

PAPERS DEMAND TRAFFIC BE KEPT IN CANADA, ADVOCATE FREIGHT RATE CUT, IF NEEDED

Legislators Must Make Dominion Route So Attractive That It Will Be Used, Insists Manitoba Free Press

QUEBEC JOURNALIST SEES HARD FIGHT

The Chronicle-Telegraph Anticipates Protest From United States But Declares Issue of Canada's Economic Servitude Must Be Settled Sooner or Later—Toronto Globe Wants Showdown

"WHAT shall it profit Canada to have the Canadian National and lose that sense of national unity which is its soul?" Thus eloquently and convincingly does the Manitoba Free Press sum up the situation created by Sir Henry Thornton's reply to the question as to the use of the National Transcontinental Railway for grain traffic to Canadian ports.

While realizing that shippers will be influenced by economic advantage, The Free Press points to the necessity for making the all-Canadian route attractive enough for them to make use of it. The only agency that can do this and awaken the National Transcontinental from its paralysis, The Free Press believes, is the Parliament of Canada. "This is a case for a statutory rate," it avers.

UP TO PARLIAMENT

A similar attitude is taken by the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph, which, under the caption "Freedom or Peonage," declares that "it is for Parliament to decide upon a policy of retaining Canadian traffic for Canadian routes."

In the promulgation of such a policy, The Chronicle-Telegraph discerns protest and agitation arising from American interests, but it makes bold to state that "this whole question of Canada's economic servitude to the United States must some day be settled."

"The struggle will be a hard one," continues The Chronicle-Telegraph, "but at least it is preferable to fall fighting than to meekly accept a state of emasculate peonage for all time to come."

SAYS ISSUE MORE POINTED

Yet another leading Canadian newspaper, the Toronto Globe, believes the issue should be aired and faced in Parliament and met squarely and justly.

The Globe declares that the issue of the use or shameful neglect of the Maritime ports becomes more pointed from Sir Henry Thornton's admission of helplessness in the matter of employment of the Transcontinental railway, and sees the matter quickly narrowing down to a "reason why."

The comment in full of these three great newspapers is as follows:

Manitoba Free Press

The Manitoba Free Press says:

"Sir Henry has not answered the question put to him. Perhaps it would be expecting too much to look for a completely candid discussion of the question from him. The Canadian National in its far-flung organization has points of attack, and it has given various hostages to fortune. The Jolt which would be given to the carefully built up international freight rate structure by the opening up of the National Transcontinental Railway as a cheap all-the-year-round route for carrying grain to Canadian seaports would be severe; and we need not expect the executive officers of the Canadian National to administer it."

MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE

"Of course, shippers will be influenced in their routing by economic advantage; no one proposes to deprive them of their option in this regard."

"What is suggested is that our own all-Canadian route be made sufficiently attractive to induce Canadian shippers,

in the exercise of their option, to make use of it. It was built for this very purpose. Why should it not be put to this use?"

"There is only one agency by which the National Transcontinental can be awakened from its paralysis and set to work. The Canadian National will not do this itself for a variety of reasons, all of which look good to its officers. The Railway Commission can be left out of the calculation. This is a job for Parliament. This is a case for a statutory rate."

"The justification for it is that it is necessary as a matter of high national policy. Even the argument, which will be made, and is doubtless well based, that the Canadian National will make less money hauling wheat to Canadian than to American ports, does not touch the heart of the matter."

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Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

The article of which the following is an extract appeared in the issue of the Chronicle-Telegraph of Wednesday, Dec. 23, under the caption, "Freedom or Peonage."

"Considering all the circumstances, we do not criticize Sir Henry Thornton for thus 'getting under' but there is no need to insist upon the obvious fact, which is as well known to him as it is to ourselves and to everyone else, that persuasion will be of small avail where rates offer no advantage to the shipper."

