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THE FREIGHT RATES

A Toronto despatch telling of the state of the potato market in that city says:

"Most of the potatoes coming into Toronto are from Ontario points, and while there are some shipments from New Brunswick, these are comparatively unimportant, high freight rates being a great handicap."

What applies to potatoes applies to all goods manufactured in the Maritime Provinces. The "high freight rates being a great handicap." And yet if we are to have industries in the Maritime Provinces, the local market is insignificant, and when the New Brunswick or Nova Scotia manufacturer tries to get into the larger market of the west, he is confronted with the handicap of high freight rates. In the face of this fact the people here are urged to vote for a high tariff, to penalize the local consumer for the benefit of manufacturers in the upper provinces, who find this a convenient outlet for their surplus products. Two things were promised these provinces at confederation—favorable entry into Canadian markets for their products, and the development of their ports. The ports are not developed, the government has acquired railways to American ports, and elevators there, and when we ask for a square deal in regard to freight rates we are turned down.

THE RAILWAYS

The situation of the government railways in Canada is far from hopeless, and under proper administration they may be made of immense value to the people. In September they not only paid operating expenses, but provided over half a million toward payment of interest on capital. Of course that is an insignificant sum, but not when you remember that an operating deficit of thirty millions for the calendar year was feared. The Toronto Globe says:

"The railways included in the national system at the present time are the Intercolonial, the Prince Edward Island Railway, the National Transcontinental, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern. The most serious operating losses in the past have been incurred on the Grand Trunk Pacific, which was a subsidiary of the Grand Trunk. When the Grand Trunk is included in the national system its net earnings, which begin to show up fairly well, should carry the operating deficits, and perhaps also some of the capital charges of the unfortunate G. T. P."

The August and September statements of the National Railways indicate that business has increased much more than was expected; and October should show a still more favorable condition, as the grain traffic has been heavy in the west. The National Railways are carrying almost half the grain to market this season, as compared with a very much smaller proportion last year. The Toronto Globe sees in this the hope of better things for the taxpayers, but necessarily the improvement may be slow. We quote:

"The process of rehabilitation may be slow. It will almost certainly be painful for the taxpayer. But it would be far more so were he to seek a short-cut out of the railway mess by putting on the yoke of railway monopoly and turning the National Railways over to the C. P. R. for operation. Recent declarations of policy by Mr. King and Mr. Clegg make it certain that the people's railways are to have a fair chance, and that the danger of a return to monopoly conditions in the west is past. Even Mr. Lemieux, who a few weeks ago declared that he preferred monopoly to bankruptcy, is now protesting against a project he believes to be in process of incubation by a group of financiers in Chicago, New York and Toronto, to secure for themselves the former Canadian Northern 'shorn of the incubus of debt.' Mr. Lemieux need have no fear. The taxpayers of Canada are not going to keep the debt and give away the railway. The people's railways will be operated under the new government at Ottawa for the people's benefit, not that of the financiers of Chicago, New York and Toronto."

A POLITICAL TRICK

In Ontario and presumably elsewhere an anonymous circular is being distributed in which it is said the Liberals and Progressives are for free trade, and that the welfare of soldiers and the widows and orphans of soldiers depends upon the return of the Meighen government to power. This attempt to capture the soldier vote should receive at the polls the rebuke it deserves. It is even represented that the soldiers are behind the scheme. General Oudem, who is the Liberal candidate in Vancouver, brandished the attempt to make partisan use of patriotic sentiment as it deserves when we said in a recent speech:

"One thing that has stirred me to the quick is the assertion that the Conservative party is the only party of patriots. It is not so. Patriotism is not the

exclusive property of the Tory party. Liberals and Conservatives alike shed their blood overseas. No man asked or cared what the other man was. There were thousands of splendid men over there who may have been Conservatives. But Liberals did their duty there as well as others. We will not let our opponents in this election wave the flag and by so doing take political advantage of us."

Why should the Tories drag the soldiers into a political campaign, as if members of other parties were traitors to their country? It is a political trick of which its authors should be utterly ashamed.

OIL CONFLICT AND CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

London, Nov. 5.—One danger to a final and satisfactory agreement at the oil conference in Washington lies in the present conflict of British and U. S. interests in oil questions, says a lengthy article in the London Times today.

"It may fairly be advanced," says the article, "that Great Britain is not prepared to make concessions on this vital question, the conference is likely to break down."

