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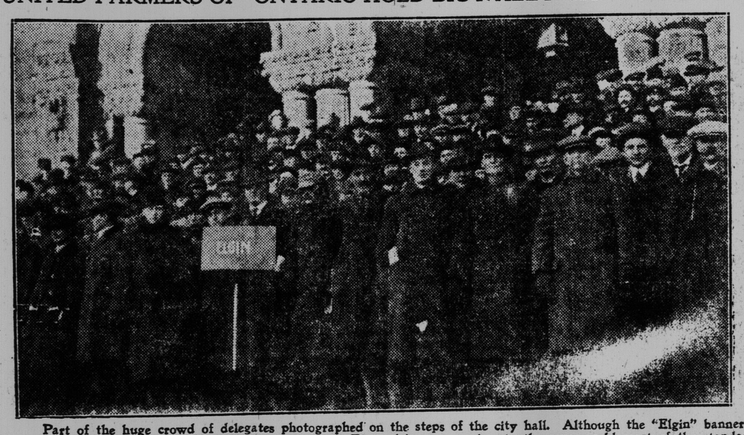
UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO HOLD BIG RALLY AT TORONTO



Part of the huge crowd of delegates photographed on the steps of the city hall. Although the "Elgin" banner is much in evidence, the men in the picture are not all Elgin delegates; owing to the severe cold most of the standard-bearers left their standards in the convention hall. The minister of education, Hon. T. H. Grant, is the third man from the right, front row.

INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYES OF COTTON MILLS

St. John Factories in It, Says Despatch from Fredericton—Woman Dies After Short Illness.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Dec. 26—Operatives of Canadian Cottons Ltd. in the cotton mill at Marysville received a most acceptable Christmas gift from the company. It took the form of a Christmas card to each notifying them that the company would insure the life of each employe for $1,000 and that the details would be arranged soon after the New Year.

This is on the basis of group insurance, which has been permitted only recently. The insurance will go into effect on Jan. 1.

Other mills operated by this company at Hamilton and Cornwall in Ontario and at Milltown and St. John are effected in the same manner.

Mrs. James A. Hughes broke an arm in a fall on Wednesday.

Laurence Connelly, aged eighty-four, died on Wednesday night in the Municipal Home. He was a well known resident of Fredericton.

Mrs. MacKenzie died last evening after an illness of several hours with acute indigestion. She was sixty-two years old and is survived by her husband, Johnson MacKenzie; three sons, William, Ralph and John, and three daughters, Amy and Florence of this city and by Mrs. Guy Ashford of Plaster Rock. Two of the sons, William and Ralph, served overseas, the latter winning the military medal.

SAY IT'S BETTER THAN GASOLINE

Successful Tests of New Motor Fuel Are Announced in New York.

New York, Dec. 26—Successful tests of a motor fuel declared to be not only more economical than gasoline but also easier on motors, were announced today by Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster-general in charge of the air mail service.

The fuel consists of thirty-eight parts of alcohol, thirty of gasoline, nineteen of bensol, 3.5 of ether and four of toluol. Ingredients making up the remaining one and one-half parts were not given.

Mail plane No. 35 was used in tests between New York and Washington. Another plane, using high test aviation gasoline, was used as a check. A saving of 3.9 gallons an hour in favor of the synthetic fuel was indicated. Economy of lubricating oil also was shown. After 125 hours in the air the two motors were torn down, and that in which the new fuel had been used was found in fine condition, with a smaller deposit of carbon.

NOTED CANADIAN ACE PASSES AWAY

Toronto, Dec. 26—Major A. E. McKeever, M. C., D. S. O., of Listowel, Ont., credited with victories over forty-five German machines in the war and one of the best known Canadian aces, died in Toronto General Hospital early this morning at the age of twenty-five, as the result of an operation on one of his legs.

Major McKeever was injured in an automobile accident at Stratford some months ago and a leg fractured. It did not knit properly and the second operation proved fatal.

LUMBERMEN'S GIFT.

The men in the lumber camps of McIntyre & Johnstone, at Rocky Gulch, Restigouche county, raised a Christmas collection of $78.75 for the Provincial Memorial Children's Home in Wright street, and it was presented this morning by Mrs. Philip McIntyre, who lives in East St. John, to Rev. W. R. Robinson.

