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**COAL STILL COMING SLOW.**  
Sergeant-Major G. V. Gustar, secretary of the West Toronto branch of the G. W. V. A., stated yesterday that coal was still slow in reaching its destination. More than ten days ago he had placed an order for anthracite with a local firm, and they were still unable to procure it for him. Many other West Toronto homes were in the same predicament.

**ENTERTAIN THE SOLDIERS.**  
The R. S. Williams Co. entertained a number of soldiers from the Base and College hospitals in the reception hall of their store. Among those who assisted were Ben Hakes, Mr. Lincoln, Malcolm Wood, Arthur Smedley, Miss Bernice Donner, and Misses McQuillan and Crockett.

**WILL CARRY DRAFTEES.**  
That all draftees in both the United States and Canada are to be carried by the locals of both countries was the decision arrived at by the International Union of Bricklayers and Masons at the convention recently held at Philadelphia. Business Manager John Viock for the Toronto locals stated yesterday that it would be imperative for all such men to have their policies straightened out in view of the possibility of their being called away to the east or to Britain very shortly.

**DID NOT KNOW ABOUT LIQUOR.**  
John Gorman, proprietor of the King George Hotel, West Queen street, who was recently fined \$200 in the police court for having liquor on his premises, appeared before the Ontario License Board yesterday to show cause why his license should not be cancelled. He explained to the board that the liquor had been brought into his house unknown to him, and the board decided to investigate his evidence before giving their judgment.

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**SOLDIER ORDERED OVERSEAS.**  
Pte. John Auld was ill while on furlough.

The military investigation into the case of Pte. John Auld, 218 Laughton avenue, was concluded yesterday, and Pte. Auld was instructed to return overseas as soon as possible.

Pte. Auld, who went overseas with the 25th Battalion, was sent home for ten weeks' furlough on compassionate grounds. Also the military authorities in Toronto wished to retain him as an instructor. He was ordered to return overseas on Jan. 29. That day he was taken ill and when this information was sent the military authorities, he was taken to the Base Hospital in the ambulance under arrest, as they thought he might be malingering. The investigation report stated that he was not ill-treated while there.

**THREE YEARS SENTENCE.**  
Joseph Benoit Pleads Guilty to Four Charges of Housebreaking.

Three years in Kingston Penitentiary on four charges of housebreaking, the terms to run concurrently, was the sentence meted out in the police court yesterday by Magistrate Denison to Joseph Benoit, a young French-Canadian. The latter pleaded guilty on all four charges. A score or more of similar charges are held against Benoit.

Because she insisted that she conscientiously gave her daughter's age as fifteen years, although a birth certificate recently received from England showed the girl to be fourteen, Mrs. Emma Houston was dismissed on a charge of perjury in the women's court. The charge was in connection with the Factories Act.

**ODDFELLOWSHIP PROGRESSES.**  
Annual Reports From Encampments Show Healthy State of Order.

The annual reports of the various encampments of the I.O.O.F. received by J. A. Macdonald, grand scribe of the province are now being received and the returns show great progress. Notwithstanding the present times, a great revival movement is going on in the province and the coming year promises to be one of the greatest and most successful in the history of the order. A very large proportion of the patriots are overseas, and an outstanding feature of the reports show the enormous amount of patriotic work that is being carried on by every encampment from one end of the province to the other.



### Three Victor Artists Will Appear With the Mendelssohn Choir

In the coming annual series of concerts at Massey Hall. These artists, without exception, have for several seasons been lavished with well-merited praise in many musical centres on this continent.

Owing to the beauty of voice of these artists and their knowledge and command of musical styles, the Victor Company have had them record the next five years. For a few of which we list below, and we would like you to call in and hear them.

**Lambert Murphy, Tenor—**  
50098 "The Sunshine of Your Smile"  
"Mourner's Roamin'"  
50111 "Miracle of Love."  
50196 "Evening Brings Rest and"  
"Kasimir Song."

**Wilfred Glenn, Bass—**  
17326 "Down Deep Within the Cellar"  
"Monarch of the Woods."  
18025 "Old Sexton."  
18025 "I'm a Jolly Old Rover."  
17300 "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."  
"Asleep in the Deep."

**Florence Hinkle, Soprano—**  
45064 "Comin' Thro' the Bye."  
45064 "Oh, That We Two Were"  
"Mavin'."  
45064 "Will-o'-the-Wisp."  
"Spring Song" (Well).  
60078 "From the Land of the Sky"  
"Blue Water."

