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Statement of Chief Recorder of Statistics in Railway Department, Ottawa.

REFORE ARBITRATORS

Cannot Pay Its Fixed Charges, Says This Official.

In my judgment, based on a careful study of the conditions of the C. N. R. company, as revealed by the returns of the company itself, the Canadian Northern Railway is not only insolvent, but all conditions point to an avation instead of a modification

in that respect." This statement was made by Joseph Payne, chief recorder of Statistics of Railway Department at Ottawa, at the C. N. R. arbitration proceedings esterday afternoon. "The company is insolvent," he continued; "for the son that many individuals become insolvent; because it cannot pay its fixed charges, which has been the situation for years." He added that the situation had been bad in the past, but in his opinion, it would be much worse for the year ending June of this year. His figures had been based on the actual sworn returns of the company and he had been alarmed, he said, at the situation for the past six

years, and had always thought that it would end as a positive calamity to the Dominion of Canada.

"You mean the building of these roads?" asked Pierce Butler, counsel for Mackenzie & Mann.

"Certainly, the building of the oads," replied witness. No Charges for Renewals.

Mr. Payne said that the C. N. R. did not in 1916 and 1917 show any charges for renewals, and in 1915 only a small sum, \$73,000. This necessarily minimized the actual deficit of the com-

"I would say in my judgment," de-ciared Mr. Payne, emphatically, "that the common stock is not only worth-less, but worse than worthless, because it carries with it an obligation to the people of Canada."

In submitting figures regarding the earnings of the C. N. R. he stated that in 1917 the deficit he found to be that in 1917 the deficit he found to be over \$6,000,000. "The difference between my calculations and those of the C. N. R. was due to interest charges," he said. "The company was, in my opinion, upwards of \$19,000,000 short in gross earnings to make it superficially solvent."

Mr. Payne upheld the policy of charging depreciation to operating ex-

charging depreciation to operating expenses, and stated that in 1916 the C. P. R. charged over \$3,000,000 of depreciation to operating expenses, but the C. N. R. did not show any charge

Western Division Poor Henry A. K. Drury, government ngineer, Winnipeg, in describing the ondition of the main line from Port condition of the main line from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, stated that for a distance of twenty-five miles the road was in fairly good condition, but after that it was not nearly so good. The question as to whether or not the members of the commission ld inspect the road was discussed at the opening of the afternoon ses-

William Meredith asked Mr. if he could tell when the evihe was to submit would ded. Mr. Tilley stated finish Thursday, but he t probably he would go into As the other side would wish short delay in order to prepare a reply to the evidence submitted, Pierce Butler said he thought he would be completed by the end of next week. In view of the fact that don. John Oliver, premier of British Columbia, was to testify on May 1, Sir William Meredith stated that it would be wise to ask for an enlarge-ment of the time until June 1.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Alleged to have stolen money to the extent of \$67 from the Walker House, where he was employed as a clerk, Jas, P. Ward, 250 Jarvis street, was arrested resterday by Acting Detective Walter McConnell of Court Street Police Station. Ward is said to have taken small sums from time to time from the cash register.

NOT STEAM PRICES.

It is not the intention of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission to pay steam prices for the 13,000 horse power which Sir Henry Drayton, power controller, has ordered the To-rento Electric Co. to turn over, ac-cording to a statement by Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission.

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ROBERTS FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Judge Winchester yesterday found John Roberts guilty on a charge of attempted murder, in an effort to get out of the clutches of the law. Roberts, who was being brought to the city hall on suspicion of having stolen furs found in his possession, doubled up complaining of cramps, but when the detective stooped down to help him, he struck him over the head with a heavy revolver, dazing him. Roberts then jumped into a passing automobile and pointing the revolver at the driver's head, ordered him to drive in the direction of Queen's Park, where he jumped out and disappeared. John Eastwood, broker, was the man who was forced to drive the prisoner. He told the court that Roberts had fired three shots thru the back window of his car at pursuers. In his defense, Roberts stated that while attempting to throw the revolver away it caught his finger and was discharged accidentally, the bullet striking his own leg. He showled a wound in an attempt to prove his statement. led a wound in an attempt to prove

Roberts, who has previous convictions registered against him, will be sentenced in two weeks' time.

