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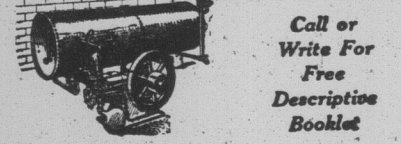
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## Canada's Trade Gained

### Eleven Million in Month

A recent special to the morning Chronicle from Ottawa, says—Canada started off the first month of the present fiscal year with a gain of nearly eleven million dollars, or 31 per cent. in the total trade as compared with the total trade for April of last year. The imports for the month totalled \$30,682,438, an increase of \$8,150,765, or about 36 per cent. as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The exports of domestic products totalled \$14,507,681, an increase of \$2,644,884, or about 22 per cent. The exports of agriculture products for the month totalled \$6,061,072, increase of a little over one and a quarter millions. The exports of manufacturers totalled \$2,380,111, an increase of \$632,011.

The present rate of increase is maintained for the rest of the year. The total trade of the Dominion will considerably pass the eight hundred million mark for the twelve months. The customs revenue for the month was \$4,883,015, an increase of \$1,094,355.

The surplus of receipts over all operating expenses on the Intercolonial Railway for the last fiscal year is announced today as \$623,000, as compared with a deficit of some \$700,000 for the preceding year, a net betterment of over a million and a quarter. The surplus is due both to improved traffic conditions on the road and to reforms inaugurated by the Minister of Railways and the Board of Management. It is confidently expected that a surplus marks the end of a long period of annual deficits, and the Government road under the present business like management will henceforth be no drain on the Federal Treasury.

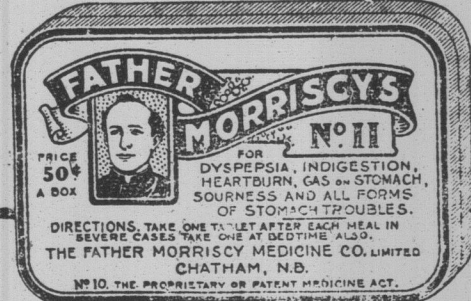
The surplus is reached under a system of bookkeeping with regard to the classification of capital and ordinary expenditures practically identical with that in vogue on all the other great railway systems of the Continent. As a matter of fact some of the items charged to revenue last year would under the regulations of the United States Intercommerce Commission have been charged to capital. Included in the expenditure charged to revenue was \$300,000 for the renewal of equipment, and \$150,000 for rail renewal. This latter item includes \$50,000 which in the Minister's Budget statement had been set aside as chargeable to capital.

The total revenue, was \$9,268,234, and the total operating expenditure \$8,645,070. The expenditure on capital account was \$1,278,409 including the items for new shops at Moncton, large additions to the rolling stock, etc.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham had intended spending a couple of months this summer going thoroughly over the whole road, but owing to the Western tour arranged by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Minister of Railways will have to postpone this inspection until a later date.

Deputy Minister Campbell and other members of the Board of Management will go over the road in a few days and will take up the question of recommending to Parliament the acquisition of certain branch lines.

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Ah! little bird so soon at rest,  
And such a little while a wing,  
Thou scarce hadst chance to quit the nest  
Nor yet a note of love to sing.  
These cold gray stones were never meant  
To see thy tiny life depart.  
The busy street its clamor lent  
To still the throbbing of my heart.

The toll and traffic of the day  
Unheeding passed the stony bed  
One atom in the mighty way  
Unnoticed here where thousands tread.

As brief thy life as of the star,  
That flashes in the midnight sky,  
For one short moment gleaming far  
And then in darkness depths to die.

Here in the dusty heartless street  
Thy little flight so soon was o'er,  
And the small voice, so low and sweet,  
Will never sound for Nature more.

The Master watched thee in thy flight  
And sighed to see thy shattered form  
Battered by a greater body's might,  
As slugs are battered by the storm.

Here, 'neath this bit of sod I lay  
Thy little bones to rest at last  
Where blades of green will point the way.

One shooting star of life has passed.  
TIMOTHY C. MURPHY,  
Police Station 4, Boston.

## The Editor's Paradise

Frederick C. Bever, a well-known Cleveland editor, told at a recent press banquet a newspaper story.

"A Median editor died," he said, and was of course, directed to ascend to the Abode of the Just. But during the ascent the editor's journalistic curiosity asserted itself, and he said: "Is it permitted to have a look at the other place?"

"Certainly," was the gracious reply and accordingly a descent to the other place was made. Here the editor found much to interest him. He scurried about and was soon lost to view. His angelic escort got worried at last and began a systematic search for his charge. He found him at last, seated before a furnace fanning himself and gazing at the people in the fire. On the door of the furnace was a plate saying, "Delinquent Subscribers."

"Come," said the angel to the editor, "we must be going."  
"You go on," the editor answered, without lifting his eyes. "I'm not counting. This is heaven enough for me."  
Lubeck Herald.

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## Jokers' Column

"Tommy, do you ever get any good marks at school?"  
"Yes, but I can't show them."

The silvery moon makes lovers swoon,  
A-gleaming o'er the waters.  
We know she is a silvery moon:  
She's made of halves and quarters.  
New York Times.

"Does your husband play cards for money?"  
"Judging from practical results," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "I should say not. But all the other men in the game do." Cleveland Leader.

