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C.P.R. NEWSSTANDS WILL CO-OPERATE

Taschereau Enlists Beatty's Aid in Combating Im- moral Literature

(By Gazette Staff Correspondent)

Quebec, March 10.—No let-up in the campaign against immoral literature is intended by Premier Taschereau, but rather he intends to pursue more vigorously than ever his objective of stamping out a certain class of magazine which has been selling largely in the province.

To that end, the active co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been obtained through correspondence between the Premier and E. W. Beatty, president of the company.

Mr. Taschereau has also been in correspondence with Hon. W. Major, Attorney-General of Manitoba, where a similar effort is being made, but which has been blocked by adverse judgments of the courts. The Manitoba Attorney-General finds it of interest that the Quebec Legislature intends to enact a law this session to deal with immoral literature, and believes if legislatures can pass such legislation it should be done, thereby overcoming the defects in the Criminal Code.

Mr. Taschereau wrote to Mr. Beatty under date of March 4 last, as follows:

"I have received numerous complaints in regard to the sale of immoral magazines.

"I understand that in your various stations in the province, the vendors are under the control of the Canadian Pacific.

"Legal proceedings have been taken and vendors have been condemned.

"The three magazines to which most objections have been made are: Ballyhoo, Film Fun and the Calgary Eye Opener.

"Would it not be possible for you to advise your vendors to discontinue the sale of these magazines? I am sure that your intervention in this matter would meet with the approval of all heads of families in our province."

Mr. Beatty, writing under date of March 9th, replied:

"I have your letter of the 4th instant in reference to the complaints you have received in respect to the sale of immoral magazines.

"This matter was called to our attention some weeks ago in connection with a summons issued against our news-stand attendant at Three Rivers.

"On or about March 1st we received advice from the American News Company that no further copies of Ballyhoo, Film Fun would be furnished and that we should withdraw any unsold copies on our news-stands. This was done, and we are no longer selling these magazines.

"We have not handled the Calgary Eye Opener through our news service for the past ten or fifteen years.

"We are watching very closely the character of the literature sold on our news-stands, but it is a difficult matter for us to censor the class of literature which should be handled, after it has received the approval of the Customs Department, if it is imported, while the wholesale news vendors are permitted to distribute it throughout the province. You may rest assured, however, that we will take every method open to us to prevent the sale on our news-stands of these magazines which are objectionable."