

# CORRESPONDENCE RE EXTENSION OF LIFE OF PARLIAMENT BETWEEN THE PREMIER AND SIR WILFRID

(Continued from page 7)  
There is a degree of unity between party leaders, that is most gratifying, there is still much freedom of discussion. The Canadian Parliament cannot be expected to abdicate its functions.

There will naturally be enquiry into matters of public interest, that being one of the chief purposes for which Parliament exists. But I feel assured that it will be quite possible for Parliament to exercise its proper functions in this respect, without in any way restricting the Government's freedom of action. In that which we must all agree, is today our paramount duty, viz: to see that Canada puts forth every possible effort for the prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,  
The Right Honourable  
Sir Robt. L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
Prime Minister's Office,  
Ottawa.

## Regrets Sir Wilfrid's Attitude.

Ottawa, Ont., November 18th, 1915.  
Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:  
Your letter of the 13th instant reaches me on the eve of my departure for Halifax to attend the funeral of Sir Charles Tupper.

I observe with regret your conclusion that the time has not arrived when a settled agreement should be reached on the subject discussed at our interview and in our correspondence. The acceptance of my proposals involves, as I have said: 1. The extension of the term of the present parliament for one year. 2. The avoidance of a general election during the war.

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For these reasons I must repeat my regret at the conclusion which you announce. Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,  
The Right Honourable  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Asks that Correspondence be Published  
Ottawa, Ont., December 30th, 1916.  
Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

The correspondence which took place between us last year respecting the extension of the parliamentary term was not made public at the time. This was due to your desire expressed in your first letter that its publication should be withheld although you agreed that it must eventually be made public. I feel that time for publication has now arrived but before taking that course I think it proper to bring the subject to your attention in order that I may have the benefit of any observations which you may desire to make.

Believe me ever,  
Yours very sincerely,  
(Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,  
The Right Honourable  
Sir Robert L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
M. P., Ottawa.

Sir Wilfrid Agrees.  
Ottawa, January 3rd, 1917.  
Dear Sir Robert Borden:

In answer to yours of the 30th of December, I see no objection to the publication of the correspondence exchanged between us last year on the subject of the extension of parliament.

Believe me ever,  
Yours very sincerely,  
(Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,  
The Right Honourable  
Sir Robert L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
M. P., Ottawa.

# UNIQUE RECORD OF ROYAL BANK'S STAFF OVERSEAS

(From our own correspondent, Montreal.)

A touching reference to the record of the staff of the Royal Bank overseas was made at the annual meeting by Mr. C. E. Noll, the General Manager, in replying to the vote of thanks to the General Manager and staff.

In this connection Mr. Noll said: "The number enlisted from our ranks is now 762, and we have heard of 92 casualties—45 wounded, 38 killed or died of wounds, 1 missing and 8 prisoners of war. I take this opportunity of expressing publicly our sense of loss, and our sympathy for the relatives of those who will not return."

"To those who are fighting our battles unflinchingly in the midst of inconceivable hardship, we owe a heavy debt of gratitude; and we feel that this is realized by none more keenly than the men who bear the brunt of their departure to a great extent. I refer to the many officers who are putting forth splendid efforts with unflinching cheerfulness under increasing duties. It is not easy to conduct the business without so many of our trained men. The depleted ranks must be filled almost entirely by junior clerks and by girls without banking experience and the labors of our trained men are thus intensified.

Had we not been able to secure the services of a large number of capable girls as clerks, the staff situation would have been serious indeed. The total number of girls employed on all posts has grown to 715.

"As for the Executive officials, your approval is naturally a matter of importance and an added encouragement. We endeavor to use our best efforts at all times in the interests of the Bank, and it is pleasant to know that we enjoy your confidence.

"In connection with the staff, one thing above all others must be borne in mind—our moral obligation to do the very best we can for men returning from the front. This war is wearing down the line edge of our feelings in some respects, but it must not be allowed to so dull our sensibilities that we could ever accept the sacrifices of our men as a matter of course. There are problems ahead for us in dealing with them as we wish to deal, but we are fully prepared to give the future of these men our most serious consideration."

wanteak, Boston for Owls Head (and old); John J. Perry, Boston; Herman F. Kimball, Goulishboro.  
Sld Jan. 12, schr Flora Condon, Norfolk.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
Portland, Jan. 11, 1917.  
East Penobscot Bay, Me.  
Fox Islands Thorfare Bell Buoy, PS, properly adjusted, having been found not working properly January 10, 1917.

Carvers Harbor (Vinhaven) from Westward, Me.  
Channel Rock Buoy, 4, replaced January 10, 1917, having been found broken off.

West Penobscot Bay, Me.  
White Islands Ledge Buoy, 1, spar, found not watching properly was put in proper condition January 10, 1917.

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FORMER KING'S COUNTY MAN KILLED IN MASS.

Apohaqui, Jan. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of Head of Millstream, Mass., having been summoned there by the tragic death of Mrs. McMillan's brother, Dudley B. Sheak, who met his death in a runaway accident when his team of horses became unmanageable. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan remained till after the funeral which took place in Somerville.

