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RAILWAYS EARN 32 PEOPLE LOST BIG RETURNS WHEN STEAMER FOUNDERED

Figures Presented by the Government in Western Rates Inquiry Showed Operating Expenses of C. P. R. Lighter and Earnings Larger Than in the East.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press).—Presenting statements which showed that whereas operating expenses on western divisions of the C.P.R., except for the mountainous section of British Columbia, were lower than those on many of the eastern divisions, the average earnings per mile in the west were higher, the government this afternoon commenced the presentation of its case in the western freight rates enquiry which has now resumed before the railway commission.

The afternoon was mainly taken up with the presentation of these statements and the examination of a C.P.R. witness as to the methods used of arriving at the information therein contained. It was urged that whereas in the present hearing the railways had not furnished certain information as to expense distribution between passenger and freight, they had themselves completed it in the Vancouver rate case some time ago, and they were now questioning its value.

W. H. Whittle, K.C., commenced the government case by reading a statement containing returns produced by the C.P.R. pursuant to the request of the government council. These returns dealt with such matters as the average tons of revenue freight per loaded car mile, average distance of each ton of revenue freight hauled, divisional and other earnings, land sales, operating expenses, etc.

Operating Revenue.

Among the matters on which Mr. Whittle laid particular stress were the total operating revenue for the different divisions since 1907.

Calculated per train mile the statement indicated that the Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia divisions earned the largest amounts per train mile. This was also largely true of freight revenues.

As regards operating expenses per mile of line, however, the eastern and Ontario divisions were higher than any of the western sections except the British Columbia division.

The figures were as follows:

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Rosecrans, Oil Tank Boat, Ran Aground and Captain and All but Four of Crew Perished—Steamer Was an Ill-Starred One, Having Had Several Mishaps.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 7.—(Canadian Press).—The oil tank steamer Rosecrans, Capt. L. P. Johnson, from Monterey, Cal., for Portland, Ore., ran aground early today on Peacock Spit, while crossing into the Columbia River during a 45-mile gale, and was lost with 31 members of her crew of 35.

One survivor of the wreck was reported tonight to have reached shore at Tioga, Wash., six miles from the scene of the disaster, and the Point Adams Life Saving crew which, with the life crew from Fort Canby, had been at work since early morning, rescued three other men late today. The latter had taken refuge in the rigging of one of the masts when the ship went down. For many hours they clung there, the waves breaking over them repeatedly. Late today the wind died down somewhat and the life savers were enabled to reach them. Two of the men were taken from their perch, while the third, who had leaped into the sea when the lifeboat was overturned, was rescued from the water.

CRAFT OF ILL-OMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press).—Trouble perched on the forehead of the Rosecrans when she was launched as the Methven Castle in Glasgow 29 years ago, and never left her. Capt. L. P. Johnson, her master, and 30 sailors went down with her today after three weeks within a year, for none of which he was responsible. On an early voyage, Carey, one of the Phoenix Park murderers, who betrayed his confederates in the assassination at Dublin of Lord Charles Frederick Cavendish and Thos. Burke, was tracked half round the world to Cape Town, South Africa, and shot down on her decks by O'Donnell.

For a time she did duty as an American army transport, but the government was dissatisfied with her and sold her. Scooped out and converted into a tanker, she became more actively unfortunate.

On March 12, 1912, after fighting a terrible gale all night, she grew unmanageable and was tossed broadside on the rocks 20 miles north of Santa Barbara. The ship's carpenter and a quartermaster were washed overboard and drowned.

Last Fatal Plunge.

With a hole 25 feet wide in her plates and spiked firmly on the rocks the Rosecrans was given up for lost, but the weather moderated and it was seen she could be saved. Patched up and put to work again, the steamer caught fire five months later while taking on oil at Gaviota and burned to the water's edge.

The names of the sailors may never be known.

