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(From Our Own Correspondent)

OCTOBER FREIGHT TRAFFIC SHOWS INCREASE.

October freight traffic on the Canadian Railroads showed a very large increase. Carloadings for the month ending, Oct. 24, were 21,745 ahead of the four September weeks and 19,635 in advance of the corresponding period of last year.

The significance of the traffic movement for September and October lies in two facts. First, the obvious betterment of business in general, both in the east and the west, has resulted in the conspicuous improvement in commercial conditions in the west. For example, during the two weeks ending October 24th, there was a gain of 8,021 bonded western cars over the corresponding two weeks of 1924. Only 1,855 carloads of the increase was due to grain and grain products.

The freight equipment of Canadian railways is not only increasing in the number of units, but in the average capacity of all units. In 1919 the total of cars of all classes was 7,587,693. Last year it was 8,283,264.

Canadian railways have added 79 to passenger locomotives during the past five years; but they have been able to reduce the number of freight locomotives. This has been due entirely to the purchase of heavier units with immensely greater tractive power. The total number of locomotives in use last year, of all classes was 5,667.

QUEBEC TUG SAVED FROM A SECOND DISASTER.

The Ocean King which was sunk by a Canadian Pacific Steamship as she attempted to cross the big liner's bows and resulting in nearly all hands being drowned, was within a few feet of meeting a similar fate in the Quebec harbor a few days ago. Quick work on the part of a wheel-

man averted the disaster. The tug Chateau, was formerly the Ocean King, which was rammed and sunk in June last, by the Marburn, of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, with a loss of nine men. While towing in the Anchor-Donaldson Liner Letitia, the two lines that formed a connecting link between the tug and the steamer parted, the smaller vessel being thrown across the path of the steamer.

With only a few feet intervening the wheelman swung his helm sharply and the Chateau averted away from the Letitia's bow just in time.

THE LUMBER TRADE IS ON THE INCREASE.

According to the Department of Lands and Forests at Quebec, the advance estimates of 1925-26 cut of timber in the Province of Quebec will be the record figure of fifteen hundred million feet.

Reports received here show that already there are three thousand five hundred lumber camps operated throughout the province, with the Lake St. John and Chicoutimi districts the centre of greatest activity.

The figures given are interpreted as meaning that there is an increase of one-third over the average cutting out in the last ten years, and some two hundred and fifty million feet more than what was estimated to be the average for the 1920-30 period.

THE MONTREAL SAILORS' INSTITUTE CLOSED FOR SEASON.

The Montreal Sailors' Institute was crowded on the occasion of the grand annual farewell concert for the season. The programme was an excellent one, and was given by talent of several of the ships in port, assisted by some local talent.

Thomas Harding, president of the Institute, in introducing the chairman, Guy Tombs, said that the increasing business of the port necessitated ad-

ditional expense and energy in the management of the Institute, but that it had been able to keep up with the increased needs, under the efficient management of Ritchie Bell. Mr. Harding brought out that the Institute was for sailors alone and that no politics was connected with the institution.

In closing he said: "We are sorry to say good-bye to this season, but we will be waiting for you here with some ready welcome when navigation opens again in the Spring on the St. Lawrence."

Mr. Tombs, who was representing the Board of Trade, spoke a few words on the world wide scope of that organization and some short statistics, showing the growth of the Port of Montreal.

In closing Mr. Tombs spoke of the financial condition of the Institute which is in need of funds.

"I am told," he said, "that there is a need of at least \$5,500 before December 31, in order to let the Institute close the year free from debt. I know this needs only to be mentioned to a Montreal audience, to have the funds forthcoming."

PROHIBITION PROVING A FAILURE IN THE STATES.

Under the heading of 'Starting Results of Prohibition,' the Montreal Daily Herald, says editorially:

After tabulating figures received from the police department of every town and city in the United States having a population of 5,000 or more, the Moderation League of New York has come to the conclusion that drunkenness is on the increase in the United States, and that increasing lawlessness is a direct result of prohibition.

Two developments stand out prominently—the increase in drunken drivers of automobiles and the increase in youthful drunkenness. In regard to the first, motor vehicle accidents in the United States increased from 1919 to 1924 by 132% while

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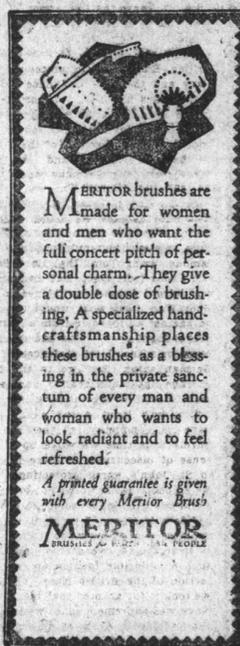
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