

LAUDS WORKERS OF GRAND TRUNK AT GATHERING

Sir Joseph Flavelle and W. D. Robb Address Thousands at Stratford.

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Bronze Memorial Tablet For Employees Killed Overseas Unveiled.

Stratford, Ont., May 18.—Sir Joseph Flavelle, chairman of the board of directors, and W. D. Robb, vice-president, in charge of operation, were principal speakers at a great "get-together" meeting of Grand Trunk employees held here tonight for the Grand Trunk workers and members of their families to the number of two thousand crowded the Armories, while another thousand formed an overflow gathering at the Casino. "This is the most encouraging experience in connection with our industrial life that I have encountered since the war," said Sir Joseph in addressing the railwaymen. "Here is a vast gathering of work people gathered together in a common cause, to do their best to help one another and find new ways of doing more efficiently their daily tasks. Any corporation, anywhere, would be proud to call this body of workers its own."

Sir Joseph then proceeded to deal with the future status of the Grand Trunk in the Canadian National Railways organization. He outlined the splendid records of the men, particularly those from the Stratford division, who had received their training with the Grand Trunk. According to well-founded rumors the Canadian National Railways systems was to be comprised of three great divisions—the western division, extending from the head of the Great Lakes or from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast; a central division, from Chicago or Windsor in the west to Quebec in the east, and an eastern division from Quebec to the Atlantic seaboard.

Dominating Factor.
"The Grand Trunk," said Sir Joseph, "would logically be the dominating factor in the important central territory. When the National Railway Company was finally constituted by order-in-council at some period during the coming summer, the various component parts of the Canadian National Railways would be brought together. The Grand Trunk Railway would enter that consolidation, not as something that had been left over, but through the front door. While he had no knowledge of what the management of the Canadian National Railways would be, he felt sure that it would be founded upon the wisest possible selection of men."

"The Grand Trunk had a much greater future in the Canadian National Railways organization than it could have under a continuance of present conditions. At its important divisional points, such as Stratford, there would be more work for more people."

In conclusion, Sir Joseph complimented the Grand Trunk and its men upon the manner in which they had developed the various agencies for mutual welfare, such as the first aid to the injured. The Grand Trunk team from Stratford had recently succeeded in winning the Montzambert Trophy and the Wallace Nesbitt Shield, emblematic of the championship of the Dominion of Canada in first aid work.

Foster Co-operation.
Vice-President Robb said that the "get-together" meetings were doing more than anything he knew of to foster the spirit of co-operation between officers and employees, and this in turn was having a notable effect in maintaining and increasing the efficiency of the railway. He emphasized the records that are being made in the handling of cars. The average length of time of foreign cars on Grand Trunk rails had been reduced from 24 days in 1920 to 7½ in 1922, which meant a saving to the road of more than one million dollars.

Loss and damage claims in connection with freight was steadily declining. The percentage of losses in 1921 was less on the Grand Trunk than on any similar railway between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard. Employees in all branches of service were getting together to increase the freight and passenger traffic of the road, and he strongly urged that this work be further developed. With regard to Stratford, the relations existing between the company and the citizens were ideal. "This divisional point was well situated as a repair center for locomotives, and he looked forward to the time when, with increased business, the railway could begin work on its shops."

Plans were ready for such extensions, calling for an initial expenditure of between eight hundred thousand and one million dollars. The Grand Trunk payroll at Stratford had increased from \$40,000 per month in 1900 to \$225,000 in 1922. Mr. Robb said the atmosphere of courtesy, good-will and quiet efficiency which the employees were able to bring to the railway would help it expand, and this should be backed up by the support of all the citizens.

Returned Men Pay Tribute.
A feature of the meeting was the presentation of an address to the company by 361 returned soldiers employed upon the Stratford division. In this address the men outlined their appreciation of the manner in which the company had looked after their dependants while they were overseas and had reinstated the returned men in their positions. Vice-President Robb said that this testimonial from the soldiers would be treasured in the annals of the company.

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Day's Legislative Doings at Ottawa

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Commons.
Estimates of the department of public works will be taken up.
In the Senate.
The Senate will sit at 3 o'clock.
YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT.
In the Commons.
Joseph Bonnard, new member for Kamouraska, Que., took his seat for the first time.
First reading given bill to amend the Vancouver harbor commissioners act.

Sir Lomer Gouin announced that the board of grain commissioners for Canada will appeal to the supreme court against the judgment of the Manitoba court of appeal, which declared that section 215 of the Canada grain act, regarding licensing and bonding of grain companies, was ultra vires.