Clemenceau Likely The Next President

French Cabinet to Resign on January 17

Alexander Millerand Has the Lead in Race for Election as Successor of "The Tiger" as President.

Paris, Dec. 26—President Poincare's successor will be elected on January 17, according to the inference generally drawn by the Parisiien Press from a statement of Premier Clemenceau, in the chamber that his cabinet would definitely resign on that date. It is also deduced from the president's declaration that he would be a candidate for the presidency, which means that he will be elected virtually without opposition.

Speculation regarding the "Tiger's" successor as head of the cabinet is consequently eclipsing discussion as to the next president of the republic. Alexander Millerand, governor of Alsace-Lorraine, seems to have a great lead, so far as predictions are concerned.

Viviana, former premier, is still mentioned among the reduced groups of the extreme left, including the radicals and socialists, but his weakness lies in the fact that he does not belong to any of the groups that composed the republican combination in the elections.

TRAFFIC HELD UP

An Accident at Fredericton Junction and One Man Hurt.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 26—A broken switch rod is said to have been responsible for No. 40, Canadian Pacific passenger train from Montreal, breaking apart and being wrecked as it entered the yard at Fredericton Junction this morning. The express car was thrown across the tracks, while the baggage car crashed into a string of freight cars standing on the siding, and a second class car was thrown into the ditch on the other side of the track, where it rolled over. The other cars stayed on the tracks.

Edward Barry, aged twenty-eight years, of Enniskillen, N. B., baggage master, was the only person badly hurt. He suffered a broken wrist and lacerations about the head, but at Victoria Hospital it was said his condition was not serious. Six Russians and two other persons, as well as a news agent, were in the second class car, which was badly demolished, but all climbed out unhurt, except for slight cuts and bruises. C. P. R. officials said they would be able to have traffic handled without much delay by utilizing some of the other tracks in the yard.

H. C. Grout, general superintendent for this division, left this morning for the Junction with a wrecking crew and work to clear the line was begun at once. Late reports said that the early train, which is due at 6.45 a. m., would be about seven and a half hours late, the second Montreal an hour and the Boston an hour and a half.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Reginald C. White and Chester W. Brown, students at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B. are visiting Mr. Brown's home, 77 Portland street. Both young men are delegates from the university to a Students' Council to be held in DesMoines, Iowa, the first week of the New Year. They will leave for the west tomorrow.

PRESENTATIONS

Several More of Interest at Christmas Time.

The employes of Campbell Brothers' axe factory each received a fine turkey with the compliments of the proprietors on Christmas eve. This custom has been in vogue for the last thirty-eight years.

Mrs. Louis A. Tapley, manageress of the Union Club, was pleasantly surprised yesterday when the employes tendered her a beautiful silver tea pot as a Christmas gift, accompanied by an appropriate address.

An event of interest during the Xmas season was the presentation of a purse of gold to Miss Clare Ward by the staff of the Marine Revenue Department. Miss Ward is the competent stenographer of the department.

The celebration of the Christmas festivities at the Protestant Orphans' Home in Britain street was materially assisted by the receipt of $50 from an anonymous donor.

To Father O'Brien

The congregation of the Sacret Heart Church at Norton on Christmas Eve remembered their pastor, Rev. Father O'Brien, by presenting to him an address and a fur coat. He was greatly surprised, but expressed his appreciation for the gift and for the kindly expressions of good-will contained in the address, which was read by James S. Byron. The presentation was made by Patrick H. Cogger. The address was as follows:

Dear Reverend Father:—

The great and happy feast of Christmas is an appropriate occasion for us, your parishioners, to offer you our sincere wishes for a long and happy life as a zealous priest of God and to express our heartfelt gratitude for the ardent zeal, untiring devotion and unfailing kindness with which you have ministered to us since we had the happiness of welcoming you to this parish.

The pious counsels with which you have enlightened our minds and made impressive our duties as a Catholic people; above all your edifying example will ever prove a potent incentive to live up to the Christlike ideals you have placed before us.