A physician upon opening the door of his consultation room asked, "Who has been waiting longest?"  
"I have," spoke up the tailor. "I delivered your clothes three weeks ago." Argonaut.

"It seems to me that I have seen you before."  
"You have, my lord. I used to give your daughter singing lessons."  
"Twenty years!"—Casell's Saturday Journal.

Stern Parent—"What was going on in this room yesterday evening, Clara, when Mr. Spooner called?"  
Clara (complacently) This ring, papa, (And even the stern parent had to admit that the ring was a beauty)—London Fun.

Young Wife—Gregory, dear, what is the trouble? Worried Husband—Nothing, Millie, nothing—except that I've lost the combination of the lock on the office safe. Young Wife—Is that all, dear? Why, you can advertise for it can't you?—Chicago Tribune.

"A wise lawyer is a silent man; the fewer unnecessary questions he asks the better for him," says Secretary Root. "A little girl taught me this early in my practice. Her widowed mother came often about the settlement of her estate. Sometimes she brought her daughter, a beautiful girl of ten with red curls. One morning, after a long conference with the mother, I noticed that the child seemed uncomfortable, she evidently thought I was paying too much attention to her mother. I patted her on the head and said:

"You are a beautiful girl. Don't you want to come to my house and be my little girl?"  
"She answered very decidedly: 'No, I don't. And I don't want mother to, either.'"—The Housekeeper.

## Bound to be Saved.

Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, when he was governor, pardoned more men and boys from the prisons than any governor the state has had before or since. He came to be known as "Pardoning Bob."

There came a camp-meeting in one of the back counties, and an old man who had a bad local record was on the verge of conviction.

"Do it now," urged the evangelist. "Go forward now!"  
The old rascal hesitated.  
"Now!" shouted the evangelist. "Go forward now! The Lord will pardon your sins."

"I guess he will," sobbed the old man as he rose from his seat. "If he won't, Bob Taylor will."

## South America may Adopt Compulsory Military Service

Johannesburg, June 3.—Though not yet decided as to whether Lord Kitchener or General French will inspect the South African forces to devise a scheme of military defence, it is stated that the ideas recently suggested by the Transvaal are now being considered by the union government. This scheme amounts to compulsory service.

## Manitoba Appoints a Commission on Trade Schools.

Winnipeg, June 3.—The Manitoba government has decided to appoint a commission on technical education, and has invited representatives from the various institutions and interests of the province to sit in the body.

The following is the commission as outlined by Hon. G. Coldwell, Minister of Education; Chairman and Superintendent, D. McIntyre, of the Winnipeg school board; one representative each from Brandon and Portage La Prairie school boards, and one from Dolphin; one representative of the manufacturers' association, one from the Agricultural College, one representative each from Brandon and Portage La Prairie Trades and Labor Councils, and about six from the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, and one from the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

## Col. Roosevelt and Chamberlain Meet

London, June 3.—Theodore Roosevelt was a guest today at the country home of Col. Arthur H. Lee, where were also entertained John Burns, president of the local government board, Sir Harry Hamilton Johnson, and Capt. Robt. F. Scott, the Antarctic explorer.

The former president arrived early in the afternoon, having stopped enroute to have luncheon with Wm. Northrup McMillan. During the expedition in Africa Mr. Roosevelt stopped for several days at Mr. McMillan's African quarters on Juju ranch.

This morning Mr. Roosevelt called upon Joseph Chamberlain and the two engaged in prolonged conversation.

## Drowned While Working on Drive

Liverpool, June 2.—Samuel Robar, 21 years of age, of Greenfield, Queens' Co., was drowned this morning at the McLeod Pulp and Paper Company's boom. Robar was employed on the Harlow and Kempton drive of logs and accidentally fell into the water and disappeared under the lumber. The body was recovered after which Coroner F. K. Freeman empaneled a jury which brought in a verdict of accidental drowning.

Ottawa.—The government will consider, before long, on the report of the Militia Council, the matter of sending a contingent to the coronation of King George. There are already enquiries about the matter, and it is a composite regiment of probably six hundred men, made up of cavalry, infantry, artillery and the Northwest Mounted Police will go. If the coronation is fixed for next summer, the Premier will in all likelihood go, and at the same time attend the Imperial Conference, which will re-assemble then.

St. Johns, Nfld., June 3. With crew, boats and compass missing, the hundred ton schooner LaFrance, which left Halifax eight days ago for Bay of Islands, with a cargo of provisions drifted ashore waterlogged, nine miles west of Port Au Basque today. Tonight, after having been in small boats for two days, her crew reached Port Au Basque and told a tale of danger and privations. Six days after leaving Halifax the sailors said their vessel struck a sunken rock and rapidly filled. Believing that the craft was going down, the crew piled into the boats and rowed aimlessly about for hours, until the dense fog that prevailed lifted enough to allow them to set a course for port.

A guest at a New York hotel left a pasteboard box tied carelessly with a cord with one of the room clerks, and asked him to lay it aside until he returned. Knowing the guest to be a man of wealth the clerk took the precaution to put the box in the same deposit vault, although it was thought to contain a pair of shoes. Several hours later the guest returned for the box and opening it revealed jewels worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The rudder of the trans Atlantic Liner Olympic weighs 700 tons. This is the greatest rudder ever made.