

### CHURCH UNION BILL IN PARLIAMENT

Should be Preceded by Vote of People of Presbyterian Church

A vote of the Presbyterian church throughout Canada on the question of church union should be obtained before the Union Committee seeks to get the Enabling Bill passed at the coming session of the Dominion parliament. This was the firm stand taken at a recent meeting of the executive of the Presbyterian Church Association, Toronto branch, and a statement given to the press makes it clear that a determined effort will be put forth to compel the securing of such a mandate. Absolute confidence is expressed that if the unionists force the issue in parliament, they will find that such a vote will be required before the enactment of any legislation.

The Presbyterian Church Association, if an appearance of its representatives before Parliament is found advisable, will urge that each presbytery be considered an electoral district and that the total votes cast by all the members in all the churches in each presbytery be counted for or against organic union. It is contended that such a course would minimize the danger of factional disputes in individual churches' would permit of a

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### WANT TO MAKE TRIP TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton, Jan. 10—The New Haven, Conn. Bears, who have so far proven the strongest team on the eastern section of the U.S.A. H.A. want to make a trip to New Brunswick next week.

A wire was received here to-day by the sporting editor of the Gleaner from Stan Veno, formerly of Chatham, N.B. and one of the Bears' stars since the club was moved there from Boston, where they played as the Westminsters, endeavoring to start negotiations for games in Fredericton. Some doubt seems to exist locally as to whether or not amateur sports authorities would permit the New Haven Club to play in New Brunswick.

### The Aspirin Habit

Those ladies who are wont to rush to aspirin as a cure for headache and other ills will be gravely discomposured by the warning just uttered by a well-known doctor. The habit of taking aspirin tablets he declares, is becoming a menace to the health of the nation. Women and girls are taking the little white pills in ever increasing quantities. Bottles of them are to be found in almost every home. Chemists sell more aspirin than any other article. Nine people out of ten have become accustomed to taking the tablets for all sorts of minor ailments. It is to this belief in the harmlessness of the drug that its extraordinary popularity is mainly due. "But" declared a prominent doctor, "Aspirin is by no means harmless. It may become absolutely dangerous to a great many people." The habitual use of aspirin has grown to such an extent that women drug themselves with it now, not only when they have a headache a touch of neuralgia or a cold but merely when they feel tired or out of sorts. It is becoming common for girls who have tired themselves out at a dance to ask the waiter to get them—not a glass of champagne as in the old days, but a dose of aspirin. One of the consequences of the aspirin habit is that the more the victim becomes used to the drug the more it becomes used to him or her. The one tablet that at first stopped a headache fails eventually to produce relief and the dose has to be doubled. "It is most difficult to make people realize their danger", observed another doctor. "They do not regard themselves as 'dopers' and hardly any realize they are drugging themselves. The trouble is that danger may arise suddenly in the case of a person who has been accustomed to taking aspirin for months without any apparent ill-effect. Sometimes such a person will unexpectedly develop a condition in which aspirin may act as a serious poison. Then it shows itself in such symptoms as swelling of the face, rashes, pains and giddiness. Women and girls are far more addicted to the use of the drug than men. They should be warned that always it has the effect of prematurely ageing those who use it regularly."

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### Grain Movement Over The Canadian Pacific Railway

Sept. 1 - Dec. 12, 1923

Clickey-click, clickey-click... It is the sound of car wheels passing over the railroad tracks, and you could stand and listen to the same clickey-click for 44 hours on end if you were to watch that part of the magnificent crop of Canada grown in districts served by the Canadian Pacific railway and moved from the harvest fields by that company. Imagine, if you can, a train 881 miles long, or as far as from Winnipeg to the upper reaches of the Rocky Mountains. That is how many freight cars there would be. But cars alone cannot make a train. There are the engines, as well, and the road has kept in the neighborhood of 670 freight engines tugging grain trains east and west day and night throughout the season and in addition to these there are 171 switch engines employed at terminals. The season, be it understood, is taken as the period from the opening of the Canadian crop year, Sept. 1 to the official close of navigation with regard to shipping insurance on the Great Lakes, which falls Dec. 12.

So much for computation trains. In point of fact however, the longest train which was made up during the season consisted of 125 cars and was approximately 1 mile in length. It was operated from Saulton to Arcola, Saskatchewan, on October 6th. The weight of the train not including the engine totalled 7,946 tons, of this 5,556 tons being freight. The train handled 185,000 bushels of wheat.

Now during the season, there were 88 days on which cars could be loaded, for Sundays are excluded. During those 88 days there were trains operated on an average every 50 minutes day and night, trains carrying nothing but grain mind you, for passenger traffic and other freight business were conducted at the same time, and on uninterrupted schedules too, be it noted. These trains were on an average 45 cars long.

In all, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12, 1923, there were 1,162,232 bushels of grain moved in the Canadian Pacific Railway's more than 260,000,000 bushels of all grains the largest quantity ever reported since the inception of the road. Taking the cars loaded as more truly representative of the activities of the company in the matter of grain movement, there have been reported at 116,232 for the period, representing 169,821,184 bushels. Suppose for moment that all that grain were to be dumped into a new river' were able to flow at an average rate for water, say a mile an hour, then he who stood on the bank and had the patience to watch, might pitch his tent and picnic for three and one half days before this stream would be dried up.

A second trip into the land of imagination and one might put mountains in the background, and might make those mountains up of all the grains kernels which had been taken from the freight cars engaged in their transportation. If the grain were heaped up on acre lots of ground, there might well be three mountains, and each one of them would tower 5,000 feet into the heavens. The Canadian Pacific railway station at Lake Louise, one of the highest in the Rocky Mountains, is 5,044 feet above sea level. In the three mountains would be included oats, rye, barley, flax—all the coarse grains commonly grown in the Dominion as well as wheat, but if the latter were to be sorted out and put into mountains by itself, supposing there were still to be three mountains, then each of these would rise 4,200 feet from the ground. Banff itself is only 4,500 feet above the sea.

But after all, wheat is of little use in imaginary rivers or even mountains, however high or picturesque they may be. Let us consider what would happen if all the wheat were made into flour (leaving coarse grains aside) and kneaded up and baked into bread. If this were done there would be approximately 104,700 miles of regulation size, 16 ounce loaves, if they were placed end to end. This tremendous string of loaves would stretch back and forth across Canada, from Montreal to Vancouver 26 times. If the loaves were laid side by side and end to end, they would form a solid belt across the Dominion wider than the height of a city lamp post. Again if they were piled in a trans-Canada wall one loaf deep, the height of the wall would be 12 feet.

A particularly interesting feature of the grain movement of the present season according to company officials is the increase which had been reported in the amount of grain sent by Canadian Pacific to Vancouver for export. In all there were 5,532 cars received representing 8,087,784 bushels, or a very large percentage of the total exports from Vancouver which aggregated 8,510,956 bushels to the United Kingdom, and 80,300 mostly to South America. Last season for the corresponding period there were 3,545 cars received at Vancouver and 4,507,010 bushels exported.

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### Fewer Marriages In The Maritimes

Fewer people are assuming the responsibilities of matrimony in Canada according to vital statistics for March 1923, prepared by government officials.

Figures appearing in the report deal with all provinces except Quebec. It is shown that the number of marriages decreased 8,671 in March 1921 to 2,607 in March, 1922 and to 2,591 in March 1923. The Maritime and Prairie provinces show decreases while Ontario and British Columbia show fairly good increases.

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