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EXPRESS RATES IN CANADA.

The Illinois railway and warehouse commission, a state body having control of freight and express rates within the commonwealth so far as commerce other than interstate is concerned, has just ordered a fifty per cent. reduction in express rates within the boundaries of Illinois. The order came as a result of a succession of hearings extending over a period of five months. In January and June of last year the Canadian Railway Commission having power to deal with the whole of the Dominion heard evidence regarding express rates in this country. The evidence was conclusive that the express companies had been collecting charges for carrying fruit equal to the amount received by the growers for producing it and at the same time reaping profits of from 25 to 100 per cent. More than a year has passed since the last of the sittings of the commission in this express mulling probe. No decision has yet been handed down. The Illinois commission reported promptly. The Canadian commission has yet to deliver its findings. There are two ways of doing things.

CONSIDER THE CHILDREN.

There are two ways of increasing the population. One is to save the lives of the children who are born. The other is to bring in foreigners. Canada seems to favor the latter method, which, to say the least of it, is not complimentary to the Canadian people, nor even self-respecting. Child life is held very cheap in Canada. It is held cheap elsewhere, but that is no excuse for Canada. In the United States out of 732,538 deaths 140,065, or 19 per cent., were of children under one year of age. The ignorance of parents and the neglect of society is accountable for this. It is no credit to Canada to say that we are no worse than the United States. One great difficulty about rearing children is the fact that a woman gets no credit for all the suffering and trouble that she undergoes as a mother. Motherhood, in other words, is at a discount. In many enlightened circles it is regarded as a crime. No doubt in the course of the most favorable conditions many children of a weakly disposition would die, and their removal by natural causes must be regarded as one of the providences which humanity may deplore without being able to understand. But making liberal allowance for such inevitable deaths the practice that permits 25 per cent. of the population to pass away under the age of five years is the result of some devilish incapacity in the national economy.

We have immigration officers, and commissions of immigration, and bureaus of immigration, and all sorts of methods for inducing people to come to Canada and remain with us. Would it not be wise to have officers or commissions or bureaus to consider the case of the little children who come to Canada and who are turned out of it seventy years too soon?

SIR HUGH OR JAMES S. BRIERLEY. The Montreal Star and the Montreal Herald are discussing the proposed merger of the power interests and the street railway of that city. It will be to the great injury of the people, inasmuch as some forty millions of watered stock is to be injected into the deal. Both these papers say that the Public Utilities Commission of Quebec has power to intervene and stop the merger, and both say up to the present no action has been taken by the commission. The commission says that it doesn't act on its own motion; its attention must be called to a serious situation, if there be one. We take it, therefore, that it is up to Sir Hugh Graham of the Star or Mr. Brierley of the Herald to take the necessary steps to officially bring the merger before the commission. Will either of these distinguished journalists make a move? It is all very well to talk about the situation, but action counts for more than talk.

GREATER TORONTO'S TWO MAIN STREETS. Greater Toronto needs two things to shape it up: (1) The annexation of the Town of North Toronto; (2) the Bloor-street viaduct. These will give us a great thoroughfare north and south of six miles, and a great east and west thoroughfare on Bloor and Danforth-avenue clear across the city, some nine miles.

When this London Toronto will grow east and north as well as west. And it will grow more equally.

AN APPEAL FOR LABRADOR FORT

Editor World: Having noticed a short article in your paper regarding the ap-

proaching famine in Labrador, I feel constrained to ask you to use your efforts to induce our city fathers to do something creditable in this matter. I believe a vast number of people would like to see them send a generous contribution from the City of Toronto to relieve those honest and sweet people. They ask so little of the luxury, flour, molasses and tea. Surely a few thousand dollars could easily be sent. Let it be done immediately and let Dr. Strong be the distributor. Funds are raised for the Chinese in China and elsewhere; why not for our own compatriots? The enormous elevators are bursting with grain. Surely we must think of some plan to send immediate relief. A Sympathizer.

WHAT THE T. & N. O. DOES FOR TORONTO.

A proposal to bring pressure to bear on the Canadian Pacific Railway to induce the management to build into Timiskaming will be considered at the next meeting of the New Line Board of Trade. Speaking for The New Line Herald, Wm. McKnight, the president of the board of directors, pointed out the advantage it would be to the Town of Liekeard, could the C. P. R. be brought to realize the magnificent opportunity for the setting of traffic on the line from Toronto to Timiskaming. The Mattawa short line of the C. P. R. was in the old days one of the best paying sections of the road, but of late, since the building of the C. and N. O. the traffic has been diverted from the lake and has been carried off to Toronto. Formerly the trade of the country went very largely to Montreal and Ottawa, but since the building of the government railway, Montreal and Ottawa have been cut off almost entirely, to the material benefit of the City of Toronto.

