

### VENIOT REQUESTS CANADA TAKE OVER VALLEY RAILWAY

Ottawa, Feb. 26—Premier P. J. Veniot, of New Brunswick, had a conference this afternoon before the opening of the House of Commons with the Federal Government on the question of taking over by the latter of the St. John Valley Railway. He was received by the Prime Minister, Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, and Hon. Arthur B. Copp, Secretary of State.

The present financial condition of the road and the results of its operation were, it is understood, dealt with by Premier Veniot in his representations which were promised careful consideration.

#### Both Losing Money.

It was learned from other sources that both the Federal and the New Brunswick Governments are losing money from the operation of the road. By the old arrangements the New Brunswick Government get 40 per cent of the gross receipts and the Federal Government 60 per cent, the former Government having built the road and the latter operating it. It is stated by those in the east that at the present time the two Governments are losing about \$250,000 each annually in the maintenance of the St. John Valley Railways.

### HON. DR. BAXTER TO LEAD OPPOSITION

Belief of Provincial Party—Hydro and Prohibition.

St. John Globe

The programme of the Opposition party in the Provincial Legislature during the coming session was decided on here on Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the executive of the provincial opposition.

Hydro and prohibition were dealt with along with other questions of lesser importance. A feature of the meeting is understood to have been an indication that Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., will be called upon to lead the Opposition forces in the next provincial campaign.

As a result of the caucus, the Opposition party in the local House will be instructed, to give support to the broad policy of provincial hydro development by the government especially in reference to the Grand Falls project.

The Opposition will be directed closely to watch the financial arrangements to see that that aspect of the question is in order.

Hon. Dr. Baxter is said strongly to have favored public development of hydro and since his party is opposed to the stand of the present Conservative leader, C. D. Richards, who in the House last year went on record as personally in favor of private development, it is assumed that the Opposition of Hon. Dr. Baxter and the direction which will issue to the Opposition party as to the line to be followed in the House, means that Hon. Dr. Baxter will be asked to lead the Opposition forces when the government appeals to the country.

Hon. Dr. Baxter's attitude on hydro is said to have influenced the caucus in its decision to support public development.

The attitude of the Opposition party on prohibition is also said to have been defined in general terms. It was agreed that the present prohibitory law should be enforced, and that in view of the



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### NORWEGIANS TO GATHER AT TWIN CITIES

Fifty Thousand Canadian-Norwegians Will Attend Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis and St. Paul in June.

King Haakon, President Coolidge and Lord and Lady Byng Invited.



Professor Gisle Bothne

In June next, between three and four hundred thousand Canadians and Americans of Norwegian origin will gather at the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to celebrate by a great national gathering the hundredth anniversary of the landing in America of the first organized party of Norwegian settlers on the Continent. It was in 1825 that the little sloop Restauration, of 46 tons, set sail from Stavanger carrying a little band of adventurers who settled in New York state and ever since that time there has been a steady stream of newcomers to this continent from their homeland.

The coming gathering and its purposes were recently discussed at the head offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, by Professor Gisle Bothne of the Minnesota state University at Minneapolis. The professor stated that the Legislatures of Minnesota had endorsed the gathering and had forwarded through the Secretary of the State of Washington invitations to President Coolidge, King Haakon of Norway and the Governor General of Canada. President Coolidge has already accepted and Lord and Lady Byng have given assurance that they will attend. It is expected that about 50,000 Norwegians now living in Canada will attend the Norse-American Centennial.

The gathering will be opened on June 6 next and about forty "Bygdelags" or Norwegian Clans will hold meetings during the first day. On Sunday June 7 the Bishop of Oslo, which until recently was known as Christiania, will hold a divine service and the succeeding days will be given up to meetings, field sports and musical competitions, and an historical pageant depicting the Viking activities of one thousand years ago and the history of Norsemen at home and abroad up to the present time, portraying their contributions to civilization, in discoveries, science, agriculture, industry and commerce, in art and literature will be staged. The costumes will be magnificent and in brilliancy of technique, in magnitude and splendour the whole array will rival anything of its kind that has heretofore been produced. The other features of the Centennial are being prepared on the same elaborate scale.

It is already arranged that a large delegation from Norway's parliament will be present and there is some hope that the Norwegian Crown Prince may attend. Five Norwegian-American universities are closing for the summer early so that their faculties and students may be present. Professor Bothne pointed out that the Norwegians had done much in the building up of the central western states and their influence was shown by the fact that the governors of no less than five states were of Norwegian birth or descent. It has been proposed that the Canadian Department of Colonization shall have an exhibit at the convention.

In the course of the interview professor Bothne stated that undoubtedly the new United States immigration laws would result in large numbers of Norwegians coming to this country during the next few years.

Large number of new voters who will have the franchise at the next election there should be a plebiscite taken on the question of continuing the present laws or having sale under government control.

### Cleanup of Logs This Summer Is Forecast

Those in close touch with the lumbering industry of New Brunswick forecast a cleanup of logs in the various sawmills of the Province during the sawing season of 1925. The opinion is based on the facts that few logs were carried over in any section of the Province from last year and that logging operations of the present winter have been carried on generally on a scale which will prevent any glutting of the market.

The anticipation is that there will be a sawing season throughout the province which will be as long as the average and which will employ the usual number of people.

