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INTERCOLONIAL EARNINGS AT ST. JOHN FELL OFF \$273,229.20 LAST YEAR.

Depression Felt in Business
Here Although 1908 Was Considerably Ahead of 1906—Marked Falling Off Was in Freight—Grain Shows Big Increase.

The Star presents today a statement of the intercolonial freight and passenger earnings at St. John. This statement shows a very considerable decrease from last year, both in freight and in passenger traffic, although 1908 was considerably better than either 1906 or 1907. The figures given are for I. C. R. business alone and do not include all the passenger and freight traffic, inward and outward, handled for the C. P. R.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	10,079	10,372	10,056
Feb.	8,867	9,261	8,779
March	10,924	10,913	9,782
April	10,388	11,884	10,055
May	9,254	9,800	8,651
June	9,489	9,795	8,690
July	10,308	11,194	10,476
Aug.	10,427	11,109	10,683
Sept.	11,247	10,188	8,898
Oct.	10,334	10,703	8,285
Nov.	10,350	9,761	8,285
Dec.	11,538	11,821	9,786
Totals	133,076	128,798	116,000

Increase of 1908 over 1906, 10,767 cars.
Decrease of 1908 over 1907, 3,717 cars.

FREIGHT TONNAGE.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	53,801	53,801	45,664
Feb.	45,664	45,664	38,414
March	58,414	58,414	45,664
April	45,664	45,664	43,896
May	38,414	38,414	36,591
June	36,591	36,591	35,565
July	43,896	43,896	35,063
August	35,063	35,063	43,896
September	43,896	43,896	40,419
October	40,419	40,419	48,400
November	48,400	48,400	58,941
December	58,941	58,941	58,941
Total	589,941	589,941	589,941

FREIGHT EARNINGS.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	47,507.79	47,507.79	40,195.91
Feb.	40,195.91	40,195.91	38,183.77
March	47,507.79	47,507.79	41,800.29
April	41,800.29	41,800.29	38,183.77
May	38,183.77	38,183.77	35,200.88
June	35,200.88	35,200.88	34,108.50
July	41,800.29	41,800.29	35,078.50
August	35,078.50	35,078.50	43,027.79
September	43,027.79	43,027.79	40,295.65
October	40,295.65	40,295.65	46,370.96
November	46,370.96	46,370.96	53,418.54
December	53,418.54	53,418.54	53,418.54
Total	531,779.53	531,779.53	531,779.53

EARNINGS BY MONTHS.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	118,517.08	118,517.08	101,899.99
Feb.	101,899.99	101,899.99	87,578.58
March	118,517.08	118,517.08	101,899.99
April	101,899.99	101,899.99	95,711.308
May	87,578.58	87,578.58	81,267.60
June	81,267.60	81,267.60	78,659.80
July	95,711.308	95,711.308	81,267.60
August	81,267.60	81,267.60	95,711.308
September	95,711.308	95,711.308	89,840.65
October	89,840.65	89,840.65	101,899.99
November	101,899.99	101,899.99	118,517.08
December	118,517.08	118,517.08	118,517.08
Total	1,177,953.88	1,177,953.88	1,177,953.88

TICKET EARNINGS.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	118,517.08	118,517.08	101,899.99
Feb.	101,899.99	101,899.99	87,578.58
March	118,517.08	118,517.08	101,899.99
April	101,899.99	101,899.99	95,711.308
May	87,578.58	87,578.58	81,267.60
June	81,267.60	81,267.60	78,659.80
July	95,711.308	95,711.308	81,267.60
August	81,267.60	81,267.60	95,711.308
September	95,711.308	95,711.308	89,840.65
October	89,840.65	89,840.65	101,899.99
November	101,899.99	101,899.99	118,517.08
December	118,517.08	118,517.08	118,517.08
Total	1,177,953.88	1,177,953.88	1,177,953.88

GRAIN HANDLED.