Imperial Conference Not Urgent

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(C. A. P.).—Premier Borden's statement to the effect that the Imperial Government and leaders of the opposition had accepted the principle that the overseas dominions should be entitled to a share in the direction of the imperial policy, was raised by Duncan Pirrie in the commons today, when he asked Premier Asquith whether, in view of the desirability of obtaining a settlement by the consent of constitutional changes involved by the Home Rule bill, the government would summon a conference. Premier Asquith feared that the proposal made by his honorable friend would not be practicable.

Pirrie asked further whether he was aware Premier Borden had said that this was a question which most closely affected the future destiny of the empire, and that, however difficult the task might be, it was not the part of wisdom or statesmanship to evade it?

Premier Asquith: "I entirely agree with that. Pirrie: 'Is it not then the clear duty of the government to undertake this step?'"

"Not this particular step, at this particular moment," replied the premier. "No question requires more careful consideration."

HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION HAD GOOD SURPLUS FOR YEAR

After Paying Interest and Maintenance Charges, Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars Remains to the Credit of the System—Annual Financial Statement is Issued.

The soundness of the Ontario Government's hydro-electric policy as a business proposition for the people of the province is strikingly evidenced by the figures set forth in the commission's financial statement for the past year, issued yesterday, pending the publication of the annual report, which has been delayed on the press.

During the past year the entering power of the present gradually enlarging system has shown a corresponding increase, and the commission reports a surplus of \$55,000 after paying operating expenses, cost of maintenance and interest on bonds and sinking the system have been charged to capital account, which now amounts to \$4,158,829.24.

Following is a summary of the statement on the commission's finances for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1912:

Table with columns: Expenditures, Receipts, Reserve, and Surplus. Rows include First quarter, Second quarter, Third quarter, Fourth quarter, and Total.

Summary of the capital cost of the Niagara system to Oct. 31, 1912: Right of way, \$542,085.85; Transmission lines: Steel tower lines, \$1,537,977.72; wood pole lines, \$498,037.99; telephone lines, \$129,666.95; relay system, \$45,387.25; conduit and cable system, \$40,907.88; total, \$2,256,129.86.

Transformer stations, \$1,322,808.73; distributing stations, \$37,898.0.

Grand total, \$4,158,829.24.

WOMEN CALLED TO MILITARY CONFERENCE

Hon. Sam Hughes Sends Out Invitations to Various Organizations Interested in the Cadet Movement and Other Activities—Means New Note in Deliberations.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(Special).—Col. Sam Hughes, purposed introducing a new element into military movements. Col. Hughes has expressed his desire that at his coming militia conference in February, representatives of various women's associations shall be present to give their opinions as to various phases of military work.

To this end, the minister of militia has issued invitations to branches of the W.G.C.A., The Daughters of the Empire, and several other women's organizations, to send representatives to the conference.

Col. Hughes specially desires that the fair sex will be heard with regard to the question of the Currier Memorial and more especially with regard to the cadet movement, for the success of which the minister realizes, that Canada's mothers, sisters and daughters hold a somewhat strong and influential voice.

It is expected, therefore, that the presence of several representatives of such organizations as have been mentioned, will add a new feature to the coming militia conference, and will supply a new note in the military deliberations.

WHEN TURK MEETS BULGAR.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press).—Nasim Pasha, the minister of war, and Noradunghlan Effendi, minister of foreign affairs, went today by special train to meet the Bulgarian commander-in-chief, Gen. Saroff. They returned to Constantinople this evening. The object of the meeting has not been divulged.

WESTERN COLD WAVE PASSING.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 7.—(Canadian Press).—With slowly rising temperatures reported from all over Colorado, it is believed that the cold wave which has prevailed over the Rocky Mountain region has passed its crisis. Today the mercury touched zero, for the first time in Denver since 6 a.m. Sunday.

Profitable Competition Impossible.

