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SHIPMAN FILM AWAY TO FLYING START, SAYS J. M. WOODMAN

General Superintendent of C. P. R. Brings Good News For Backers of the New Brunswick Films.

An independent survey of the way the most recent Shipman motion picture productions have shaped up has been brought back from Upper Canada by Mr. J. M. Woodman, General Superintendent of the C. P. R. at St. John. Mr. Woodman told an interviewer that what he had investigated led him to believe still greater success would attend the production now under way by The New Brunswick Films Ltd.

"A week ago," he said, "a private view of The Man From Glengarry, just completed at Ottawa and shown before a group of film distributors in New York, resulted in bookings that brought in advance royalties of $125,000. The picture cost $67,000 and is due for a good five years' run. First work began May 5 and here are the first market results. In consequence the stock in the Ottawa company has jumped up 25 points, selling at 125. And now they have gone ahead with another picture, Glengarry School Days. The old costumes and equipment that suit it also have cut the cost down to $40,000 at the outside. Not all the bills are in, but the secretary of the board of trade got me all the files and they show total expenses will prove a big saving over the first picture. So you may say the first picture's initial results brought in enough cash to more than pay back the full capital invested on top of paying for a second production.

"The financial house which underwrote the stock left after Mr. Shipman had taken $35,000 worth, the same as here, let me look at their sales records and the high price paid for shares.

"Mr. Murray Gibbon, General Publicity Agent for the C. P. R., and President of the Canadian Authors' Association, told me he had known Mr. Shipman for many years, first as a theatrical and later as a motion picture man, and he has a great admiration and respect for him. He declared Shipman is able to get the very best talent available, and is the one man to make a success of moving pictures in Canada. The profits on the last picture alone should make him a wealthy man, quite apart from what he has and is making elsewhere. He has been proven to be a square-dealing man throughout his career by every inquiry and experience, and he has always delivered the goods.

"While in Ottawa," stated Mr. Woodman, "I took occasion to scrutinize the contract Shipman made with the local company. It lived up to our knowledge as being similar to our own and is if anything, to my mind, not so good as ours. The Ottawa company was capitalized at $150,000 and The New Brunswick Films Limited at $99,000, so we seem better fixed for financing—I mean in regard to having fewer folks to share up. I visited the organization at work and found all of them a fine type of men and hustlers who don't spend more than they ought. Everybody has the one word for Shipman and that is that dealings through his technical staffs and himself have been flawlessly satisfactory.

"My observation went farther than I have told you and convinced me that we here have an even better opportunity as regards distinction of setting. We are assured of a big success—of what amount you cannot tell."

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Not only will St. John be well represented in this pilgrimage but other parts of the maritime provinces are sending small delegations, as Adila Temple is the only branch of the D. O. K. K. order in the maritime provinces. Up to last night the following persons had enlisted with Secretary H. M. Akerley for the journey:

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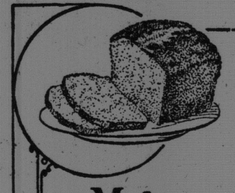

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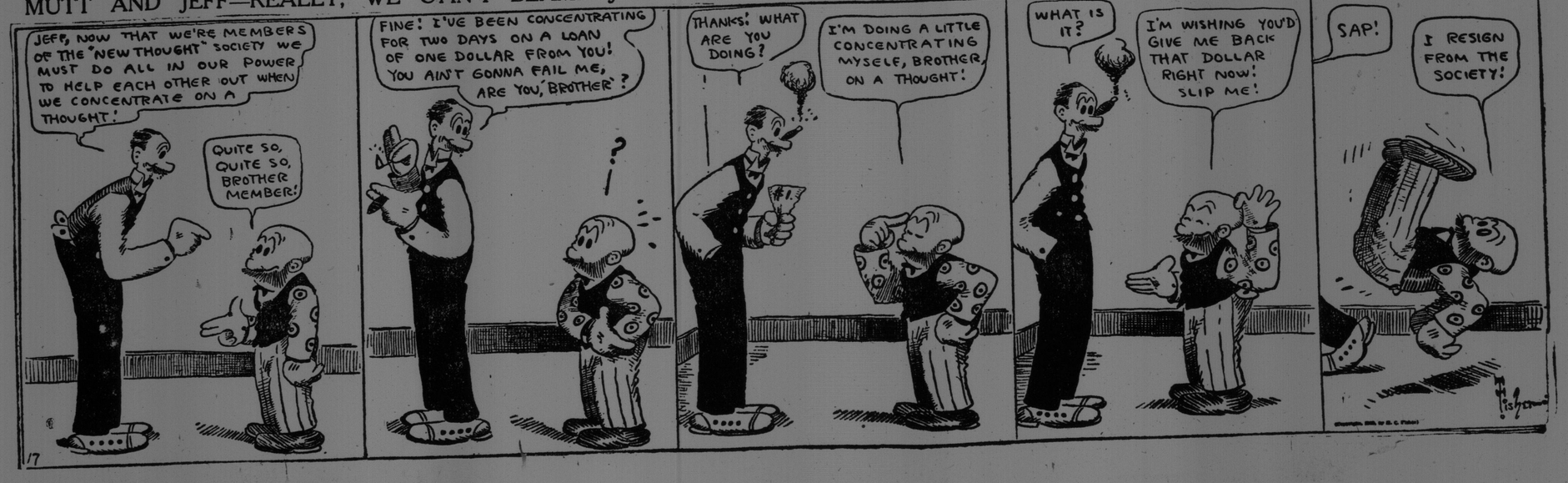
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