The Railway Report.

Mr. Morgan Suggests Abrogation of Contract as Only Remedy---Tremendous 1918 Losses on Operation --- Suggested Methods 1919 For Augmenting Earnings and Decreasing Costs.

The facts contained in the railway gested in the report. The most report tabled at the House vesterday portant are:-(1) That no attempt should be made

the year.

to operate between Millertown

Junction and Humbermouth,

(3) That the mileage should

in making up the trains.

minal over ruling grades.

ENGINEERS WASTEFUL.

should be made in advance to cover

will cost less later on. He suggests

1922-23. This expenditure should

(1) The purchase of equipment.

(2) The abrogation of the passed

(3) The readjustment of subsidies

(4) The lease of the line of steam

TREMENDOUS LOSSES.

Mr. Morgan quotes figures, a few of

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are simply astounding. The losses on operation in the past few years have been tremendous, the line is badly in need of repair, and the sole remedy according to Mr. R. C. Morgan, is the abrogation of the contract. Several suggestions for economy and for the the railway are made in the report An expenditure of \$300,000 is advised MR. MORGAN'S REPORT.

This report of Mr. R. C. Morgan who has acted as General Manager of the railway and Chairman of the Railway Management Committee, and is now acting in an advisory capacity to the Government, is a most interesting document. It was tabled in answer to a question from Sir Michael Cashin. In a preface to the report Mr. Morgan gives the following reasons which, in his opinion, explain

The traffic is too light. The train load is too low on accoun of the heavy grade, light engines, light rails and bridges

venture since its inception:-

why the railway has been a losing

The rates are too low. Branch lines were built withou

hope of renumerative traffic. Agencies are maintained when they are not warranted by business condi-

Labour and material costs have increased tremendously when freight rates have remained nearly stationary. that a competent instructor should be mittee. CONTRACT MUST BE MODIFIED.

He concludes his preface by stating that the existing contract for the operation of the railway must be modified, and in his accompanying report recommendations to meet this difficult problem would be found. Mr. Morgan makes some suggestions, which if put into practice, would augment the earning power of the railway. He thinks the mail subsidies are too low and should be increased to at ment, freight rates should be in- preface, for he suggests that it be abment should be allowed to use their that all claims should be waived in a own discretion in meeting traffic re- settlement to be made. The ownerhe thinks, be obtained to reduce un- should also acquire the Reid steamers.

an expenditure of \$300,000 for the year paign for the soliciting of traffic should be appointed. That the conshould be appointed. That the co-operation of business men should be main line from such recovered rails: main line from such recovered rails; secured by continually impressing the relocation of the line in the victhem with the fact that the present inity of Kelligrews and Holyrood to ficient traffic, is another of Mr. Mor- protect it from storm damage; the regan's suggestions. A few more of his recommendations are:-(a) That greater use should be

made of the press by putting gested programme as follows: the position before the public. (b) That the Government should grant increased mail compensa-

And finally (c) that the tourist traffic should be promoted by paper advertising and by the building of suitable hotels in St. John's and at various fishing and hunting localities. SUGGESTED ECONOMIES.

Several forms of economy are sug- which are reproduced, to show the

railway since 1904. The few given will be sufficient to enable the public to grasp the situation:

Yr. Expenditure Earnings \$ 522,600.19 \$ 430,964.00 \$ 91,636.19 972,772.95 766,581.71 206,191.24

1,584,669.10 1,238,229.23 346,439.87 2.153,539.86 1.465,176.23 688,363.63 2,767,890.65 1,432,783.10 1,335,107.55

3,226,551.67 1,545,290.44 1,681,261.23 The total cost during the years 1904-1921 was \$20,096,346.96. The earnings were \$14,317,343.40 and the loss was \$5,779,003.50. As will be seen from the figures quoted above, there was an enormous increase in to operate the Trepassey, Bay the losses on operation between the de Verde and Bonavista branchyears before 1919 and from 1919-1921. es for the first three months of

(2) That no attempt should be made Guards Comrades' Annual Meeting.

except that a mixed train ser-The Guards Comrades Association vice should be operated once a week between Millertown Junc- had its first annual meeting in M.C.L.I. of a coasting schooner. Very few tion and Port aux Basques. All room last night and reported the best men could be found who knew the traffic, passengers and freight, of success all along the line. In fact, should be handled direct from success in every undertaking seemed North Sydney to St. John's br to be the keynote of every report sub-Argentia, except such as is des- mitted. The association, formed just tined for points west of Grand a year ago, already has 500 members or more, has acquired fine club rooms be over Conrors' Drug Store, on Water Street, has a Ladies Auxiliary, and is service and during the Winter months (4) That all cars should be fully well under way in its primary purpose -that of getting the old Guards bri-(5) That a tonnage basis should be gade reorganized.

