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PROBS.—FAIR

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I.C.R. ACCOUNTS SHOW SURPLUS OF \$800,000

Success of Administration of Minister of Railways Amply Demonstrated.

THE QUESTION OF FREIGHT RATES.

Despite Criticism in Some Parts of Provinces Rates are Lower Than On Company Owned Roads—Only Local Rates Changed.

Ottawa, July 15.—The fiscal accounts of the Intercolonial Railway of Canada for the fiscal year show a net surplus of \$800,000. This is about \$100,000 less than the estimate of the Minister of Railways, when he made his annual statement in the House. Certain of the revenue accounts did not pan out quite as well as had been anticipated.

The agitation that is being raised in the lower province with reference to the new rates is not likely to result in any variation of the policy adopted by the management, and approved by the minister. It is pointed out that the changes are almost wholly in local rates which dated back years and were inaugurated at a time when local business and political conditions were big factors on the intercolonial.

Lower than Company Rates. It is claimed that there has been only a readjustment, and that the eastern province rates are now equalized with those on the line west of Lewis. Even at that they are said to be below the rates of the regular companies.

A few years ago the rolling stock of the government road was appraised at fifteen million dollars, but on checking it over it was found that the actual value was much below that.

In the meantime the surpluses have been used in buying new equipment and providing a proper appropriation for depreciation. The capital outlays have diminished proportionately.

In time it is probable that all expenditures outside of construction will be charged to revenue in which event the surpluses will disappear, so that the management will be content in making ends meet.

PICTON MAN KILLED IN A ROAD FIGHT

Neil Sutherland Started the Trouble, George McLeod Struck Him With Stick—Sutherland Dead.

Halifax, July 15.—A sad occurrence took place at Seaford, in the vicinity of River John, Pictou county today. A dispute arose between a road foreman, George McLeod, and Neil Sutherland, and a fight occurred in which Sutherland was the aggressor. After the first encounter Sutherland threw stones at McLeod, who picked up a stick and in the fight which ensued Sutherland was rendered insensible. He died shortly afterwards. McLeod, not knowing of Sutherland's death, went to Pictou looking for legal advice, and while there word of the death came. McLeod immediately gave himself up to Sheriff Harris, and is now in jail awaiting any complaint.

NEW SCHEDULE OF TIME AT RATES AT I.C.R. SHOP

Moncton, July 15.—The first class painters who were recently put on a seven-hour day by order of the I. C. R. Mechanical Department here, were yesterday offered a chance to work a full nine-hour day at second class work with second class pay. The rates of pay governing these classes of work would make their pay for the nine-hour day at second class rates about 15 1/2 cents more than for a seven-hour day at first class rates.

A meeting of the Carmen's union, to which these men belong, was held this evening, and it is understood that the men were unanimous in their decision to work the seven-hour day rather than to accept the second class work and rates for a full day.

CONTRACT LET IN "ALL RED" SCHEME

London, July 15.—It is officially announced here that a contract for over one million sterling has been signed for the construction of a railway and new harbor on the west coast of Ireland in connection with the All Red route scheme, which the Canadian government has now approved.

The railway will run from Cullinane to Black's Bay, County Mayo, which is to be the port for steamers, which will make the run to Halifax in three and a half days.

PROVIDING MILITIA WITH DRILL HALLS

Nineteen Under Contract, Tenders Called for Twenty-Five More.

ARE BEING ERRECTED BY MILITIA DEPT.

Pressing for New Ones in West Where Exorbitant Rents are Being Charged—Col. Hughes Energetic in Matter.

Ottawa, July 15.—Rapid progress is being made in equipping the militia with drill halls. Nineteen are now under contract; tenders are in and under consideration for eight more, and tenders have been called for 25 more. This makes a total of 62 centres which are being supplied at the present moment with accommodation.

These halls are all being erected by the militia department. The military authorities long have been pressing for armory accommodation, the need being especially great in small rural centres, and also in the West, where exorbitant rents are charged officers commanding small units. The public works department, having a great number of works of great magnitude to carry through, in the past showed little interest in the erection of small two company armories at \$10,000 or less each, in small places.

Yet the militia policy demanded a large number of such structures. Finally it was arranged that the militia department should erect the smaller drill halls. How energetically Col. Hughes has pushed this policy, the figures already given show.

The policy of accommodating the smaller units with cheap armories is of importance from the standpoint of mobilization, since it is possible when a company has a suitable building to store in it the full equipment which it would need if called out for active service. It needs little technical knowledge to realize the advantage of having a corps able to outfit its own local headquarters without having to requisition any other place for stores.

SPANIARDS AND MOORS IN CONFLICT

Fighting for Six Days in Vicinity of Tetuan Morocco—Many Men Killed or Wounded in Battle.

Tetuan, Morocco, July 15.—Fighting has been practically continuous in this vicinity for the past six days. On Friday a column of 15,000 Spanish troops marched into the surrounding region, where they met with a fierce reception from the Moors. After fighting all day and burning a few of the native huts, they returned to their original positions, having lost sixty killed and 150 wounded.