MISS HELD'S CASE IS PLACED ON FILE

Miss Frieda Held's case was placed on file at the public school manage-ment committee meeting yesterday afternoon The secretary presented the letter from the East End Ratepayers' Association asking that the matter be dropped; one 'rom residents of Carlton school district, and one from 21 Carlton school teachers petitioning for a public hearing of the

charges of disloyal utterances.

Trustee C. A. B. Brown: "Can" them all.
Mrs. A. C. Courtice wanted to know

what Trustee Brown meant.

Trustee Brown: Some of the teachers should be fired.

The letters were then ordered filed, which had the appearance of closing the Held incident.

Major Richardson, a returned officer, formerly assistant principal at Howard Park avenue school, was appointed a representative on the board of entrance examiners.

In exceptional cases, the chief inspec-

the board for appointment of teachers, applicants of special merit over the usual age of appointment, during the continuance of the period of scar city of teachers caused by war-time canditions.

Making Collection of Alien
Articles Sold Before War

A collection of samples of all kinds of German and Austrian articles, as sold in Ontario before, the war is being made by the office of his majesty's trade commissioner of Toronto. There are probably many manufacturers' agents and others with and said they had had a most end who would be glad to assist the trade by placing the samples stored away and who would be glad to assist the trade of British trade by placing the samples at the disposal of the trade of British trade by placing the samples at the disposal of the trade or make age when the country had just the matter should, be addressed to P.O. Box 176, Toronto.

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Has His Artillery in Position for To-day's Drive.

Controller Sam McBride stated last might that he was all ready for the second phase of his big offensive against the department of public health which, if his plans work out, he will taunch at the board of control meeting this morning. The "zero hour" is 11 o'clock, and at that time the control will heave for the history will heave for the history. is 11 o clock, and at that time the controller will bring forth his heavy artillery in the shape of one or two complaining citizens, and commence the attack. Dr. Hastings is watchfully waiting. The controller and the doctor sat side by side at the Arena yesterday afternoon and chatted please. terday afternoon, and chatted pleasantly together.

HAS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Mrs. George Warren, 82 Westmoreland avenue, has received a letter from her son,—Pte. Roy Warren, tell-ing of another of those miraculous escapes from death which have become so numerous in the great war. Pte. Warren was "somewhere in France" when a shell exploded which killed his comrades beside him, but left him without a scratch. He was knocked five feet from where he stood and badly shaken up and gassed. He was two months in a French hospital. He was later moved to the V. A. D. Dane John Hospital at Canterbury, England, and is now probably back with a reserve battalion in France.
Pte. Warren enlisted with the 234th

when 18 years old, and left for Frances on his 20th birthday with the 124th

Fifty-Three Vacant Lots Conscripted for Gardening

Of the 145 citizens who staked claims on vacant lots for growing vegetables, 53 have had their claims passed by the assessment commission er. Fifteen have been refused because the owners of the lots intend to cultivate them themselves, while the re-mainder are still under consideration. The lots were conscripted under the Vacant Lots Cultivation Act.

SIX MONTHS FOR BIGAMY.

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LAKE SERVICE STARTS.

The Canadian Pacific Railway anounce that, weather and ices condilake steamer for this season will leave Port McNicoll for Fort William, Wednesday, May 1, followed by five sallings each week thereafter. Freight for Port Arthur, Fort William and northwest points is now being accepted for routing via Port McNicoli.

West Toronto branch of the G. W. V. A. held a successful dance and euchre at St. Julien Hall on Tuesday evening. More than 80 couples were on the floor, and 11 euchre tables were used. The women in charge of the occasion were Mrs. S. White, Mrs. G. Gustar, Mrs. W. James and Mrs. Howell.