instituted instead of a car basis OFFICERS ELECTED. Conducted by Mr. H. J. Duder, who (6) That a test should be made to is active in his interest in the associadiscover the tonnage an engine tion, the election of officers resulted of all that medical skill could ac-

can handle between each ter- as follows:-H. J. Russell-President, re-elected. (7) That a test should be made of L. J. White-Vice-President. the practicability of operating Heber Bartlett-Secretary.

freight trains with two engines N. Ellis-Treasurer. Rev. C. H. Johnston-Chaplain Joseph Peters, Don. Butler, Dr. W. . Gear, Alex. Rooney, Thos. Sparkes Mr. Morgan thinks that the engineers and firemen are wasteful, and and Major B. Butler, Executive Com-

obtained to educate them in firing and the use of oil. That stations where mittee, club committee, library comtraffic is insufficient to necessitate operators and agents should be closed. mittee and other committies, were all be completely isolated. We ask the That a regular monthly estimate re-elected en bloc.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

pay rolls and should be compared The meeting was characterized by with the actual expenditure in the great enthusiasm thruout, and every can reasonably be anticipated under nention of the re-organization of the present conditions.-A. H. ABROGATE PRESENT CONTRACT. Guards brigade was hailed with cheers Now Mr. Morgan comes to the most It was announced that the committee important statement in his report, He appointed to go into that matter had least \$250,000. He further suggests makes a more definite statement met prominent supporters of the brithat with the approval of the Govern- about the contract than he did in his gade in the old days, and that these had promised to put an armoury there creased and that the railway manage- rogated on terms fair to all. He says for the brigade. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to donors of articles to the club and association, to quirements and competition. The co- ship of all the physical property is the chairman of the elections, and to operation of the Government should, vested in the Government. They the press for its courtesy in publishing doings of the association, were the time ripe to effect them as they tion.

Crawford's English Biscuits at Hickman's and sails for Barbados F. W. Bradshaw J. R. Chalker

Inter-Club Billiards.

B. I. S. TEAMS LEAD. With the close of the first night's play in the Memorial Billiards Conbuilding of various structures urgent- test, the B.I.S. have 2 points, the K. of ly needed; providing 100 additional C. 1, the Star 1, and the C.E.I. 0. A box cars. He summarizes his sug- slow table was responsible for there being no spectacular play. French, (B.I.S.) defeated J. Edwards, (C.E.L.) by 77 points; C. J. Merner (B.I.S.) defeated W. Pierce (C.E.I.) by 38 points; T. Ryan (Star) defeated J Power (K. of C.) by 88 points; J Hickey (K. of C.) defeated J. Carbery (Star) by 45 points. To-night's teams will be Masonic vs. Saints (games), and T. A. vs. M.G.O.C.

"My Irish Rose."

The performance of "My Irish Rose" at the Casino Theatre last night attracted a large audience. The affair I was staged by special permission for the benefit of Mount Cashel School. The performance was delightful, and all the players acquitted themselves in a very able manner. Between the acts specialties were given by Miss McCarthy and the C.C.C. Band. The amount realized from the performance was sufficient to purchase the neces sary school desks and other equip-

Overture, Schubert's "MARCHE MILITAIRE." Majestic Orchestra.

NAZIMOVA

"Madame Peacock."

TO-NIGHT MR. SANDY LAWRENCE

Say Won't You Come to the Ball (From the "Quaker

Obituary.

CAPT. WM. BARNES. stock of Mariners. On Thursday lost crossed the bar and entered the haven of everlasting rest. The deceased spent his entire life from boyhood days as a seaman and the greater part of that time as master coast of Newfoundland and Labrador better than he did. Several years during the later part of his seafaring days he put in the summer months Chief Officer with the late lamented Capt. Parsons on the Labrador mail on the Reid Co. West Coast boats, It was while at his post of duty on the bridge of the S.S. "Glencoe" during a winter night blizzard that he was stricken with a severe chill which

developed spinal trouble and in spite complish resulted fatally. For nearly four years the sufferer endured the torture of worry over his inability to years successfully accomplished. It is very seldom that we give a second thought to the hardship and misery endured by our hardy mariners while endeavouring to protect life and property but we cannot possibly forget the fact that without their service and sacrifice our Island home would bereaved widow to accept our sympathy and we sincerely hope that the future for her will be brighter than

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct18 6mo

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Canadian Sapper, 3 days from Halifax, arrived at 8 o'clock last night

S.S. Mapledawn, 6 days from St. necessary steamship competition, thus He says that many repairs are necesgiving to the railway the traffic that sary to the railway, but does not think members were elected to the associa- at 10 o'clock last night with general cargo to Harvey & Co. Schr. Isabel Moore is loading codfish

> during the week Schr. Robert J. Dale has entered to load at Tessier & Co's for Ponce, Porto

> > The

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184 Water Street.