The hostile tribes are increasing in strength and activity and are not giving any rest to the 15,000 Spanish troops stationed here.

STARKEY WAS COMMITTED TO BE TRIED IN GAGETOWN

Preliminary Hearing in Sensational Queens County Case.

CRUELTY DROVE WOMAN TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE.

Starkey's Son Swears Both He and His Father Assaulted Mrs. Starkey—Dr. J. E. Hetherington Repeats Woman's Deathbed Statement.

Waterborough, Queens County, July 15.—Elijah Starkey of Cody's, who is charged with aggravated assault upon his wife, has been held for trial before the next sitting of the county court at Gagetown in October. The decision was reached by Squire Ainsley Smith at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing here today. The prisoner was allowed out on bail of \$2000, \$1000 of which he took himself while George Fisher and Henry Somerville, both of Cody's, went surety for \$500 each.

Henry Starkey, the prisoner's son, when called as a witness, first denied all knowledge of the assault, but later contradicted himself, admitting that both he and his father on previous occasions had assaulted the unfortunate woman.

The prisoner when brought before the court pleaded not guilty and stated that he would defend himself. During the entire afternoon he did not exhibit a sign of nervousness, with the exception of the few moments during which his son contradicted himself and admitted previous assaults upon Mrs. Starkey. He then paid more attention to the court but did not offer to interrupt or challenge the witnesses in any manner.

After pleading Starkey looked into silence and his attitude impressed those present with the opinion that he felt he would escape punishment, or that he felt justified in what he had done.

John R. Dunn represented the Crown.

The court opened at one o'clock with Squire Ainsley Smith presiding. Dr. Hetherington of Col. Hugh's island, who attended Mrs. Starkey and who received her deathbed confession, in his evidence repeated the confession to the court and told of Mrs. Starkey telling of the brutalities practiced upon her. He testified to finding bruises upon her body. Continuing, the witness spoke of the last assault and told of Mrs. Starkey confessing to taking poison.

William Simpson, a laborer on the Gambin farm, who first noticed the flames issuing from the Starkey residence, and who rescued her from the flames, was the most important witness of the afternoon. Mr. Simpson testified to seeing the house in flames and of running to the window in time to catch the unfortunate woman as she jumped from the window. A fatal stab wound was the corroborator of the statement that Starkey had shouted, "Let her stay in there, it is good enough for her."

When Henry Starkey, the prisoner's son, was asked to admit the court by denying that his father had ever assaulted Mrs. Starkey, but on being examined by the magistrate, he admitted that he knew of his father assaulting the unfortunate woman on several occasions previous to the day when she had taken poison. He also made the statement that he had assaulted Mrs. Starkey.

Mrs. Gambin, who was also present when Mrs. Starkey died, told the court a clear story of the events leading to the death of the woman, corroborating Dr. Hetherington's evidence. Mrs. Mitchell also testified along the same lines, substantiating the previous evidence in every detail.

At the conclusion, the magistrate held the prisoner for trial at the next sitting of the Queens County court, which will be held at Gagetown in October. Starkey was admitted to bail.

LOAN OF TEN MILLIONS TO ALBERTA FARMERS

Calgary Newspaper, Makes Suggestion that Dominion Government Should Tide Over Hard Times with Loan.

Calgary, July 15.—That Premier Borden should loan to the farmers of Alberta \$10,000,000 in the suggestion of the Calgary News Telegram (Conservative). The contention is made that the Dominion government enjoys an income of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from resources which by right belong to the province. The industrial and commercial life of the province is in dire need of money and the suggestion is made that the premier loan to the province the millions that would tide her over this emergency.

GREECE NAMES CONDITIONS FOR PEACE WITH BULGARIA

Territory, War Indemnity and Guarantee of Future Good Conduct Will Be Demanded Before Hostilities are Stopped—Bulgarians Still in Flight.

Bulgarian Ministry Resigns. London, July 15.—The Danoff ministry has resigned, according to a Sofia despatch to the Times.

Athens, July 15.—An authoritative statement is made regarding the conditions of peace stipulated by Greece. These are that Bulgaria shall abandon all claims to the territory occupied by the allies, that she shall pay an indemnity for the expenses of the new war, and the damage done to the inhabitants of the towns and villages burned by the Bulgarians, that she shall guarantee the lives and property of Greeks inhabiting Thrace and especially towards Dabuzits pursued by the Serbians and Greeks.

Unconfirmed reports have reached the Armenian patriarchate at Constantinople of a massacre of the Armenian population at Rodosto on the sea of Marmora. Turkish forces under Enver Bey are supposed to have occupied Rodosto yesterday.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT WILL WED DUCHESS OF FIFE

London, July 15.—The betrothal is announced of Prince Arthur of Connaught and Princess Alexandra Victoria, the Duchess of Fife, the Princess Royal, and the Princesses Alexandra and Maud were rescued in lifeboats. A few weeks later the Duke of Fife died as a result of the hardships he had endured.

