

MARITIME CASE TO BE HEARD BY BOARD ON JAN. 5

Rail Commission Inquiry Ex-
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WRITTEN APPEALS
ALONE SUBMITTED

Sittings Will Start in Ottawa
and Extend to Toronto,
Montreal, Etc.

HEARING by the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada of complaints regarding freight rates will be begun at Ottawa on Jan. 5. Hon. H. A. McKeown, Chairman of the Board, announced last evening that individual complaints will be dealt with first and when these are cleared up the Board will proceed to matters of provincial or national importance. About 70 cases have been submitted for consideration, among them is that of the Maritime Transportation Rates Committee.

Owing to the method of procedure adopted it is expected that the inquiry will be carried out in a minimum of time. Each applicant has been required to submit his complaint in writing and the railway concerned has been asked to state its case in the same manner. Hence the board will have a concrete case ready for consideration when the hearing opens.

SITTINGS TO SHIFT.

The sitting at Ottawa will be followed by one at Montreal on Jan. 7, Windsor on Jan. 12 and 13 and Toronto on Jan. 14 and 15. These hearings will all be devoted to consideration of specific instances not necessarily involving matters of provincial moment. Further sittings will be announced and held at intervals immediately thereafter with a view of clearing up what remains of the smaller applications. The board will then deal with more important questions such as the lumber, grain and agricultural products movements, export traffic, etc.

CORNELL DOCUMENT IN.

Hon. Mr. McKeown said that a document from the Maritime Transportation Rates Committee over the signature of F. C. Cornell had been filed on Oct. 13. The impression was that this was not the complete case. He looked forward to meeting Mr. Cornell and talking matters over with him in the near future. The Maritime committee's case, along with the others, was

now being studied by the commission.

The invitation to interested parties to file their complaints had been issued in July. It had at first been hoped to have them in by August 15, but extensions had been made and submissions were being received even at the present time. In all some 70 applications had been filed. They had been received from all over the country and had come from provincial governments, civic and corporation councils, Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, firms and individuals who felt that they had a grievance arising out of freight rates. They varied from matters of national importance to questions involving the products of individual concerns. All would receive close attention.

INQUIRY DATE SET BACK.

It had been anticipated that the actual inquiry would have begun on September 15 but owing to the conditions prevailing at that time it has been deemed unwise to have the board sit then in an inquiry which would have necessitated the calling of numerous witnesses.

PROSPERITY EXPECTED.

Mr. McKeown said that a splendid feeling prevailed throughout Upper Canada and the west where the coming year was expected to be one of great prosperity. Manufacturers on every hand were looking forward to a period of great activity in the export trade.

BANDITS ALARM ERIN.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—A series of outrages by armed bandits is alarming the citizens of the Irish Free State. There have been large numbers of robberies recently, people being held up in the residential sections of Dublin and forced to hand over their valuables at the pistol point.

PITTSBURG ARE OPPOSERS ON MONTREAL ICE

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Green were the danger points. Vernon Forbes, in goal, missed only two unplayable shots.

OTTAWA VS. ST. PATS

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Ottawa and St. Pats of Toronto, took up here to night in a game which the locals will have to win, to keep on top, in case Montreal takes a fall out of Pittsburgh tonight. Cooper Smeaton and Donald Smith will handle the local game here. Ottawa and Montreal are tied for first place at present, with 12 points each. Both teams are reported to be at full strength.

STANDING N. H. L. CLUBS.

	W.	L.	Draw.	For.	Against.
Ottawa	6	1	0	28	12
Montreal	6	2	0	28	15
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	21	11
Canadians	5	3	0	16	28
New York	3	5	0	18	28
St. Pats	2	8	1	17	37
Boston	2	8	0	20	41

Waste paper has been converted into new paper for three centuries.

Medal Presented Melvin S. Small

The public school closing at North Head was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The departments were very prettily decorated with Christmas trees and Yuletide drawings, done by the pupils. A large number of visitors attended the exercises. In Miss Gallagher's department the Lieutenant-Governor's gold medal was presented to Melvin S. Small, who made the highest standing in the county of Charlotte last summer on High School Entrance. The presentation was made by R. C. Beal, secretary of school trustees.

Winners Yesterday

At the Imperial

In the Imperial Theatre's Santa Claus gift matinee contest yesterday the following were the prize winners: Wicker furniture set, May Ralph, 208 Sydney street; sewing machine, Irene Fitzpatrick, 118 Adelaide street; Dutch doll, Helen Clifford, 122 Waterloo street; steam engine, James McKay, 87 St. James street; roller skates, George St.

WAR VET EXECUTIVE MEETING IS CALLED

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Sir Richard Turner, V. C., Dominion President of the Great War Veterans' Association, has called a meeting of the Dominion Executive of the association to be held on December 29 in Ottawa. It is understood that the meeting is for consideration of the relations of the G. V. V. A. with the new organization of ex-service men, to be known as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League and in which it is proposed to merge all ex-soldier organizations in Canada. The resignation of the Dominion secretary, C. Grant MacNeill, and of the entire staff of the Dominion Command headquarters will also be up for consideration.

SALVATIONISTS' SON DROWNS; PARENTS ONCE IN MONCTON

MONCTON, Dec. 22.—A telegram received at Salvation Army headquarters here conveys the information that Eugene Ellsworth, eldest son of Commandant and Mrs. Ellsworth, of Belleville, Ont., was drowned there Saturday afternoon. Commandant and Mrs. Ellsworth spent three years in the city in charge of the Moncton Salvation Army corps and have many friends in this province.

SQUIRES AGAIN IS SEASON'S LAST SHIP

SARNIA, Ont., Dec. 22.—Once more the hand of winter has stretched out to put an end to navigation on the Great Lakes. The last steamer passed down the St. Clair on Saturday, the John F. Squires, her icy decks and sides showing her grim battle with the waters of Superior and Huron.

As she nosed her way amid floating ice in Sarnia harbor, the ships in the bay and the ferries bellowed out their salute, to which the Squires responded. The Squires is again the last ship down in 1925 as she was in 1924. Last year she was caught in the ice in Lake St. Clair for about a week. With the passing of the Squires, the Marconi station at Point Edward closed on Saturday night for the season. The Huron Battleship was removed also in the morning.

McGRAW WINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Phil McGraw, of Detroit, received the decision in a 12 round bout with Luis Vicentini, of Chile, here tonight. McGraw weighed 135 and Vicentini 132½. It was McGraw's second victory over the South American.

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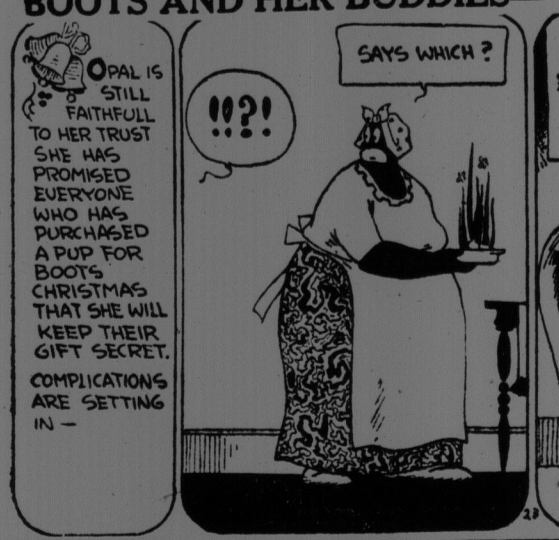
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