This is the sixth day of Dineen's sale to clear out thirty thousand dollars worth of furs, from their regular stock, at prices that will make the movement of the goods certain within thirty days from January 2. The unusual feature of the sale is that the entire quarter million stock is available for selection at prices which make competitive selling on a profitable basis impossible. W. & J. Dineen Company, Limited, Manufacturing Furriers, Cor. Yonge and Temperance Streets.

"Man and Superman" is Superior.

The comedy by George Bernard Shaw, "Man and Superman," which is at the Forum, has been a success which appeals to people of more than average intelligence. In fact, it is a very superior play and is presented by a special committee on business days.

Chairman McTaggart Assured them that in awarding the contracts the purpose would be kept in view of allotting the work in a manner to secure the employment of the largest proportion of Canadian labor possible.

Thirty-two Tenders.

Thirty-two firms tendered. Of the total five wanted the contract for the whole of the work. The tenders were numbered and no names were made public.

The five tenders for the complete building quoted the following figures: \$1,429,532; \$1,281,553; \$1,220,170; \$1,213,000; \$1,192,000.

Fancy Figures.

A tender which started the committee quoted \$93,900 for wiring.

Financial Problem.

In view of the increased appropriation required the financial aspect will be a problem for the finance committee. The fact that the plans have been officially approved by the Ontario Education Department renders the committee confident that the money will be available.

Chairman McTaggart was tendered a vote of thanks for his services during the past 12 months.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED FOR THE NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Original Estimate Only Half the Amount Required to Erect Buildings in Conforming to Plans Approved by the Government.

Two millions will approximately be the cost of the new central technical school building. Toronto's record for a gathering of contractor agents was probably broken by the throng at the meeting of the advisory industrial committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon at the city hall.

The place was crowded almost to suffocation and the windows had to be raised to afford sufficient air to breathe.

Chairman McTaggart had on the table before him a pile of bulging envelopes. When they were opened it became clear that the building would cost about double the amount originally anticipated. The project was to have been a \$900,000 building on a \$100,000 site. The plans adopted by the committee were on a much more ambitious scale, but were based on what the committee regarded as moderate in view of the rapid increase in the requirements of the city.

Agents Protested.

Before the tenders were opened two of the agents protested against the specifications as being unduly fa-

PARCELS POST LEGISLATION LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED EARLY IN COMING SESSION

Hon. Mr. Pelletier's Bill to Be Followed by Organization of System Which May Possibly Go Into Effect in Six Months—Six Zones Are Contemplated, Excluding the Yukon Territory, and Rates Will Be Based on Distance.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(Special).—The World is informed that upon the reassembling of parliament a bill will be introduced by Postmaster-General Pelletier, providing for the establishment in Canada of the parcel post. It is understood, however, that the government will take at least six months for the legislation is passed before inaugurating the system. Indeed it is not impossible that the formal inauguration of the system will be delayed until Jan. 7, 1914.

This will be following closely in the footsteps of the precedent set by the United States. The Bourne bill, which established the present parcel post in the United States, did not take effect upon its passage by congress last summer, but a considerable period of time was given the postoffice department to organize the system and its inauguration was postponed until Jan. 1 because it was feared that the great rush of Christmas holiday business would be too severe a test upon the parcel post system until it had been tried and perfected by long experience.

DISTANCE TO FIX RATES.

The Canadian system will be modeled closely upon the British parcel post, with the exception that the rates will vary with the distance. In the United Kingdom the parcel post rate is a flat rate, as in the case of letters and other mail matter. A tentative map dividing Canada into zones for parcel post purposes has already been submitted to the postmaster general and is now under consideration. There is reason to believe, altho no official announcement could be obtained, that the plan now under consideration in the United States. These will include a local zone embracing a city and its suburbs, or a town and contiguous free mail delivery routes, and five territorial zones as follows: 1. The Maritime Provinces; 2. Quebec; 3. Ontario; 4. The Prairie Provinces; 5. British Columbia.

No decision has as yet been arrived at as to the rates within a zone or between different zones.

