

MARITIME AND PACIFIC RATES TO BE REVISED

Rail Board Plans to Aid Traffic Through Dominion Ports.

LEGISLATION GIVING AUTHORITY IMPENDS

Equalization of Charges to Fullest Extent Laid Down as Policy.

OTTAWA, June 5.—The board of railway commissioners has been instructed by the government under order in council to proceed with a revision of railway freight rates. The order in council lays down that the policy of equalization of freight rates should be realized to the fullest possible extent.

The railway board is to be unfettered in its investigation except in regard to the westbound rates of grain and flour. On these two maximum established under the Crow's Nest Pass agreement is not to be exceeded.

POINTS ENJOINED

Furthermore, the railway board is directed in its investigation to have regard to the freest possible interchange of commodities between the various provinces and in particular to:

1. The claim asserted on behalf of the Maritime Provinces that they are entitled to the restoration of the rate basis which they enjoyed prior to 1919.

CANADIAN PORT TRAFFIC

2. The encouragement of the movement of traffic through Canadian ports.
3. The increased traffic westward and eastward through Pacific coast ports owing to the expansion of trade with the Orient, and to the transportation of products through the Panama Canal.

Legislation is to be introduced giving any necessary authority to the railway commission.

RULING BY COMMITTEE

The order-in-council is in the form of a ruling by the committee of the Privy Council (the cabinet) on the petition presented by the government of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba by way of appeal from the ruling of the Railway Board, which set aside the Crow's Nest Pass rates. The order relates the history of the case, the proceedings before the Supreme Court and the judgment of that court and then proceeds:

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way Company was the only company having a through line of railway extending through the prairie provinces and British Columbia, and before the creation of the board for the control of railway rates under the provisions of the railway act of 1903 and subsequent acts; and further, that the underlying purpose of the rate control inaugurated by the railway act of 1903 was to do away as far as possible with all unjust discriminations and undue preferences and to secure a fair and reasonable rate structure, which, under substantially similar circumstances and conditions would be equal in its application to all persons and localities.

LEGISLATION REQUESTED

The order in council concludes: "The committee further advise that legislation be adopted at the present session of parliament, making it clear that the provisions of the railway act of 1919 in respect of tariffs and tolls

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shall, save in the particular above mentioned, be operative notwithstanding any special acts or agreements and removing all doubts as to the validity of tariffs heretofore filed."

The Crow's Nest Pass Act, it is intimated, will still stand on the statute books. The coming legislation will, however, modify it except in regard to the rates on grain and flour, in such a way as to give the railway board authority to proceed with a complete investigation.

APPOINT COMMITTEES

The Chautauqua guarantors met yesterday afternoon and elected officers in preparation for the coming of the big tent. Those elected were as follows: President, Walter Pearce; treasurer, John MacKinnon; secretary, Rev. A. L. Tedford; advertising committee, J. H. Richardson, T. O'Brien, J. W. Flewelling; grounds committee, A. A. McIntyre and R. W. Wignmore; ticket committee, Rev. A. L. Tedford and Mrs. G. H. Brown; Mrs. E. P. Scott and E. S. Hennigar; hospitality committee, Mrs. E. P. Scott, convener. The committee discussed ways and means and also had under consideration the matter of selecting grounds, as this year the High School grounds will not be available.

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25 TABLES OF CARDS

The Nomads of Avraduka held a successful card party last evening in Temple of Honor hall, when bridge and auction 45s were played at 25 tables. The prize winners were, at bridge, first, Mrs. C. T. Green and R. Dykeman and consolation, Mrs. Shields and O. S. Dykeman; 45s, first, Mrs. T. H. Reed and Mr. Bellmont; consolation, Mrs. W. Clark and J. Garrick.

Refreshments were served under the convenship of Mrs. T. W. Perry who was assisted by Mrs. W. Colwell, Mrs. Reid Dunham, Mrs. A. R. Holden, Mrs. E. A. Westrup, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Myles Saunders, and Mrs. A. Brown. The party was very greatly enjoyed and all arrangements had been admirably made.

PRESENT PLAY.

Members of the Swastika Club of Central Methodist church, under the direction of Mrs. George Palmer, presented "His Uncle's Niece," a three-act comedy in the Sunday school hall Wednesday evening.

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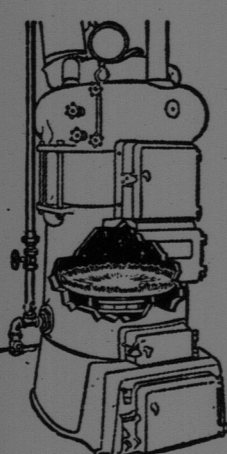
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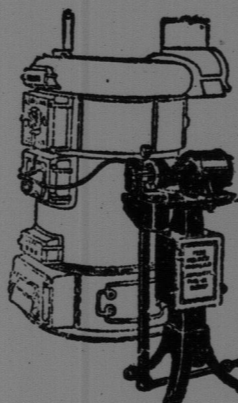
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