

PORTLAND IS FAVORED IN GRAIN TRAFFIC AT EXPENSE OF ST. JOHN

U. S. Port Gets Benefit of C. N. R. Shipments—Fifteen Times as Much Canadian Wheat Shipped at Portland as at St. John.

The Canadian National Railway has one terminal Atlantic port at Portland, Me. in the United States, and another terminal Atlantic port at St. John, N. B. in Canada.

By far the greater part of the freight handled and all of the grain transported is Canadian.

The Government of Canada spent hundreds of millions of dollars connecting the grain fields of the West with the Canadian Atlantic ports of St. John and Halifax, urging an excuse for this great expenditure, the handling of Canadian products by a Canadian road through Canadian ports.

Look what has happened! The Canadian National Railways sent to the port of Portland, Me. in the United States for export the following quantities of grain this season:

November 1923	892,623
December 1923	4,021,701
January 1924	1,916,970

Total 6,831,294

Now, contrast those shipments through the American port of Portland, Me. in the United States with the shipments by the Canadian National Railways for the same period, through the Canadian Port of St. John, season 1923-24:

November	484,168
December	
January	

A difference in favor of the United States port of 6,377,126 bushels.

St. John Shipments.

During the same period, November, December, and January, the Canadian Pacific Railway shipped through the Canadian port of St. John 6,496,460 bushels or between three and four hundred thousand bushels less than the Canadian National Railway, owned and operated by the Government of Canada, shipped through an American port.

The Maritime Provinces are co-owners in the Canadian National Railway, just as they are shareholders in all of the other national undertakings of Canada. We are here, ready and waiting for business, and expect it from railroads in which we are shareholders.

U. S. Port Benefits.

We are not getting it. But a United States port is benefiting not only by the money expended by the vessels at the port of shipment, but by the labor employed in loading and unloading, and the distribution of money for supplies and for labor in unloading cargoes, for none of the ships which carry Canadian grain out of Portland, Me., come to that port without a cargo, some times composed of goods for Canadian business houses and sometimes immigrants who, if the vessels come to Canadian ports, would in all probability come into Canadian territory to settle.

Whose fault is it that the Canadian grain is seeking an outlet from Canada through an American port? The shipments are largely controlled, as everybody knows by the railway company itself. The agents of the railway are scattered through the whole country.

They are at every station along the line.

Great Grain Centre.

They are at such great centres as Port Arthur and Port William, Winnipeg and many other points throughout the West. They make their arrangements in the early fall for shipments of Canadian grain for the winter, and they make up a schedule of how much should be sent one way and how much by another route. It is very evident that St. John has but little consideration.

Just think of it! Less than half a million of bushels of Canadian grain to a Canadian port by the same railway which sent nearly seven million bushels of Canadian grain to a United States port!

The Best Medicine for Women

When Mrs. Myers, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, stepped into the drug store and asked his druggist for the best medicine he had in the store for women's ills, it was no wonder he was handed a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? Mrs. L. K. Myers, in writing of it, says: "I had been weak, run down and had a hard time to get on my feet for a long time, so I could not do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helped me in a short time so I was able to do all of my housework, including washing and ironing, and now I feel fine all the time." As Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound holds the record for benefiting 98 out of every 100 women who take it, it will pay every suffering woman to try it.

Nothing Saved When Fire Destroys Large Building in Bristol.

Bristol, Feb. 20.—The large store of A. W. Phillips was totally destroyed by fire today and the loss is estimated at between \$70,000 and \$80,000 with insurance of about \$35,000 on the building and contents. The store was a fine wooden building three stories in height, with basement, and was owned by Mrs. Annie Phillips and occupied by A. W. Phillips who did a flourishing business in general lines.

The millinery store of Mrs. Marich in the same building was also a prey to the flames and furniture and stock were completely destroyed. Mrs. Marich carried \$2,000 insurance on her furniture and \$500 insurance on her millinery stock. It is supposed that the fire originated in the basement. The man in charge of the wood furnace had been to put more wood on at 7:30 in the morning and everything seemed in good order at that time but half an hour later smoke was seen coming up through the floor and in a very short time the flames were beyond control.

There was no fighting apparatus available and nothing was saved.

