

Mayor Wires Premier King Demanding Official Inquiry Into Shipping Congestion

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That the port of Saint John stands to lose much that has been gained in the last two years as a grain shipping centre is clearly established by correspondence between the Saint John Board of Trade and these newspapers and with two of the largest grain shipping concerns in Canada, the James Richardson Company and the Earle Thompson Company of Montreal.

PREJUDICE OVERCOME

During the past two years every effort has been made on behalf of the Maritime Provinces to encourage the use of Canadian ports for grain shipments. A great deal of prejudice has been overcome and much opposition broken down in order to have grain ordinarily routed through United States ports sent to Canadian winter ports. However, it is only fair to say that after much persuasion some of the largest shippers decided to increase their consignments through Halifax and Saint John. This interest in the use of Canadian routes was much more in evidence this year than ever before. Most of the grain arriving at Saint John West, whether by the Canadian Pacific Railway or the Canadian National Railway, has been delivered to West Saint John, although small quantities have been loaded through the Canadian National elevators on the East Side of the harbor.

POOR SERVICE APPARENT

For some days it has been apparent that the shippers were not receiving good service in the way of loading consignments sent here. The port has been cluttered up with steamers awaiting cargoes which have not been furnished by the railway authorities.

DESIRE TO USE PORTS

The James Richardson Company, represented by Mr. Haywood, is one of the largest grain houses in the British Empire. The head office of the company has more than once expressed sympathy with the use of Canadian ports and its desire to use Saint John and Halifax to as great an extent as possible. Mr. Clare is the forwarding agent of the company in Canada, which last year handled something like 200,000,000 bushels of grain. His importance as a grain shipper is thus definitely fixed. He has declared that he will not use Saint John in forwarding straight cargoes of wheat as he blames the facilities in the port of Saint John for the losses which have resulted from sending grain here.

WIRES SHOW DAMAGE DONE

The following wire was sent to F. A. Haywood, of the Montreal Corn Exchange, and A. E. Clare, of the Thompson Earle Company: "Will you kindly rush wire favoring us with explanation for present grain shipping congestion in this port. The replies received from these gentlemen follow and show how much damage has been done to the prestige of Saint John by the mis-up presently existing here."

PORT FACILITIES

That the facilities for handling wheat are not adequate, it is almost unnecessary to say, provided the volume of grain traffic coming here is larger than during the present season. With intelligent operation of the elevators and with the proper handling of grain cars, there should be no difficulty in clearing anything that has been delivered to Saint John so far this season.

COSTLY TO SHIPPERS

The seriousness of the situation as it affected the shipper of wheat was emphasized by the agent in discussing the demurrage costs. When a ship was placed in readiness to receive its cargo of wheat for five days the ship went into demurrage. These charges, made against the shipper by the ship owners, averaged \$300 a day for each day's delay in obtaining cargo.

Too Late For Classification

LOST—Winter storage, concrete floor, dry. Three dollars per month. Stewart-Saint Motors, Ltd., 1434 Union Street.

LOST—Will the party who took the wrong blue overcoat at the Arena last night please return same to 21 Dorchester Street, or phone M. 1926.

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request for more facilities years ago this condition would never have arisen.

C. P. R. VERSION

Speaking of the present grain congestion at this port, a Canadian Pacific official said this morning that much of it had been caused by several tramp steamers arriving here at the same time. Lack of movement out of Montreal, due to shortage of ocean tonnage for grain caused by this tonnage having been tied up in coal traffic owing to the recent strike in Great Britain, also contributed to the congestion.

REPLIES TO QUERY

The Telegraph-Journal also sent the following wire to Mr. A. E. Clare, of the Thompson Earle Co.: ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 28, 1926.

THE TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

Mr. Clare replied as follows: The Telegraph-Journal, Saint John, N. B.: "Would rather not be drawn into any controversy regarding Saint John congestion. Wired your Board of Trade last week our decision to direct all further full cargo Canadian grain business elsewhere, as our expensive experiment with Masaburg Orangemoor Vredenburg, decidedly shows impracticability using Saint John for this class business."

