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MARITIME GRIEVANCES.

The recent visit to the Maritime Provinces of Sir Henry Thornton, President and General Manager of the Canadian National Railways system was timely and his utterances at different points where he was approached by delegations, representing towns and cities had in them the right ring and conveyed every bit as much as any of the delegations could reasonably expect.

His treatment of problems presented was most sympathetic and his deliverances were characterized by breadth of vision and a very common sense view point. Of course the question of Maritime grievances and of Maritime rights came up and advice was given to take a survey and get definitely settled just what these grievances were, and then seek the remedies. In a general way we read much on this subject. We are told that high freight rates prevent trade with the Central Provinces. They sell to us but we have nothing that they want to buy. A tariff wall prevents our trading with the United States. We are bound in chains and no redress comes from any quarter. We hear all these things and many more, and there is an element of truth in all.

Shall a remedy be sought in a lowering of freight rates so that railways not yet squaring their balance sheets shall leave a big deficit to make up out of the public funds? We do not think so. On the contrary we believe that railroads should be made to pay their way. If they are not doing so causes should be looked into and remedied in so far as possible.

While Nova Scotia remains a part of the Dominion of Canada it must be governed by the same fiscal policies as the rest of the country. There does not appear to be any strong sentiment in favor of secession. Everyone agrees that the Maritimes have not progressed to any great extent as a whole for many years, and the injection of Maritime rights so called as a political issue and a subject of more or less wide discussion in the press has directed public attention to them in the central Provinces and not in a wholly unsympathetic way. In talking of Maritime grievances it is better to know just what these are and in what different respects the interests of these provinces are being neglected or discriminated against. This question it appears to us is very properly one for our Boards of Trade to take up thoroughly from separate organizations up to our Maritime Board. Have these definitely and concretely stated so that when we speak of grievances we can show other Provinces just what we mean.

This has to a certain extent been done but perhaps not very thoroughly or very convincingly.

The grievance avenues have in matters of trade, manufacturing and commerce. Our business men and business organizations know or should know by experience greater or lesser what these are. Knowing them is the first step and should point the way to remedies if any can be found. For some things, we believe, there is no remedy for others there may be found amelioration. In later issues, we shall endeavor to refer to some of these and would also welcome any suggestions from our readers on these important issues.

ROAD TO RUIN.

London Times: The whole economic history of the world shows that

wherever, as so often in Asia, the ownership of property has been an incentive to confiscation, wherever, in fact, property, and the inheritance of property, are not reasonably secure, not only is there no wealth, but all classes are very poor. It is this problem which will immediately face the Independent Labor Party and other Socialists if and when they obtain the control of the finance and industry of this country.

THE DIGNITY OF DITCH DIGGING.

Detroit News: Now that a check has been put on immigration, the time may come in America when ditch-digging will be done by university men because of a dearth of labor, and there is no reason why it should not be, since ditch-digging has been made by mechanical devices a job where a thorough knowledge of machinery counts a good deal. One of the great dreams of Socialism has been to simplify toil so as to release men's minds for other pursuits. Large scale machine production, the increase of period of daily labor, the increase of wages, have all tended toward this release.

CHINA'S BUSINESS.

Singapore Free Press: The time appears to us to be past when it can be pretended that China should be kept in leading strings. For better or for worse she has got to go her own way, and knowing the solid virtues of the Chinese temperament there can be little doubt that sooner or later that way will be found to be for the better. Trade is not the most sacred thing in the life of humanity, and if our trade suffers through China's internal struggles it is a sad thing doubtless, but it is a thing which happens at different times all over the world and has to be put up with as one of the rubs of commerce.

SHIELD AND BUCKLER.

Sydney (N.S.W.) Bulletin: There are hundreds of lucrative industries in which the Dominions, unlike the central European countries, are not in a position at present to compete with British skill and capital. It would pay us to help keep those industries alive in Britain even at some sacrifice to ourselves. A point that no citizen of Australia or its sister Dominions can afford to overlook is that now, and maybe for generations to come, in proportion as Britain deteriorates in power and prestige the Dominions will tend to do the same. The Commonwealth is far less secure than it was ten years ago, because in the interval Britain has exchanged the two-power for a one-power standard. Our security must decrease with every defence cut that British Government are impelled to make because of the growth of their unemployed problem, until a stage is reached when we shall be an easy prey for the first land-hungry Power that decides to pick a quarrel with us. The immediate menace to the existence of this country is not Asia but Free Trade.

OPIMUM IN CHINA.

Hong Kong Press: The impotence of the Central Government is the key to the present deplorable situation, for when China last had a strong Central Government it did, in fact, practically suppress the cultivation and use of opium throughout China; but with the development of the Teuchun system and its military rivalries there has been a steady recrudescence of the traffic. The authority of the Central Government has been flouted in the "loyal" as well as the "disloyal" provinces, for the traffic is productive of enormous revenues and these have been used for the maintenance of provincial armies and the waging of interprovincial wars.

