

# FEDERAL RAILWAY CONTROL IN U. S. APPROVED BY CANADIANS

**Dominion Railwaymen Believe Wilson's Course a Wise One—Not Likely Necessary For Canada to Follow It—Administration of the System.**

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—As Sir Henry Drayton, Chief Railway Commissioner, is at present in Halifax, it is impossible to obtain from him any comment on the action of President Wilson in taking over the United States railroads. Commissioner McLean when asked as to the possible effect of the President's action on the Canadian situation, said that he was as yet hardly in a position to make any comment. He had, he stated, seen only the brief newspaper report which gave practically no details as to the working out of the plan in the United States. Until a more detailed statement was received, he preferred not to make any statement.

Another official of the Railway Commission expressed the opinion that Government control of railroads in the United States was a very wise move. He drew attention to the fact that the situation there is different from that in Canada. In the United States the railroads are subject to the laws of the various states through which they operate prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. A complete unification of all the railway systems in operation is therefore an impossibility while the roads are controlled by private enterprise. Action by the Federal Government, however, in taking over all railroads automatically affects this necessary unification.

The move, it was stated, would probably prove a most beneficial one to the railways themselves, as the Government, in taking over the roads, must also cope with the labor situation and other problems which private enterprise has difficulty in handling. Whether it would be necessary for Canada to take similar action, was problematical. The Dominion was not faced with the same situation as the United States, but the problem of supplying sufficient labor for operating the Canadian roads might necessitate Government action.

Another official prominently connected with the administration of railroads was inclined to the view that it would not be necessary to take like action in Canada and that the taking over of the American railroads by the Government would have very little effect on the situation here. He thought that the American Government would be in a good position to control the rolling stock which has been increasing very rapidly in recent months.

**New York Market Jumbled.**  
New York, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's proclamation taking over control of railroads with the guarantee as to earnings, was reflected in Wall Street today by one of the most sensational advances in stocks seen in years. The market leaped forward at the outset, prices jumping five to eighteen points above yesterday's close and although there were recessions later, the buying continued strong and vigorous. The advances were most pronounced in shares which recently registered the lowest records.

Standard rails, including transcontinentals and coalers, made moderate gains, but in every quarter of the list, improvement extended from three to five points. Much of the early advance was effected at the expense of a formidable short interest. This faction rushed to cover at the opening and was kept busy throughout the active first hour. Recessions of two to five points from maximums and as much

as ten points in one instance succeeded the first feverish outburst of enthusiasm.

**Equalize Salaries.**  
Washington, Dec. 27.—One of the first acts of the government in beginning operation of railroads will be to reduce large salaries now paid to the railway executives and in the case of some measure the wages of the railway workers.

Securities to be issued while the government is in control, will be at interest rates not less than four per cent, and the issues will be made under joint authority of the director-general and the Interstate Commerce Commission. President Wilson when he outlines the government plans in his forthcoming address to congress, will ask that the government be empowered to buy any quantity of new railroad securities. All dividends over and above an amount to be agreed upon will go to the government. Congress will be asked also to appropriate a large fund—probably \$200,000,000—for the immediate supply of rolling stock to handle the flood of traffic which has swamped the roads.

The director-general will have authority to decide whether the government shall also assume operation and control of the express companies.

President Wilson will recommend to Congress that the railroads regard the average net income for three years ending June 31, 1917, but any railroad may abide by its constitutional right and refuse to accept this basis of compensation. In that case the question will pass to an arbitrating body, the precise nature of which is to be determined by Congress. Officials who have given the situation close study, believe that the government by eliminating wasteful competition and necessary expense under a common control, can save hundreds of millions of dollars. Some even estimate that the saving will be a billion dollars a year and that the government will be able to garner revenue from the government operation plan in addition to insuring railroad securities holders against loss.

Although in most cases earned dividends exceeding the guarantee will revert to the government, Congress will be asked to make provision for railroads whose pre-war earnings were abnormally low, by authorizing the payment of dividends in excess of those amounts, on approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Railroads will continue to provide for their own issues of securities, but will be compelled to obtain the approval of the director-general before going to the Interstate Commerce Commission for final sanction. Until Mr. McAdoo outlines his plans the status of express companies, under government operation of railroads, will not be fully determined. Rolling stock owned by the express companies, which is comparatively little, will pass automatically under direct government supervision to-day when the President's proclamation goes into effect and eventually it may be necessary for Mr. McAdoo to take them over to provide the proper measure of operation with railroads and with

# SIDE WALKS

**NIGHT, THE INTOXICANT**

Some friends with whom I had been taking dinner and spending an unusually pleasant evening recently urged us to stop for the night. We had rather a hard trip home ahead and it was a temptation. (I say a temptation because one accomplice so little in a day if one has to begin it by going home.) But my housemate steadily refused their urgings.