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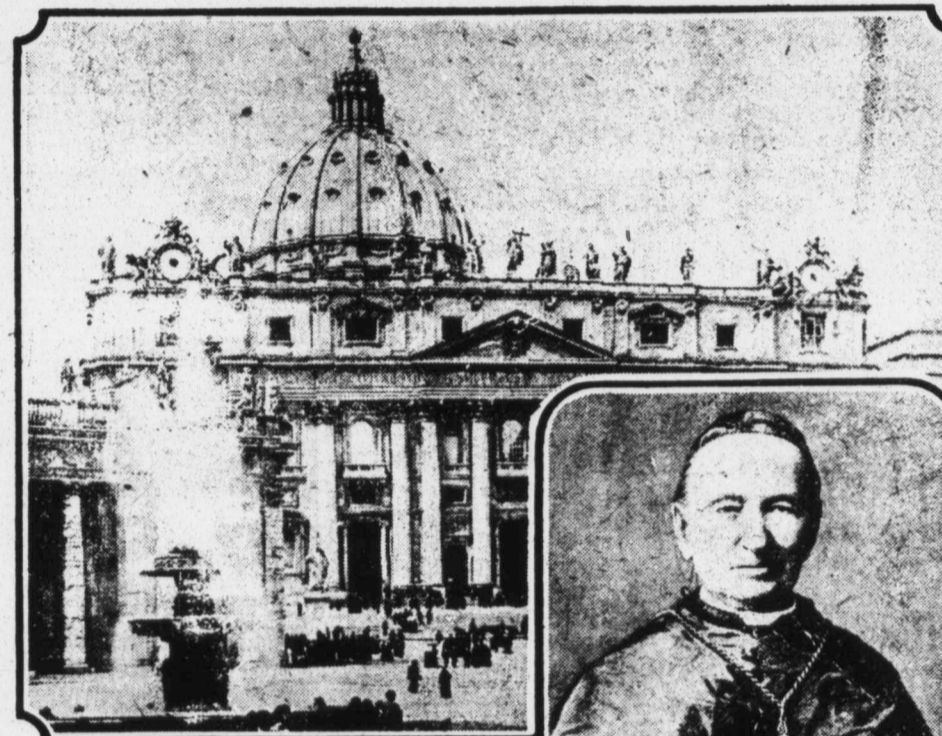
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### Canadians Make Pilgrimage to Holy City



St. Peter's, Rome.

Canadian response to the Papal Bull promulgating the "Holy Year Universal Jubilee" is, according to reports of transportation companies operating between this continent and Europe, assuming unexpected proportions. Canadian Pacific officials report that applications for accommodation on the "S.S. Minnedosa" chartered by the Holy Tours Incorporated to carry Holy Year pilgrims to Bordeaux this summer, are steadily pouring in from all over Canada and the United States and that the Canadian contingent will be accompanied by many distinguished members of the episcopate, clergy and religious orders. His Eminence Cardinal Louis-Nazaire Begin, of Quebec, has signified his intention of sailing on the Minnedosa as have several other high dignitaries of the Church in Canada.

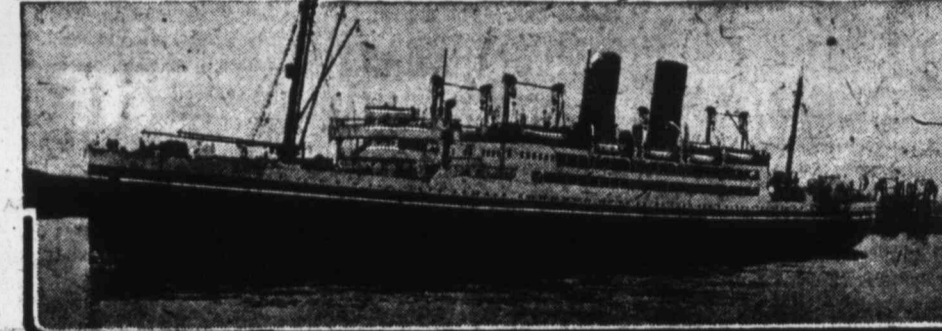
The opening rites of Holy Year have already been performed and the Papal Bull, formally announcing its commencement and inviting Catholics the World over to assemble in Rome has been issued. The purposes of the Great Jubilee as set forth in the Papal Bull are to live to achieve men in divine charity. The opportunities to preside Pentecostal ceremonies afforded them by His Pious XI, are powerful factors in many to visit the Holy City. The Minnedosa sails from Montreal and



His Eminence Cardinal Begin who will head the Canadian Pilgrimage to Rome, leaving Montreal and Quebec on May 5 next on board the Minnedosa.

Quebec on May 5th next, one of the first sailings from the St. Lawrence season for Bordeaux where the pilgrims will disembark and continue their journey by rail, stopping at Lourdes, Carcassonne, Marseille, Nice and Genoa en-route to Rome. This vessel has accommodation for seven hundred passengers and in view of the special low rate quoted for the tour, it is expected that the Minnedosa will carry a capacity passenger list.

Although born in Levis, Quebec, in 1840, Cardinal Begin is well known in Rome as it was there in 1865, that the present head of the Roman Catholic church in Canada was ordained to the priesthood. In 1888 he was created bishop of Chicoutimi and, in another three years, Archbishop of Cyrene and coadjutor of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau. In 1894 he took over the administration of the diocese of Quebec, being elevated to the Cardinalate in 1914.



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