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Generous Bequests. WILL OF THE LATE HUGH BAIRD. Famous McClary's

It is learned that the late Mr. Hugh Baird left an estate valued at nearly \$800,000. Under the will this estate widow will have a life interest in two ing. parts, whilst the other part, or about one quarter of a million dollars, goes to Mr. J. Pool Baird, absolutely. At the widow's death Mr. Cyril Carter and Mrs. Pool Baird become beneficiaries. Other bequests under the will are to the nephews and nieces of the deceased. Ten thousand dol-lars to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$500 to each of the Orphan-ages, \$1,000 each to the principal emloyees of Baird, Ltd., and \$500 each of the lesser dispositions.

Personal.

Mr. A. Bishop, violinist of the dinner last night at the Green Lantern, and was presented with a valuable appreciation of his services to the Orchestra. He leaves by the Rosalind to take up residence in the United

AT ST. THOMAS'S-The Lenten The Rector the Temptatior."

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

What may be termed the game of QUITE A VERBAL STORM. the Season was played last evening It was a challenge game from the four Captains of Divisions to the Officers of the Curling Association, and it was anybody's game all through. The play was excellent, and the Captains are to be congratulated on putting up such a magnificent showing against the Officers. The season denial too strong," he said. about closing has been the most suc cessful one in the history of the As-

sociation. There has been no let-up since opening day, and anyone who won trophies or fames had their work

British flag there on September 21, Following are the players in last The assumption here is the Island was formally claimed in the name of Great Britain to avoid international

Cold Storage Products.

EXHIBIT WORTH SEEING. The Newfoundland Atlantic Cold torage Co., Ltd., has a very attractive dow of Messrs. Steer Bros. grocery store. The window was dressed un-der the supervision of Mr. McIntosh, who returned by the Rosalind from a business trip to the United States. The contemplate operating on a more ex-

From Cape Race.

MAY CONCLUDE ADDRESS .- The

essage was received by the Postal lina stating that heavy ice was about six miles off and slob near shore meditation at St. Thomas's Church which prevented the landsmen from this evening will be on "The Hill of getting out to the seals; the message will stated that no steamers were in sight.

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Paul D. Cravath last night issued Senator Borah quoted him in senate,

OTTAWA, March 21.

Wrangel Island will come to Cana- lative effect of this slowing up means by the last Arctic expedition, or- retaliating on the moon by pushing it ganized by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, further away, when that epoch is

CAPE RACE To-day.

Wind south, light, weather dull; ight slob ice everywhere; the steamers Canadian Sapper and Mapledawn passed in yesterday afternoon; nothseveral other employees are some ing in sight to-day. Bar 30.25; Ther.

probably finish this afternoon. Masonic Orchestra, was tendered a Prime Minister is expected to reply on behalf of the Government to Op-position criticisms. The regular business of the House will then be pro-

STEAMERS NOT SIGHTED.-A

Long Day Coming.

that there was "an unwritten agree- a kind of brake which slowly but ment" that United States and Great surely is causing the earth to turn Britain act together in case of an emergency in the Pacific. "There is more slowly on its axis. So slowly, innot the remotest foundation for this deed, that the length of the daystatement, and I cannot make my which is decided by one axial revolu-

tion of the earth-is increasing by only about one two-hundredth part of a second in a century. But the cumu-

That it is expected here, will be that the day will eventually be some 1,400 hours long. And as the earth is retaliating on the moon by pushing it reached the month will be the same length as the day, so that the moon will then revolve round the earth in the same time that the earth turns on its axis, and there will be no tides at

"Blood Money."

"Blood Money" was the name applied in the Middle Ages and well Cold Storage Co. are making prepar-ations for the spring's work, and as be either the compensation paid by a their products are finding a ready manslayer to the nearest relatives of market wherever introduced, they the victim to secure himself and his the victim, to secure himself and his tensive scale than last year. The kin from vengeance, or the money paid dressing of the window and the taste- as a reward for bringing about the \$800,000. Under the will this estate ful mannner in which the fishery products are displayed is well worth seeevidence. It was once common among the Scandinavian and Teutonic peoples, who called this money payment wergild. The prices varied with the nature of the crime and the rank of the victim. Certain crimes, such as the slaying of a sleeping person, could

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By Gene Byrnes

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