales, improved by 4 per cent to $10.6 million.

Express department revenues totalled $42.4 million, up $4.4 million from 1955. Communications revenues showed a 7.5 per cent gain and reached a new high of $19.9 million.

Turning to expenses, the CNR's report reveals that operating expenses increased by 10.8 per cent to an all-time high of $703.3 million in spite of economies realized through improved performance. Payrolls accounted for 60.2 per cent of the total, rising to a new high of $423.6 million.

The report reviews the terms of new agreements signed during the year with unions representing non-operating employees, enginemen, firemen and trainmen in Canada, and estimates that these settlements when fully in force will add $40 million a year to CNR's operating expenses.

During 1956 the average number of employees in the CNR was 126,639 compared with 119,430 in 1955. Average hourly earnings per employee rose from $1.56 in 1955 to $1.64½ in 1956.

THE DOUR PORTRAIT OF SIMON FRASER stares determinedly past the man who plans to re-enact the explorer's journey down the Fraser River during British Columbia's Centennial celebrations. Gordon Hilker of Vancouver, is pictured here with Fraser's diary in the Provincial Archives, Victoria. The re-enactment of the Fraser trip will be staged with three Indian birchbark canoes carrying crews of six men apiece. The Fraser has been described as one of the toughest rivers in the world to navigate. The canoes will shoot rapids in the Fraser Canyon and go through Hell's Gate at the canyon's mouth. The trip, to take six weeks with festive stops at each community along the river, will mark the 150th anniversary of Fraser's exploration on the west coast. Hilker has been named by the B. C. Centennial Committee to organize the dare-devil project.

Senate Probe May Touch Management Practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators said today their rackets inquiry already is reaching into certain management practices as well as labor union operations.

Robert Kennedy, chief counsel of the committee which is searching for evidence of racketeering in labor and industry, said later hearings on alleged payment of more than $20,000 in teamsters union funds to Nathan W. Shefferman, a Chicago management consultant, "will lead into certain companies." He did not name the companies.

The first three weeks of the committee's hearings have dealt with an alleged plot by teamsters officials to "muscle in" on vice profits in Portland, Ore. The hearings resume Tuesday with more testimony from Frank W. Brewsters, west coast teamsters boss.

DENY VICE LINK

In testimony Friday, Brewster entered a general denial of charges that he was allied with underworld figures. Under questioning, he conceded that union funds were used to pay some expenses for his horse trainer and jockey.

A federal grand jury was expected to finish today its consideration of bribery charges against James R. Hoffa, said to be the real power in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. Whatever action the grand jury decides to take may not be known for several days.

Hoffa, a teamster vice-president and head of the union's organization in the U.S. middle west, was arrested last week and charged with bribing a lawyer to join the staff of the rackets committee and feed him information. Hoffa, free on $25,000 bond, has protested his innocence.

Dave Beck, teamsters president said in Tacoma, Wash., Sunday night "I intend to ask" Hoffa about the charges. Beck, interviewed on television, said he had not talked with Hoffa since Hoffa's arrest.

But, Beck said in reply to a question, "I am not going to turn my back on any man . . . until he has his day in court . . ."

Beck told his interviewers he had borrowed $300,000 to $400,000 in union funds some years ago, but that "every cent . . . has been repaid."

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HMCS Oshawa Ends Survey

VANCOUVER — Winter cruise of HMCS Oshawa, specially allocated for oceanic research, ended recently after covering 5500 miles in the North Pacific Ocean.

Seven Canadian scientists and technicians from the Pacific Oceanographic group, under A. J. Dodimead, spent six weeks on the naval vessel in waters which reached as far north as Dutch Harbour and south to Latitude 41 degrees.

Water temperatures and samples were taken at selected stations and on-the-spot chemical analyses were made in the specially equipped chemical laboratory on the "Oshawa."

Continuing studies of Pacific Ocean currents the expedition released 1,000 sealed bottles at each of four selected stations. Each bottle contains a card, printed in four languages, offering a reward to the finder for its return to the Fisheries Research Board at Nanaimo.

Chances "Good" for Part Of Fraser River Voyage

VANCOUVER (CP)—Chances for a re-enactment of Simon Fraser's voyage down the first 300 miles of the Fraser River are "good", says a B.C. centennial committee investigator.

Gordon Hilker returned from Lytton, B.C., Friday after a tour of the river's northern half.

He leaves Monday to complete the trip.

