

THE WEATHER:
MODERATE WINDS, FAIR, WARM,
TOMORROW—FAIR, COOLER.

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C.N.R. TO FIGHT BUS COMPETITION

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 De-
clares Crop Will Be Worth
\$100,000,000.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 25.—Sir Henry
Thornton, president of the Canadian
National Railways, arrived in Tor-
onto 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 excel-
lent, according to Sir Henry, who has
just returned from his tour of in-
spection of western lines. "There is
a very healthy feeling in the west,"
he said. "You cannot turn that
amount of money without producing a
favorable effect on business con-
ditions." The C. N. R. head said, re-
ferring to the \$100,000,000 more than
last year that he thought the crop
would obtain.

Revenues increased.
Official figures issued here today
on the arrival of Sir Henry Thornton
show that the Canadian National
Railways have made a notable ad-
vance in net revenues during the
seven months period ending July
31, and that this improvement has
been made in the face of decreased
gross receipts.
The gross receipts were \$5,934,871
or 6.3 per cent below the correspond-
ing figures for 1924, but operating
expenses were reduced by \$957,476
or 8.5 per cent so that the net
position stands at \$5,937,395, an in-
crease of \$2,452,606 or 76.2 per cent
as compared with the net of \$3,484,789
of months of 1924 and an increase of
\$4.50 per cent over the 1923 figures.
Good Balance Predicted.
The favorable showing that has al-
ready been achieved during the seven
months of the balance of the year as
an upward movement of the
gross earnings is now being pro-
ceeded during the balance of the year
the gross increased by \$383,314 or 1.92
per cent over July 1924. Operating
expenses were decreased by \$957,476
or 4.93 per cent. The resultant in-
crease in net revenue for July is
\$1,333,690 or 228.91 per cent. In the
first three weeks of August 1925,
gross earnings were \$1,733,594 or 14.5 per cent
as compared with the gross earnings for
the first three weeks of 1924.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Cochran, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Oscar
Chabot, wife of a farmer in Lamarche
township, was most instantly killed
when lightning struck her home. She
was making a bed at the time.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Light to
moderate winds;
fine and warm.
Wednesday—A
few showers;
moderate winds;
mostly fair and
becoming cooler;
probably a few
scattered showers.
Pressure has a
rush 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
Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and fine
in other parts of the Dominion.

TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.
today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 60. 32. Rain.
Calgary. 66. 36. Fair.
Winnipeg. 62. 34. Fair.
Port Arthur. 72. 44. Fair.
Parry Sound. 52. 36. Clear.
Toronto. 54. 32. Clear.
Kingston. 58. 42. Clear.
Ottawa. 58. 42. Clear.
Montreal. 62. 44. Clear.
Quebec. 78. 62. Fair.
Father Point. 82. 52. Fair.
St. John. 78. 58. Clear.
Halifax. 58. 40. Fair.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 66; lowest, 50.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 66; lowest, 50.
Sun rises at 5:32 a.m. and sets at
7:07 p.m., standard time.
Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 p.m.—29.94.
Tuesday—8 a.m.—29.94.

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
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
expire.

JURY TO TRY PLUMB, CHARGED WITH INTENT TO WRECK TRAIN

"Lives Endangered," Magis-
trate Comments, in Commit-
ting C. N. R. Employee.

ONE WITNESS HEARD
Granted Bail of \$2,000 Till
Hearing At Assizes
This Fall.

George Plumb, C. N. R. employee,
will stand trial at the fall assizes on
criminal charge of placing an ob-
struction on the main line of the C.
N. R. to Stratford, with alleged intent
to wreck a train. He was committed
to Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon's
court this morning after the evidence
of only two witnesses had been
heard in the preliminary hearing.
Shaw moved the obstruction was
placed on the tracks intentionally or
carelessly, the lives of a great many
people were endangered. Mr. Gray-
don declared in committing Plumb to
trial at the fall assizes.

One Witness Called.
Through his counsel, J. M. McEvoy,
Plumb elected trial by jury. Crown
Attorney Albert M. Judd called only
one witness, Police Constable George
Shaw. When Mr. Judd signified his
intention of letting the case stand
upon the evidence of Constable Shaw
alone, Mr. McEvoy himself called C.
N. R. employee George Shaw, taking
the evidence of a crown witness for the
defence.

