

RAILWAYS CUT OFF 75,000 MEN TRAFFIC DEPRESSION REASON

**Lines in U.S. Resolve on Great-
est Reduction in Working
Forces Known in Years.**

Philadelphia, Pa., May 26.—The reduction of the working forces of the railroads in this country is more extensive and radical than was thought, a month ago, would be necessary. Estimates are that not less than 75,000 employees have been dropped from the railroad pay rolls. A large proportion of these employees are losing their jobs under orders from company headquarters to dismiss from the freight departments every person not absolutely needed. Train hands, station men and clerks have been receiving notices to quit since April 15, and by June 10 it is expected that the weeding out process will have been completed.

With the exception of the panic period, beginning in 1893, this is the most general reduction of railroad working forces known at any one time. The main cause of this sweeping wave of railroad economy is the rapid falling off in freight shipments within the last six weeks. Freight traffic managers, both east and west, report that the outlook is not bright for the summer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad began reducing its forces in Pittsburg and Chicago about the middle of April, but has been impelled to extend the line of economy in consequence of the steady decrease in earnings from freight traffic. Starting with the intention of laying off about 6000 employees the Pennsylvania management has gradually extended its weeding process until more than 15,000 "blue envelopes" have

been sent out by this company alone.

While Lines Closed.
Shortage of traffic and consequent necessity for reducing expenses on the Pennsylvania Railroad are the reasons given for the closing of thru traffic of the new Portage branch built within two years at a cost of \$5,000,000.

As announced to-day, this latest retrenchment order takes effect at once. No date is set for re-opening the line. This depends entirely upon traffic conditions.

The new Portage line was built to supplement the main line, and to provide an alternate route between the summit of the Allegheny Mountain, at the east end of the Kaituma tunnel and Pittsburg. That required the construction of a new double track line down the mountain to Hollidaysburg, a distance of seventeen miles, and the doubling of the old Portage branch. The new Portage line is fifty miles long and is conceived and built to relieve the main line thru the alternative movement of coal and heavy traffic.

Cuts on Other Roads.
Vanderbilt lines, including the Boston and Albany, will strike at least 12,000 from the pay rolls, and according to reports from the west, the railroads running out of Chicago have already made provision to discard about 20,000 employees. The Burlington alone cuts about 6000 names off its pay rolls, the most recent reduction taking effect on June 10.

During the last year the railroad employees in the United States numbered about 1,150,000. The present reduction in forces, therefore, amounts to about 1 per cent. of the whole number.

Experienced railroad men say, under ordinary circumstances, about 2 per cent. of the employees are laid off during the summer months. The present retrenchment conditions appear to be felt more severely by the eastern than by the extreme western roads.

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that's what common soaps
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NO HOME WORK BOOKS.

Manley's Scheme Not Entertained by the School Board.

If the deputations consisting of Messrs. Embree, Hughes and Parkinson, who are to wait on the minister of education, is successful in its mission, Toronto will have an independent entrance examination. And there is every probability that they will succeed. There are various things in education in Toronto which make the schools unlike any others in Ontario and to cope with the difficulties arising from the three collegiate institutions and the Technical School there will likely be an examination suited to the special conditions.

The question was debated at the meeting of the management committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon, and the only friction that arose was between Inspector Hughes and Principal Embree on the question of a division of the senior fourth book classes. Mr. Hughes is strongly in favor of a division in the classes. His idea is that students who do not intend entering the high schools should have a finishing course different from those entering the high schools. He says that the teachers will cram the pupils for the examination. And the paper on which they write is set utterly irrespective of the prescribed studies.

Mr. Embree, on the other hand, maintains that the senior fourth class is altogether too early a stage at which to make any differentiation in the courses. The matter was left in abeyance, and the deputation will see what can be done about the examination which they will meet the conditions.

It was decided that Mr. Manley's suggested home-work books be not adopted for use in the schools.

Miss L. M. Dent was transferred from the position of director of Borden-street kindergarten to that of director in Church-street school. Miss Huntington of Niagara goes to Borden-street to take Miss Dent's place.

On the motion of Trustee Gooderham, new tenders will be asked for supplies of paper and sundries. Two first books, one published by the Canada Publishing Company, and one by the Toronto Company, will be asked for in the primary grade of the public schools. Tenders will be asked for medical and dental supplies.

The annual flower day was fixed for June 3. The morning will be taken up with flower planting and various appropriate exercises, and in the afternoon the pupils will march to Queen's Park, where they will decorate some of the monuments. Chairman Gooderham, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Otter, Mayor Urquhart, Hon. G. W. Ross and Col. Denison are billed to deliver addresses.

The matter of superannuation of some of the principals was not discussed, but will come up at the next meeting. The games committee met and decided that the principals of the schools were good enough for this year, and everything will be the same as then.

NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 26.—Sir William Turner, president of the General Medical Council of Great Britain, at its 26th session announced that the money scheme to promote reciprocal relations between Canada and Great Britain with regard to the practice of medicine had not yet been accomplished.

Gen. Laurier is expected to be elected to the post of prime minister of Canada. The matter of superannuation of some of the principals was not discussed, but will come up at the next meeting.

ROSEDALE TRAVEL CLUB.
The annual meeting and election of officers of the Rosedale Travel Club, held last evening at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Patterson, at 177 St. George's street, resulted in the election of Mrs. W. M. Patterson as president; Mrs. R. H. Rutherford as vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Rutherford as secretary; and Mrs. W. H. Rutherford as treasurer.

TO 3500 CHILDREN.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 26.—The National Insurance office has just paid £2500 in respect of payment of a single premium of £1000 to a man who had been insured since he was a boy, and who had now reached the age of 70.

