# C.N.R. TO FIGHT BUS COMPET

Hundreds of Patients Are Menaced In Hamilton 'San' Fire

# REVENUES OF C. N. R. INCREASE

Sir Henry Thornton Says Plans Considered To Meet Bus Competition.

WEST OPTIMISTIC

Head of Railway System Declares Crop Will 3e Worth \$100,000,000.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 25 .- Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, arrived in Toronto today. He stated that the railway is giving serious considera-tion to the problem of motor bus competition.

The crop in Western Canada this year will be worth \$100,000,000 more than last year's, Sir Henry said. "The crop is good, though not perhaps a bumper one.'

Conditions in the west are excelspection of western lines, "There is a very healthy feeling in the west," he said, "You cannot turn that amount loose without producing a favorable effect on business conditions," thi C. N. R. head said, referring to the \$100,000,000 more than last year that he thought the crop would obtain. lent, according to Sir Henry, who has just returned from his tour of in-spection of western lines. There is

Revenues Increased.

Official figures issued here today on the arrival of Sir Henry Thornton show that the Canadian National Railways have made a notable advance in net revenues during the seven months period ending July

The gross receipts were \$8,934,871 or 6.63 per cent below the corresponding figures for 1924, but operating dustrial workers of the world.

Expenses were reduced by \$11,337.477

The men were taken out in or 8.65 per cent so that the net position stands at \$5,667,287, an in-crease of \$2,452,606 or 76.29 per cent

The favorable showing that has already been achieved should be accommittee sworn in as deputy sherentuated during the balance of the life, the party proceeded in orderly year as an upward movement of the party proceeding the men and the life and the life where the men are the life and the l The favorable showing that has al- north. year as an upward movement of gross earnings is now proceeding. During the month of July 1925 the gross increased by \$333,914 or 192 per cent over July 1924. Operating expenses were decreased by \$955,746 cv. 493 per cent. The resultant inor 4.93 per cent. The resultant increase in net revenues for July is \$1,339,690 or 228.91 per cent. In the first three weeks of August 1925, gross earnings have shown an increase of \$1,773,594 or 14.5 per cent as compared with the gross earnings for the first three weeks of 1924.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING. Canadian Press Despatch
Cochrane. Aug. 24.—Mrs. Oscar
Chabot, wife of a settler in Lamarche
township, was almost instantly killed when lightning struck her home. She

#### The Weather

moderate winds; fine and warm. Wednesday -West to north-west winds; mostly fair and becoming some-what colder; probably a few scattered showers

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risen over the northwest states and
continues high to the south and east of
the great lakes, with a very shallow
trough of low extending from Lake
superior to the southwest states.

The weather has been showery in
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Saskatchewan, and fine Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and finin other parts of the dominion.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. Temperatures.

High. Low. Montreal

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last nigh were Highest, 83; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 66; lowest, 50. Sun rises at 5:33 a.m. and sets

7:07 p.m., standard time. Barometric Readings. Monday-8 p.m.-29,64. lay-8 a.m.-29.64

Permits Total \$1,533,144; Much Lower In August, 1924

With building permits for August already fifty thousand dollars in excess of the same month last year, construction totals for the present year are well in advance of last year's well in advance of last years figures. At the end of August, 1924, building permits totalling \$1,521,685 had been issued, while the figures this year to date have already reached \$1,533,144, with six days of the month yet to

Home building still maintains a very active trend and is responsible for most of the increase. New houses, most of crease. New houses, most of them of a very good type, averaging in cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000, are going up in all sections of the city. Approximately 1,400 houses have been erected in London in the past three years, and if the present rate is maintained at least another is maintained at least another 400 will be added this year.

"Lives Endangered," Magis-

trate Comments, in Commit-

ting C. N. R. Employee.

ONE WITNESS HEARD

Hearing At Assizes

This Fall.

One Witness Called.

Through his counsel, J. M. McEvoy,

dred feet east along the railway line,

hree returned to the spot where

No Excuse Offered. Questioned by Mr. McEvoy, Constable Gowe stated that Plumb had

shown him how he had placed the

"Don't make a case out of this,"

Upon Plumb's first appearance in

court two weeks ago he was granted bail of \$2,000. He will be bailed in

the same amount until the date of his

FOR \$20,000 DAMAGES

Libel and Slander Action Is

Based On Alleged Writ-

ing of Letters.