If the latter can forward his grain over the N. T. R. as cheaply as, or more cheaply than by other competing routes, not much persuasion will be needed to induce him to do so. On the other hand neither patriotism nor sentiment will move him to ship via the N. T. R. if he can secure a lower rate elsewhere."

DIFFERENCE OF VIEW.

"There is some difference of opinion as to the lowest rate at which traffic can be economically handled over the N. T. R., but local harbor officials and independent experts have built up a strong case in support of figures much lower than those shown in existing tariffs, and in effect the only answer to that the railroad makes is 'it can't be done,' which is scarcely argument."

"We believe most thoroughly that

it can be done, that it ought to be done, but we realize that it would mean a revolution in the entire traffic situation of North America, and that Sir Henry Thornton can hardly be expected to take the responsibility upon his own shoulders, single handed."

"It is for parliament to decide upon a policy of retaining Canadian traffic for Canadian routes, as part of a general policy of keeping all Canadian raw material and natural resources to be exploited for the benefit of Canada; it is for the Railway Board to adjust the tariff in accordance with the policy that Parliament shall lay down."

PREDICTS HARD STRUGGLE.

"Of course American interests will protest, agitate—retaliate even—but this whole question of Canada's economic servitude to the United States must some day be settled."

"If Canada lacks the strength and the resources to achieve her freedom, then it is well that that truth shall be made clear and finally accepted; but if we have the will to do so, we shall be fools to put off the struggle until we have been bled white."

"The struggle will be a hard one—we do not underestimate its difficulty—but at least it is preferable to fall fighting than to meekly accept a state of emasculate peonage for all time to come."

The Toronto Globe

Discussing Sir Henry Thornton's interview in Saint John, the Globe, Toronto, will say today:

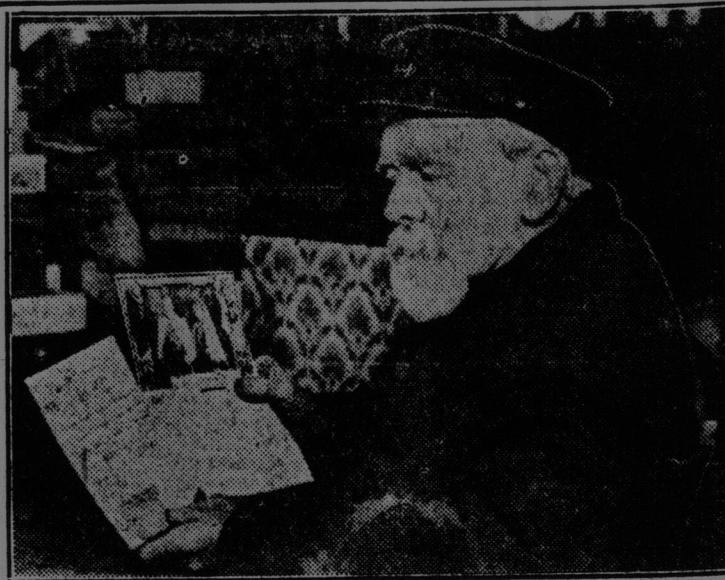
"The issue of the use or the shameful neglect of Canadian Maritime ports becomes more pointed from the interview given to The Telegraph-Journal in Saint John, N. B., by Sir Henry Thornton. The president of the Canadian National assured his questioner of the desire of the Government lines to use Canadian ports, but said the matter was after all regulated by the shippers of grain, as they chose the route. Sir Henry said the subject is engaging the attention of various interests and he was hopeful of the outcome."

SEES BIG WASTE IN THE OIL INDUSTRY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—It cost the petroleum industry nine millions a

year to get rid of chemicals, which might be producing synthetic rubber worth \$12,000,000, asserts E. F. Stevenson, of Cambridge, Mass. He is to be one of the speakers before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which meets here on Dec. 29.

