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Government And National Railways.

If Sir Henry Thornton is to make any headway with the formidable task which lies before him of managing successfully the Canadian National Railways, there must be at once a clear definition of policy on the part of the controlling authority at the back of the board. That authority is Government. It is abundantly clear that the new Board is directly answerable to the Minister of Railways, and through him to the Cabinet. Back of the Cabinet are the people; but the people are inarticulate. They have never, directly or indirectly, given any pronouncement in respect of public ownership. They were never consulted. Even Parliament was not approached before final action had been taken. Nobody knows what is the judgment of the country in this vital matter. Government has always acted on its own initiative and Government may continue to do so.

Therefore, as the new Board takes up its tremendous responsibilities, in a courageous effort to cut down an annual loss of at least \$100,000,000, and bring about a balance as between income and outgo, the attitude of Government should be clearly and sharply defined.

Points Of Policy Are Suggested.

The Financial Post suggests the following points of governmental policy:

1. An absolutely untrammeled hand to Sir Henry Thornton and his associates to re-cast the system so as to make it a sound transportation proposition.

2. Independence of popular clamor for rates inconsistent with the economic needs of the railway.

3. The elimination of patronage in every form, and the operation of the road on recognized commercial principles.

Unless these things are understood from the very start, the financial results are likely to grow worse rather than better, and, from almost every point of view, our railway problem is a problem in dollars and cents. At the present time the layout of the system, because of numerous and extensive parallels, leads to great and unavoidable waste. There is too much trunk line mileage, and to correct that condition a comprehensive scheme of readjustment is imperative, both in the West and East. But that is precisely where political interference is certain to be asserted, and against which adequate safeguards are necessary. If politics is permitted to have any voice at all, we shall assuredly get into further trouble.

Public Must Pay For Value Received.

The second point is of paramount importance. If the idea is given effect which so long governed the operation of the Inter-colonial our problem will never be solved. That idea was that freight and passengers should be carried at cost, and the public treasurer should make up our shortages. The Canadian National needs sound rates, say on an assured operating ratio of not more than 70 per cent. Just now that ratio is considerably over 100. Even at 70 it would require three times its present volume of traffic to make ends meet. It would be an economic impossibility to bring the ratio of operating expenses to gross earnings down to 70, or even 80 with the system as now laid out.

But the matter of a proper operating ratio goes deeper than that. If the policy of merely paying operating expenses, and permitting fixed charges to be met out of the public treasury, were forced on the system through political pressure, the wreck of all rival lines would be inevitable, since the tolls of the Canadian National would represent the earning power of all other roads. This is perhaps the most important aspect of future policy. We have on our hands one great railway system which is costing us \$100,000,000 a year; but our position would be infinitely worse if, in our unwise efforts to pull that road out of the hole, we

"My Heart Would Palpitate, I Had Weak Spells"

Mrs. L. Whiting, 202 King St. West, Brockville, Ont., writes:

"I took very sick with my nerves and stomach, and seemed to be all run down. At times my heart would flutter and palpitate so and I would take such weak spells in the pit - of my stomach that I sometimes thought I would never get better. I had almost given up hope when a friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I did not stop until I had taken twenty-five boxes. It has done wonders for me and I want to recommend it to everyone."

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BOOTH SCHOOL REPAIRS DONE

Jeffers Left for Vancouver—
More Money Required to
Cover all Bills

A. M. Jeffers, supervising architect in the reconstruction of the Booth School, left last night for Vancouver enroute to Edmonton. At the school board meeting before his departure he reported that the building was finished satisfactorily and that it was dry. He will make a special report on the school building including all work that needed to be done and which was done and will forward his report to the board before the end of the year.

Many complimentary remarks were made at the meeting by the trustees for the way in which Mr. Jeffers had done the work. Dr. Kergin felt that the board should express its satisfaction to Mr. Jeffers and also to George Scott, the superintendent who had been very faithful and efficient.

Trustee McMeekin said that the work had been done exceedingly well and the only trouble had been the large amount of money that was needed. Trustee McLennan expressed similar sentiments and added that he was satisfied the work had been done well.

Need More Money

It was decided that W. D. Vance and George Scott should go into all the accounts with a view to placing those which could rightfully be charged to the regular current account in that class thus lessening the amount of capital required. Dr. Kergin stated that he hated to go back and ask the council for more money after telling them last time that no more would be asked for. It was stated that the actual amount spent to date was \$43,614.00 with several thousand dollars more for bills not in. The credit given by the city council amounted to \$46,043.75. All the bills and accounts were passed by the board and ordered paid.

In reporting on the work Mr. Jeffers stated that everything would be practically finished by Saturday. There were still the fire escapes to be erected but the concrete work could not be done till the weather moderated. There were also some ventilators to fix and lathe shaftings. The board decided that this extra work should be left over till next year and put on the new account.

SHOULD WOMEN JOIN ROTARY?

Question Was Discussed at Yesterday Afternoon's Luncheon

Members of the Rotary Club at their regular luncheon in the St. Regis Cafe on Thursday, listened to a very entertaining debate on the question of whether women should be admitted to Rotary. Col. McMordie took the affirmative and E. A. Wakefield, the negative.

In his argument the colonel stated that women were able to take the place of men when needed and that they today filled some of the most responsible positions in the land. In view of the qualification for membership in Rotary that the person be the highest representative of each business or calling to which he might belong, he thought that women should be admitted.

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bankrupted all solvent lines. And it could very easily be done. Therefore, as sane and far-seeing people, we should have a policy which would help along our publicly-owned group and at the same time do no injury to other and equally valuable railway interests.

Patronage Must Be Eliminated.