### The Philadelphia Orchestra

which also co-operates with the Choir in these concerts, have recorded selections of marvellous perfection:

74500 "Midsummer Night's Dream."  
61622 "Hungarian Dance, No. 5" (Brahms).  
61703 "Hungarian Dance, No. 6" (Brahms).

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### FIFTY MILLION WAS REQUIRED BY ROAD FOR ROLLING STOCK

Canadian Northern Railway Would Need Million for Toronto Alone.

### LOOMIS-PLATTEN REPORT

W. H. Coverdale Resumes Testimony Before Arbitrators on Value of Shares.

Taking his figures from the Loomis-Platten report, W. H. Coverdale, witness, who assisted in the preparation of the report, stated when the C.N.R. arbitration proceedings resumed, that the sum of \$50,000,000 was needed to be spent on rolling stock at the prices which prevailed at that date to enable the C.N.R. to handle the road would need the expenditure of something like a million dollars in Toronto during the next five years. For shops and work at North Toronto, \$750,000; on the Ottawa line, \$375,000; and on the Toronto line, \$125,000. Justice Harris declared that the value of the railroad itself was only one element in the value of the stock and reconstruction of the road, more would be required and was the method resorted to by the engineers to obtain the physical value of the railroad.

"Suppose you had a railway valued at \$400,000,000 with no prospect of paying dividends in 20 years, how much would you pay for the stock?" asked Sir William Meredith.

"What will it do after that?" asked Pierce Butler, counsel for Mackenzie, Mann and Company.

"That has to be taken into consideration, but will the waste in 20 years?"

"No one would think of capitalizing future profits and making that the basis of the stock," declared W. N. Tilley, counsel for the Dominion Government.

Justice Harris was of the opinion that the evidence on depreciation mixed all of them up, and was not help. Mr. Butler contended that the matter of depreciation was an open question and that more would be said about that end of the matter in the future.

**Density of Traffic.**  
Mr. Coverdale produced the following list showing the density of traffic for various lines during the first year when they reached the Pacific coast: N.P.R., first year, 48,184, 172,000 tons per mile of track; second year, 156,000; third year, 177,000; fourth year, 185,000; and fifth year, 219,000. G.N.R., first year, 18,844, 212,000 tons per mile of track; second year, 21,000; third year, 21,400; fourth year, 21,400; and fifth year, 241,000. C.N.R., first year in 1916, 478,000 tons per mile of track, and second year in 1917, 483,215 tons. Mr. Coverdale also stated that the estimated surplus in 1923 would be \$4,875,000, which would give a dividend of 4.51 per cent. The estimated gross revenue for 1923, \$50,000,000; the estimated operating ratio 89; estimated operating income, \$55,200,000; and estimated interest charges, \$20,285,000. These figures were based on the assumption that \$50,000,000 would have to be spent during the next five years on improvements.

**Too Many "Ifs" in Matter.**  
"There are too many 'ifs' in this matter," declared Justice Harris. "If you can get anyone to spend this money by 1923. If not then I say you cannot earn this money."

The figures quoted above by Mr. Coverdale were taken from the Loomis-Platten report. Pierce Butler dwelt on the amount of business that he stated was "knocking at the door" of the company, and said that the improvements were necessary.

"You must remember," stated Sir William Meredith, "that public work has not done in Canada."

"The public works department of the United States is today preparing to spend millions of money," said Mr. Butler, "and the public works department of Canada can spend millions."

"Canada can look after its own public work," stated Sir William Meredith.

**Could Find the Money.**  
"If it can be shown that it is absolutely necessary for the growth of the country and the public interest, I am sure I think the government or private parties could find \$200,000,000 to carry on this work and carry on the work," declared Wallace Nesbitt, representing Mackenzie, Mann & Company, on the commission. "And any government that would not do this should not remain in power for five minutes. Transportation is the very life blood of commerce." He added that he could go to New York and raise the money now.

"Shall we adjourn now?" interposed W. N. Tilley, K.C., counsel for the Dominion Government.

Mr. Coverdale, in answer to the question put by Mr. Tilley, said his fee for the work he did in connection with the report was just over \$40,000. He was engaged by Mr. Loomis and Mr. Platten. A letter was read by Mr. Tilley from the C.N.R. addressed to Mr. Platten, asking that a report be compiled and such facts and figures as might be required were to be obtained from the company. Any help that might be required were to have their expenses paid by the C.N.R. regarding the equipment," asked Mr. Tilley.

**No Equipment Investigation.**  
"I made no investigation as to equipment whatever," answered Justice Harris.

"You have said so much more equipment is required, so you will know how in that there was," said Sir William Meredith.

"Witness said there were many other things that he did not personally inquire into, but depended on facts given by the company."

