

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS IS APPOINTED AS RECEIVER OF GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Acting Prime Minister Announces that Order in Council is Passed to Ensure Continued Operation of Line.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY OF WAR MEASURES ACT

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authority of the War Measures Act, 1914, and of all other authority in that behalf, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. In this order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(a) "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System" means and includes (1) the lines of railway and their appurtenances and the undertaking and works of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and of the Grand Trunk Pacific Saskatchewan Railway Company, (2) the lines of telegraph and other appurtenances and the undertaking and works of the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company, (3) the steamships, vessels and their appurtenances and the undertaking and works of the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamships Company, (4) the properties, hotels, and appurtenances and the undertaking and works of the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company.

(b) "Officers" means and includes directors, president, vice-presidents, managers, secretary, treasurer, clerks, servants and employees.

(c) "Books and papers" means and includes books of accounts or of entries relating to the business or operation or maintenance of the said lines of railway or telegraph or steamships, vessels, hotels, properties or works, or any of them or any part thereof also records, statements and documents relating to such business operation, or maintenance or any part thereof.

(d) "Exchequer Court" means the Exchequer Court of Canada.

(e) The singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular, the male gender includes the female, and the female the male.

(f) "Person" includes corporation.

(g) "Government Receiver" means the receiver appointed by this order.

2. The Minister of Railways and Canals is hereby appointed receiver of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, and such receiver shall have and exercise with respect to the said system and every part thereof and to the companies included therein, powers and duties similar to those of a receiver under section 26 of the Exchequer Court Act.

3. On the application of the government receiver the Exchequer Court of Canada may make such orders respecting such receiver and his powers and duties and the carrying out thereof including the issue of receiver's certificates, as the court may deem necessary or expedient in the public interest.

4. Subsections 5 and 6 of section 26 of the said Act shall apply to the government receiver and to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System and every part thereof and to the companies included therein except that no remuneration of the receiver shall be fixed by the court.

5. The government receiver may, on or after the 10th day of March 1919, or on such earlier day as the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, or any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System may cease to operate efficiently its undertaking and works, or any portion thereof, take possession of such undertaking and works, and the Exchequer Court may from time to time make and enforce such orders in aid of the government receiver with respect to taking of such possession or otherwise as the court may deem expedient for the carrying out of the provisions of this order according to their true spirit and meaning.

6. Each company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System and its officers shall facilitate the carrying out of the powers and duties of the government receiver, and all books and

papers, real or personal property of each of the said companies, in its possession or under its control or the control of its officers or any of them, shall without delay be handed over to the said receiver or his nominees or placed under his control in such manner as he may direct.

7. Any officer of the company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, who obstructs the government receiver in carrying out his powers and duties, or fails to hand over to him or his nominees, or to place under his control, any book or paper, real or personal property in accordance with the foregoing provisions, shall incur a penalty for each breach of said provisions of the amount hereinafter stated, viz., in the case of a president, a vice-president or a director, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); in the case of a manager, with the authority of or similar to that of a general manager or of one acting for or assisting a general manager, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); in the case of a secretary or of a treasurer, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); in the case of any clerk, servant or employee, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

8. Any penalty incurred under the foregoing provisions may be sued for and recovered, with costs, in the Exchequer Court, by suit or proceeding in such court instituted by the Attorney General of Canada.

9. Nothing in this order contained, and nothing done or to be done under the authority hereof, shall render the Government of Canada or the government receiver, or anyone acting under the authority of the government receiver, or of the Exchequer Court, liable to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, or to any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, or to any creditor, or holder of any bonds, debentures, debenture stock or other securities of the said companies, or any of them, for any claim by reason of the making of this order, or of anything done or to be done under the authority hereof, or under the authority of the government receiver or of the Exchequer Court, nor shall afford any defence to, nor shall prejudice any claim, action, or proceeding of the Government of Canada which the Government might lawfully make or take, had this order not been made.

10. All officers except the board of directors of any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System shall continue to discharge for the government receiver, till further orders or directions by him, duties in connection with the operation and management of the undertakings and works of any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, similar to their present duties, so that no interruption in the operation and management thereof may occur.

11. Nothing herein contained or done, or to be done hereunder shall prejudice the exercise by the Exchequer Court or by any court of any province of Canada of its present jurisdiction under the Exchequer Court Act, or under any other law or jurisdiction, to appoint a receiver or to order or decree a sale or foreclosure of any railway, or section thereof, or other property affected by this order; provided that before any such sale or foreclosure is ordered or decreed or any receiver is appointed by any such court, notice of the application shall be given to the Minister of Railways and Canals of Canada, and he, or counsel for him shall be heard upon the application; and the court in granting or refusing or postponing the application, shall take into consideration the public interests involved, and shall make such order as shall in the opinion of the court protect the public interests.

12. The Minister of Railways and Canals mentioned in this order means

the Minister for the time being, and upon a vacancy occurring his successor shall become the government receiver. The powers and duties of the government receiver may be exercised by such member of the Government as may from time to time be the acting Minister of Railways and Canals.