Afterwards I asked why. "Mornings Are Always Anti-Climaxes," "Because," said my housemate, "we were having such a good time and were enjoying each other so much, I didn't want to stop it. Mornings are always anti-climaxes. I'm a different person in the morning and I think most people are." "And when I thought," I agreed, "we should have awakened in an entirely different mood. We should have tried to take up the thread of our night's gaiety and utterly failed. And then we should have been constrained."

As it was, we carried off a pleasant memory of congenial talk, and when we meet again we shall take up the thread naturally and easily.

**All People Are Divided Into Two Parts.**  
I think every human being is divided into two personalities, that personality which gets up in the morning and that which begins to come out toward evening.

Doubtless that is one thing about which distinguishes us from the animals they sleep in the evening and thus have only one personality.

Night is an intoxicant to most of us. It removes some of the inhibitions. We become more fluid, talk more easily, think more quickly, feel more vividly. We see things in a larger way at night. Small difficulties dwindle out of sight. Night is the time for social converse, not only by the laws of convention and convenience but by those of psychology.

Night is the time for generous impulses. One reads some story of suffering and need at night and one plans to make some big sacrifice. And then comes morning with its cold common sense, its readjustment to an every day world, one remains not making such big sacrifices, and one decides to think the matter over more thoroughly, and not to be too hasty with their charitable result.

I think people are wont to distrust this night personality and to consider that their truer self is the person of fact. It is a familiar warning (I believe I have quoted it myself) that one should never make an important decision without letting both personalities take their part.

And yet I wonder sometimes if we wouldn't do some things better if we put less emphasis on the common sense of our workday selves and more emphasis on the uncommon sense of the rebel self.

Dicky looked down. At his feet across the garden path swung a great big spider's web, sparkling as the sunlight touched the dew drops that dangled from the slender threads. In the centre sat a big spider, he looked at Dicky. "I was so busy watching the fairies that I didn't see you."

"That's just the way we lost so many hours," replied Mr. Spider. "Folks seldom see us, and when they do they generally tear our homes down."

"And I came near doing the same thing myself. How do you come to be up so early?" asked Dicky.

"Well, as you didn't step on me nor tear down my house, I'll let you know. I was making my web. Mr. Spider, and me drew up a tiny spider and invited Dicky into his webby house."

"Touch that dew drop to your lips," continued Mr. Spider. "Dicky touched the dew drop to his lips, and, sure enough, he grew smaller and smaller until he was almost invisible. Dicky was so surprised that he forgot to even bump his head."

"You see all day long I weave dreams," began Mr. Spider. "Weave dreams?" asked Dicky. "Yes, indeed. All day long I spin and spin on beautiful dreams. Just at sunset every evening the fairies float down from Dreamland and get their feet tangled in my strings of dreams. All day long I spin and spin on beautiful dreams. Just at sunset every evening the fairies float down from Dreamland and get their feet tangled in my strings of dreams. All day long I spin and spin on beautiful dreams. Just at sunset every evening the fairies float down from Dreamland and get their feet tangled in my strings of dreams."



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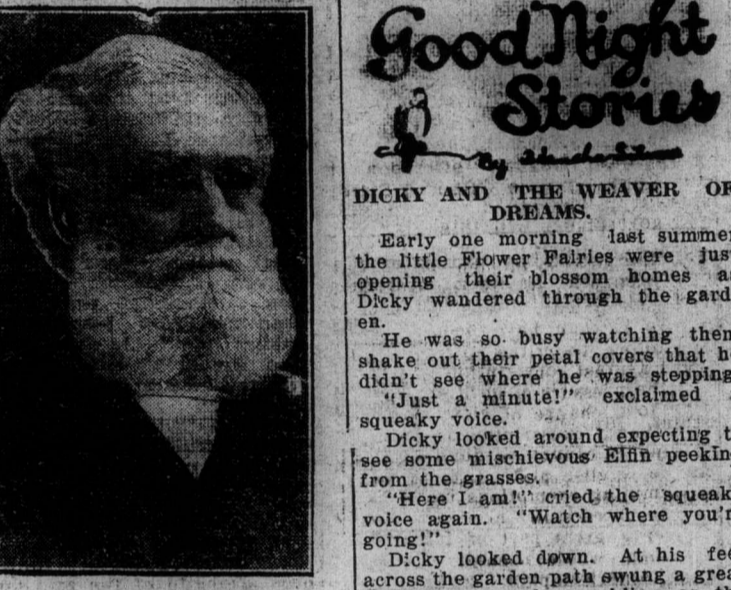
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**JOSEPH HOBSON.**  
Noted civil engineer who died in Hamilton at the age of 85. He not only rebuilt the Victoria Bridge at Montreal, but had charge of the construction of the International bridge from Buffalo to Fort Erie and of the replacement of the old suspension bridge below Niagara Falls. From 1896 to 1907 he was chief engineer to the C. T. K. system.

each other.