London, July 16.—The British press welcomes the betrothal of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife as a most auspicious event. Prince Arthur is extremely popular, both in society and the army. He has been the king's representative at many foreign courts.

The Duchess is of a somewhat retiring disposition. She is one of the wealthiest women in England, owning about 250,000 acres.

SUES MAYOR FOR INSULTING LANGUAGE

Dispute Between Civic Head and Orangemen Because Permission to Use Town Hall Was Refused.

Sarnia, July 15.—A summons has been sworn out against Mayor Ball by James F. Cox, a well known Orangeman, a result of the dispute which arose here on Saturday last, when the Mayor refused the lodges the use of the town hall, as is customary on such occasions.

The hall and market committee gave permission for the officials to use it, and the Mayor stepped in and called a halt. Later Mr. Cox met the Mayor on the street and His Worship used insulting language to Cox so it is alleged by the plaintiff.

The case will come up in court tomorrow morning and has already aroused considerable comment. A demonstration was held here in the Main street Saturday night, when a crowd of Orangemen prevented the Mayor's auto from proceeding on the street and howled down the efforts he made to speak.

ST. JOHN MAN LOST IN CHARLOTTETOWN FIRE

Gasoline Engines, Property of L. M. Trask, partially Damaged in Blaze Which Caused \$4,000 Loss.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 15.—Tonight a large warehouse on Peake's wharf, owned by A. Fickard & Co., was badly gutted by fire, which is still burning, but which is under control. The building contained 500 bins, four cases owned by Auld Bros. One section of the building was used as a bonded warehouse in which were stored 20 gasoline engines owned by L. M. Trask, St. John's. The engines will be partially damaged. The greater quantity of the loss was saved. The loss will be about \$4,000.

CANADIAN LABOR MEN BRITISH UNIONS

LORDS TURN DOWN HOME RULE BILL

London, July 15.—A motion for the second reading of the Home Rule for Ireland bill was defeated in the House of Lords this evening by a vote of 302 to 64.

The motion of Lord Lansdowne, the leader of the opposition in the upper house, which declared "that this house declines to proceed with the consideration of the bill until it has been submitted to the judgment of the country" was adopted without a division.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT WANKEE FAD

Controller Church of Toronto Tells Municipalities Convention it Has Failed.

ALDERMEN AND BOARD OF CONTROL THE BEST

Reports Submitted to Municipalities Convention Favor This Plan Against Commission.

Saskatoon, Sask., July 15.—At this afternoon's session of the Canadian Municipalities convention, Lieutenant Governor Brown called attention to the great work which the union had undertaken and the immense possibilities that lay before such an organization.

"We feel in the West," he said, "that we have a clean sheet upon which to write but, on the other hand, we are inexperienced and are confronted by great problems."

He pointed out that all parts of the Dominion are interdependent. There could be no money stringency in any portion of the country and not in another, and hence, a convention of this nature must result in a most beneficial interchange of ideas and sympathies.

To Discourage Lobbying. Controller Church of Toronto, has given notice of a motion to the effect that the union do all in its power to discourage lobbying. He claimed that they did not get sufficient attention when they have occasion to go to their respective legislatures, or to the federal parliament.

Another notice of a resolution was given, urging that the cities be given the representation to the different legislatures and the federal parliament which their populations warranted.

Commission a Fad? "Civic developments," was the subject of the first paper presented, read by Mayor Shortt, of Edmonton. In the absence of Mayor Hocken, of Toronto, Controller Church read the former's paper on "The increasing complexity of municipal governments."

As Mayor Gray, of New Westminster, was unable to be present, Secretary Lighthall read his paper on "The report of the Royal Commission of British Columbia on municipal government."

The report favored the board of control idea as compared with the commission form of government. There were many different opinions in Ottawa regarding the most feasible system of civic government, declared Controller Hinchey, of that city, but in his opinion there was place for room for these differences. He believed the alderman board of control system was working satisfactorily in most places, and if any change was made it should be made by the people.

HALIFAX OFFICER CALLED UPON TO EXPLAIN

Ottawa, July 15.—Colonel Rutherford, the officer commanding the Sixth Division at Halifax, has been called upon for an explanation of the tendency of some of the officers of his division, both of the permanent force and the active militia, to indulge too freely in the use of liquor.

FOUND VERY LITTLE FIELD ICE IN STRAITS

Montreal, July 15.—The Elder Dempster liner Kwara, which arrived here today from Newcastle to load here for South African ports, came through the Straits of Belle Isle, and Captain Davies reported that the conditions there have greatly improved from what they were known to be only a short time ago.

Although bergs are still fairly numerous, numbering about two hundred when the Kwara came through, the field ice has practically disappeared, and the bergs are only small, none of those left being more than seventy or eighty feet in height.

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