Shaw declared that on the night
of Aug. 10 he saw Plumb lay heavy
pieces of wood on a track of the
C. N. R. main line to Stratford, near
Egerton street. Standing in a shad-
ow he could plainly see Plumb come
from behind a freight car, look up
and down the tracks, and then place
the obstruction on one of the rails.
After Plumb walked several hun-
dred feet east along the railway line
towards the bridge, where the men
were working, he returned to the
bridge and the Minnesota side.

GALT COLLEGIATE POET
"MAC" DIES SUDDENLY

David McGeorge Came to In-
stitution Over Forty
Years Ago.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Galt, Aug. 25.—David McGeorge,
better known as Mac, for 40 years
caterer of the Galt collegiate, died
last night, aged 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-
land.

When he started as caterer there
were only four classrooms in the
school and 83 pupils and John E.
Bright 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
Scottish, depicting scenes of school
life and students. These have been
preserved in three editions entitled,
Bubbles from the Boiler-Room, A
Glimpse of Ither Days and The Doc-
tor's Daughter.

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 violent
storm in the Lake St. John district,
according to advices reaching Quebec,
and to have played havoc with the
crops over a wide area.
The storm broke windows in several
houses, broke through the roofs of
paper-covered houses, and caused the
grain crops to be useless to the farm-
ers of the district, except as fodder for
their live stock.

GT. BRITAIN ACCEPTS CHINESE INVITATION

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 25.—The British
government has accepted China's in-
vitation to participate in the special
conference provided for by the
nine power treaty negotiated at
Washington.
The Chinese invitation set October
25 as the date for the conference,
which is to be held in China.

FINED \$600 FOR LIQUOR TRANSPORT

Edward Segal Heavily Mulcted
For Trucking Beer and
Whiskey.

NO RING EXPOSED
Crown Believes It Has Brought
All Concerned to
Justice.

Edward Segal today pleaded guilty
in Magistrate Hawshaw's court to
the illicit transport of liquor on pub-
lic highways, and was fined \$600 and
costs amounting to \$70. The arrest
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.
Judd stated that Segal was fortunate
that his charge did not fall under
section 40 of the act, in which case
any fine imposed would have carried
a prison term of not less than 30
days.

In the evidence brought out by the
crown in presenting the case, it ap-
pears that the young men, Dozing
and Parker, employed by Segal, had
fallen asleep while driving the truck
load of liquor from Sarnia to Strat-
ford. Chief Constable Wharton was
called out to the accident, and on
arrival found the license markers
of the truck had been removed. The
driver of the truck had disclosed the
hiding place of the markers, and the
arrest of Segal, and also of Louis
St. Thomas, followed in St. Thomas.

Two Charges Dropped.
In court this morning the cases
against the boys Dozing and Parker
were dropped, as the crown consid-
ered Segal the prime mover in the
transport of the liquor. The case
against St. Thomas was dropped and
instead he was charged under the motor
vehicle act with having failed to
notify the department of highways of
the transfer of the truck from himself
to Segal. St. Thomas is an employee
of Segal's in the junk business carried
on by the latter in St. Thomas.
Segal, it was proved by statements
from Parker and Dozing, has been for
some time transporting liquor from
the export dock at Sarnia, and
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During the course of the trial,
Crown Attorney Judd stated that the
work was a minor operation among
others of an immense liquor ring
with numerous ramifications, was en-
tirely unfounded and that the case
was thoroughly gone into by the
police to apprehend the right parties.
No evidence has been found
which such a suspicion could be
grounded," he said, "and had there
been, all parties connected would
have been charged along with Segal."

The First Offense.
In imposing the fine of \$600, Magis-
trate Hawshaw stated he was not
inclined to take a particularly lenient
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 of
liquor has been carried on by him
over a considerable period.

At the conclusion of the trial the
crown attorney suggested that Pa-
ker's hospital bill amounting to \$21
be included in Segal's costs, as Pa-
ker had been an employee of Segal's
at the time the accident occurred.

For the offense of not registering
the sale of his truck to Segal, Louis
St. Thomas was fined \$10 and costs. Parker
and Dozing were cleared from blame
in the matter of removing the truck's
license markers, on Segal's statement
that they were acting in obedience to his
orders.

RECORD PRICE IS PAID FOR ARGENTINA BULL

Associated Press Despatch.
Buenos Aires, Aug. 25.—What cattle
men claim is a world's record price
for a bull was paid yesterday at the
annual cattle sale in Argentina. The
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
was re-elected chairman and national
legislative representative of the
Canadian legislative board of the
Canadian Locomotive Firemen
and Engineers at the closing session
of the eighth triennial meeting of the
body which has just concluded here.