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Sir William and Lady Hearst re-

being established where a part of the new armies would be trained for service overseas. Sir William would not discuss im-

pending government matters, but it is expected a number of important things will receive immediate atten-

REV. DR. ENDICOTT ARRIVES TOMORROW

Rev. Dr. Endicott, general secretary of the Methodist home and foreign mission board, has notified Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent, that he will arrive back in Toronto tomor-row. Rev. Dr. Endicott landed at a Pacific port and is traveling by the southern railway route. In a report on the condition of the Canadian Methodist missions in West China during the civil war which has in progress there for the past few years, Dr. Endicott says: No merely human explanation seems adequate to account for the amazing security account for the amazing security which has been theirs. Again and again I have seen the places of fierce conflict and the marks of bullets and shrapnel on our buildings, and heard the stories of fighting, looting and burning, but thruout these trying times our workers, men and women, have been the protectors rather than the protected. While carnage has raged around our mission compounds thousands of helpless people have found sanctuary within them, and large numbers of wounded, soldiers and civilians, have received succor at and civilians, have received succor at the hands of our physicians and nurses.

SOLDIER'S WIFE MAKES HOSPITAL COMPLAINT

The Riverdale branch of the G. W. V. A. is taking up the case of Mrs. Good-liffe, of 247 Greenwood avenue, who spent two months at the Toronto General Hospital, and who, altho barely able, it is said, to make ends meet, has been continually called upon by the hospital authorities to settle the bill presented by them. Mrs. Goodliffe was taken ill on Oct. 13, and she remained until Dec. 21. While ill she received word that her Six months in jail was the sentence passed upon Arthur Burns, 29 years of age, convicted on a charge of bigamy by Judge Winchester in the county criminal court yesterday. His defense was that as he had been separated from his wife for many years and had not heard of her for the last five years, assuming her dead, he felt free to marry again.

UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

No one seems able to explain why there is so much unclaimed baggage. There will be trunks, suitcases, valises, etc., sold by auction rooms, 128 King

does come."
"I call the action of the hospital people very high-handed," a member of the Riverdale branch told the reporter.
"Imagine a hospital actually taking hold

VETERANS HOLD EUCHRE.

WAR CONDITIONS CAUSE OF CHANGE

Elections to Rhodes Scholarships Are Postponed for the Present.

Further election to Rhodes scholarships has been postponed for the present by the trustees, according to an announcement received by the Ontario Department of Education yesterday. This is largely as a consequence of the new situation caused by the entry of the United States into the war. Because of that difference between American and colonial Rhodes scholars naturally ceasonial Rhodes scholars naturally ceased to exist.

This will not, however, interfere with the holding of the annual qualifying examination where qualification is not obtained thru affiliation of local universities with the University of Oxford, Thruout the past academic year the war has interfered increasingly with the operation

academic year the war has inter-fered increasingly with the operation of the scholarship system, it is stated. The trust has continued its policy of giving scholars leave of absence for the duration of the war with the right to resume or commence when the war is over, or earlier should cir-

the war is over, or earlier should circumstances make that possible. During 1916, 57 scholars were elected—25 colonials and 32 Americans.

The scholarships set free under the act of parliament canceling the German Rhodes scholarships have been allotted as follows: One to the Transvaal, one to the Orange Free State, one to Alberta and Saskatchewan, one to Kimberley and Port Elizabeth alternately. Kimberley to select the first year.

PUPIL-CARD SYSTEM WOULD PROVE COSTLY

"Three thousand dollars" was the fatal answer given by R. H. Cowley, chief inspector, to a question by Trusee C. A. B. Brown, respecting the cost of a public school pupil-card system.

The question was being discussed by the management committee of the board of education. Trustee Brown, as chairman of the finance committee,

clared that any such expenditure for establishing a card record system during the present year was negatived by the fact that no such proposed item was in the year's estimates. Trustee McTaggart was opposed to

are now giving their time and ability to the government at Ottawa in the promotion of war work in a large way." METHODIST MISSION **BOARD NEXT WEEK**

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