Southampton, Nov. 5.—Lord Riddell, newspaper proprietor, called today of the Aquatania for New York to act as general press representative for the British government at the Washington conference.

He was in charge of the British press statements issued in Paris during the peace conference and has been the mouthpiece of the government in all the important conferences held recently in England. He is one of the closest friends of Premier Lloyd George.

Washington, Nov. 5.—In a despatch to the London Daily Telegraph, Lieut. Col. Repton forecasts the plan of the American delegation to the Washington conference on limitations of armaments. "Briefly," he says, "the plan appears to discard the simple formula of a standstill in armaments, construction which would leave the present relative strengths unchanged. It is founded on a preliminary agreement between the British, American and Japanese navies, present and future."

This action in the American plan appears to be intended to be founded on budgets especially, but on all factors which constitute naval strength."

IN WALL STREET.
New York, Nov. 5.—(10:30)—Trading in stocks was again overshadowed by the demand for government bonds at the opening of today's stock market. Liberty 3 1/2-2 1/2 and 4th, 4 1/4-4 1/4 made record prices for the year. Stocks showed no decided trend, as represented by Mexican Petroleum, California Petroleum and Houston, being the strongest feature. Losses ranging from fractions to one point accompanied the small offerings on Crude Oil, Steel, Corn Products, National Biscuit and Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Further decline of the German mark to a new low record of 51 cents was without effect on other foreign exchange.

ARE SENT UP

Arthur Brimmer, charged with being drunk and having a bottle of liquor on his person, pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second. Policeman Downey testified that he had found a bottle of gin on him. A fine of \$200 was struck.

John W. Thompson, charged with creating a disturbance at 229 Duke street, pleaded not guilty. Policeman Hatt testified that he had answered a call from the house, and had found the accused making a great deal of noise, although his mother was seriously ill in the house at the time. The prisoner said he had been attacked by one Jamieson, and this was the cause of the noise. The magistrate told him he would have Mr. Jamieson brought to court, but that he thought most of the trouble he had before him were caused by Mr. Genera. The accused was remanded.

LUMBER OUTLOOK BETTER

Hartland Observer:—Among local lumber operators the prospect for the coming season has up to a recent date been rather uncertain, but of late things have been clearing up so that plans for restricted operations are now being pushed and camps are being organized. The Sayre concern will cut about three million, all under contract. Chute's have contract with the Nashwan people. The Juniper Company will cut from three to five million on their permits in the Miramichi territory. Adair Bros. will put in by the thousand, under contract with these people. Hill Bros. also have a fair winter's operation under contract. Improvement in the freight situation and the adjustment of the wage problem with the American railways employes may have a tendency to a readjustment and improvement in the operating plans of the big lumber interests in New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON PERSONALS

Gleason, Friday.
A. A. McCleskey, of Montreal, is among the guests today at the Barker House.
Mrs. A. H. Woods has gone to Boston, where she will visit friends for a few weeks.
Mrs. R. P. VanWart, of Sussex, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ford S. Smith.

WOMAN IN CLOSET BURNED TO DEATH

"I Am Innocent, as God is My Judge," Says Note, and Mystery Baffles Police—Son, 9 Discovers Tragedy.

(New York Times.)
After a head to feet, Mrs. Agnes Murphy, forty-five years old, was found yesterday in a clothes closet in her home at 20 Howard street, Newark. She died on the way to the Newark City Hospital. Last night the Newark police, unable to say whether the woman committed suicide or was murdered, admitted themselves baffled.

At noon Joseph Murphy, the nine-year-old son, came home from school for luncheon. He hurried through the alley between his home and the next house and rapped on the kitchen door. His mother was unresponsive. Finally he pushed open the door. As he did so faint rappings came to him. He saw faint wisps of smoke eddying around the kitchen.

The boy, badly frightened, entered the kitchen and stood, listening. He traced the tapping to the bedroom. When he opened the door smoke rushed out, but the boy went in and flung open a clothes closet. There was a rush of escaping smoke, and his mother, her clothing flaming, fell forward on her face.

The boy rushed from the house and onto the sidewalk, shouting for help and met his step-sister, Miss Marion Murphy. The girl, after disagreements with her stepmother, left home some time ago to live in West Orange, N. J. Joseph gasped out his story. Passerby halted, heard the boy, ran to the Murphy home and with coats extinguished the flames.

