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Record Rail Revenues, Costs: Continuing the gains of earlier months, railway revenues and expenses reached all-time record totals for the month in February. Operating expenses exceeded the relative advance in revenues, resulting in a decrease in net operating revenues.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, operating revenues in February totalled \$65,970,000, up 10.5 per cent over the same month last year.

Operating expenses advanced from \$58,627,000 to \$65,771,000, an increase of 12.2 per cent, and the net operating revenues were \$199,400 compared with \$1,086,000.

Freight revenues improved \$6,559,000 or 13.7 per cent over the same month of 1948 to total \$54,535,000, while express rose 10.9 per cent. Passenger fares were down \$226,000 or 4.1 per cent to \$5,312,000, while mail declined slightly and all other revenue account receded 11.6 per cent \$2,552,000.

Tonnage of revenue freight carried was down 2.7 per cent at 12,285,000 against 12,628,000, while revenue tonnage mileage dropped by 3.1 per cent. The number of fare passengers aggregated 2,769,000 compared with 2,954,000 a year ago, a decline of 6.2 per cent, while the revenue passenger mileage fell 7.3 per cent. Empty freight car mileage registered a sharp increase over the preceding February, climbing 24.2 per cent, or some 12,660,000 miles, while loaded mileage declined six per cent.

Appeal To Scientists: Human scientists must abandon "leisurely learning" and devote themselves to the task of saving the human race from its "present state of suicidal insanity", Dr. Brock Chisholm was quoted by the Canadian Press as saying Tuesday night at a meeting in New York City in tribute to the late Dr. Harry Stack Sullivan, founder of the William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry in New York.

Dr. Chisholm, former Canadian Deputy Minister of National Health. now is Director-General of the World Health Organization of the United Fra GROOM See and

He called on human scientists -- those engaged in psychology, psychiatry, anthropology, sociology and similar subjects -- to "accept a major share in what has to be done."

"Driven by panic and confusion, the onrush of the human race toward self-destruction will not wait for a few more generations or even a few more years, for our leisurely learning.... We have other preoccupations but none of them is so widely important as the human relations between the peoples of the world.

"The greatest need is not for leaders on a world scale, or even on a national scale. It is for people who are able and willing to carry the available knowledge of the motives and mechanisms of human thinking and behaviour to the people who need to know these things. . . " . .

Engineering Feat At Canso: Government approval has been given to a contract authorizing Foundation Maritime Limited of Halifax to make test borings in the Strait of Canso where the eight piers of a proposed low-level railway and vehicular bridge will be constructed, according to an announcement by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier. The test

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