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2 oz. Bot. Lemon or Vanilla 9c
2 Doz. Clothes Pins 25c
2 qt. White Beans 25c
2 qt. Yellow Eyes 28c
3 Surprise Soap 25c
5 Large Laundry Soap 25c
20 lb. Pall Pure Lard \$3.50
4 Cans Sardines 25c
Pickled Salmon, lb. 14c
Good Apples, peck 20c

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

A KID YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.—the boy you're going to love—in a rollicking adventure entitled "Stephen Steps Out." Larry Semon in his latest scream entitled "Horsehoes," and the fourth round of "The Leather Pushers" is to be Imperial's bountiful program for Friday and Saturday. A splendidly mixed bill to round out a wonderful week after the four days of "Scaramouche," ending tonight.

LAST TIME FOR "SCARAMOUCHE"

Final showings of "Scaramouche" tonight—7 and 9 o'clock. The picture was short-lived and no disappointment in sight. The picture of the year.

M. R. A., Ltd., Millinery Buyers Lately Returned

Six millinery buyers from the M. R. A., Ltd., store have lately returned from business trips to leading style centres, where they selected for the new season's trade, the brightest and best of spring's millinery modes as interpreted by leading milliners abroad.

Miss Creary and Miss McLean from the retail store report that American cities are especially featuring small hats in diversification of the toques and cloche; and Mr. O. G. Brannan gives information that Paris is alive with exquisite new bright colored millinery. Some new hats are already being displayed in the M. R. A., Ltd., millinery salon. These will meet the approval of those who like to choose a distinctive model for between-season wear.

COMMONS JEALOUS OF ITS PRIVACY

Prince of Wales' Visit When Baldwin Retired was Irregular.

London, Feb. 21.—Even princes of the blood have no right to witness any discussion in the House of Commons. The presence of the Prince of Wales and his brother in the Peers' Gallery on the last night of the Baldwin Ministry was really irregular, though harmless. As a matter of fact the princes appear in the Commons frequently, whenever the occasion is specially interesting. It's many years since, to the delight of the then Prince himself, Labourites had the late King Edward VII turned out of the House.

"I spy strangers" is formula enough. During the Women's Suffrage agitation, nervous members often "spied" irreconcilable women in the public galleries, and the Speaker had to give orders for their removal. In fact, the Ladies' Gallery was finally closed, and not re-opened until the granting of the franchise to women was an accomplished fact.

Commons Is Jealous.

The Commons is jealous of its privacy. The King may not enter its doors. Even his messenger is held off with a strong but ceremonious hand until the Speaker and the assembled House have considered whether his mission or message is acceptable or not.

The reporting of debates, though a commonplace of parliamentary practice, is still illegal. Only one communication is privileged. That is the letter which the Leader of the House must send every night to the monarch regarding "business done." To the end of her reign Queen Victoria insisted that this dispatch must be hand-written. In the days of the House of Commons it was often the subject of a great statesman writing first "rough" and then "fair copy" of the nightly letter to his Sovereign. In these days it is to be assumed that the communication is less formal; the typewriter is acceptable to King George. It was not to his grand-mother.

REMOVING MASTS.

Two of the masts of the Maid of Scotland have been removed from the wreck, and should the weather be favorable it is expected the third will be taken out today. Dynamite has been used by the contractors, Swanton Brothers, to cut the masts off at the deck.

In Most Homes

In these days of sedentary habits, it becomes necessary for nearly all the members of the family to use some treatment to arouse the sluggish liver and ensure regularity of the action of the bowels.

Because Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has been increased to 35 cents, the box now contains 35 pills instead of 25 as formerly.

Likewise Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is 60 cents a box of 60 pills, instead of 50 cents a box of 50 pills. Edmanson, Bates & Co. Ltd., Toronto.

NEW BOX 35 PILLS

DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

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BUNIONS

Can Be Relieved By Dr. Scholl's Bunion Reducer

This appliance has a peculiar concave shape, purposely formed to fit snugly over joint and eliminate friction and pressure from footwear and at the same time also prevents the enlarged joint from forcing shoe out of shape.

Is superior to old-fashioned leather and felt protectors, as it is made from antiseptic rubber, and being worn right over the bunion, it excludes dirt, forms and retains a moist soft and pliable, removes that hard skin or callosities so often accompanies and increases the irritability of the inflammation, also renders the inflamed condition.

Made in three sizes, right and left foot. Price 25c.

Made only by THE SCHOLL MFG. CO., Limited 112 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Stockholms.