Would that we could tell you in a proper measure the depths of our veneration and gratitude, or that we could present you with a suitable recompense for all your noble kindness to us. But, feeling we are unable to do so, we raise our hearts to our bounteous Father, whose gifts are magnificent, whose reward for good works far surpasses the transient glory of earth, and ask Him to be your reward exceeding great.

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WARNING OF A GALE TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 26—A storm that may reach gale proportions tomorrow is approaching the North Atlantic coast, moving eastward from Lake Huron. The weather bureau issued the following warning today:—

"Advising southwest storm warning ordered ten a. m. Sandy Hook to Eastport. Storm of considerable intensity north of Lake Huron, moving eastward. Increasing south and southwest winds will shift to westerly by Saturday morning, probably reaching gale force. Cloudy weather, probably snow on eastern New England coast."

Was Held up on Brink of Niagara Falls

Captain Wilcox's Airplane Fell Into River and Caught at Goat Island

New York, Dec. 26—A thrilling experience by T. G. Wilcox, a former captain in the royal air force, who barely escaped being swept over Niagara Falls in a hydroplane with a dead motor, and was saved when his machine by chance stranded on Goat Island, was revealed yesterday by Major Sidney F. Parker, at the American Flying Club. He received a letter from Wilcox giving details. The two aviators recently completed a flying trip of 13,000 miles together.

Wilcox was giving a flying exhibition when a new engine failed to function properly and he landed in the river. Unable to start the motor he floated rapidly toward the edge of the falls. As the long plunge seemed inevitable, the flying boat lodged in a safe cove off Goat Island.

As Hiram Sees It

"Mrs. Hornbeam," said the Times reporter, as he surveyed the noble bird swimming in brown gravy in front of Hiram, "I have lived in anticipation of this moment ever since Thanksgiving Day. Your motherly ministrations make oases in the desert of life. I salute you."

"I might remark," said Hiram, turning one ear in the reporter's direction, "that it's me that's carvin' this fowl."

"It's noble proportions do you credit," said the reporter.

"No," stoutly asserted Hiram. "It was Hanner's feed that done it. Give her credit for what she done."

"I stand corrected," said the reporter. "But you, sir, are a philosopher. I have found you a benefactor. May your shadow never grow less."

"That'll do," said Hiram. "I'll jist put another slice or two o' this white meat on—an' Hanner'll do the rest."

"One moment," said the reporter, as Mrs. Hornbeam proceeded to do the rest. "I have only four men's appetites—you are fixing that plate for six."

"I've been countin' on havin' you here a long time," said Mrs. Hornbeam. "You haven't anything to do but eat and rest. Me an' Hiram's been talkin' about it an' we'd a-been lonesome if you hadn't come. When Hiram come home last night after haulin' a load o' firewood an' some things to a poor fam'ly down the road he said it wouldn't be like Christmas if you wasn't here today."

What could the reporter do? What but do the fullest justice to a banquet for the gods. Two hours later, as he and Hiram dozen over their cigars by an open fire, Mrs. Hornbeam, with a basket on her arm, came in to say:

"You'll excuse me for a little while, I know. I have a couple of calls to make—but I'll be back long before supper time."

The reporter suddenly awakened from his nap.

"Mrs. Hornbeam," he pleaded, "please—please postpone supper until tomorrow or the day after. I really—"

But Mrs. Hornbeam was gone.

FIVE BILLIONS IN FIVE YEARS

That Needed to Put U. S. Railroads in Order, Says a Regional Director.

Chicago, Dec. 25—Five billion dollars will be needed by the railroads of the United States for expansion, rehabilitation and improvement in the five years' period following their return to private ownership on March 1. Prominent railroad men in Chicago made this statement when informed that President Wilson had fixed a date for turning back the roads.

"The roads should spend a billion a year," said Hale Holden, regional director of the Central West, "for at least a five year period in order to provide the country with an adequate transportation machine. Extensions, improvements and additional equipment are sorely needed."

United Veterans' League.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Dominion officers of the United Veterans' League are to be elected by sealed votes at a convention to be held here on Jan. 12. Each delegate will bring a sealed envelope bearing the votes of his branch. J. H. Flynn is president.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Pressure is low over the greater portion of the northern half of the continent and highest in the Pacific states. In the western provinces the weather has been generaly mild. In Ontario it has turned mild again while in Quebec and the maritime provinces it is still cold.