RECORDS BROKEN, CLAIM

Two records in the amount of grain handled this month by the Canadian Pacific Railway through this port have been broken, it was stated this morning. On Thursday last 306,000 bushels were delivered to vessels, the greatest one day's business ever done on the West Side, it was said. Up to last night 4,984,887 bushels had been delivered since the commencement of the season, establishing another record of the amount handled by this railroad. For the same period last year 4,070,000 bushels were delivered. The previous record was in December, 1925, when 4,154,000 bushels were delivered. There are now in the port approximately 300,000 bushels of grain on tracks 2,275,228 bushels of grain. The record month of December, 1922, will be greatly exceeded this year as there are still three days to go.

C. P. R. Functioning Properly, Is Claim

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liver to steamers 4,500,000 bushels of grain. Today this is down to about 2,500,000. Today there is approximately 3,000,000 bushels of grain in the elevators, on track and east of Megantic and on a check not more than 200,000 bushels of this grain is not under order for delivery to steamers. This will indicate that the proper grades of grain are arriving at the seaboard as required, and that there is no grain being held in the seaboard for speculative purposes."

SYDNEY VISITED BY EARTH TREMOR

Fairly Heavy Shock There This Morning—Windows Trembled

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 28.—Many residents of Sydney and North Sydney were awakened by a fairly heavy shock of some kind which shook buildings and rattled windows and doors at about 12:30 o'clock this morning. No damage was caused. A later comparison of notes has convinced many people it must have been a slight earthquake shock. At Dalhousie University it was stated today the seismograph had recorded some evidence of a slight disturbance occurring at 11:52 last night.

INDIAN TEST CASE

Right to Roam Continent Before Supreme Court of U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The council of the Six Nations has come to the defence of Paul Diabo, an Iroquois Indian, of the Caughnawaga reservation, Montreal, Diabo, ordered deported by the Department of Labor, will be represented by counsel in a test case to determine the right of the native American to roam the continent as he pleases.

Weddings

Dow-Oatey

German street Baptist Church was the scene of a pretty and interesting wedding at 6 o'clock last evening, when Rev. Dr. S. S. Poole, pastor of the church, united in marriage Miss Dorothy Marguerite Oatey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Oatey, of this city, and Jay Neil Dow, son of the late Samuel and Mrs. Dow, of Canterbury, N. B. The church was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, and was adorned with palms and baskets of poinsettias tied with dainty bows of tulle. The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a gown of French blue tulle crepe trimmed with velvet of the same shade, with blue and silver grosgrain hat to match, and carried a shiver bouquet of white and blue flowers. The groom, who was unattended, wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and a white bow tie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Poole, who read the opening prayer and the nuptial blessing. The bride and groom were then presented to the guests by the bridesmaids and groomsmen. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous wedding supper was served, following which Mr. and Mrs. Dow left on a short trip to a honeymoon in Saint John and other provincial points. Mrs. Oatey's traveling cost was blue Bolivia with grey squirrel trimmings with hat to match.

Long-Smith

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith, Lakeside, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 22, when the bride, Miss Florence Irene, became the bride of William Seymour Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Long, of Lakeside. The bride looked charming in a gown of powder blue crepe de chine with white and blue trimmings. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Wetmore in the presence of only immediate relatives. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served, following which Mr. and Mrs. Long left on a short trip to a honeymoon in Saint John and other provincial points. Mrs. Long's traveling cost was blue Bolivia with grey squirrel trimmings with hat to match.

Crone-Margison

An interesting event to the many friends of the contracting parties was the wedding of Miss Hazel M. W. Margison, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Margison, who was united in marriage with J. Frank Crone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crone, of the same place. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the parlor in a gown of blue and white, and the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Mrs. C. H. Sullivan, of Centreville, and Mrs. Crone, of the same place, were very popular throughout the vicinity and were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. The groom's present to the bride was a check, to the amount of a gold bracelet. Mr. and Mrs. Long will reside at Lakeside, and many friends extend to them cordial good wishes for their future happiness.