While Mrs. Murphy was on the way to the hospital the Newark police were notified and Lieutenant Gannon and Detective McCarthy, Reibold and Fallon went to the house to investigate. When they arrived, Miss Murphy turned over to them this note:

"I am innocent, as God is my judge." The stepdaughter told the police she had hurried into the bedroom, after Joseph had told her, and found the note on a table in the room. The girl said the writing was her stepmother's. Detective verified this by comparing the writing with that in other letters. Mrs. Murphy had written.

Investigating further, the detectives found that the closet in which the woman was found had no door. A push would have opened both doors. Lieutenant Gannon said he was unable to account for Mrs. Murphy's failure to push open the doors, for he said, "if she had had suicidal intent, he rapping on the door would indicate that she had changed her mind."

No motive for suicide was established, according to Lieutenant Gannon. He said neighbors declared Mrs. Murphy had never appeared to be unhappy, and, questioning her husband, William Murphy, the police found that when he went out to look for work at seven o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Murphy had appeared to be exceptionally cheerful. She was in the same happy mood when her daughters, Loreta, fourteen years old, and Agnes, seven years old, departed for school at eleven o'clock.

LATE SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived November 5.
Coastwise—Schr. Jennie T., 31, from Bellevue Cove.
Cleared November 5.
Coastwise—Stims Connors Bros., 64, for Cape Breton; Empress, 612, Macdonald, for Digby; St. Stephen; Dorothy, 49, Hill, for Walton.

MARINE NOTES

The steamer Manchester will sail tonight for Manchester with a cargo of sugar.

The steamer Manchester Brigade sailed from Montreal for Manchester via Halifax on November 1.

The steamer Chicago is due in port from Bermuda on Monday.

The steamer Erik II. is due in port tonight from Philadelphia to load a cargo of potatoes for Havana.

Canadian Fisher arrived at Kingston from Montreal on November 4. Canadian Mariner arrived at Dundee from New York on November 2.

Canadian Rancher arrived at Montreal from Mediterranean ports on November 8.

POTATOES \$1 A BARREL

Hartland Observer:—Today dealers are paying for potatoes one small dollar per barrel. For hay, \$18; oats, 50 cents; butter, 12 cents; eggs, 45 cents; live chickens 12 to 14 cents; dressed chickens 20 cents per pound. Dressed pork, 9 cents.

MURRAY'S FORECAST

Moncton Transcript:—Premier Murray of Nova Scotia says that there is only one seat in that province where the government has any hope of winning. Well, he has won often enough to be able to tell when things are coming right. His statement is significant for Murray knows a winner when he sees one.

BUILDING IN FREDERICTON.
Frederick Glenier:—It was said this morning at City Hall that there were indications already of extensive building operations in Fredericton again next year. Several contractors are already said to have about all the work lined up that they wish to undertake for the season of 1922 and indications are there will be even more houses built next year than this season. It was also said today that construction operations on some of the houses now underway would be carried on during most of the winter.

WANT A ST. JOHN TEAM

Moncton Transcript:—Arrangements are under way for a game of soccer football to be played on the M. A. A. field on Monday immediately after the rugby match. The local Societies are in hopes of having a St. John team here for the holiday.

MR. AND MRS. WM. CRUKSHANK.
LOSE NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL.
Fredericton, Nov. 5.—Mary A. Crukshank, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Crukshank, died last night, after illness of only a few days, with meningitis. She was in her ninth year. There is marked sympathy for the bereaved family, who formerly resided in St. John. Besides the parents, brothers and sisters survive.

A heavy registration of voters has taken place here this week for the federal election. Women have been registered in particularly large numbers.

HEAVY SNOW IN SOME PLACES

Central and Northern New Brunswick Get It—Wires Interfered With.

A heavy storm of snow and sleet this morning caused some interruption to the telegraph services through the province of Quebec. For some time there were only two of the C. P. R. wires working this morning west of Quebec. During the afternoon some progress was reported in the service.

Montreal, Nov. 5.—Wind and snow were widespread in Ontario and Quebec last night and early this morning. It was the first snowstorm of the season.

Fredricton, N. B., Nov. 5.—The central and northern portion of New Brunswick is having its first real snowstorm of the season today and with several inches of snow already having fallen up to noon and the storm being carried by an easterly gale there was a mid-winter appearance this afternoon.

Reports from the upper St. John river as well as the north shore indicated that the storm had been in progress all morning, while at Stanley, and other highland points there were four inches of snow at nine o'clock this morning.