Milder.

Maritime—Fair and moderately cold today. Saturday, strong south to southwest winds and milder.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today, then higher temperature and light local snow.

New England—Cloudy and warmer tonight. Saturday, fair, increasing southwest winds.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Temperatures:

Station.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest During Night.
Prince Rupert	46	44	44
Victoria	44	48	42
Kamloops	42	..	38
Calgary	38	42	30
Edmonton	30	..	24
Prince Albert	20	..	18
Winnipeg	20	38	20
White River	..	28	..
Soo	32	28	28
Toronto	31	22	22
Montreal	10	12	6
Quebec	..	12	*4
St. John	18	18	6
Halifax	22	22	18
St. John's, Nfld.	..	30	..
Detroit	30	28	24
New York	18	28	16

*Below zero.

Turnkey Arrested; Breeze at City Hall

Investigation to Be Made, Says Commissioner.

Some Criticism of Police Court Matters Develops at Meeting—Trouble Said to Have Started Over Early Session on Christmas Eve.

Some cirticism of matters about the police court developed at this morning's committee meeting of the common council, when Commissioner Jones brought up the matter of a difference between the night deskman at central station and the turnkey of the county jail which resulted in the latter being placed under arrest on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Jones said that it had been reported to him that the arrest was made on the steps of the jail while the turnkey was in charge of the jail and all the prisoners in it. He thought that an investigation should be made by an independent party. He said that he understood that the charge was that of swearing in public.

Commissioner Thornton said that an investigation would certainly be held but he was of the opinion that nothing should be done until the matter came up in the police court, which he thought would be this afternoon.

He said that so far as he knew the incident resulted from the holding of the court at a very early hour on Wednesday and that the men concerned in the case were Night Deskman Thomas and Samuel Clifford, turnkey. Thomas, he said, had made a full report of the matter.

Mr. Thornton said that there was no session of the police court this morning and there were several prisoners awaiting trial. He thought that it was a long time from Wednesday morning to Friday afternoon for the city to be without a police court sitting.

Commissioner Jones asked if the fact that Police Clerk Henderson was a sitting magistrate would not permit him to hold a court and in the discussion which followed it was remarked that the magistrate would ordinarily ask a sitting magistrate to take the court sitting and since the common council had recommended the appointment of Mr. Henderson, should the magistrate's position become vacant, this had not been done so frequently.

Commissioner Fisher raised some merriment by suggesting that the mayor take the matter up with the magistrate to see if some arrangement could be made for police court sessions while the magistrate was absent or unable to preside.

Commissioner Jones asked, "Why should poor unfortunates, arrested on drunkenness and other charges, be held in the cells for an indefinite period at the convenience of somebody."

It was decided to leave the matter over until the case came up in court Commissioner Thornton saying that an investigation would be held.

A communication from the Portland Rolling Mills, relative to taxation was read by the mayor. It was stated that by agreement made in 1901 the assessment was made on a fixed valuation of $8,000; the agreement was for ten years but the same basis of taxation had been continued until last year, when the company was taxed on $84,000. The council was asked to have the old valuation restored, on the ground that payment of the higher tax would necessitate closing down. It was decided to refer the matter to the comptroller for investigation.

ON THE TRAIL OF ANOTHER PLANET

Astronomers Believe It is 55 Times as Far from the Sun as is the Earth.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26—Prof. William H. Pickering of the Harvard astronomical observatory, who is stationed at Mandeville, Jamaica, is now engaged in a search for a planet which is supposed by astronomers to exist outside Neptune. He estimates that this undiscovered member of the solar system is some fifty-five times as far from the sun as is the earth, according to a statement made by Prof. Solon L. Bailey, acting director of the Harvard Observatory.

"Astronomers have suspected the existence of a planet outside Neptune for at least fifty years," said Professor Bailey, "and since 1877 many observers have tried to locate it. The usual method was to study the perturbations of Uranus and determine from these what must be the situation of the object which was deflecting Uranus from its course. In recent years, Professor Pickering has studied the perturbations of Neptune, as well, and he has ascertained what he believes to be the approximate position of the new planet.