Bootblack's Rented Out.
Brockville, May 26.—John T. Cronin, immigration inspector, and Samuel McAllister, superior of the police, are investigating charges that young George boys were sent to America to be rented out under a system something like the Padroni system to bootblack stands.

HEIN WATCHED A HAWK.
New Haven, Conn., May 26.—When Daniel Starr's favorite hen recently displayed a maternal spirit at his chicken farm in East Hampton he bought some eggs of a fancy breed. When the setting of eggs arrived they were in no condition to incubate.

Not to Disappoint the Faithful Hen.
Mr. Starr placed two eggs from a red-tailed hawk's nest under the hen in the time one of the eggs was hatched, and the old hen was highly excited.

MAN WHO WOULD RESIGN.
Brockville, May 26.—The deadlock continues in police circles. Chief Adams refuses to accept his dismissal at the hands of the police committee and appears in uniform daily and refuses to deliver the keys and books of his office. He is acting upon legal advice, and says that the town council endorses the action of the police committee and will take legal action for unjust dismissal.

TO BE DRAWN IN.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 26.—Mr. Ismay, who presides over the Allan Line, may likely be drawn into the Atlantic war, and that heavy loss will result to all the Atlantic companies.

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**21 WINGED LIBERALS
FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

**Sign Resolution Strongly Condemning
Government's G.T.P. Rail-
way Bargain.**

Winnipeg, May 26.—A number of prominent business men of this city, all Liberals, have taken a strong position against the government's transcontinental railway policy. Twenty-one of them have signed the following resolution protesting against the bargain.

"As business men, whose interests will be seriously affected by the railway policy of the Dominion government, and who, therefore, realize the effect upon the general interest of the west, we feel obliged to protest against the proposed agreement. Liberals in principle and by conviction, we cannot support the Liberal party in a transaction embodying, on a gigantic scale, the very evil to which genuine Liberals are most fundamentally opposed—the sacrifice of public good to private greed."

"The enormous liability proposed to be incurred mainly for the construction of the proposed eastern section, an undertaking absolutely unneeded as a remedy for the congestion of traffic or for the lack of adequate facilities from which the west has suffered. Nor is the western section, as shown in the map published by the Dominion government, a necessary or desirable extension of the existing lines already in operation or approaching completion from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains, and the development of new territory. And its possibilities of usefulness as a means of securing reduced rates or improving our service for the west, are effectively nullified by the terms and conditions under which it is to be constructed and financed."

Public Ownership the Remedy.
The 21 WINGED LIBERALS, who are under public ownership, and operated by a non-partisan commission. The Intercolonial should be freed from the spoils system, placed under a general manager as Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mr. Hays, Mr. Whyte, or other efficient railway administrators, and extended to the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast. Public ownership, from combination, from excessive rates, from the property of the state, with cars and locomotives. It would give us a truly national transportation policy, would immensely facilitate business, and would deliver us from the frightfully demoralizing effect upon the whole public life of the railway policy hitherto pursued."

We have spoken from the standpoint of western business men. A word may be added to our friends in the east. The amount of business to be done in Western Canada, the property of the state, and the amount of business to be done in Eastern Canada, the property of the state, are largely a question of railway rates and facilities. Those who imagine that the Grand Trunk Pacific, loaded with enormous over-capitalization, and with great and costly loss, the eastern section, will be anything but an additional incubus to inter-provincial trade, and nursing a grievous delusion. The one way for the future lies in public ownership."

Signatories to Resolution.
The signatories to the resolution are: A. Macdonald, wholesale grocer, formerly mayor of Winnipeg; Thomas B. Robinson, wholesale coal and food; Alexander B. Bethune, wholesale fur and clothing; John McVicar, grain dealer; J. F. McIntyre, former president of a Liberal organization; Alex. Graves, Andrew Wright, R. H. Nunn, J. R. Haney, Joseph Stovel, Joseph Tilley, Joseph P. Gallagher, J. L. Lennan, Austin Francis, K. Mackenzie, Samuel Colwell, B. W. Matthews, Joshua Calloway, John S. Roberts.

TO FORCE MACDOUGALL'S TRIAL.
Judge Decides to Go On Whether
Accused is Well or Not.

A year ago last December Alfred Macdonald was arrested in connection with the Provincial funds, and since then his trial has been postponed from time to time in accordance with the medical advice of the medical officers of the hospital, the kindness of Mr. Macdonald to leave the country.

On Monday the crown had an examination of the medical evidence. The medical officers of the hospital, the kindness of Mr. Macdonald to leave the country, and the medical officers of the hospital, the kindness of Mr. Macdonald to leave the country, and the medical officers of the hospital, the kindness of Mr. Macdonald to leave the country.

INCREASED PURCHASING POWER.
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DONEGAL AGAIN.
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Crown Had No Evidence.
In the general sessions yesterday, S. Hare and B. O'Donnell, accused of interfering with Canada Foundry works, were discharged. The crown having no evidence. Judge Morgan said that no one had a right to interfere with another man's work, and hoped the prisoners were entirely innocent.

John Gowan has been in jail three months for stealing a chateleine bag, and was released on one month's probation.

John Brugger and W. Hewitt pleaded guilty to assaulting James Maguire at the Junction and asked clemency.

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A motion was passed, suggesting to the conference that steps be taken to educate church members as to the missionary problem and the duty of the church in relation to it. It was suggested that this be done thru the distribution monthly of missionary news and views in some convenient form.

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Rev. E. C. Laker was appointed representative to the stationing committee, and 41 lay delegates to conference and representatives to various conference committees were also appointed.

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