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## THE TRANSCONTINENTAL AND THE PORTS

The Maritime Provinces will not with interest the argument submitted to the Railway Commission by Quebec interests. The Quebec Harbor Commission, which secured a grant of \$5,000,000 at the last session of Parliament to increase harbor facilities, is asking the railway board to see that the National Transcontinental is used as it was the intention or Parliament that it should be used when the money to build it was voted. That expenditure was authorized for the purpose of reducing the cost of carrying freight between the West and the Canadian seaboard. The Quebec communication, demanding more favorable rates to Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, and Halifax, asks that the clear intention of Parliament "shall no longer be ignored," and that an eleven-cent rate on export wheat be granted over the Transcontinental from Fort William or Armstrong to Montreal or Quebec. Quebec argues that the rates between that port and Winnipeg and other Western points shall be based upon mileage, that the rates from Georgian Bay and other Ontario points and from Chicago upon grain, flour and other freight hauled for export shall be the same to Quebec and to Montreal. Quebec is also suggesting improvements in the Transcontinental train service, and is urging that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine be utilized in providing additional steamship service at Canadian ports. Such use of the Transcontinental as would give Quebec more business in the summer months logically means more business for Saint John and Halifax in the winter. When the appropriation for Quebec harbor improvements was passed by Parliament at the last session there was some objection from Western members who were doubtful whether additional traffic would be forthcoming. Hon. Mr. Lapointe, who was instrumental in getting the vote through, promised to have the Transcontinental rates investigated. The time is rapidly coming, therefore, when not only Quebec but the Maritime ports are to learn definitely whether the Transcontinental rates are to be so adjusted as to enable the country at large to enjoy the advantages of the low grades and heavy construction which are features of that railway which was sold to make it the finest piece of track of any such length on the Continent. In other words, the country is soon to know whether all-Canadian transportation is to remain largely a theory or is to be converted into practice. This same question was raised before the Railway Commission in 1921, and at that time the board declined to reduce the lower rates which existed prior to 1916. It was contended that the restoration of the old rates would result in dislocating traffic and economic conditions, but precisely what was meant by that was not made clear. Mr. Lapointe at the last session intimated that conditions had changed. Before long there will be a decision by the Railway Commission which will show whether or not his view was well founded.

The people of Canada have a tremendous investment in their railways. So far as the Canadian National lines are concerned, the greater part of the expenditure was made upon the representation that Canadian freight would be kept in Canadian channels. No government can satisfy Canadians if it permits traffic of Canadian origin in increasing volume to leak through alien channels to the sea. This is a great public issue, not only in the Maritime but throughout the Dominion. The doctrine of protection, if it is to be applied to our manufacturing industries, must be applied also to other national interests, national ports included. This is not a political question, but politicians, if they have not already discovered it, will soon wake up to the fact that it is not a matter to be played with.

## THE CAMPAIGN BEGUN

The list of vacancies to be filled before the federal elections comes includes one seat on the Railway Commission, several Judgeships, and nine seats in the Senate. Also, there are four vacancies in the House of Commons. It is suggested that these latter, which would involve by-elections if the general contest is long delayed, constitute one strong argument in favor of dissolution. The call for an election is stronger from Conservative sources than others, but a not unfriendly critic of the Government, the Border Cities Star, mildly suggests to Hon. Mr. King that it is about time to end the uncertainty by saying whether or not he is going to the country this year, or not until next. The Star says: "With Mr. Meighen and other Conservative speakers flinging taunts and challenges, it would seem that Mr. King's long-awaited statement on the subject of a general election cannot be much longer delayed. This sort of a preliminary campaign is always expected from the Opposition—which has everything to gain and nothing to lose—but when it is carried on for any length of time it naturally creates

anxiety among friends of the administration. Not for the sake of gratifying his foes, but in order to set the minds of his friends at rest, the Premier should take the country into his confidence. If there is to be no election this fall then a whole lot of political gunpowder is being wasted. On the other hand, if Mr. King has made up his mind to take the plunge, his party should know so that it may arm itself for the fray. And it is going to be a fray!" As a matter of fact the federal election campaign is already launched. In not a few constituencies nominations have already been made, and organization is beginning. All three parties are acting on the assumption that it is well to be ready and that the probabilities all favor an early contest.

## SWIMMING THE CHANNEL

Miss Gertrude Ederle, the plucky and able young American swimmer who was beaten by the English Channel with the aid of adverse weather conditions yesterday, will no doubt follow the example of Miss Lillian Harrison, the Argentine candidate, and try again. Given favorable weather, either of these swimmers is likely to make the crossing under her own steam. For more than half a century many famous swimmers have attempted this feat. Some of them tried it long before the day of Captain Webb, but he was the first to achieve success—fifty years ago this month—and it won him sudden and commanding world fame. Some years later he sacrificed his life attempting to swim the rapids at Niagara, a feat which none has accomplished. His success in swimming the Channel led to scores of other attempts, and some were successful, including Burgess, an Englishman, who swam across in 1917. Others who were successful included Sullivan, an American, and Triabochi from the Argentine. Miss Ederle, who is a very rapid swimmer, had hoped to make the crossing yesterday, but for some reason the Captain Webb twenty-one hours, and Burgess, who scored sixteen failures, finally succeeded and had covered sixty miles when he landed, so far had he been carried from the straight line by winds and tide.