"He has recently been engaged in a systematic study of photographic plates of the area of the sky in which he believes the planet to be situated at present. His method is to have telescopic photographs of a certain small section of the heavens taken at short intervals, sometimes only a day apart, and by placing the plates one on top of another to see if any of the minute points recorded on the plates seem to have moved. This is the surest method of conducting such a search. The photographs are being taken for him here at Cambridge and other observatories.

"It is expected that the planet will be in opposition to the sun this winter and therefore in a favorable position for observation. The exact date set for opposition by Professor Pickering in an estimate was December 30, 1919. It is thought that the planet will be of about the 15th magnitude, which means that it will prove to be several thousand times too faint to be seen with the naked eye."

DINNERS FOR POOR

In New York, Big Change is Seen and Few Appear for Christmas Treat.

Montreal, Dec. 26—More than 1,000 free Christmas dinners were provided in Montreal to those out of work and to the city's poor by the Holy Family branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Brewery Mission, the first supplying 840 and the latter 280.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Christmas cheer was dispensed in the usual lavish manner in the various hospitals and charitable institutions here. One of the most cheering scenes was at Pearson Hall, where the blind students manifested as much delight over the festivities as if they had their sight.

New York, Dec. 25—Christmas dinners went begging on the Bowery. Roast turkey, candy and mince pies failed to attract half as many hungry men as were served in former years. This was attributed to prevalent prosperity and prohibition.

The famous Bowery Mission served only 400 in former years at least 1,500. At Hadley's Rescue Hall less than 300 appeared for dinner. Many missions did not serve the usual Christmas repast because of the lack of applicants. The usual Christmas noon hour dinner at the McAuley Water Street Mission was postponed until night because of the lack of applicants. Not a man appeared at noon, although 400 pounds of turkey and many good things had been prepared. A few years ago it was not unusual for the mission to feed 1,500 but tonight less than 300 hungry men appeared.

NOT MUCH IN THIS FOR MEN WHO ARE STRANDED

London, Dec. 26—Replying to a question as to whether he was aware that thousands of Canadians who took their discharge in England are now stranded here and whether arrangements can be made with the Canadian government for free passage for those desiring to go home, Colonel Amery, under-secretary for the colonies, said the men had expressly waived their right to free repatriation. No doubt, special cases of hardship would receive the Canadian high commissioner's careful consideration and such should be communicated to him.

A RECORD IN TRAVEL

With so many soldiers and their dependents traveling last year at Christmas a record was established, but it was said this morning by L. R. Ross, C. N. R. terminal agent, that the holiday travel this year without the militia had set a new record. Christmas Eve was a day of bustle and animation at the Union Depot—an unusually large number of people passed through the gates. In the evening two trains had to be made up on the outside tracks because of the Boston and Montreal being so late.

FOURTEEN ARRESTS.

Fourteen prisoners were gathered in over the holiday by the police and they were to be in the police court this afternoon. No court was held this morning.

DISAPPEARS ON WAY TO ALTAR

New York Doctor Believed to Have Met with Violence—Was Radical Chaser.

Manson, Mass., Dec. 26—Dr. William Grey Vermilye of New York, a former naval surgeon of the United States navy, failed to appear for his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney of this town yesterday, and today his absence was still unexplained. Miss Keeney, who resigned as professor of Spanish at Bucknell University to marry Dr. Vermilye, was reported ill at the home of her parents.

Guests who crowded the Methodist church were dismissed by Rev. H. B. Buckingham with the word that Dr. Vermilye had not been heard from since he left a New York hotel supposedly on the way to be married.

Mr. Buckingham said he and Miss Keeney's family felt that Dr. Vermilye's absence was due to violence. The expected groom, he explained, had been engaged in federal service in rounding up radicals.

JOSEPH ROWLEY DEAD.

Joseph Rowley, one of the best known residents of St. John county, passed away at his home at Loch Lomond on Dec. 25. Mr. Rowley was born at Golden Grove and later moved to St. John, where he conducted a blacksmith business for many years at his carriage factory in Brussels street. The last few years he spent at Loch Lomond, where he will be much missed by travelers on that road. Honest and obliging he was liked by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and four sisters—Mrs. David Ramsey and Mrs. George Saunders of St. John, Mrs. H. Flanders of Amesbury and Mrs. Robt. McKinley of Cambridge, Mass. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2 p. m. Interment will be in Lakeside cemetery.