Considerable discussion took place regarding the inspection made of the property when the report was made, and Mr. Tilley made the statement

### ALTERATION PLANS ARE SATISFACTORY

Property Committee Board of Education Approves Recommendations Made.

### CONTRACTORS COMPLAIN

Work Has Been Delayed, and They Are Asking More Money.

The plans for the alterations to be made in Parkdale Collegiate were submitted to the property committee of the board of education by the superintendent of buildings at its meeting yesterday and were approved. The alterations consist chiefly of the addition of three rooms to the present building. The appropriation for this work was made several years ago, but as there was not enough land to admit of any addition to the building the matter was left over. The land has now been obtained, but it is not known as yet when the work will commence.

The resignations of two employees in the building department were accepted by the committee. Mr. E. Beatty, who has been in the service of the board of education for several years, has been offered a position with the military hospitals commission at Ottawa. He was given his salary until the end of February.

Miss A. Amick, a stenographer in the building department, was although her salary till the end of April in view of the fact that she has been in the service of the board for over 20 years.

Communications were received from J. R. Bell and James A. Philpotts, two contractors who are all present working for the board, to the effect that as their work had been delayed for some time and that the price of materials has gone up they would have to ask additional money to carry on with their work. Philpotts, who has a contract for building Ordie street school, stated that the other contractors were holding him back in his work and that he was unable to get the materials he needed. Bell is a building contractor who had been held up for the same reason and asked for an additional \$100 to be added to his contract to himself. The matter was left in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. G. W. Tupper, Dr. Caroline Brown and C. H. Bishop, the superintendent of buildings.

**Petition Against Garage.**  
A petition was received from the parents of children in Queen Victoria school asking that the garage which was to have been built on Broadview street between the school and the street be removed. The garage was erected in some other place, as there would be the danger of children being struck by men on their way to school. The question was left in the hands of the trustee Dr. Caroline Brown and the superintendent of buildings.

The transfer of the following caretakers was recommended by the superintendent of buildings and approved by the committee: R. J. Rayner, from George street school to Victoria street school; W. W. Tumford, from Ordie street school to Palmerston avenue school; A. Jennings, from Hillcrest school to Ordie street school; J. E. Carter, from Essex street school to Hillcrest school; C. Cornock, from Manning avenue school to Essex street school; F. Amos, from Heister How school to Manning avenue school; W. W. Tupper, from Sackville street school to Heister How school.

Mr. Bishop explained that there were seven of the caretakers from the schools in Toronto who were present and that the positions in three schools were just being filled temporarily. He stated that if the returning might have employment when they were discharged from the army, the committee approved a recommendation by the superintendent of buildings to have \$2500 put in this year's estimates for the purpose of providing additional domestic science and manual training equipment for one school, \$1500 for domestic science and \$1000 for manual training.

The property committee will open an additional class at the following schools and provide accommodation for students: Queen Alexandra school, Frankland, Rosedale, McMurich, Palmerston avenue, Grace street, Niagara street, Winchester street.

As St. John's Parish hall cannot be obtained to provide additional accommodation for Norway school, a sub-committee consisting of Dr. Steele, Mrs. Ada Courches, Dr. Caroline Brown and C. H. Bishop was appointed to look into the matter and, if possible, find the accommodation needed.

**DISCUSS HALIFAX RELIEF.**  
Lodge Starts Fund for Relief of Members' Dependents.

T. Hastings, P.P.G.M.; H. P. Gilbert, P.G.M.; P. Ballenri, D.P.G.M. and E. C. Schunck, P.C.S., representing the district officers of the M. I. O. O. F., have just started their annual fraternal visits to the various lodges in the Ontario district. All the lodges that have so far been visited have been found to be in a flourishing condition. The chief matter that has been taken up at those visits is the Halifax disaster. In view of the fact that the order lost a great number in the disaster, it is the intention to start a fund to relieve their dependents. The district has started the fund with the donation of \$100, and each individual lodge will be asked to contribute in proportion to its means. By these means it is hoped that grand total of approximately \$1000 will be raised.

**ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT.**  
Windsor Lodge, No. 55, S. O. E. B. S. held its annual ladies' night last evening in the S. O. E. Hall, when about 250 were present. The chair was taken by Supreme President Bro. Frater, who in a short speech spoke on the grand showing the order had made overseas, and the prominent part Lodge Windsor had played, over twenty per cent of its members being now overseas. The following artists contributed to the program: Will Spencer, Miss Hogg, J. T. Allan, Ed. die Piggott, Mrs. Edwards, and the Osborne sisters gave some Scotch dances.

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