SOME FOR EMBARGO AND SOME OPPOSE

Give Evidence at Pulpwood Inquiry in Quebec—A Shot at Some U. S. Concerns.

Quebec, Feb. 21.—(Canadian Press)—Before the Royal Pulpwood Commission here yesterday, several settlers and lumber merchants gave evidence and the majority favored an embargo. Mr. Masse said he was a farmer and opposed the embargo. He said the commissioners' how he could expect to live if he had no timber to sell. Other farmers placed less reliance on the sale of timber. Mr. De Couvral said he was a farmer and agreed with the proposed embargo. He said that farmers together with the rest of the community would profit if all the wood produced in the province were to be manufactured in the province.

Col. Ray, a lumber broker, said that many of the people who said they were farmers were actually pulp farmers. They obtained lots of land and their only source of revenue was from trees they cut down.

Speaking of Price Bros. Ltd., with which he was connected, he said that the firm always paid fair prices for the lumber they purchased from local sources. They had recently decided to buy all the timber offered to them by the settlers providing the price asked was not prohibitive.

The witness was asked regarding his own experience in the sale of timber. He said he had recently had 2,000 cords of pulpwood for sale. He said the timber to a Canadian firm at a price considerably higher than was offered by various American concerns. Apart from the price security, he said, he was more concerned when dealing with the Canadian firms. He would not sell a single cord of wood to the U. S. unless he received payment in advance.

In British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 21.—Representatives of box manufacturers and shingle mills presented to the pulp and paper commission here strongly worded arguments in favor of an export embargo on unmanufactured logs from British Columbia. It was said that labor followed raw material and this would be the case if British Columbia did not manufacture at home.

Cedar men contended that the supply of cedar shingles was alarmingly near exhaustion and that conservation for local industry was imperative.

J. H. MacDonald, chiefly interested in spruce and hemlock for the manufacture of box shooks, urged an embargo on logs from non crown lands.

Logging operations in British Columbia pay out in wages approximately \$100,000 a day and any embargo placed on the export of logs from the province at this time would seriously affect the contribution to the prosperity of the country, the commission was told by A. P. Wilson, a large logging operator.

An embargo would be disastrous to the country, he said. It would compel protection for the home market only and necessitate closing down operations for four months each year. He said that the class of logs exported were largely those which could not find a market in this province.

STRIKE STOPS THE MARLOCH SAILING

A London, England, cable last night announced that one result of the strike of the dockers in that country was the postponement of the sailing of the liner Marloch on Friday for St. John. Two hundred people, who had booked passage on the Marloch, were being sent to Liverpool on a special train in time to take passage on the steamer Metagama, which sails for St. John tomorrow. A Montreal despatch last night announced that private cables to the Canadian Pacific headquarters were optimistic as to an early settlement of the British dockers' strike. The company will dispatch the steamer Montburn from St. John tomorrow and officials state that they have every hope of a settlement of the strike before her arrival at Liverpool, about March 2.

FINISH THE FIFTH.

The weekly meeting of the Sunshine Class of the Tabernacle Baptist Church was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. F. E. Stackhouse, Haymarket Square. The fifth quilt which the class has made this winter was completed, and it is intended to start another at the next meeting. Those present were Mrs. A. H. Patterson, Mrs. T. E. Owens, Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. R. M. Pitt and Mrs. Stackhouse.

FIRE IN CHIMNEY.

The chemical engine from No. 1 Station, King street east, was called out last evening about 7 o'clock to respond to a still alarm from the residence of Edward W. Henry, 181 Elliott Row. The chimney was on fire. With an application of salt, the fire was soon extinguished and there was no damage.

SEIZE INNOCENT IN POLICE RAID

Philadelphia Officers Bring Trouble to Themselves in Amazing Outrage.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—A rigid investigation of a police raid on a private apartment under the impression it was a disorderly house has been started by Director of Public Safety Butler, who declared it to be "one of the most outrageous things ever done by police of this city."

Ordered Out of Bed

In the raid, made Sunday at 1:40 a.m., three married couples were arrested while listening to radio. The policeman who reported the "disorderly house" stated he based his belief on seeing a number of taxicabs drive up to the apartment.

The couples testified the affair was a birthday party.