The output from the Nova Scotia coal mines is again increasing rapidly. On Monday the coal raised amounted to nearly 9,000 tons, and yesterday more than 6,000 mines were at work, 4,400 of them underground.

The returned soldiers of Hamilton have followed the example of those in Winnipeg in approving Earl Haig's proposal that all ex-servicemen amalgamate and form one veterans' organization.

A Paris editor has predicted the downfall of the British Empire within the next generation. He is being reminded that predictions of that sort have been heard from time to time for many years past, and that while somebody predicts the end of the world every few weeks, both the Empire and the world continue to confound the prophets.

The visit of the Prince of Wales to the Argentine Republic serves to recall that British investments in South America are estimated as exceeding \$4,000,000,000, half of which is in the Argentine. In the railroads alone in that country more than \$700,000,000 of British money is invested, and the Argentine buys more British goods than any other land south of the equator.

Canada's output of newspaper for the last six months was almost equal to that of the United States mills, and evidently the time is near at hand when Canada will definitely assume the leadership. Production increased by about twelve per cent, as compared with the corresponding six months of last year. It is to be noted that while the principal market for Canadian newspaper is still found in the United States, the Canadian mills are gradually increasing their sales in other countries. It is expected that the Australian trade agreement will mean a great gain in this respect.

John Robert Clynes, who was a member of the Labor Government, says that the fiery talk of mutiny and revolution on the part of the British Communists "belongs to an age which is past, and their utterances arouse more amusement than concern." He speaks for the more sane element of the Labor party. Britain's revolutions are gradual and peaceful, but the increased activity of the Communists is arousing public indignation. It does not cause alarm, but it courts rebuke, and the Government will have widespread public support.

## Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

## And So He Shot Him

How many admirers of Scott, asks a Toronto Globe reader, have explored the riches of "The Tales of a Grandfather?" They are not, as the name might imply, suitable for children only. In fact, Sir Walter, in the preface, avowed that he had deliberately adopted a style somewhat beyond the easy and immediate comprehension of a child as tending to stimulate curiosity and encourage exertion. There is material here which would have made plots for a hundred more Waverley novels. Here, for instance, is a remarkable story about Claverhouse: A young man, the son of an intimate friend, had joined his army. On one occasion the new recruit's heart failed him, and he ran away. Claverhouse excused him by pretending that he had sent him to the rear with a message. He then said to him: "Young man, I have saved your honor, but I must needs tell you that you have chosen a trade for which you are constitutionally unfit. It is not perhaps your fault, but your misfortune, that you do not possess the strength of nerves necessary to encounter the dangers of battle." He advised him to return to his father, offering to find an honorable excuse. The young man begged for a chance to redeem himself. Dundee reluctantly consented, but told him that if he failed again he must die. "The cause I am engaged in is a desperate one, and I can permit no man to serve under me who is not prepared to fight to the last." The youth took the chance, went into battle, and again turned his horse to run away. Dundee said: "The son of your father is too good a man to be consigned to the Provost-Marshal, and shot him through the head with his pistol. One would expect Claverhouse to be ruthless; but he would not be generally credited with the magnanimity that he showed in forgiving the first offense. He was himself a man of dauntless courage, yet he could not himself in the place of a man who had that virtue and make allowances for him. So far as this reader knows, the incident is absolutely unique.

## New Versions

(Toronto Telegram)  
Paint art makes fair lady. Soup should be seen and not heard. The wages of bridges is debt. We sure your kin will find you out. A critical man will clutch at a flaw. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The broomstick is mightier than the lipstick. A fool and his money are soon parted. The longer the head the shorter the tongue. A woman is as young as her makeup. Love makes the world go round and the lover go square. A little change in the pocket is worth two in the weather.

## Finding Their Way

(Hamilton M. Leung in Manitoba Free Press)  
This hidden migration by the free birds necessitating night navigation of the heavens, has attracted much wonder and conjecture as to how these mariners hold their course in the dark and know their way. We put it down to instinct—a sense of direction that is poorly developed in most men, but strong in lower animals—and let it go at that. Yet if we could but look with the eyes and feel with the heart of the bird, there perhaps would be less mystery in it. The "sense of direction" obviously has been drilled in a fog; genes sometimes do on the prairie; the fact that the birds come low at night when thick weather threatens, tends to show that they can, in fact, "listen in" to the various radio concerts while en route.