Sailor Friend of Late Queen Mother



Sailor Jack Clark, 82, of Epping, Essex, was the first merchant seaman to welcome Queen Alexandra to British shores. He was on his uncle's sailing ship when he hosted a signal of welcome to the mast of his ship as they passed the one bearing Princess Alexandra to London. Queen Alexandra wrote to him every year on his birthday. The picture shows him with his last letter and an autographed picture of the Queen and King Edward.

Deaths

Miss M. Martin.

Miss Matilda Martin passed away at her residence, 280 Waterloo street, yesterday. She had been ailing for some time. Miss Martin was the youngest daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Owen Martin, of Alma, Albert county, and is survived by two brothers and one sister. She was born in Alma but had lived in Saint John for a number of years. The brothers are Leonard and Owen, of Alma, and the sister is Miss Loretta Martin of this city. The funeral service will take place this (Thursday) evening at her late residence and interment will be made in Alma on Friday.

George Swanton.

The death of George Swanton occurred yesterday morning following a lengthy illness. He was a member of the firm of Swanton Bros. He was a son of the late Young and Elizabeth Swanton.

The late Mr. Swanton is survived by his wife, and one daughter, Madeline, at home. He also leaves three brothers, Young, Samuel and William, and two sisters, Mrs. George Lott and Mrs. Robert Myles, all of this city.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 22 Richmond street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Capt. Chas. Hunter.

Capt. Charles Hunter, 65, formerly of Saint John, and formerly in charge of the steamship Prince Arthur in the Saint John-Boston service, died suddenly in the wheel house of the Prince George at Boston on Sunday. The ship was preparing to leave for Yarmouth, N. S., when he was stricken.

Thomas Mallory.

NEWCASTLE, Dec. 23.—The many friends of Thomas Mallory will hear with regret of his death which occurred at his home in Chatham Head on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Decayed was a native of Shipplagan and was 68 years of age. He has been ill for the past seven months. He is survived by a widow, three sons, Joseph, Alexander and Peter, at home; two daughters, Katie, and home; Mrs. Michael Muzzall, of Chatham Head; brothers, Patrick, Chatham head, Julia, St. Ladore and Michael, of Tabusintac; and one sister, Mrs. John Lumsden, Newcastle. Ten grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock to St. Patrick's church, Rev. Father Wallace officiating. The pallbearers were Joseph Landry, L. Coughlan, John Votour, G. Rague, James Furlotte and Edward P. Brown. Interment was made in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Margaret Dunn.

NEWCASTLE, Dec. 23.—The many friends of Miss Margaret Dunn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dunn, Red Bank, will regret to hear of her death, which occurred at the home of her parents on Dec. 16.

Decayed was 17 years old and was a student at the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton. Six weeks ago she was taken ill and three weeks later was compelled to return to her home.

Besides her parents she is survived by three sisters, Gertrude, Nellie and Beatrice, and three brothers, John, Foran and Billy.

The funeral was held last Friday morning to St. Thomas' church, services being conducted by Rev. Father Ryan. The pallbearers were James, Michael and Daniel Foran, uncles of the deceased, J. O'Shea, W. Dunn and Gerald Alton. Interment was made in Red Bank.

James S. Geldart.

MONCTON, Dec. 23.—The death occurred in the City Hospital about 8 o'clock this morning of James S. Geldart, well known C. N. R. machinist, after an illness of about two months.

Death followed an operation which was decided on at the last moment in the effort to save his life, but without avail.

The late Mr. Geldart was formerly of River Glade, but had been employed in the C. N. R. service in Moncton about 10 years. He was about 54 years of age.

Decayed is survived by his wife and three children, two daughters and a son. The son is William Geldart, who arrived from Acadia College only yesterday. The daughters are Misses Esther and Ellen. One brother, George Geldart, of River Glade, also survives, also one sister, Mrs. Delbert Steeves, of River Glade.

The body was taken to the family home at River Glade today and the funeral will be held from there on Christmas Day. Interment will be at River Glade.