Meddling in Ireland.
Baltimore Sun: At a time when Southern Ireland is settling down in seeming contentment with the Free State status, and when Ulster is enjoying prosperity and lower taxation than either Britain or her southern neighbor, as well as a well-kept religious truce, the threat that all the old hatreds will be fanned to flame again is tragic. There have been intimations that, left to themselves Ulster and the Free State might reconcile their differences. But British intervention on the side of the Free States, now promised, does not appear a better solution of the Irish problem than British intervention on the side of Ulster, attempted disastrously in the past.

Great Britain and Mecca.
Times of India: As the largest Mohammedan power in the world Great Britain is bound to do anything in reason to keep the pilgrim routes open, and it has been promised that this will be done, but intervention beyond this will be even more objectionable to Mohammedans than it would be to the British taxpayer. Nothing would please the anti-British clique of Mohammedans in India more than to put its foot in it by indiscreet action in Arabia and we hope that the Arabs will be left to settle their own disputes—also that passports and full facilities will be supplied to all those wise men from India who are anxious to give Ibn Saud the benefit of their advice at the present juncture.

Whites and Colored.
Natal Advertiser: Cost what it may, South Africa must show the Asiatic treatment offered him, and unless he is prepared to live up to a white standard, he cannot stay in a white area; he may have the option of leaving the country on very liberal terms, but if he refuses this he must accept legislation which will serve to protect the white man from a competition that is unfair. The European in South Africa can no longer afford to see his civilization imperilled and we are convinced that if these terms were plainly enough stated to the Indians there would be sufficient of them willing to go elsewhere as to those who remained to ensure that a menace in this respect. Did we burden ourselves with a debt that would take a generation to discharge it would be worth while. Only along these lines can we assure ourselves that the white man's standard in this country will be preserved.

U. S. Postal Service Has Big Deficit.
Washington: With the exception of first class mail and postal savings, every service conducted by the Post Office Department shows a substantial annual loss. Postmaster General New informed the Senate today as a far-reaching investigation.

FEAR CANADA HEADED FOR A BANK MONOPOLY.
"Big Four" Now Have 70 Per Cent. of the Savings.
(John R. Boone in Boston Transcript) Thirteen chartered banks sitting by themselves. Another got merged. Then there were twelve. So runs an adaptation of the "little nigger boy" nursery rhyme following the merging of the Moisons Bank by the Bank of Montreal the second bank merger in Canada in as many months and the tenth in less than as many years. How much farther is this accelerated movement toward a banking monopoly in Canada going to proceed? As a result of the latest merger, the Bank of Montreal has now 29 per cent of the savings deposits in the chartered banks of Canada. The Big Four—that is the Montreal, Royal, Commerce and Nova Scotia, now have 70 per cent of the savings of Canada. It is not generally appreciated that Canadian banks hold \$325,000,000 of savings outside Canada chiefly in the West Indies, Central and South America, and of these the Royal Bank holds more than half.

What the ultimate outcome of the consolidation movement will be cannot be foretold, but there is little doubt that the banking situation in Canada is now in a state of efflux. There will likely be a renewed outburst at the next session of Parliament against the threatened banking monopoly. But it is alleged that the effect of criticism in the past has been to accelerate the movements towards concentration by calling attention to the difficulties under which the smaller banks operate.

Be Prepared
for colds. Check them at the start with

TENDERS FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY RATES.

TENDERS will be received till Dec. 31st for the collection of the Municipal tax and Dog tax, in the various Wards of the County for the ensuing year.
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Bridgetown, Dec. 1st, 1924.
37-4t.

BRITISH FILMS ARE GIVEN NO CHANCE.
Bitter Complaints in London.
Not a Copy of Captain Scott Picture Booked in Dominions, Producers Declare.
(By Henry Somerville.)
London.—The British film industry is at a low ebb, and if statements made in the London "Evening News" are true, British films are not given a chance in the Dominions. The statements are attributed to E. Gordon Craig, director and H. Bruce Wolfe, producer, of New Era Films, Ltd., which has just produced "Zeebrugge" in London. These gentlemen are reported as saying:
"The kinemas in Canada, Australia and the United States—there are 16,000 in the United States alone—are practically controlled by Americans who can say: 'Our pictures entirely or none of our pictures at all.' We have not been able to book one copy of the Captain Scott Antarctic Picture, 'The Great White Silence,' in a British Dominion or in the United States but we have sold it freely all over Europe."