Gigey-Hendry

The marriage of Miss Mary C. Hendry, of Central Cambridge, Queens Co., and Wm. P. Gigey, of Branch Brook, Kings Co., was performed by Rev. W. S. Richardson in his home, 122 Douglas avenue, on Dec. 28. They were unattended, only immediate relatives being present. The newly married couple will reside at Branch Brook, Kings Co., N. B.

Move Made To End British Strikes

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the great industries of the country, are unanimous in expressing the view that co-operation between employers and employed must be substituted for the present bickering during the coming year.

PAPERS HELPING

The newspapers are doing their share by publishing opinions on all sides which reveal a remarkable unanimity in spirit. The general strike, even more than the coal stoppage, seems to have taught the country a salutary lesson, and while "Emperor" Cooke is in Moscow promising revolutionary changes in the whole industrial organization of Britain, his credit with the labor movement has sunk to a low level.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE

All of these signs of latent prosperity are fostering the movement for industrial peace to which labor has been converted in spite of the intrigues of Communist extremists.

HOLD-UP WAS FAKE

Malcolm Grover, N. S. Youth, Confesses to Hoax at Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Malcolm Grover, the youth who claimed to have been held up and robbed Monday night, by armed bandits, has admitted to the police that his story was a hoax, and that the pursuit he induced the officers of the law to institute was a wild goose chase. He explained that he wished to keep the money involved which had been entrusted to him by his parents.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Phone us to install a plug for that new lamp. Prompt service.—Jones Electric.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Trojans' Dance at Venetian Gardens. Limited ticket sale at \$1. Bus leaves for West End at two.

PAGEANT, ST. LUKE'S

Tonight, "The Other Wise Man."

CARD OF THANKS

The women's Auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission wish to thank all those who generously contributed donations for the sailors' entertainment and treat last evening.

Cards tonight, St. John the Baptist, 8:30.

Real home cooked meals at the Lansdowne House, 40 King Square.

TICKET SALE CLOSED TODAY

Ticket sale for Fusiliers military ball closed at noon today. Under no condition will tickets be sold at door.

FORMER P. E. I. MAN DIES

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Edward Bayfield, K. C., died at his home here Tuesday. He was born in Prince Edward Island seventy-nine years ago.

Permanent Wave

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The Salvation Army Industrial Department

36 ST. JAMES STREET. We collect waste newspapers, magazines, cast-off clothing, discarded furniture, etc. Phone Main 1661 and our truck will call.

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Footed Sherbets or Ice Creams, Goblets, Wines, Tumblers. Clear Crystal 4 Point Star, Grape and Palm cuttings.

A full window display. Choice 25c. each.

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78-80-82 KING STREET

7-Year-Old Lad Is Heir To Big Fortune

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Chubby-faced Rupert William John Clarke, aged seven, has just become a baronet and inherited a fortune estimated at a million pounds sterling by the death of his father, Sir Rupert Clarke, at Monte Carlo. The latter's grandfather, nicknamed "Big Clarke," was a butcher in the East End of London, who emigrated to Australia and made a big fortune in Melbourne real estate. He died the owner of 11,800 acres of land made valuable by gold discoveries.

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Re-Organization SALE. Coats below half cost, \$4.95 and up. Cloth of all shades by the yard to be sacrificed at half price, as our store is very small and we must make room for new spring goods arriving daily.

Royal Ladies Tailoring. 10 WATERLOO STREET. M. 2676. Open evenings.

At the Bakery. Among the many nice things provided at Robinson's Cake Shop to fix you up over the double New Year holiday, one notes the very necessary Mince Pies of melty and flaky crust, filled with Libby Mince meat. 20c. and 30c.

Now that Christmas is over and you find that you have not received an overload of Ties, Shirts, etc.—Then may we suggest that you still may have the choice of any of our lines that are complete all the year round.

TIES of Silk, Silk and Wool and Satin Crepe in the smartest patterns, and both bright and sombre shades—75 cents to \$2.75

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Popular style notes hold to the spike heel, the narrow strap, Stepin Pumps and Pumps with a tiny tongue to carry a special buckle of your separate choosing.

And that you may wear your nice Slippers to the Party in smart comfort there are the Velvet Carriage Boots of fur trim down almost to the toe and quilted Satin linings. Francis & Vaughan 19 King Street