PLAN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The World representative today interviewed Postmaster-General Pelletier, Dr. R. M. Coulter, deputy postmaster general, being also present. Dr. Coulter had nothing to say, and Mr. Pelletier was quite reticent. He said, however, that the department was at work upon a plan which would not be announced until it had been submitted to and approved by the cabinet.

Asked if he did not have the power himself to put the parcel post into effect, Mr. Pelletier replied that he would not think of taking so important a step without the knowledge and approval of his colleagues in the government.

The World, it was suggested, is anxious to see the parcel post established.

"The World is not singular in that respect," the minister responded smilingly. "I am deluged with applications for the parcel post from all over the country."

CHANGE MADE IN INSPECTORS ARE HOME RULE BILL NOT COMPETENT

Harmless Amendment Affecting Representation in Certain Constituencies Is Accepted by Asquith.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(C. A. P.).—The home rule bill was further considered in the commons yesterday, when seven clauses were disposed of by means of the closure. A proposal by Sir H. Currie to amend clause 8, by providing that the Irish senate should consist of 100 members instead of 40, was rejected by a majority of 122.

Sir A. Mond moved to amend clause 9 by providing that in any constituency which returned three or more members, the Irish house of commons, an election should be held, on the principle of proportional representation, and each elector should have one transferable vote. Redmond gave the proposal his assent on the ground that it was a temporary experiment and that it would give representation to the Unionists in the southwest of Ireland.

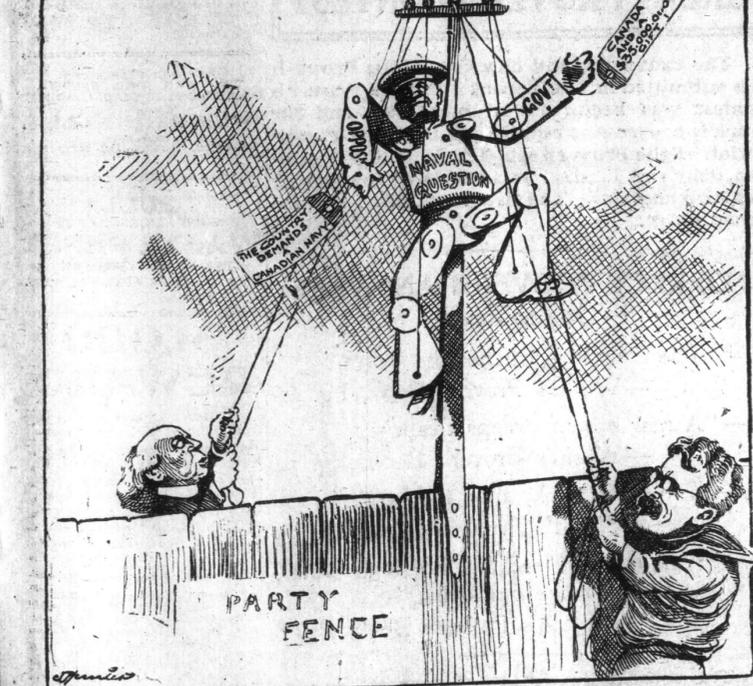
Mr. Asquith also accepted the amendment as an attempt to deal with a particular case and only as regarded the inception of the Irish parliament. The amendment was passed by a majority of 230.

That 90 per cent of the scales used by cheese exporters in Ontario give wrong weights, and that because of this the farmers of the province have, during the past ten years, suffered to the extent of nearly a million dollars. The above are some of the more interesting points in a decidedly critical report just placed into the hands of the government by the commission appointed to investigate certain charges and grievances of the farmers and dairymen of the eastern counties of the province.

This commission was appointed by Hon. Martin Burrell, and its chairman was A. W. Pringle K.C. of Ottawa. It held a number of sittings throughout the province and at Montreal and some startling evidence, disclosing peculiar conditions in the inspection of weights and measures by government officials, was heard.

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