"The people along the river have assured me the re-enactment could be easily carried out for the first 300 miles," he said.

"But from Lytton south is where Simon Fraser ran into trouble."

Near Lytton, Fraser abandoned his own canoes, and travelled in Indian dugouts.

Often he portaged around rapids on crude native ladders hanging down canyon walls.

"And that's what we plan to do," said Hilker.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Wrong Lead By Muzzy Helps Opponents Make Contract

A long suit is practically worthless in defending against a no trump contract, unless you can gain the lead after your suit is set up.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Dale
♠ Q 6
♥ A K 8 6
♦ 9 4 3 2
♣ 10 6 4

WEST
Mr. Muzzy
♠ 10 9 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K J 8 7 6 5
♣ 7 2

EAST
Mr. Meek
♠ K J 5 4 3
♥ J 10 9 4 2
♦ 10
♣ A 3

SOUTH
Miss Brash
♠ A 8 7
♥ Q 7
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 9 8 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

When it appears unlikely that you can set your suit AND gain the lead, do not blindly open fourth best from your longest suit as Mr. Muzzy did in today's hand. True, Mr. Meek might have had some holding in diamonds which would have permitted the running of the entire suit, but considering the bidding that chance was extremely remote.

In situations of this kind it is usually better to give full consideration to the bidding, and then to try figuring out which suit your partner may want led.

Here is the way Mr. Muzzy might have reasonably hit upon a very fine lead in this deal. First, his opponents had bid clubs and hearts and he had nothing in either suit. Second, the setting of his own diamond suit appeared to be hopeless, owing to the lack of an entry. Next, neither opponent had mentioned spades and, since that was a major suit, surely it would have been tested if either opponent had a biddable holding.

Another thought—Mr. Muzzy had only a king and a jack in his hand and yet the opponents had stopped at a nine trick contract. Now if Mr. Meek had no more high card strength than that, surely the opponents would have at least sounded out their slam possibilities. Since they had not done so, Mr. Meek could be figured for a fair sprinkling of high cards.

Considering these points, Mr. Muzzy might have laid down the ten of spades as his opening lead. See what this would have done. The queen of spades would have been trapped and the suit set up while Mr. Meek held the all-important ace of clubs. When he got in with that card, the balance of the spades would have defeated the contract.

With the actual diamond lead, Miss Brash was able to establish her clubs while she still had spades amply stopped and she had no trouble amassing 11 tricks.

Fisheries Group To Study Habits, Diet of Fur Seals

VANCOUVER (CP)— Habits and diet of fur seals will be studied by the fisheries research board this summer. Chief aim is to determine what effect the destruction of seals has on the British Columbia salmon run.

The only previous research of this type was in 1935, when the stomach contents of about 500 seals were analysed. At that time it was concluded that seals were eating only a small percentage of salmon, but the survey was on a much smaller scale than the one to be made this year.

Starting in early April, the board's chartered vessel will get in contact with the northbound mammals off the coast of Washington State. Through the next few months she will follow the seals as they progress towards the breeding grounds on the Pribiloff Islands of Alaska.

Two research men on board will shoot and dissect seals along the route. Average age and direction of movement of the herds, as well as stomach contents, will be recorded.

As the seals move north, breed and return later to the south, fisheries boats from the United States, Russia and Japan will also study their movements.

Later in the year the information will be assembled into the most complete study of the fur seal yet made.

Future conservation of the seal herds will be based on this information. If it develops that the seals are seriously interfering with the Pacific salmon runs, greater reduction of the herds will be considered.

Sunken Dredge To Be Blasted

VANCOUVER (CP)—A million-dollar dredge which sank in the Fraser River Thursday will be blasted to pieces because it cannot be re-floated.

The dredge was working on the Deas Island tunnel project when it was rammed by a scow and sank.

Divers say salvage would be impossible because the dredge flipped over on its back when it sank in 60 feet of water. Even if the 558-ton vessel was raised it would be impossible to right it.

Divers will salvage removable parts of the dredge. The remaining hulk will be blasted as a hazard to navigation.

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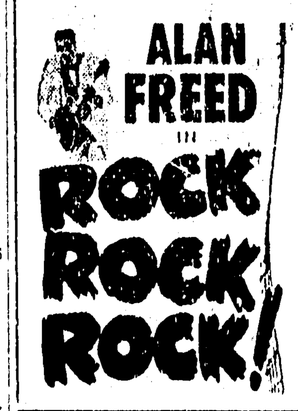

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