The elimination of patronage cannot take place unless the board of management is entirely separated from politics. Patronage takes most insidious forms, and is always wasteful. Once it attaches to the administration it spreads like a malignant ulcer; and we must all see that a board holding its life at the will of a political body will be particularly susceptible to that influence. It will be almost impossible for them to assert resistance. They will not assert any effective resistance unless they are protected from the start by a boldly-proclaimed policy of absolute independence. Therefore, the country will await with anxious interest the course of events as Sir Henry Thornton begins his work in earnest. One hundred million dollars a year is at stake.

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they should remain Rotary Annies and not Rotarians. He stated that a woman could not look after business affairs and maintain a home properly at the same time. He asked if the men were allowed to join women's organizations and what the members would think if the ladies sat at the meeting powdering their noses and adjusting their hats.

No decision was given on the debate.

Syd. Johnston, attired as a woman, was present at the luncheon in view of the subject of the debate and was introduced as Miss Camouflage of Victoria. Duncan McRae was presented with a rattle by the members through Jack Nichol, on the event of becoming the father of a future Rotarian.

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T. B. Shoebottom, on returning from Victoria, announces that the strike at Cumberland among the miners is almost over and that there is no danger of future disturbances.

Todays' News contains a lengthy account of the hold-up of the C.P.R. train this week near Vancouver.

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Sport Chat

Elks and Colts meet tonight in the Senior Basketball League. The Colts expect thereby to take a clear lead over the Sons of Canada in the standing. What the Elks have to say about it seems doubtful. A victory for them would remove them from the unavoidable position of being without a point in the standing and would also tighten up things in the league by tying the Colts and the Sons. The doubt, and a big one it is, too, is whether the Elks are capable of taking a fall out of the Mitchell family and the other Colts.

An interesting game is assured in the Ladies' League meeting of the Adanacs and Maple Leafs. In point of games won the two teams are now on even footing so victory will mean a lot to either.

In the International League the leading and cellar teams will meet in the Knights of Columbus and the Grotto. Victory for the Catholics will put them at the top removing the present tie with the Elks.

Georges Carpenter, the French fighter again springs into the limelight with a denial of Battling Siki's charges that their fight was a framed one and that Siki thought that he would beat the Frenchman if he were able. Georges declares that the statement is absolutely false and offers to meet Siki again and prove it. The Senegalese has replied that he is willing to fight Carpenter and will give the money to charity as he is barred from fighting for six months by the French Boxing Commission.

The people of Victoria do some funny things at times. Now they have a good one to pull off. It is rather strange to hear of people going for a swim these days. Nevertheless, a few hard-skinned Victorians, who commute with icebergs and the like, are beginning to practice up for the Christmas Day Handicap to be staged by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club at the George. At least ten or twelve nuts are expected to enter for the race which will be a fifty-yard handicap. A handsome cup has been put up and it is suggested that every entrant should get a medal. Perhaps they would like a blanket and a hot-water bottle better when they emerge from the briny.

Compressed air will be supplied from a Laidlaw compressor of 500 cu. ft. capacity. It is intended to carry on a campaign of diamond drilling under contract with Boyle Bros. Mr. Collins expects to have the mine in productive condition and shipping ore to Granby smelter by December.

DRUM LUMMON MINE ACTIVE

Expected That Property Down Coast Will be Shipping Ore to Anyox This Month

The Drum Lummon mine on Douglas Channel is looking well under development, on which about 30 men are engaged says the Mining and Engineering Record. An excellent dock has been constructed at Drum Lummon Bay. A shaft is being sunk to develop the ore body at 100 feet below the main level. A new ore-body, which has every appearance of strength, has been proved up east of the cross-cut tunnel, and while not carrying shoots of rich ore like other parts of the mine, is high grade as will be seen from the following assay: Gold, 0.01 oz.; silver 7.5 oz.; copper, 19.5 per cent.

The plant is being put on a substantial basis, motive power being supplied by a semi-Diesel engine, manufactured by the Snow Steam Pump Works of Buffalo, N.Y. The engine is a beautiful piece of machinery, of massive construction. It has cylinder 12 x 16 in., and air compressor operating up to 1000 lbs. pressure to start the engine. The fly wheel is 10 feet in diameter and the driving pulley 81 ins. The shaft is a massive forging. The engine is of such substantial construction that one piece alone weighs 13 tons.

H. Geasty, of New York, who is financing the development of the Drum Lummon Mine, recently visited the property in company with Glenville A. Collins, general manager, and expressed himself highly satisfied with its prospects.

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The Man in the Moon SAYS:

AN optimist is a man who takes a swim in the bay every morning.

"REPORTED Sunken in Wireless Message" reads a headline. Surely not.

"IF you've stopped growing Daddy why is your head coming through your hair?" asked the small boy.

A piercing shot rang through the house. "It's burglars" mother cried. Father found next morning, 'Twas a water pipe inside.

THESE are the days when a little heat is worth a lot of pity.

THERE is one thing about the snappy weather -- you don't have to worry about the milk turning.

THE life of a \$5 bill is said to be about ten months. Ours don't last ten minutes.

THE Sultan must be a busy man buying presents around Xmas time.

A PESSIMIST is a man who would hang Santa Claus.

TURKEY wants to join the league of nations in the very near future.

GREAT CONCERT GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY GIRLS AND BOYS OF CHURCH

Every Seat in Methodist Auditorium Was Packed For Fair Program Splendidly Carried Out

There was not a vacant seat in the auditorium of the Methodist Church last night when the Mission Band girls and the Trail Ranger boys put on a concert. The children showed up particularly well under their training and there was not a single flaw in the program, every number going off without a hitch or hesitation. There were 20 items on the program and the children who took part ranged in age from 6

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