LOCAL NEWS

PANTRY SALE.
The ladies of the Queen Square Methodist church are holding a pantry sale in the office of the Lansdowne House today. The arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. Fred. Bland, president of the society, and Mrs. Smith, who is general convener.

ST. VINCENT'S ALUMNAE.
St. Vincent's Alumnae held a meeting last evening and transacted business of interest and importance. They decided to take over the country store booth at the Cathedral High Tea, to adopt a milk baby and to look after Wellington ward in connection with the sale of poppies on Armistice Day. Plans were also made for a social evening in the form of a book shower for Mount Carmel Academy, Mount Pleasant.

STREET CAR REPORT.
A rumor was current about the city today that the N. B. Power Company are negotiating for the purchase of fifteen new Barney type cars. An effort was made to have this confirmed, but none of the officials could be got in touch with.

SOLD SECOND TIME.
A freckled property in Rochester street which belonged to John T. Meredith and which was sold on last Saturday for \$800 to C. P. Sanford, subject to a down payment, was offered again at Chubb's corner today with a good title. It was again bid in by Mr. Sanford, the price being \$1,500. F. L. Potts was the auctioneer.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.
Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., arrived home at noon today from New York, where he was attending a meeting of directors of the Park Union Foreigners' Banking Corporation while traveling in the States. Mr. Elkin said he found the unemployment situation apparently much worse than in Canada. He considered that an improvement in trade conditions depended largely on the outcome of the disarmament conference to be held in Washington. If an amicable agreement is reached he feels that business conditions are bound to pick up.

THE SOLDIER SPORTS.
The third issue of Verve, which came out today contains the official program for the Garrison sports to be held on Thanksgiving in the Armory. The programme gives a list of sixteen events and sixty-two entries as well as a history of the St. John Garrison Sports and Entertainment Association. It has been announced that Capt. P. M. Riving of the New Brunswick Dragoons, will give a cup to each member of the team winning the first series in the Garrison Bowling League, which will end on January 11. Those holding first place now are the C. A. S. C., who have a perfect record of wins to date.

FUNDY CHAPTER SALE AND TEA.
The G. W. V. A. rooms are very tastefully decorated for a sale and tea being held there this afternoon by the Fundy Chapter of the I. O. E. E. The supper room is decorated in red and white and geranium plants are placed about the room. The proceeds of the sale and tea are for chapter funds. The convener of the various committees are: Miss Winifred Duffy, Miss Margaret Bolton; fancy work, Miss Alice Hatch; home cooking, Mrs. Bartlett; candy, Miss P. A. Melick; tea table, Mrs. Heber Vroom, regent of the Royalist chapter, Mrs. A. L. Brooks; decorations, Miss Muriel Baird; waiting, Miss Louise Sheldon; tickets, Miss Cairns; Miss Taylor, advertising, Miss Frances Alward. The general convener for the event is Miss Alice Fairweather, regent of the chapter.

PERSONALS

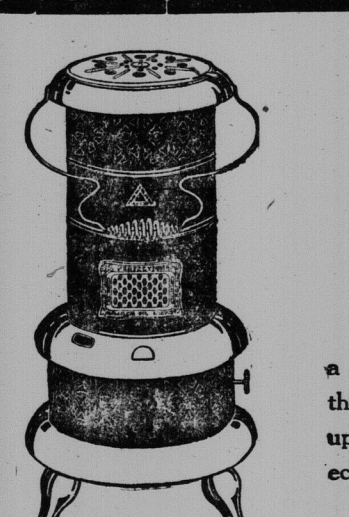
Gus Meese of Spokane, Imperial Prince of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, accompanied by Mrs. Meese, left last evening for Boston.

Miss Lillian Brody, of Gloucester Bay, is the guest of Mrs. Frank L. Garson, 204 Douglas Avenue. Miss Brody is en route to her home after a trip to Seattle, Washington, Calgary and Montreal.

Mrs. W. S. Cooper of Upper Gagetown, arrived on Friday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker and Miss Ellen Parker left here on Tuesday for Arizona and California where they will spend several months.

T. O'Brien, formerly on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, but lately of Minot, was in town on Thursday, on his way to Fort, where he has been transferred.

Has Christine McDougall of Debec, N. B., and Miss Madeline McKav of Halifax, N. S., have been designated for work among the women and girls in connection with the British Guiana mission.



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