WIFE OF OWEN SOUND
DOCTOR HURT IN CRASH

Canadian Press Despatch.
Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 24.—Mrs.
Mewhinney, wife of Dr. Mewhinney,
V.S. of Tiverton, is in the hospital
here very seriously injured as a re-
sult of the car in which she was rid-
ing turning into the ditch just out-
side the city limits last evening.
Dr. Mewhinney was very seriously
shaken up.

Home Again After Their Canadian Tour



EARL AND LADY HAIG AT SOUTHAMPTON.
Lord and Lady Haig are shown
above as they disembarked from the
steamer Letitia, on which they re-
turned to England after their Can-
adian tour. On the left is Captain
Findlay of the Letitia. Questioned
as to the possibility of his becoming
governor-general of Canada, Haig
stated that it would be a very high
honor to be offered that post.

Talbot House and Relics Should Be Saved Either By 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
the time the men had been out
or bind themselves to salary in-
creases beyond those already
promised.

FERGUSON BACKS FIVE-CENT BEER

Question of Cheaper Four-
Point-Four Occupies Gov-
ernment Attention.

Special To The Advertiser.
Toronto, Aug. 25.—There is a
strong feeling at parliament buildings
that much of the cost of 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
popular drink. Prior to his going to
England, Premier Ferguson hinted
that the question, 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 com-
plaints 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
a 5-cent glass of beer and a 10 or
15-cent bottle. With so many people
out of work and commercial depres-
sion throughout the country, the peo-
ple have not got the money to spend."

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TORONTO BOY IS KILLED BY TRUCK

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 24.—Bernard Roth-
man, aged 8, was killed on Dufferin
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-
quest.

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, 58,
suffered such severe burns that she
died this morning. When other mem-
bers of the house heard her screams
they found her a living torch.

MOUNTAIN 'SAN' HALL IS BURNED

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 sanato-
rium near here, broke out at 7 o'clock
this morning. The blaze was con-
trolled two hours later after damage
amounting to \$100,000 had been done.
The origin of the fire remains a
mystery.

Fifty members of the hospital staff
were at breakfast in the original
building where a large number of the
orchard house section of the tubercu-
lar 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 the
Hamilton fire department, and after
two hours' strenuous work the blaze
was controlled. The firemen suc-
ceeded in preventing the flames from
spreading to the nearby buildings,
where a large number of patients were
located. The patients were removed
to the hospital, and the patients were
removed to the hospital, and the patients
were removed to the hospital.

The building damaged by the fire
was used mainly as a staff dining
room. The loss of \$100,000 represents
\$5,000 damage to the building and
\$95,000 to the contents.

Eighty children housed in the pre-
ventorium, about 75 yards from the
burning building, were removed to
places of safety when the fire was
threatening the preventorium and
other buildings. Many of the units
of the hospital are frame and wood
construction, and the patients were
removed as a precautionary mea-
sure. Returned soldiers are patients
in some of the buildings.
Observers speak of the rare cool-
ness and presence of mind displayed
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DESERONTO PLANT SCENE OF BLAST

Men Called Away by Tele-
phone Just in Time To
Save Lives.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Kingston, Aug. 25.—An explosion
occurred yesterday afternoon in the
mixing building of the National Ex-
plosives Limited, plant, located about
a mile west of Deseronto, fire de-
stroying that destroyed two other
buildings in addition to the remains
of the mixing building.

The report was heard some dis-
tance 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, when
the truck was struck by a radial
car at a crossing, the occupants be-
ing hurled into a ditch.

MAN DIES OF INJURIES AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT

Jack Pickauk of Long Branch
Sustains Numerous Frac-
tures 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 Her-
bert Williams and his daughter
Edith, also of Long Branch, when
the truck was struck by a radial
car at a crossing, the occupants be-
ing hurled into a ditch.

Williams, who was driving, sus-
tained a fractured rib, while his
daughter, who turned two somers-
aults through the air, escaped with
only a slight cut on her forehead.
The truck was smashed to splin-
ters.

Women Relieved of Drudgery By Sir Adam's Achievements

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-
ing.
Sir Adam, the paper de-
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-
munities, whose burdens he light-
ened when he brought light and
power to their doors, had espe-
cial cause to be grateful to him,"
the Herald-Tribune says. "Milk-
ing and washing machines and
electric lights, which did away with
much of the drudgery that had
made young women abandon farm
life for the cities."
"Like all pioneers, Sir Adam
had to fight hard for his convic-
tions, but he had a dogged cour-
age, that never recognized de-
feat."