Mrs. A. T. Criley.

MONCTON, Dec. 23.—The death of Mrs. Evelyn Marks Criley, wife of Capt. A. T. Criley, of this city, occurred in the Moncton hospital this afternoon. She had been ill about three months.

The late Mrs. Criley was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Marks, Botsford street, and had been a resident of Moncton all her life. She had a very large circle of friends in this city. For some years she had been one

of her illness took a deep interest in its activities. Besides her husband and parents, the deceased is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Harold Magee, Saint John; Mrs. H. N. Mackenzie, Moncton; Misses Ada and George, at home.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from her late residence, 709 Main street.

Stale Bread Sent Instead of Notes

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Palermo branch of the Bank of Italy has been robbed of more than \$40,000. A bank messenger, escorted by two police officers, was sent to the post office to despatch to the Turin branch a box containing \$40,000 worth of notes and securities. Two days later a telegram was received from Turin stating that the box had been received containing two stale loaves, and asking for an explanation. No trace of the notes or securities has been found and the bank messenger has been arrested.

CHILD DEAD, SECOND DYING AND MOTHER IS GRAVELY BURNED

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 23.—One child was burned to death, another is dying from burns and their mother, Mrs. Edward Boyle, has but a slight chance for recovery following a fire in their Prescott, Ont., home late tonight.

WOMAN IS TWICE BIGAMOUS WIFE

Married to Man Executed for Murder; Finds Second Husband Has Wife

No. 2, Despite Tears in Court, Gets Twenty-one Months' Sentence

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The bigamous wife and dupe of a famous murderer who was executed—then married to another who had taken pity on her as the result of the publicity given the murderer's trial—five years' happiness—again the victim of bigamy, but not the only dupe of the scoundrel concerned.

This in brief is the two-fold tragic story of a young London woman, Miss Ethel Frances Baker. She was first the dupe of Arthur Goslett, Golden Green, 1920.

Then, when the trial had concluded, murderer, who was executed in July, another offered to give her that happi-

ness which would make up for the terrible experience through which she had come. He was at that time a father of seven children, two of them by a bigamous union, but this did not deter him selecting the victim of a murderer for the object of his second (illegal) marriage, of which there is now one child.

WEEPS IN COURT.

The scoundrel is William Rudsdale, who, at the Sheriff Court at Pailit, Scotland, was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment in Durham Prison for deserting his wife and family.

When in Durham Prison he had the impudence to send Miss Baker a letter signed, "From your broken-hearted husband."

It was pleaded on his behalf that he evidently did not realize the sacredness of the marriage vow, and that he could not see the position in which he had placed himself. Yet he wept when in court and filled the role of the penitent one.

Vicar General of Antigonish Dead

ANTIGONISH, Dec. 24.—Right Rev. Donald Joseph MacIntosh, vicar-general of the Catholic diocese of Antigonish, died at 12.30 o'clock this morning at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, following three weeks of critical illness. He was 76 years of age and a native of Antigonish county.

WOMAN KILLED IN FALL FROM HOUSE

Crashes 75 Feet Through Skylight While Fixing Radio Antenna

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Agnes C. Bowman, 45, plunged to her death in Roxbury when she crashed through a glass skylight on the roof of the house while attempting to adjust a radio antenna that was giving her trouble.

Police who examined the location of the four-story sheer drop said that the covering on the skylight was of glass painted in such a manner as to resemble tin or iron. It is believed that Mrs. Bowman stepped on this covering of the awning, thinking that it was of sufficient strength to bear her weight.

The distance from the place where Mrs. Bowman fell to the basement below was a distance of fully 75 feet. When she was removed and rushed to the hospital in a police ambulance she was alive but unconscious. She died very soon after arrival at the City.

CLIMBING AGAIN.

WARREN, Pa., Dec. 24.—Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo last night knocked out Joe Burke of New York in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout here.

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and Are Particularly Reminded of

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