Coates and James Metcalfe as

The case arose from the alleged

writing of letters by Coates and Gil-

t in which references were made

The writ is worded for unstated amages, but Norman F. Newton,

will be called among the first of the

DOCTOR HURT IN CRASH

Dr. Mewhithey was very seriously

jury sittings of the fall assizes.

WIFE OF OWEN SOUND

defendants for libel and slander

to Mrs. Gilbert.

use for his actions.

trial, which will take place

PARKHILL MEN SUED

## JURY TO TRY PLUMB, CHARGED WITH INTENT TO WRECK TRAIN

Finds Diamond In Her Taffy

Associated Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Aug. 25.—Beverly
Browne, 13-year-old St. Catharines
girl bit on something hard in a
taffy sucker she had purchased
at Lakeside Park. Port Dalhousie, yesterday. It turned out to be a quarter carit diamond that had dropped from a ring worn by "Paddy" the concession

Radicals Taken Out of Fargo Committee and Rushed Over State Line.

Associated Press Despatch. seven months period ending July associated the seven months period ending July Fargo, N. D., Aug. 25.—Citizens Flumb elected trial by jury. Crown and that this improvement has been made in the face of decreased called into service by the sheriff attorney Albert M. Judd called only one witness. Police Constable George pross receipts. escorted out of town last night more than 100 alleged members of the In-

Clubs were wielded, and groups. there was stone throwing. One group numbering 43 was taken crease of \$2.452,606 or 76.29 per cent as compared with the first seven as compared with the first seven as compared with the first seven from the Cass county jail and comfrom the Cass county jail a

# "MAC" DIES SUDDENLY

David McGeorge Came to Institution Over Forty

Years Ago.

Canadian Press Despatch. Galt. Aug. 25 .- David McGeorge, better known as Mac, for 40 years caretaker of the Galt collegiate, is Plumb asked the officers, according dead. Out and around last night, despite his 80 years, he was suddenly stricken this morning, dying within an hour. He joined the staff of the collegiate 40 years ago, having come here when a young man from Scot-

When he started as caretaker there were only four classrooms in the school and 83 pupils and John E. school and 83 pupils and John Er Bryant was principal. Today there are about 800 pupils. Mac was a great favorite with the students, the poet laureate of the school, famous for his writings in verse form and in Scotch, depicting scenes of school life and students.

Preserved in three editions entitled, Bubbles from the Boiler-Room, A Glint o' Ither Days and The Doc-

#### GIGANTIC HAILSTONES DAMAGE QUEBEC CROPS

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Aug. 25.—Hailstones as large as the yolk of an egg are reported to have fallen during the course of a vio-lent storm in the Lake St. John district, according to advices reaching Quebe

and to have played havoc with the crops over a wide area.

The storm broke windows in several damages, but Norman F. Newton, counsel for the plaintiff states that paper-covered houses, and caused the grain crops to be useless to the farmers of the district, except as fodder for

#### GT. BRITAIN ACCEPTS CHINESE INVITATION

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 25.—The Britisk owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 24.—Mrs. government has accepted China's in-Canadian Press Despate vitation to participate in the special customs conference provided for by the nine power treaty negotiated at weekington. Vashington.

The thinese invitation set October ing turning into the ditch just outside the city limits last evening.

26 as the date for the conference, which is to be held in China.

Edward Segal Heavily Mulcted For Trucking Beer and

RING EXPOSED

Crown Believes It Has Brought All Concerned to Justice.

Edward Segal today pleaded guilty n Magistrate Hawkshaw's court to the illicit transport of liquor on public highways, and was fined \$600 and costs amounting to \$70. The arrest Granted Bail of \$2,000 Till of Segal followed the capsizing of a truckload of beer and some whiskey near Kerwood on Aug. 17. In court this morning Crown Attorney A. M George Plumb, C. N. R. employee, will stand trial at the fall assizes on a criminal charge of placing an ob-

a criminal charge of placing at a prison term days.

struction on the main line of the C.

