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Some Biting Comment on The Scant Respect Shown to the Memory of H. T. Stevens of Moncton.
(Moncton Transcript)
Is there any public sense of gratitude to a public or semi-public man? The incident of the death of H. T. Stevens suggests reflections of this kind.

RECENT DEATHS
Death came suddenly to Mrs. Mary A. Terris, widow of William Terris, on Christmas Eve while she was enjoying the reception of a gift from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Terris of New York.
Mrs. Terris was 73 years of age and a highly prized gift, was stunned when returning from another room on hearing an unusual sound, she discovered that the happy mother had passed away.

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LOCAL NEWS
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LOCAL NEWS (cont.)
On Christmas eve, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Standerling, their home in White street was entered and a gold watch, a twenty dollar gold piece and other valuable articles were stolen.
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On Christmas eve the fire department was called out to extinguish a slight fire in the store of E. H. Dural, Waterloo street. Very little damage was done.

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Canned Tomatoes, 10c. tin
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NATIONALIZATION OF THE RAILWAYS
England's Step Considered In Times Correspondence
SOME PRESENT CONDITIONS
Work For Royal Commission—Some Shareholders Glad to Unload at Present Prices—Means Great Expenditure For the State.
(Times Special Correspondence)
London, Dec. 16.—Railway nationalization so long talked of by theorists has become a question of practical politics in England. It has been made so by the appointment of a royal commission, the terms of reference of which, though vague, are understood to comprise the best question of nationalization.

These terms are—
To enquire into the relationship between the railway companies and the state in respect of matters other than safety of working and conditions of employment, and to report what changes, if any, are desirable in that relationship.
The very make-up of the commission indicates that serious consideration is to be given to the great business and financial problems involved in such a departure. The members are—
Chairman—Lord Loreburn, ex-Lord Chancellor.
The Earl of Derby, formerly Postmaster-General.
Sir Henry Primrose, K. C. B., late chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.
F. H. Jackson, late president of the Institute of Bankers.
Sir P. H. Ravenhill, K. C. V. O., late chairman of the Board of Indian Railways.
Sir W. Flender, head of the firm of Deloitte, Plender, and Co., chartered accountants, and late president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
A. Balfour, late master cutter of Sheffield.
R. E. Brotherton, agent to the Duke of Bedford.
D. J. Shackleton, senior labor adviser to the Home Office, and previously labor M. P. for Chithero.
E. W. Rothery, secretary of the Board of Trade is secretary.

Some idea of the magnitude of the task is gained from the following figures relating to the railways of Great Britain and Ireland as they stood at the end of last year:
Miles of line open, 28,641
Tons of goods carried, \$6,742,517,000
Passengers carried, 1,294,987,046
Weight of goods carried (Gross), 520,279,198
Gross receipts, \$ 642,767,085
Working expenses, \$ 406,121,715
Net profit, \$ 236,645,370
Average dividend (p. c.), 8.32
Rates and taxes paid, 25,645,000
Annual coal bill, \$ 81,000,000
Wages and salaries bill (17 companies), \$ 80,000,000

Public opinion in this country has been slowly crystallizing in favor of nationalization and events of the last two or three years have had the effect of notably hardening that opinion even among railway shareholders, who are now quite ready to fall in with any scheme which will substitute their rather speculative and declining holdings in railway shares, government stock which shall pay a fixed return regardless of earnings.
The average return to railway shareholders in this country is now a little more than four per cent. Some important lines pay nothing at all, and more pay dividends that are negligible in value. No railway in this country brings in an extravagant return to its owners.

It must be remembered, too, that in this country, more, perhaps, than in any other, railways are suffering from motor competition. England is a country of small distances and it actually takes less time now to make a journey from London suburbs to a point 100 or 150 miles away by motor car than by rail.
The motor car comes to the passenger's door, takes baggage and all, and delivers him at his ultimate destination sparing him the bother of getting to a London terminal and, perhaps, drive of several miles at the other end. The cost of motor traveling for four or five people is actually less than the first class fare and the risk is more and more decreasing as the motor car improves.
The third class traffic is suffering from the competition of the humble motor bus, which takes the family, mother and the baby to the seaside for less money and in greater comfort than the railway.
The same conditions are affecting the railway freight traffic. It is some years now since the Postmaster-General found out that it was cheaper and quicker to send the mails by road up to 150 miles than by rail and now great red vans carry London's letters and parcels to Birmingham, Southampton, Colchester, Oxford, Cambridge and other great centres of population. Big traders have made the same discovery. When a full load can be obtained road is cheaper than rail for the delivery of goods and is being used more and more.

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