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Madison Square Garden Being Torn Down

New York, May 11—The buzzing of saws and the taps of hammers floated from Madison Square Garden today when twenty workmen of the Joslin Construction Company started the actual wrecking of the widely known structure.

They were occupied mainly on the roof over the amphitheatre, which will be the first to be torn off under the tools of the wreckers. On April 13 several workmen started removing the copper covering of the tower on which Salsat Gaudens's Diana rests and today she stands on uncovered steel supports, and from her trim figure ropes and cables are stretched in preparation for her removal at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The foreman in charge of the wrecking, Martin Ingberman, estimated today that it would be three or four months before the building would be razed.

The workmen on the job today turned their attention to hoisting derricks from the street to the roof. These derricks will lift the strips that cover the auditorium. The workmen also began on the roof of the kitchen which rises about fifteen feet from the top of the amphitheatre. No work has yet been done inside the Garden.

As the noise floated from the roof Tex Rickard, who has been the lessee of the Garden for the last five years, sat in his offices in the tower and talked a bit.

"You can get some idea" he said "of what this place has meant to New York when I tell you that I have paid a million and a half dollars in rent and taxes on it during the past five years. The amusement tax paid to the Government in that time has been more than \$2,500,000."

Mr Rickard asserted that since 1920 when he took over the Garden for the purpose of holding bouts, conventions, swimming contests, circuses, etc., within its walls, some 10,000,000 persons have passed through the turnstiles.

"And" he added with a grin "in all that time only one man has reported having his pocket picked."

Seventeen C. N. R. Officials Receive Over \$15,000 a Year

Ottawa, May 11—Seventeen officials of the Canadian National Railways receive salaries or remuneration amounting to \$15,000 a year or over, it was stated in the House of Commons today in answer to a question from Sir Henry Drayton.

In giving the information, Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways, remarked that he did not think it quite fair to ask the Canadian National to give out information, which no other railroad would ever vouchsafe. He did not think there was any harm in answering this question but he hoped it would not be taken as the opening of doors to all sorts of questions about C.N.R. employes and their salaries.

SESSION NOT LIKELY TO END BEFORE JULY

Prorogation of this fourth session of the fourteenth Parliament is still a considerable distance away if the programme of Government legislation yet to be dealt with is to be closely followed. From what was disclosed at the caucus of the Liberals it is evident that Parliament will be sitting through June if not some of July.

The important items of legislation it is understood, were enumerated to the party by the Prime Minister, and at least one half of that list will be big time consumers in the House. Included in the list are the following: Freight rate legislation looking to a large measure of equalization; reimbursement of the Home Bank depositors; amendments to the Criminal Code to curb hand book violation in connection with race track gambling; the single member constituencies; and two or three minor changes in the Dominion Election Act.

Discussion incident upon the freight rate measure the Canada Grain Act changes and the Home Bank question will occupy a good many hours of debate, and there will be considerable opposition to the single transferrable vote from Conservatives and from a few Liberals.

It is a notable fact that, outside of the Budget debate which is now disposed of, most of the really controversial questions have yet to come before the House and in addition to the items already enumerated there is the question of the control of the freight rates and the report which will be finally submitted to the House by the special committee which at present rate of progress will not finish its work for at least two or three weeks.

LUMBER OUTLOOK IN UNITED STATES

Demand Expanding—Book Orders More Numerous.

Unfilled orders of 374 of the principal softwood producing mills of the country, April 25, were larger at this time a year ago, and during the preceding week they had shipped 162 per cent and booked orders for 161 per cent of their output. These figures indicate, says the American Lumberman, Chicago, that demand is expanding and bring the industry into stronger position.

The Coast fir mills have a good demand from the middle West, but the cargo markets, foreign and domestic (California and Atlantic coast), have been light buyers. During the week of April 25, however, domestic cargo bookings increased 50 per cent. Shipments from the southern pine mills during the week of April 25 again exceeded their production this time by 7.75 per cent. Retail yards are urging immediate shipments as needs for replacements become more insistent. City demand is better than country but the latter is improving and sensibly, framing lumber is in better call than boards, etc. Generous rains in the Southwest are bringing a renewal of its demand for pine. Export mills are well supplied with orders. For the mills as a whole, orders for the week were 104 per cent of production.

Foreign orders and inquiries for hardwoods have been especially encouraging, and domestic manufacturing consumers are expanding their takings. The automotive industry was expected to have reached capacity by May 1; the building trade call is increasing, both for such items as flooring and trim; implement men are taking more hardwood, their own sales being over 46 per cent larger than a year ago, while an early enlargement in demand from the furniture industry is certain.

Have Dogs a Sixth Sense?

(Basil Tozer in the London "Daily Mail")

A friend of mine who lives in a third-floor flat overlooking a road on the outskirts of London has a terrier whose conduct tends to the belief that dogs possess some sixth sense of which we know nothing.

The windows of his flat are much too high above the floor for any dog to be able to see out of them. All day long a stream of motor and horse-drawn traffic passes along the road below the windows, and the dog pays not the slightest attention. But now and then a horse and cart goes by which, though apparently he can only hear it, stirs him into a paroxysm of fury which lasts until the cart is more out of hearing.

There may be some reason for his fury which we know nothing about, but how does the dog know, ever when the windows are shut, that particular cart is passing? For invariably it is the same horse and cart which has this effect upon him.

The same problem arises in the case of a dog of my own which lives in the front rooms of my house. At the back there is a garden which cannot be seen from the front; yet the moment a cat or dog comes in the garden my dog, in the front room knows that the strange cat dog is there, for he sets up a loud, angry barking which continues until he is let out, when he rushes into the garden to drive away the intruder.

How did he know?

Another friend of mine owns a bull dog. If anybody whom the dog does not know pushes a latchkey in the lock of the front door at any time of the day or night the dog's back instantly bristles and he prepares for attack with threatening growls. But if his master or anybody whom the dog does know pushes in the latchkey the animal's attitude is entirely different. Yet obviously the dog cannot tell by the sound of the key being pushed into the lock whether the person outside is a stranger or a friend.

It would be interesting if somebody could throw light on this mystery or advance some plausible theory to account for the singular power which dogs alone seem to possess of becoming aware of what is happening out of their sight.

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