HOWITT BY ACCLAMATION

Rumors of Jeffrey Reconsidering and of Ind. Candidate Groundless. QUELPH, Oct. 3.—(Special).—The talk of the Liberal party in South Wellington bringing out another candidate in place of Nicol Jeffrey, who, after considering it for three days, decided not to oppose J. R. Howitt for the vacant seat, seems to be groundless. A rumor to the effect that an independent candidate might be brought out has also fallen thru, and it is almost certain that Mr. Howitt's election will be by acclamation.

WANTS U.S. LABORERS

City Engineer Can't Get Enough for Civic Works. The city engineer is still up against the problem of getting men to work on the filtration plant at the island. A recent advertisement he received 120 applications, but when 75 men were picked and sent to work only three turned up. At the same time carpenters and other workmen are leaving. He says it would be no use increasing the wages as that would force wages up on all other classes of work around the city and the high wages would be no better off than at present.

CHARGED WITH CHILD MURDER

Twenty-Year-Old Girl Under Arrest at Sherbrooke. SHERBROOKE, Oct. 3.—May Doherty, a girl about 20 years of age, was arrested by High Constable Moe yesterday on a coroner's warrant charging her with child murder. She had been engaged for the past month at Cottage House, Lennoxville. She left the hotel on Friday night and said she would return for her trunk on Saturday. The coroner's inquest was directed to certain suspicious circumstances and he immediately began to investigate. He sent for the village constable who forced open her trunk and found the dead body of a newly born male child. It had evidently been strangled, for its face was black and its tongue was hanging out of its mouth.

PRaises CANADIAN SCOUTS

General Baden-Powell Refers to His Recent Visit. LIVERPOOL, Oct. 3.—Sir Robert Baden-Powell, interviewed here, had high praise for Canada's Boy Scouts. He said the movement helps to develop the Imperial spirit, and the best men in the country are taking the movement up. Referring to his visit to the United States, he said there was a "splendid" center in Canada and found them all organized in the right way.

NEGLECT REGISTRATION

Chief Analyst of Inland Revenue Will Prosecute Vendors of Fertilizers. OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—(Special).—A McGill chief analyst of the inland revenue department, urges the necessity of bringing vendors of fertilizers, who neglect registration and proper labeling, under the same act. Of 161 samples secured by inspectors of the department, 97 were found to be offered for sale under registration numbers, as required by the act, but in the case of 38 other samples, the registration number was not attached. Eleven of these samples could not be identified, and appeared to be unregistered. In 23 samples there was found to be deficiency of potash; that it is admitted that the deficiency was light.

Low Rates for Hunters

via Grand Trunk Railway System. Return tickets at single fare Oct. 10 to Nov. 12, to points in Temagami, and to a number of points near there, and to certain points in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine. Oct. 20 to Nov. 12 to Muskoka Lakes, Penikese, Lake of Bays, Midland, Magalloway River, Lakeside, Madawaska to Parry Sound, Argyle to Cobocook, Lindsay to Haliburton, Shabot Lake to Calabogie via K. & P. Railway. Points from Severn to North Bay, inclusive, and certain points reached by Northern Navigation Company. All tickets valid returning Thursday, Dec. 15, except to points reached by steamer lines Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Poison in the Gravy.

CHATHAM, Oct. 3.—Five members of the family of T. S. Siegmund, together with a sum were poisoned on Saturday night by eating gravy stiffened with flour in which ruff was near the flour had been mixed. The flour had been placed on a pantry shelf. The cook did not know the poison was in it. All the victims will likely recover.

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TRAINMEN WILL SUBMIT A SERIES OF QUESTIONS

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CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 3.—President W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, to-day made public a list of questions which has been mailed to all lodges of his organization, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Order of Railway Conductors, for congress and state legislatures affecting the three organizations. "Candidates for congress and state legislatures are asked to advise you and their friends we control a million votes," said Mr. Lee. These votes will be cast as the candidates answer. The questions on which candidates will be asked to express an opinion are: "An act providing for compensation to workers when injured in the service of a railway." "An employer's liability law, without a contributory negligence clause, except in cases of misconduct." "Government inspection of locomotive boilers." "Compulsory arbitration, which railway workers oppose." "An anti-injunction bill." "A bill which would increase the number of experienced workmen in a crew, and providing for amendments to the 15-hour continuous service law."

SIR ALFRED MOND.

He illustrated the growth and continual increase of the British export trade by the figures of trade since 1875, the year accepted by Joseph Chamberlain as a standard, when the amount was 255 millions sterling. That had grown in 1907 to 426 millions, and in 1910 it was greater than ever. Standard wages had likewise increased, and the purchasing power was higher than elsewhere. As a minimum proposition no one could show that England was worse off than any other country. Historical accuracy was not a strong point with tariff reformers, he declared, and affirmed that there was no more competent to speak for England in the old days as at present. He added statistics from the shipping, the shippings and the cotton trades to prove the unquestioned predominance of Britain.

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