"When they fled in terror he chased them around the room while they were clad only in night dresses. Did anyone ever hear the equal of this, police running wild in respectable homes? No one will be saved from intrusion if this is not stopped."

Director Butler declared he was "against such business as this," and promised to "get after it right away."

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BUSINESS LOCALS

Victoria Rink, band and good ice tonight. Skate while you can. The season is short.

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PANTRY SALE Women's League, St. David's church, Saturday morning, Venetian Gardens. 7652-2-23

Bazaar at Douglas Avenue Christian Church opens tonight. 7440-2-22

Friends and workers interested in the candidacy of "Sandy" Corbet are requested to meet at headquarters, Waterloo street, Friday, 9 p.m. 2-23

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Skate at Victoria Rink tonight. Band and good ice.

Band, Arena, tonight. Perfect ice.

I. L. A., LOCAL 273. Special meeting will be held in St. Vincent's Auditorium, Cliff street, Friday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 o'clock. The international president, A. J. Chlopek, will address the meeting. All members of I. L. A. locals are requested to attend this meeting.—By order of the president. 7646-2-23

Everybody is going to the Arena tonight. Perfect ice and music is grand.

A MENACED WRECK.

(Contemporary Review.) Looking at Europe, we can descry only two possibilities. Either France will be stopped or she will wreck what remains of old Europe, bringing down friend and foe. The unknown quantity is Russia. Politically, Europe is only a mirage until Russia re-enters the arena, nor is it possible as yet to foresee the evolution of that mystic colossus. The immediate issue will depend upon the Anglo-Saxon world. We have looked on, very unlike a sporting victor, while France hired a gang of boys and desperados to set up a bogus Rhenish republic, which is anything but Napoleonic in form of method. It is possible that we shall continue to look on while France completes her work. Germany cannot fight. She is at the mercy of her despotism. No conferences will deflect France on the eve of an election from her mad career. Nothing but a swift, stern call to reason will stay her wrecking hand. Will it be forthcoming? If not, then the process of disintegration will continue, and our unemployed will enjoy another year, or perhaps a decade, of doles and dole for niente.

The Late Wm. Mosher.

The funeral of the late William Mosher was held Tuesday afternoon from his parents' residence, 18 Hanover street, to the Methodist burial ground and was attended by many friends. Service was conducted by Rev. R. G. Fulton and Rev. Mr. Crisp. The pall bearers were Michael Donovan, Wes. Parlee, Douglas Rling, Jas. Hurley, John Higgins and Edward McCann.

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The floral tributes were numerous and included a cross from Mrs. Ada McCluskey and Millie Taylor; a cross from "this gang," a star and crescent from "the boys at the corner," a wreath from H. S. Gregory & Sons; a wreath from the Longshoremen's Association; a wreath from neighbors; a wreath from Manual Training School and Household Science; a wreath from Mrs. Blanche O. Donoghue; a spray from Mrs. T. Stack and Mrs. F. Lane; a spray from Sunday school class, Dolly Hazel and Lillian; a spray from Jas. Davis and Duncan Patterson. Letters of sympathy cards from his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Blenkinson of Blenheim, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Aker, Windsor, N. S.

Robertson's Meat Specials

Choice Western Roast Beef 12c.

Choice Western Rib Roasts 16c.

Round Steak 20c. lb.

Sirloin Steak 25c. lb.

Hamburg Steak—15c. lb., 2 lb. 25c.

YOUNG FRESH PORK

Shoulder Roasts 18c. lb.

Loin Roasts 20c. lb.

Ham Roasts 22c. lb.

Machine Sliced Bacon 30c. lb.

Choice Corned Beef 10c. lb.

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4 lb. tins Pure Jams, all kinds 75c

Delmonte Peaches, tin 25c

Sliced Pineapple, tin (large) 25c

Delmonte Pears, tin (large) 25c

2 tins Dessert Pears 25c

Plums, per tin, (large) 15c

3 lbs. Best Baking Powder 25c

5 lbs. Best Bulk Cocoa 30c

Small Strips Flat Bacon, lb 25c

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Apples from \$1.50 per bbl. up.

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3 lb. Bulk Cocoa 21c

Corn, per can 15c

Peas, per can 15c

4 lb. Tin Jam 44c

3 lb. Jars Jam 40c

2 Cans Baked Dinner 25c

Fresh Ground Coffee 45c

24 lb. Bag Royal Household 98c

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