It is said that King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain will sail for South America next June

NIGHT WATCHMAN SHOT FOUR TIMES BY BURGLARS

Invasion of National Biscuit Factory in Cambridge

Drags Himself to Telephone and Summons Police—Arrests in Drug-Smuggling Case—A Reputation Regained in the War.

(Special to Times.)

Boston, Dec. 26—Unarmed, David Whitlock, night watchman in the National Biscuit Factory, Cambridge, was shot four times by a gang of burglars whom he surprised in their efforts to reach the safe in the office this morning. Bleeding from wound and unable to stand, he dragged himself to the telephone and notified the police. He said he had surprised the gang and, turning on his flashlight, ordered all "hands up." They responded with a volley and two bullets pierced his legs, another his forehead and one shattered his right arm. He fainted after telling his story. A kit of burglars' tools was found near the scene.

Arrests in Drug Case.

Startling disclosures regarding the operations of drug smugglers are expected by customs officials as a result of the arrest of three men as they were leaving the steamship Canopic yesterday. Morphine worth $2,000 was found concealed about their clothes. Two belong to the crew. More arrests are likely and it seems to be a continuance of a scheme that was thwarted a few months ago when many were locked up after narcotics of great value had been taken from a steamer.

Redeemed Himself in War.

Arthur E. Abbott of Atlantic, who two and a half years ago, it was charged, stole $15,000 from the Federal Trust Company, where he was employed as a clerk, and for whom a countrywide search was conducted, became a member of the United States Marine Corps and established a brilliant war record. Information came to light yesterday showing how he redeemed himself.

While still a fugitive from justice he enlisted in the marines under the name of William Haskell and went overseas with the Sixth regiment of marines. He was one of the forty-four men left of the famous 1,300 marines who went through the Argonne. He was in every important engagement at Toul, at Chateau Thierry, at the Marne, at Soissons. He won the Croix de Guerre and won promotion to corporal on the field. He was wounded three times. And all the time he was a fugitive.

Today he is still a member of the marine corps, a sergeant now, and serving under his rightful name, forgiven by the county of Suffolk, through its prosecutor, District-Attorney Pelletier, and by the United States war department, through the major-general commandant of the marine corps. In France Abbott received a citation from General Petain for bravery.

JAMES DALEY DEAD

For Years Was a Conductor on Government Railway.

Friends of James R. Daley, 191 Princess street, will regret to hear of his death which occurred this morning after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Daley had been poorly for some time but was able to be up and yesterday he was around as usual, but this morning about ten o'clock he passed away. Bright's Disease was the cause. He was a popular conductor on the C. N. R. having been in the services of the railway for forty years and was very much liked by his fellow workmen and all passengers on his trains. He retired from the road last June and his retirement was regretted by all who knew him. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. John Donald of Brownville Junction, Me., and Miss Ethel at home, two sisters, Mrs. Nicholson of Newfoundland and Mrs. Harry Tower of this city, and one brother, Wesley who is in the freight shed department of the C. N. R. A large circle of friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

SCANDANAVIAN AND TUNISIAN

The C. P. O. S. liner Scandinavian is due here this afternoon from Liverpool with 969 passengers, 502 cabin and 467 steerage. The cabin passengers are:—Civilians, 432; military, twenty-two; dependants, forty-three; members of ministry of shipping, five. The steerage passengers include 351 civilians, thirty-seven military and seventy-nine dependants.

The C. P. O. S. liner Tunisian is due here tomorrow from Antwerp with 425 passengers, 240 cabin and 185 steerage. The cabin passengers include 146 civilians, eighteen dependents, and seventy-six in the ministry of shipping party. The steegare passengers are made up as follows:—Civilians, sixty-three; dependants, fifty-four, and minister of shipping party, sixty-eight.

Government Railway Earnings.

Toronto, Dec. 26—Canadian National Railway gross earnings for the week ended Dec. 21 were $2,002,317, a decrease of $93,084 compared with the corresponding week of last year. The total gross earnings from Jan. 1 to date this year were $88,690,010, an increase of $10,270,830 over the total gross to the same date last year.