"The presidents of many large lines now receive salaries ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 a year, and one of the first acts of the director-general probably will be to cut these sharply. Ten thousand dollars a year is being discussed as a maximum. The saving in salaries would be applied to raising the pay of members of the four railway brotherhoods. The President was expected to ask the brotherhoods for higher wages for determination in the future when the director-general untangles many of the complications now developing."

"One of the immediate effects of the new plan will be the re-routing of freight now passing over congested lines, particularly in the east. The railroad war board has sought to divert traffic to lines least overburdened, but the anti-trust regulations have hampered it."

**APPEAL TO BALL PLAYERS.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Chicago, Dec. 27.—The British-Canadian recruiting mission to-day issued an official appeal to baseball players to enlist because of their natural adaptability to grenade throwing.

"Baseball players can do better at grenade throwing than any other men," says a bulletin issued by recruiting officers.

"We can train ordinary men for this service, but this is an age of specialization and ball players are better fitted to become grenade throwers than any other class of men."

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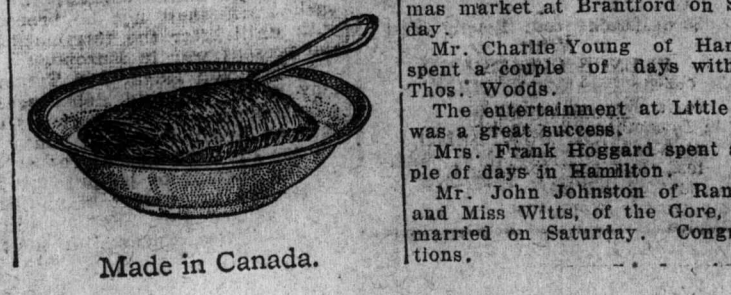
**RANELAGH**  
From our own Correspondent)  
Several from here attended Christmas market at Brantford on Saturday.

Mr. Charlie Young of Hamilton spent a couple of days with Mr. Thomas Woods.

The entertainment at Little Lake was a great success.

Mrs. Frank Hoggard spent a couple of days in Hamilton.

Mr. John Johnston of Ranelagh, and Miss Witts of the Gore, were married on Saturday. Congratulations.



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### BURTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Miss Gladys Smith spent the week-end with Miss Edith Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hartley entertained relatives from Niagara Falls over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Baker and John spent Christmas with their son, Lewis Baker, in Caning.

Master Harold Buckwell, who has been very ill with pneumonia in Waterloo, has been able to be moved to his home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shinnington and children spent a few days last week in Hagersville with the latter's parents.

We are sorry to report Master Frank Charlton on the sick list with pneumonia.

Mr. Stephen Smith is spending a few days in Brantford.

The Christmas entertainment held on Thursday evening, although of an unusual sort and strictly in keeping with the abnormal times, was attended by a large crowd.

The school children were well trained. Miss Nellie Houlding and Miss Eva Campbell are to be complimented for their splendid work along this line. Rev. J. J. Ross gave an illustrated lecture on a trip through Palestine. The evening on the whole was a decided success.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Every member of the Sunday School recognized this fact and the proceeds of the evening, which was her up to \$58.60, and was for prisoners' relief.

### BURFORD

(From our own correspondent)  
The boys of the school here have been busy installing for the flooding of their rink in the tennis court in the rear of the Northern Crown Bank, and with proper weather should have some good sport.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson of Ingersoll spent over Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. McLennan.

Baptismal services will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon.

Ross Dickie and Joe Hunter, Jr. of Stratford, spent Xmas at home. Mr. George Aulsebrook was quite a popular man last week. He received a carload of coal and by selling out in small loads, was able to help out a lot of needy people.

The Burford Methodist church intend adopting the new Methodist hymn books at once.

The Burford bakery wagon has been taken off the trips for the winter months.

Good Xmas trade is the general report with the various merchants in the village.

Mr. Patterson has moved to Brantford.

Ferris Lillico of Toronto, spent Christmas at home.

In the Advance contest for new

## VICTORY LOAN

Payments due on January the 2nd may be made at any time to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned in the application.

The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's window, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

T. C. BOVILLE,  
Deputy Minister of Finance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodin are visiting in Hamilton for two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Braddon of Hamilton, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey.

Mrs. W. H. Metcalfe has gone on a visit to California.

Pte. Reggie Walker and Pte. Kelly Metcalfe, have sailed from St. John's, Halifax, for England.

Mr. Morley Jull of British Columbia is home on a visit.

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The pattern is cut in sizes 16, 18 and 20 years. Width at the lower edge of skirt is 2 1/4 yards. The 16 year size requires 4 1/2 yards of 36 inch material, with 5/8 yard 27 inch crepe for collar and vest and 3 yards 18 inch silk.

To obtain this pattern send 10c to the office of this publication.