In the evidence brought out by the case, it ap to wreck a train. He was committed in Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon's court this morning, after the evidence of only two witnesses had been heard in the preliminary hearing. Thomas. Chief Constable Wharton was called out to the accident, and on arrival found the license markers heard in the preliminary hearing.
"Whether the obstruction was "Whether the obstruction was placed on the tracks intentionally or carelessly, the lives of a great many people were endangered," Mr. Graypeople were endangered," Mr. Graypeople were endangered, "Mr. Graypeople were endangered, "Mr. Graypeople were endangered," Mr. Graypeople were endangered, "Mr. Graypeople were endangered, "Mr

Two Charges Dropped. In court this morning the cases against the boys Dozing and Parker were dropped, as the crown considered Segal the prime mover in the Shaw. When Mr. Judd signified his intention of letting the case stand transport of the liquor. against State was dropped and in-stead he was charged under the motor upon the evidence of Constable Shaw alone, Mr. McEvoy himself called C. N. R. Constable Gowe, taking the vehicle act with having failed to notify the department of highways of evidence of a crown witness for the the transfer of the truck from himself to Segal. State is an employee of Shaw declared that on the night Segal's in the junk business carrie

of Aug. 10 he saw Plumb lay a heavy piece of scantling on a track of the C. N. R. main line to Stratford, near Egerton street. Standing in a sha-Egerton street. Standing in a sha-dow he could plainly see Plumb come some time transporting the export dock at Sarnia, and from from behind a freight car, look up and down the tracks, and then place there sent to St. Thomas and later relayed to Niagara Falls via the and down the tracks and the rails. highways for running across the borAfter Plumb walked several hunder as opportunity permits. The boys. der as opportunity permits. The boys, it was stated, were paid \$20 each per Shaw removed the wooden obstacle and followed. He accosted Plumb and questioned him, but no answer was trip from Sarnla to St. Thomas. Parker, the youth who was in jured when the truck overturned i forthcoming. He then took Plumb to C. N. R. Constable Gowe, and the the ditch appeared in court with his right hand in a cas appeared to be entirely recovere Plumb had placed the block of wood.

from his injuries. During the course of the trial, Crown Attorney Judd stated that recent reports to the effect that Segal's work was a minor operation among end tilting upwards. The position of the obstruction corresponded with that described by Constable Shaw. others of an immense liquor ring with numerous ramifications, was enwas thoroughly gone into by the police to apprehend the right parties. "No evidence has been found to Gowe's evidence. He then refused to speak. Gowe said, and offered no grounded," he said, "and had there been, all parties connected

have been charged along with Segal. The First Offiense. In imposing the fine of \$600, Magis-trate Hawkshaw stated he was no inclined to take a particularly lenien: view of the case, in spite of the fact that it was Segal's first offense. The statements of the boys proved that although this is the first conviction against Segal the transporting liquor has been carried on by him ever a considerable period.

At the conclusion of the trial the rown attorney suggested that Pac ker's hospital bill, amounting to \$21 be included in Segal's costs, as

Parker had been an employee of Segal's at the time the acciden: For the offense of not registering the sale of his truck to Segal, Louis State was fined \$10 and costs. Parker An action was entered this morning and Dozing were cleared from blame in supreme court, in which Mrs. Pearl in the matter of removing the truck Gilbert, of Parkhill, names George markers, on Segal's statement that hey were acting in obedience to his

#### RECORD PRICE IS PAID FOR ARGENTINA BULL

Associated Press Desnatch. Buenos Aires, Aug. 25.—What cattle men claim is a world's record price for a bull was paid yesterday at the annual cattle show. A prize winning short horned bull named Faithful brought \$60,000. Faithful's father when sold some time ago brought \$44,000.

#### RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Aug. 24.-William L. Best vas re-elected chairman and national legislative representative of the Canadian legislative board of the Canadian legislative board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen at the closing session of the eighth triennial meeting of the body which has just concluded here.

# Home Again After Their Canadian Tour



EARL AND LADY HAIG AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Lord and Lady Haig are shown adian tour. On the left is Captain governor-general of Canada, Haig above as they disembarked from the steamer Letitia, on which they returned to England after their Can-

Preserve Historic Building,

Dr. Coune Believes.

tained a Proviso.