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# Canadian Northern Railway System

COMPANY DURING FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION AS TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE MAKES TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN BUSINESS HANDLED. SYSTEM NOW A FACTOR IN SOLUTION OF TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern Railway System, in submitting to shareholders their annual report for the past fiscal year, draw attention to many of the general features that have contributed towards the expansion of the Company's traffic and business.

The Gross earnings for the year 1916 amounted to \$35,476,275, compared with \$25,912,106. in the previous year. Of this amount revenue from passenger traffic amounted to \$6,128,476, as compared with \$5,411,224, in the previous year. Revenue from freight traffic \$26,540,213, as compared with \$18,207,300. Revenue from express, mail, telegraph, interest and profits from elevators and other subsidiary companies, investments, etc. \$2,787,591, as compared with \$2,293,081. The working expenses, including taxes, etc., totalled \$26,162,744, as compared with \$19,268,814, leaving the net earnings for the year \$9,273,530, as compared with \$6,223,291 in the previous year. From this amount had to be deducted the total fixed charges which amounted to \$9,621,667 as compared with \$8,253,574 in the previous year, bringing the net loss or deficit for the year to \$248,137, compared with \$1,640,283 in the previous year.

The Company had under operation an average of 8,048 miles in 1916 as compared with an average of 7,269 miles in 1915.

The total operating revenues, as compared with previous year, showed a total increase of 36.91%; Passenger traffic an increase of 13.25%; Freight traffic an increase of 45.87%; Mails an increase of 6.06%; Express an increase of 30.27%; Miscellaneous traffic 19.96%. The Company carried 131,978,809 bushels of grain in 1916, as compared with 58,575,520 bushels in 1915, an increase of 7,408,289 bushels or a gain of 125.31%.

While a portion of the increased earnings is due to an increased mileage a substantial improvement has been made in the Company's business. This is indicated by the fact that earnings per mile of road for the year were \$4.408 as compared with \$3.554 for the previous year, an increase of 23.66%. The Company's new mileages on the Pacific Coast and the Northern Ontario divisions have not yet come into their full earning power, as operation on these divisions was only commenced in the late Autumn of last year.

When it is recalled that the Company's system was in operation as a transcontinental line during only seven months of the twelve months of the fiscal year, the excellent showing made by the mileage in British Columbia after seven months of operation may well be considered an outstanding feature in the year's operations. It must be considered fortunate that the Canadian Northern System and the country tributary to it were sufficiently developed to take an important part in supplying the Empire's food requirements. The System's passenger and freight earnings during the year were affected by the lack of two important terminals which were under construction at Montreal and Vancouver but which were not completed in time to take care of transcontinental business. The station at Toronto, which the System will occupy in conjunction with another railway, has been completed.

An agreement of great importance in the development of the System's freight and passenger traffic was made with the Cunard Steamship Co. Under the terms of the agreement the Cunard Co. has taken over the Atlantic steamers controlled by the Canadian Northern Railway and a close working alliance is in effect between the two companies, and in future the Cunard Line and the Canadian Northern Railway will be, in fact, a single transportation unit between Europe and Canada.

The possession of such favorable grades as those on the System's lines has given the Canadian Northern an already important advantage in the economy of operation, particularly in carrying the two commodities offering in largest volume, viz.: lumber and grain. The main line of the Canadian Northern Railway from Quebec to Vancouver is superior to any line crossing the continent of America in points of grade and curvatures favoring traffic.

Although the company's transcontinental line has been in operation for only a few months, its superior economies has established the fact that the road must assume a commanding position when traffic has grown to dimensions making general the use of heavy train loads. The lines of the company's system are now serving 75% of the aggregate population of the cities and towns of all Canada, having 5000 inhabitants and over.

The present situation emphasizes the fact that the railway is not as dependent upon grain crop movements as in the past and in becoming transcontinental has acquired a highly diversified traffic.

The following statement of the comparative traffic earnings for the first four months of the present fiscal year is evidence of this contention.

GROSS EARNINGS			
	1916	1915	Increase
July	\$3,334,200	\$1,961,700	\$1,372,500
August	3,684,900	1,983,600	1,701,300
September	3,187,900	2,757,000	430,900
October	3,716,800	3,678,500	38,300
Totals	\$14,423,800	\$10,380,800	\$4,043,000

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.  
January—Phases of the Moon.  
Full Moon, 8th.....3h. 42m. a. m.  
Last Quarter, 16th.....7h. 42m. a. m.  
New Moon, 23rd.....3h. 40m. a. m.  
First Quarter, 29th.....9h. 2m. p. m.

FOREIGN PORTS.  
Pensacola, Jan. 11.—Sld schr Maud H. Dudley, San Juan.  
Boston, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Ella F. Crowell, Rockport, Me.  
Sld Jan. 12, schr Mary Langdon, Belfast.  
Ocala, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Nellie Eaton, New York.  
Newport News, Jan. 12.—Ard schr M. D. Cressy, Bath.  
New York, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Abenaki, Stockholm.  
Rockland, Jan. 12.—Ard schrs Cata-

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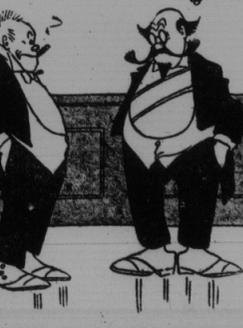
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