Month	1908	1907	1906
Jan.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
Feb.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
March	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
April	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
May	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
June	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
July	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
August	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
September	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
October	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
November	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
December	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.
Total	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.	75,214 bus.

There has been a steady increase in the amount of grain passing through the I. C. R. elevator.

ASSURANCE OF THE TWO POWER NAVAL STANDARD, WITH SIX MORE DREADNOUGHTS FOR DEFENCE, IS ENGLAND'S DEMAND

THE FLEET COMMANDERS.

The exact composition of the respective fleets does not appear to have been determined upon, and with regard to the commands of the reorganized fleets readers have already been apprised of the probable selection of Admiral Sir William H. May, as present Second Sea Lord at the Admiralty, as the new commander in chief of the North Sea force, and the likelihood of his being succeeded at the Admiralty by Vice Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, who is now commander in chief of the home fleet. There is much more uncertainty about the selection of officers to succeed Sir Francis Bridgeman. In that appointment and to succeed Lord Charles Bessborough in command of the reduced Channel fleet.

In connection with the first of these appointments the names of Vice Admiral Sir Edmund P. B. Boscawen, who recently relinquished command at the Cape, and Vice Admiral George Neville, whose last command was the First Cruiser Squadron, have been mentioned, while for the command of the Channel fleet Vice Admiral Alfred L. Wintour, who is now Third Sea Lord, and Vice Admiral Sir Percy Scott now appear both to be running.

In intimate connection, however, with this coming redistribution, there is the larger question of the naval estimates and the minimum essential to be considered. Rightly or wrongly, a very strong impression prevails that these matters are a subject of discussion in the Cabinet itself. Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Winston Churchill are believed to be exerting pressure with a view to the reduction of the programme for construction put forward by the Admiralty as the minimum essential to the maintenance of the two power standard, and as accepted by the Prime Minister. It is understood that if these gentlemen can carry with them a

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE BOUGHT, BODY AND SOUL

Mayor Laird, of Regina, Who Sues Premier Scott for Libel, Was Paid by Contractors for Putting Bills Through Council—Straight Story Against Him.

REGINA, Jan. 30.—Never has such a sensation started Regina as resulted from the evidence submitted in the libel suit in which Ex-Mayor Laird, the defeated Conservative candidate for the city, is suing Premier Scott for ten thousand dollars. It was a story of Tammany corruption in civic affairs here in which Laird was the beneficiary, according to the story told by Fry, a member of the firm of Robinson, Jackson and Fry, the firm who have had several important civic contracts including those for the sewerage system. He told of buying Mayor Laird as a matter of course and gave days and dates together with the accounts which had been paid to officials as bribes or kick-offs. This was the ground upon which Premier Scott has set his charges that Laird had been corrupt in office and had used his position to enrich himself.

Fry swore that as a representative of the firm he concluded an agreement with Mayor Laird and Alderman Cooper under which they agreed to see that certain extras on a former contract were put through. His firm were to pay these fifteen hundred dollars. He paid five hundred of this sum and his partner Dobson paid another five hundred, but the other installment has never been settled. Laird explained that this was to be regarded simply as a contribution to his election expenses as a token of good will by the firm, but Fry said he could call it what he liked, the fact remained that they had paid it to him and he could use it as he liked. The extras were put through the estimates as his firm had desired, and that was all they were interested in. Mr. Dobson will take the stand today to corroborate his partner and will try to prove one of the payments.

THIS IS RELIGION IN WESTERN CANADA

Methodists and Anglicans Punch Each Other

Later Complained That the Methodist Prayers Were Too Long—Assault Case in the Courts.

