

EXCHANGE MAKES KNOTTY PROBLEM FOR RAIL BOARD

Railways Question if International Issue Comes Within Commission's Jurisdiction.

COAL IMPORTERS HIT THE HARDEST

Winnipeg Grain Exchange Lays the Complaint That Starts the Hearing.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Hearing was concluded late this afternoon by the Railway Board of the complicated case arising out of the payment of railway tolls on international traffic under present adverse exchange conditions. The matter has been before the board in one way or another for several months past and there have been conferences with the railways on the subject without any solution of the problem being arrived at.

The situation from the Canadian standpoint has been accentuated since the commencement of the autumn grain movement, because of the fact that the bulk of western grain is being shipped to the United States.

As the railways collect tolls at the point of destination, this means that on a heavy movement of Canadian grain and flour, which is hauled longer distances in Canada than in the United States, payment is demanded by the railways in American currency.

It was this particular situation which led to an application made today by H. J. Symington, on behalf of the Winnipeg grain exchange for the issuance of an order by the board which would in some way correct present conditions.

During the course of the hearing today, Chief Commissioner Carvell stated that some action is necessary, but emphasized the legal difficulties involved because of the international character of the problem and the consequent lack of jurisdiction.

Mr. Carvell noted that up to the present time the board had really received more complaints from Canadian importers than from those engaged in shipping products to Canadian points. Importers of coal were particularly hard hit.

Questions Board's Right Counsel for the railways emphasized the difficulties in the way of a solution of the problem, and argued that payment should be made by the shippers in money worth one hundred cents on the dollar in both countries.

REASSURING REPORT IS ISSUED BY THE BANK OF MONTREAL

Bank Quickly Met Large Proportion of the Increased Requirements of Trade.

A striking exhibit of how the premier Bank of Canada is swinging back from the special war conditions to the care of the growing trade of the country is afforded by the annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the fiscal year to October 30th.

It will be of special interest to note that the Bank of Montreal, even in the difficult and onerous conditions well ahead towards the period of reconstruction that was inevitably to follow. As a result the Bank has been able to take care of a very large proportion of the expanding trade and commerce of the country and reports total current loans of \$223,496,472, as against \$164,182,581 last year, a gain of close to \$60,000,000. The total of the loan accounts amounts to \$265,500,001 as compared with \$196,737,867 a year ago.

On the other hand, there has been a steady reduction in the special government business which was undertaken during the war, and the holdings of Dominion and Provincial Government securities are now down to \$14,883,954, from \$62,984,256. At the same time the Canadian Municipal securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public securities, other than Canadian, have declined to \$36,749,430, compared with \$47,041,359. The total of these accounts has been reduced to \$289,146,508, down from \$337,980,853.

Every part of the statement has its interesting features. During the year the Bank made a further issue of stock and both the Capital and Reserve have been increased to \$22,000,000 each, as compared with \$20,000,000 each at the end of the previous year. A very gratifying feature is to be found in the fact that even during the special period of the past year the savings deposits of the Canadian people have continued to increase and as a result deposits bearing interest now stand at \$322,578,613, up from \$312,656,964. In consequence of the expansion enjoyed during the year the total assets of the Bank now amount to \$560,150,812 as compared with \$545,394,809.

As a result of the very much larger business handled and the increase in capital, the profits for the year show a steady gain as compared with the previous year and amounted to \$4,032,998 as compared with \$2,314,227 in the previous year. These profits, added to the balance of Profit and Loss a year ago, which amounted to \$1,312,884 and to the \$1,000,000 of premiums on new stock, brought the amount available for distribution up to \$6,346,887. There was distributed \$2,960,000 in regular dividends and a bonus of 2 per cent.; \$2,000,000 was placed to the credit of Reserve Account; \$210,000 war tax on bank note circulation and \$485,000 reserve for Bank premises. This brought the total allotments up to \$6,595,000 and left a balance to be carried forward into the new year of \$1,951,887.

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affected. They maintained that the board could not dictate the terms on which joint international traffic must move, and stated that United States railways could refuse to accept the traffic if rates were imposed which are unsatisfactory to them.

ANOTHER RAILROAD INCREASE

Auckland, Nov. 23.—In order to meet the large increase in operating expenses and in the salaries of employees, the state railways of New Zealand have increased the freight and passenger rates from 19 to 40 per cent on pre-war rates. This, it is claimed, will materially increase the cost of living in different parts of the country.

Since 1914 the net earnings of the railways have not fallen below 3 1/2 per cent and it has been the policy of the government to maintain this rate.

TURKEY GOBBLER TO DECIDE FATE OF THREE BIRDS

Solomonic Test to Settle Ownership Adopted by St. Catharines, Ont., Judge.

PAPA BIRD IS MUCH EXCITED

Newcomer's Arrival Fails to Stir Heart Strings of Alleged Mother.

St. Catharines, Nov. 23.—Can the paternal instinct of a turkey gobbler be relied on, in deciding whether a man is guilty of theft?

County Judge Campbell is faced by that interesting question among others in trying the case of Peter Bobbie, charged with the theft of three turkeys, the property of James J. Bohan.

Mrs. Bohan was driving past the Bobbie place a day or two ago and saw three turkeys in the yard which looked like three which had disappeared from her husband's farm six miles further along the road Saturday night.

Bohan came to town and laid a charge of theft against Bobbie. High Constable Boyle took the three turkeys—dandy looking birds, two gobblers and a hen—and locked them in a cell in police headquarters. There they have been ever since, gobbling and keeping the human prisoners awake nights, and incidentally running up a big bill for corn.

When Bobbie was in the Police Court Mrs. Clara Mogar, of Thorold, testified he had purchased the three turkeys from her place above Thorold Saturday night. It being very dark and there having been a lot of fog, she says she had not seen the turkeys until morning.

Visited the Yard

One of the turkeys was brought out and shown to the witness. "Yes," she said readily, "I sold them to Bobbie. I have some more like them at home—girl and boy turkey. I show you."

MONDAY TO DECIDE IF C. N. R. WORKERS WILL GO ON STRIKE

Winnipeg Sending Dozen Delegates to Toronto to Discuss Case With President.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 23.—Whether a strike vote will result from the order issued by President D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian National Railway, discharging employees from taking part in politics will be decided at a conference of representatives of the railway organizations to be held in Toronto next Monday.

H. Z. Barker, chairman of the Western Joint Committee in charge of the matter, in announcing this decision, stated that the western delegates, numbering twelve, and representing all western organizations, will leave for Toronto on Friday.

It is expected that the first action in Toronto will be to interview President Hanna and ascertain whether he still stands by his order. The men while determined to force the issue by a strike if necessary, express confidence that some amicable adjustment will be reached through the negotiations.

better go to your place and look at your turkeys," suggested the magistrate.

"All right, come along my babies need me," said the woman, starting for the door.

In the afternoon both High Constable Boyle and Police Chief Greene visited the Mogar place in Thorold, taking one of the turkeys with them. They set it down among the other turkeys in the barn yard. The mother turkey paid no attention to the newcomer, but the father turkey was plainly exercised. He ruffed his feathers and gobbled, and then he made for the young turkey, exhibiting all appearances of complete non-relationship and absolute hostility. The youngster fled squeaking.

"I guess we'd better take it back," said the High Constable.

But they decided to try another test. Mrs. Mogar got some corn and the bird ate out of her hand. "So," she cried triumphantly, "it knows me. That proves I am right."

The magistrate decided to send Bobbie for trial before the judge.



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