13. Should it be made to appear to the government receiver that any book or paper is or has been used for the purposes of the operations of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, as well as the operations of any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, and that for such reason the same should not be handed over to the receiver or placed under his exclusive control, the government receiver may, on such terms and conditions as he may deem necessary, allow the joint use of same to be continued. The government receiver may open such books and accounts as in his opinion may be necessary, to separate and transfer from any such book or paper, jointly used, accounts and entries relating to any of the companies included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System, and may so separate and transfer the same; and the said receiver shall keep the accounts of his receipts, expenses and disbursements in connection with each of the companies included in the said system, and their works, undertakings and properties, or parts thereof, in such manner that one may be distinguished from another, and that the interests of the various parties interested therein may be ascertained.

14. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, under the order of the Exchequer Court, and upon the security of receiver's certificates, or otherwise, advance to the government receiver such sums as may be required to enable him to exercise his powers, and to perform his duties as receiver; the sums so advanced shall be paid out of any unappropriated monies in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

15. No transfer of any shares in the capital stock of any company included in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System shall after the appointment of the government receiver, be made, and no such transfer shall be entered on any register or transfer book. Any transfer contrary to this provision shall be null and void; provided that the government receiver may, on the application of any person interested, or of his own motion, permit any transfer to be made or completed.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

ST. JOHN COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DISSOLVED

The Committee of Public Safety at St. John, established during the war, is dissolved by the following Order in Council passed on March 5th:—

His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Militia and Defence, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Committee of Public Safety, which was established at St. John, N.B., by the Order in Council of the 23rd February, 1918 (P.C. 415), shall be and the same is hereby dissolved, and the services of this committee being no longer required in connection with the defence of St. John harbour.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS FOR BELGIUM

The Post Office Department announces that the exchange of Post Office money orders with Belgium, which was suspended in August, 1914, has been resumed, and Post Office money orders may now be obtained for payment in that country as formerly.

25 cents buys a Thrift Stamp.

PENSIONS STILL WAITING.

There are many additional names of soldiers by whom pensions might be claimed. The numbers given with each name should be quoted in replying to the Board of Pensions Commissioners at Ottawa. The Board has issued the following list of last known addresses of claimants who cannot be traced:—

Pte. James Stark, 31st Bn. (50616).
Pte. John Whistlecraft, P.P.C.L.I. (11183).
Spr. James McGugan, Eng. Training Depot (58995).
Pte. Edwin Grace, 38th Bn. (19358).
Pte. James Eaton, 6th Bn. C.G.R. (4906G).
Pte. Thomas Harrigan, 14th Bn. (38967).
Cpl. William Manser, Welland Canal Force (43390).
Pte. H. Pearce, 28th Bn. (11023).
Pte. Wilfred Kirk, No. 2 District Depot (58370).
Pte. Joseph Fisher, No. 12 District Depot (47558).
Pte. John Stevens, No. 1 District Depot (55261).
Spr. John Sainio, No. 1 District Depot (59689).
Pte. Victor Wickett, 78th Bn. (57909).
Pte. H. Bough, 20th Bn. (56174).
Pte. Gordon High, 43rd Bn. (19987).
Pte. Thomas Morgan, 6th Bn. C.G.R. (4647G).
Pte. Jean Caron, No. 4 District Depot (4672G).
Pte. J. Chincharuk, 4th C.G.R. (52751).
Cpl. Harry Jonnop, 75th Bn. (28556).
Pte. Sam Afremsky, 2nd Depot Bn. (59188).
Sgt. R. Truach, 49th Bn. (56063).
Sgt. A. McTavish, C.R.T. Depot (56578).
Pte. William Eriscoe, 75th Bn. (49153).
Pte. Joseph Coward, 24th Bn. (59189).
Spr. W. White, 64th Bn. (59431).
Pte. William Soles, No. 3 Special Service Co. (30192).
Pte. H. Williams, No. 4 District Depot (57131).
Pte. Edward Solomon, No. 2 District Depot (47593).
Pte. Albert Angel, 258th Bn. (58612).
Pte. Lewis Gabel, C.A.S.C., T.D. (3603).
Pte. James Galvia, 4th C.G.R. (4829G).
Pte. Angus Ross, 53rd Bn. (58464).
Pte. Jerry Peltier, 226th Bn. (58260).

SOLDIERS OVERSEAS ASK LAND RESERVE

Representations have been made by many of the soldiers who are still overseas and are anxious to participate in the benefits of the Soldier Settlement Act that specially valuable Crown lands be held in reserve until the army is completely demobilized. These men are petitioning the Government to delay settlement on these lands until they have an opportunity of making claims.

The lands in question include those in reserve or under lease or otherwise.

Mill Capacity Wasted.

According to an estimate in a bulletin on the subject of the forest resources of British Columbia, to be issued shortly by the Commission of Conservation, the sawmills of that province have a capacity of cutting 2,555 million feet of lumber annually. It is pointed out that as the yearly cut of lumber in the province was never more than 1,157 million board feet, more than half the sawmill capacity is wasted.

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