Further discussion of estimates of the department of railways and canals. Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways and canals, announced that the total deficit last year on the Canadian amalgamated R. C. G. R. and G. T. R. was \$72,622,778. Railway estimates passed totaled approximately \$90,000,000. This amount was voted on the understanding that a general discussion would be permitted on an item of \$7,000,000 for Canadian government railways, which was held over.

Estimates of the militia department were taken up, and a large number of items carried. Votes for the Dominion Arsenal of Quebec and Lindsay were held over for further discussion. The largest item passed was one of \$5,500,000 for the permanent force.

In the Senate.
National defence bill adopted after the clause creating a national defence council was struck out.

Attention of the government drawn to the departure of a number of men from the soldiers' land settlement scheme. The reply was that a committee of the House of Commons was now investigating the whole question of soldiers' civil establishment, and would formulate a policy based on the findings of that committee.

VANCOUVER BYLAW AIMED AT TEMPORARY BEER CLUBS

Will Eliminate 10 Cents Membership Fee and Charge Substantial License.

Vancouver, B. C., May 19.—Compulsory subscription rates and a more conservative attitude to guests' privilege will be forced on Vancouver's beer clubs under the new bylaw which is being drafted for the city council as a means of regulating the promiscuous sale of beer. This bylaw was given in the speech delivered by Mayor C. E. Tisdale of Vancouver to a gathering last night under the auspices of the British Columbia Methodist Conference.

"The bylaw proves effective," said the mayor, "clubs will have to have a substantial entrance fee for members. This practice of admitting members at ten cents apiece will be abolished. And we are going to draft a section to prevent men going into these clubs and getting, as guests, all the beer they want. The fitness will be subject of question. No youth under 21 will be allowed to enter a beer club."

"All clubs will be subject to periodic inspection, and a license fee of \$500 for the city and \$600 for the Dominion government will be assessed."

WAGE DEMANDS LOSE BY ORDERS

Stellarton, N. S., May 19.—Failure of the miners of Nova Scotia to accept a wage rate which would enable the British Empire Steel Corporation to sell coal in competition with its foreign competitors in the St. Lawrence market, led to the placing elsewhere of orders for large quantities of coal which would otherwise have come to the Nova Scotia mines, declared Archibald McCall, general manager of the mainland district of the British Empire Steel Corporation, here yesterday, before the Scott conciliation board, which is investigating the wage dispute between the corporation and the employees of its coal mines.

GRAIN LEAKAGES COST \$193,339.48

Ottawa, May 19.—By the Canadian Press.—The cost of leakages of grain from cars, between points of shipment and the head of the lakes during the past railway year, was \$193,339.48, according to information given in the house by Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways. The amount charged to operating expenses for grain doors during 1921 was \$384,467, of which amount \$55,843.26 was for repairs to grain doors.

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INSPECTS CADETS OF TWO SCHOOLS

Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon Visits Woodstock College and Collegiate Institute.

Special to London Advertiser.
WOODSTOCK, May 18.—The annual inspection of the local collegiate institute cadets took place this afternoon before Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon of London. The boys were put through a number of movements at the close of which Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon addressed the boys. He said he was well pleased with their smart appearance and soldierly manner in which they had conducted their drill.

The colonel announced with much regret the fact that he had just received word that there was to be no cadet camp this summer owing to the decreased appropriation of the militia department at Ottawa. The platoon under the command of Lieut. William Gibson won the prize for the best-drilled platoon.

At Woodstock College this morning Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon inspected the cadets of that school. The corps under Capt. Adams performed the most difficult movements with great skill. The medals donated for shooting were awarded as follows: Silver medals, P. Harwood and H. Babb; bronze medals, C. Vickers, W. Fee, J. Blaisdale, C. Pratt, W. J. Riddford and E. Yarden.

The city council recently advertised for tenders for the construction of sidewalks and cement curbs and gutters.

Only one tender was received, which quoted 73 cents per running foot for curb and gutter; 15 cents per square foot for sidewalks, and \$27.50 for catch basins. The board of works considered these prices too high.

They will recommend to the council that the city purchase the necessary equipment for sidewalk and gutter construction, and go into the business of building themselves. The matter will be thrashed out at Monday night's meeting of the council, but it is almost certain to be adopted.

HYDRO PROBE IS GETTING REPORTS
Toronto, May 19.—"We are not examining witnesses, but simply getting reports from engineers and other data that will enable us to make much more rapid progress when we hold public sessions," said Chairman Gregory of the hydro commission of inquiry today.

"We are getting every assistance from the hydro commission, and its staff, but it is impossible to state how long the inquiry may continue or even the date when the public sittings will begin."

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