FAIRLIGHT, Sask., Jan. 30.—For a real dirty fight there is none like a religious fight, and the latest example is in the row between the Methodists and the Anglicans of this town. Neither is very strong financially, so they use the same building. The Methodists have the first call on the church. The Anglicans claim that the prayers and hymns of the Methodists are too long and that it is done intentionally to keep the Anglicans from the use of the church. The feeling became so hot that there have been several fist encounters, and now the trouble has reached the courts. T. Turner, Anglican, called E. J. Sibley, Methodist, a liar and proceeded to prove it on his body after the most approved schoolboy fashion. Sibley being defeated in the ring went to the courts where he won a victory and Turnbull was ordered to pay the costs and apologize to his opponent. He paid the costs but insists that Sibley is a liar and refuses to apologize. There the matter rests, but tomorrow is looked forward to with apprehension.

LIGHTED A FIRE WITH KEROSENE; USUAL RESULT

MANCHESTER, Mass., Jan. 29.—In lighting a kitchen fire late today with kerosene, Mrs. Sarah Frank Leach was fatally burned. Except for her helpless invalid daughter, Mrs. Ida Douglas, Mrs. Leach was alone in the house and before neighbors knew of the fire and went to her assistance, she was dead. The damage to the house is slight. Mrs. Douglas, who was in another part of the house, was not injured. Mrs. Leach was 79 years old.

CURLING GAME ARRANGED.

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 30.—At a meeting of the Chatham Curling Club last evening, it was decided to have a match with Sackville for the McCaffrey Cup on local ice, Wednesday, February 3. Sackville will send four rinks.

THE AUTO TEST CASE IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Judgment Reserved After Arguments Presented

Wandering Victorias May be Disqualified—J. J. Hughes, ex-M. P., Defendant in Political Action.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 30.—The third game of the Island Hockey League series played here last night between the Argoswells of Charlottetown and Crystals, of Summerside, was won by the former, 2 to 1. Doy's, captain of the Argoswells, was detained on the mainland where he had been playing with the St. Francis Xavier. The game would be taken up by District Attorney J. J. Hughes, ex-M. P., defendant in the case of the P.E.I. players now touring the mainland first at the Victorias and now at the Crescents.

WANT RAILWAY STATION.

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade last night, the desirability of securing railway facilities for the St. John valley between this city and Woodstock, either by the extension of the Intercolonial or some other way and the building of the Central Railway from Minto to Fredericton was discussed by the members. A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution to be placed before the full board as a meeting to be called shortly. F. St. John Bliss was also heard as to the proposed extension of the York and Carleton Railway to Nappadoggan Lake to connect with the Transcontinental line.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The provincial board of health held its annual meeting at the Queen's hotel last night. Hon. Jas. Holly presided and other members present included Mrs. Curran, St. John; Steeves, of Moncton; Sprague, of Tracy; Fisher, of Marysville; and J. H. Barry, K.C. After the usual routine the board passed a resolution unanimously endorsing the movement for the restriction of tuberculosis ravages and promising the medical men's active support in their efforts to secure the erection of a provincial sanitarium. After the meeting Mr. Fisher entertained his fellow members to luncheon at the Queen hotel.

PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL

WILL SOON BE AIRED
Rumored That Proceedings in New York Will be Left to Jerome

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—That the government's investigation into the publication of alleged libelous articles in the New York World and in the Indianapolis News, bearing on the purchase of the Panama Canal, has about reached a focus, is made evident by the fact that United States District Attorney Simon, of New York was a party to an important conference today at the White House and at the Department of Justice.

NAPTHA EXPLOSION

INJURES SEVERAL
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 29.—Three people were seriously burned by an explosion of naphtha which was being used as a cleaning fluid in the basement of the "Lancaster," a fashionable apartment house, at 77 Prospect street, last night. Mrs. Vinie Maharry, aged 35 years, was so badly burned that she is not expected to live and Miss Louise Maharry, aged 25, is also in a serious condition and on the dangerous list at the Cambridge Hotel Hospital, where all the injured were taken.

AUCTIONS

The two and a half wooden dwelling on the southwest corner of King and Pitt streets was sold this morning at auction by F. L. Potts to N. W. Burt for \$3,425.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT

STORMY