A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE.
The following proposal of marriage was received this week by one of the eligible ladies of the town. It is published with her consent:
"Will you marry me? I am a pore man but I can eat pork and feed hens and do work round the place. I had a wife before but she died and had such a happy look on her face that I wondered whether she was kind of sorry to leave me. Everyone kept her relations said I was a good husband and had lost a good provider. I iss real lonely with out some one to boss me and I heard that you was looking for a pleasant companion. I has a dark complexion and a kind of sofy skin and used to be counted a dandy. You would find me easy going and if you had me with you, you would have on your right hand pleasures forevermore. This is a bit from scrip'tor an' shows I is a Christian man.
"I like eels and rabbits and could get them cheap and it would not cost much to feed me. I mean I would provide for the kitchen table where I iss use to eat my meals. When your swell friends come to visit I could sleep in the hay mow and as I iss paserationately fond of cats I iss pleased to have one with me who has common interests. I iss very lonely and longs for a suitable companion and sometimes I enjoys intellectual persuits but prefer eating.
"I ain't much good at writing, and the ink got froze last winter and ain't much good and I is so eckonomical that I tries to use up that ink but it don't make no mark less than nothing. I has telled this to a stenographer and as she ain't much on spelling I has helped her some. You will find an address stamp with an enclosed envelope. So if you want a real intelligent pal I'm just your boy.
Yours,

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Ticket Agents of the Canadian National Railways will give intending travellers every information, and arrange reservations, or one may write to the General Passenger Department at Montreal for descriptive literature and full details of such a trip.
32-6t.

MIDDLETON INSTITUTE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.
Middleton.—At a meeting of the local Women's Institute officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:
President—Mrs. G. T. Freeman (re-elected); 1st Vice-President—Mrs. W. R. Turner; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. L. A. Croaker; Secretary—Mrs. W. G. Parsons; Assistant Secretary—Mrs. J. G. McKenzie; Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Sponable.
Among the business matters was the passing of a resolution to the D. A. R. management, asking that the level crossings at School and Commercial streets be protected by an automatic alarm. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Secretary of the Railway Commission, Manager of the D. A. R., Town Council and Board of Trade.
The matter of caring for some poor families in the district, and providing Christmas comforts for them was taken up. Arrangements was also made to conduct the Home Nursing Class beginning the first of January, to be in charge of Miss Alsia Young.

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WINDMILL LINIMENT
The group of Chicago newspaper men who were in Halifax last week travelled between Chicago and Halifax by the Canadian National System returning by the same route. They came from Montreal to Halifax by Ocean Limited. Speaking of the rail-

Crossed Atlantic Unafraid



Little Samuel Molynaux arrives

A very pathetic figure, as he stepped off the Canadian Pacific train, between the conductor and an official of the department of immigration, into the noise of shunting trains, the confusion of hurrying express trucks, and the bustle that attends the arrival and departure of friends, Samuel Molynaux, 393 Oakwood Avenue, Toronto, as the label on his little bag proclaimed him, paused for a moment, and then, overcome by a sense of loneliness produced by the loss of his friends of ship-board and train, burst into tears. A second later he was seized by his mother, from whom he had been separated for one and a half of his four years, and sobbed himself to contentment in her arms.
Samuel came to Canada on the Montclare, making the complete trip from the old land to Toronto by himself. Samuel was a favorite on ship-board, according to reports. He became particularly attached to the ship's nurse but was the pet of all the passengers and crew.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE MISSIONARY.
Middleton.—A special service was held in United Baptist church Sunday evening, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Donald C. Macdonald, lady missionary, whose death took place recently in Korea. By request the service was missionary, rather than memorial in character. Miss Effie Cox gave a synopsis of the life of Mrs. Macdonald as she was known here. Mrs. J. A. Gates also read a paper, taking up the church relationships and activities of the late Mrs. Macdonald in various places in the province where she taught. Missionary hymns and a ladies quartette composed the musical numbers of the service. The pastor, Rev. W. D. Wilson, gave an address first expressing the sympathy of the congregation to the bereaved family, and made an appeal for others to fill the missionary ranks, where the death of Mrs. Macdonald had left a vacant place.

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No. 95—From Halifax, arrives 12:29 p.m.
No. 98—From Yarmouth, arrives 12:52 p.m.
No. 99—From Halifax, Tuesday, Friday and Sunday, arrives 2:35 a.m.
No. 100—From Yarmouth, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, arrives 1:22 a.m.
No. 97—From Halifax, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 8:33 p.m.
No. 96—From Annapolis, Monday Tuesday and Thursday, 6:28 a.m.

YOUR GROCER HAS IT

Widow Robinson. The Board states that the Board had referred the widow's claim for \$2,000.00 to accept, and as she had distributed the

way service of this country, they said that while they had traveled a great deal on this continent, they had never experienced more excellent service than that which the Canadian National Railway had given them. (Chronicle.

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CRIME WAS Murder of Sird... To Les... Foreign Secret... Case at S... London.—A... British Secret... personally lay... Nations count... any information... give regarding... he announced... in steady. Referring to... the cabinet for... Rome Thursday... venient for the... G. Harlan said... the importance... of the League of... He hoped and... minor criticism... remained to be... policy, the Britis... succeeded in tabi... titude, and one... true feeling of an... Empire. Regarding... dar, the Foreign... the crime was... liberate policy a... Britain. He cont... "Upon the whole... isting conditions... upon, to say, the... have said is still... have not selected... an individual... whole series of... connected with... justified in it."

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And all our loves
The stars that sw
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And every scowl
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The grain outrun
If hearts were on
If grieving were
And tears and mel
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If men would cease
And women cease
And all be glad to
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The rust would eat
The spear stay on

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