### Talbot House and Relics Should Be Saved Either By MORE CHEERFUL Province Or the Dominion

Bankers' Strike Still Unsettled

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Aug. 25.—Hopes of set-tlement of the bank employees strike which has continued for the last month, failed to ma-terialize today at a conference between the strikers' national committee and Minister of Labor

Durafour. The minister admitted to the strikers that his interview with the bank directors showed they would refuse to pay salaries for or bind themselves to salary increases beyond those already

# FERGUSON BACKS FIVE-CENT BEER

Question of Cheaper Four- erected there in pioneer days by Col. timism lies in the prospects Point-Four Occupies Government Attention.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Aug. 25.-There is strong feeling at parliament buildings that much of the dissatisfaction with the 4.4 beer is due to the cost of the beverage, and that if it were sold at a lower rate it would be a more pop-ular drink. Prior to his going to England, Premier Ferguson hinted that the matter was receiving gov-ernment attention, and it is regarded as not unlikely that the question will have further consideration now that the premier is back.

Asked his opinion today as to complaints about the price of 4.4 beer.
Attorney General Nickle remarked:
"I think it would have been greatly to the advantage of the province, to say nothing of the hotelkeepers and brewers, if they had been able to sell 5-cent glass of beer and a 10 or 15-cent bottle. With so many people out of work and commercial depresthroughout the country, the ple have not got the money to spend.

#### EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TORONTO BOY IS KILLED BY TRUCK

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 24.—Bernard Rothman, aged 8, was killed on Duffering street here today by being struck by a truck. He had jumped off one track and was struck by another going in the opposite direction. The driver was not held. There will be an in

BURNS CAUSE DEATH. Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Que., Aug. 25.—Her dress catching fire while she was cooking dinner yesterday at her home on St. James street, Mrs. Angel Theby, 59,

# TRADE OUTLOOK

Steps Should Be Taken To

CASUALTIES NORMAL

As yet this feeling is an intangible thing and has had no specific effect on the volume of trade so far as the That imediate steps should be taken figures in weekly reports show, but it

either by the province or the Do-minion to preserve the homestead of the less, he believes.

At least two causes may be operthe late Col. Thomas Talbot at Port ating to further this increased op Talbot is the opinion of Dr. J. H. timism in the minds of manufacturer Coyne of St. Thomas, former president of the Ontario Historical society and a prominent member of society and a prominent member of son, is one probable cause that body. Commenting on the sale the new money brought in in this way yesterday of the Talbot estate to a has no direct bearing on manufacyesterday of the Talbot estate to a tures, it is pouring into the coffers syndicate of Detroit business men for of the hotel men, restaurant keepers Men Called Away by Teledevelopment as an exclusive Lakeside and retailers generally, and eventuresort, Mr. Coyne, who is well ally will have its effect on industry acquainted with the property and its through the increased buying powe of the classes directly benefited.

nistorical association thought that it West, Chief Factor. would be a pity if the old house But the principal reason for op-Talbot should be allowed to dis- bumper crop in the west this year Estimated on a very conservative mixing building of the National Ex basis, it is believed that Canada will It is understood that provision was made for the preservation of the million dollars more for her field sulting that destroyed million dollars more for her field sulting that destroyed buildings in addition to house and its contents in the negotia- crops this year than last, and this tions which led up its sale yesterday, huge additional sum means greatly of the mixing building. increased buying power throughout but Judge Talbot Macbeth from whom the country the property was purchased declined

Collections in this district are dethed by the scribed as fair. There have been fewer failures reported to date than to comment when approached by the scribed as fair. Advertiser this morning. There is fewer failures reported to date than no reason to believe that the historic last year, but owing to several of value of the old homestead will be them being firms in a fairly large lost sight of in future developments of the property, and this Dr. Coyne volved is considerably larger. Casualties Normal.

interested in historical records of the district believe is an In this connection Mr. May out that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen's Beyond receiving official notification that their firm had been retained by his firm, in an effort to show that 2,000 firms had failed last year owing as resident architects for the building of the proposed 300-room hote! on the property, Messrs. Watt & Blackwell well known local architects, have received no further details of the plans terpretation of the figures. There is of the Detroit men who are behind what is known as a "constant casu the deal to make Port Taibot one of alty" factor in business at all times the hearty spots of the continent. and the number of firms failing las Future developments are awaited with year was neither greater or less than a great deal of interest by residents is normally looked for in business cir

ened when he brought light and

power to their doors, had especial cause to be grateful to him."

the Herald-Tribune says. "Milk-

ing and washing machines and electric lights did away with

much of the drudgery that had

made young women abandon farm

had to fight hard for his convic-

tions, but he had a dogged cour-

age, that never recognized de-feat."

"Like all pioneers, Sir Adam

Women Relieved of Drudgery

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Aug. 25.-The bene-

fits which the women of Ontario

derived from the achievements of

the late Sir Adam Beck in the

development of power, are stressed by the Herald-Tribune in an editorial printed this morn-

clares, was "the farmers' friend," and much of the benefit from his

power exploitations were to the

wives of the farmers.
"The women of the rural com-

Sir Adam, the paper

By Sir Adam's Achievements

# Lives of Hamilton Patients Are Imperilled As Flames Sweep Building.

ORIGIN A MYSTERY Loss in Montreal Conflagration Will Reach Half

Million. Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Aug. 24.-Fire, which for an hour imperilled the lives of scores of patients at the Mountain sanator ium near here, broke out at 7 o'clock this morning. The blaze was controlled two hours later after damage amounting to \$10,000 had been done The origin of the fire remains a

nystery. Fifty members of the hospital staff were at breakfast in the original house of the Macklem farm, in the Orchard house section of the tuber-cular colony, when a patient in a nearby building observed the flames in an upper story of the building and gave the alarm.

Apparatus was rushed from Hamilton fire department, and after two hours' strenuous work the blaze was controlled. The firemen sucwas controlled. The firemen suc-ceeded in preventing the flames from spreading to the nearby buildings, where a large number of the most serious cases were located. The patients preserved remarked coolness is face of the danger, although sprer of the blaze would have spelt deato many of the "bed cases." The were not removed from the building

but patients on the verandas New Money From Tourist Trade
and Big Crop a
Factor.

but patients on the verandas we taken inside.
The building damaged by the was used mainly as a staff dinit room. The loss of \$10,000 represent \$5,000 damage to the building an \$5,000 to the contents.

Eighty children housed in the pre ventorium, about 75 yards from the Deal With Detroit Syndicate

Believed To Have Con
There is apparent in business circles throughout this district a decid-cles throughout this district a decid-cles throughout this district a decid-cles throughout the district a decid-cles throughout the district a decid-cles throughout the district a decid-cles throughout this district a decid-cles throughout the outlook, according to C. R. May, the outlook, according to C. R. May, local manager for R. G. Dun & G. in some of the buildings.

Observers speak of the rare cool-

ness and presence of mind displayed

# DESERONTO PLANT SCENE OF BLAST

phone Just in Time To Save Lives.

Canadian Fress Despatch.

Kingston, Aug. 25 .- An explosion occurred vestergay afternoon in the plosives, Limited, plant, located about a mile west of Deseronto, fire rebuildings in addition to the remains

The report was heard some distance away. A telephone call had caused three men employed in the building to be absent for a few minutes prior to the explosion, and it was this that saved their lives. In the packing building, which is some distance from those destroyed, were several girls employed, but they were unhurt. It is impossible at this to determine the cause of oxplosion

### MAN DIES OF INJURIES AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT

Jack Pickauk of Long Branch Sustains Numerous Fractures When Car Hit.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 25 .- Jack Pickauk of Long Branch, a suburb of this city. who sustained a fractured pelvis and internal injuries in an automobile ac-cident on the Hamilton highway last night, died early today in St. Joseph's hospital. Pickauk was riding in a light motor truck together with Herbert Williams and his daughter Edith, also of Long Branch, when the truck was struck by a car at a crossing, the occupants being hurled into a ditch.

Williams, who was driving, sus tained a fractured rib, while his daughter, who turned two somer-saults through the air, escaped with only a slight cut on her forehead.

The truck was smashed to splint-