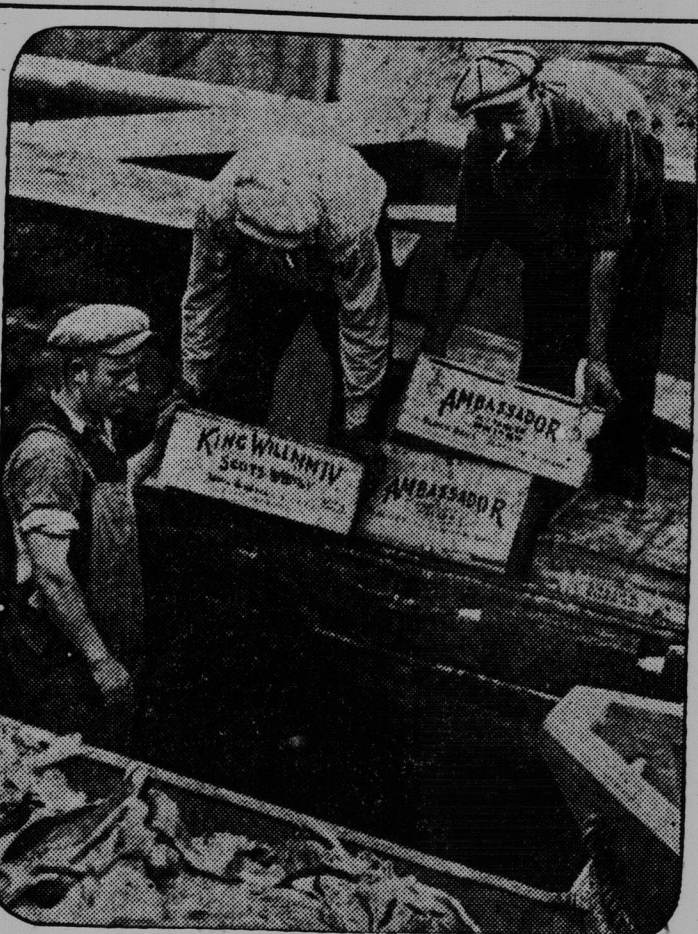
## IN LIGHTER VEIN

Agreeable.  
An exchange says or sings:  
"If a wise old age you'd see  
Let the water cooler be."  
All right! We are willing that the water should be cooler. Boy, put in some more ice.  
A Child's Notion.  
"Gracious!" said little Artie, seeing his mother preparing a cabbage for cooking, "what a lot of underthings that thing wears."  
The Guilty Man.  
(Capper's Weekly.)  
The master had come to Sunday dinner, which necessitated the killing of a hen on short notice. After dinner, while sitting on the lawn, a brood of chickens kept coming in, chattering plaintively and time and again the small boy of the family drove them away. Finally, exasperated, he gave them a big shoo, and added: "You needn't come around me cheeping. There sets the man that et yer maw!"

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## Compliments Tel.-Journal On Fairness

The St. Croix Courier, published at St. Stephen, has the following:  
The Telegraph-Journal is open to congratulation upon its fairness, as an independent paper, in the conduct of the recent strenuous political campaign through which the province has passed. There are many who would have the paper take a partisan course but each party has been allowed to present its views without undue trimming and getting both sides in one paper is not without its advantages. Some other dailies in the province have withheld the other features.

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## INSPECTING ON MARITIME TOUR

A. Gibson, Dominion Entomologist, Tells of Work to Save Crops

Fighting Insect Pests—Several Stations are in Province by Sea.

Completing an inspection tour of the Maritime Provinces stations of the entomological branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Arthur Gibson, Dominion entomologist, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Admiral Beatty. Mr. Gibson expects to return to Ottawa this evening.  
While in the Maritimes, Mr. Gibson inspected the research laboratories at Wolfville and Kentville, N. S., and at Fredericton and also the inspection port stations at Saint John and Halifax. Mr. Gibson reported last evening that at the present time there is a great number of various kinds of caterpillars damaging fruit trees in the Maritimes but that experiments are being made to determine the best way in which to rid the land of these destructive insects. Orchards throughout the Maritimes are being used for demonstration purposes and the fruit growers farmers are instructed in the various ways of destroying the pest.

EXPERIMENTERS.  
R. P. Gorham, in charge of the Fredericton branch, is making special experiments on insects affecting the field crops and George Walker is at the present time carrying out important experiments in the various dust and permixtures used in the protection of orchards and potato crops from the work of the insects.  
There are 20 research laboratories scattered through Canada and they are staffed by 60 trained entomologists. Injurious insects, their ways and the best manner to combat them are studied in order that remedies for the destruction of the pests may be devised. Discoveries of great value to the farmers and fruit growers are being continually made.

## SAVING CROPS.

The value of the work carried on by the entomological branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture may be realized when it is considered that insects destroy annually in Canada more than \$100,000,000 of farm crops, etc. As a result of discoveries made by officers of the department, millions of dollars' worth of crops have been saved and great progress is being made by the department, Mr. Gibson asserted.  
At the inspection ports of Halifax and Saint John, Arthur Finnermore being the department's representative at this port, all plant produce such as nursery stock and even produce from foreign countries are inspected. This inspection work is for the purpose of keeping destructive insects out of the country. Diseased plants are destroyed immediately when detected.

## BODIES FOUND IN EMBRACE

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 18.—Locked in an embrace by a bolt of lightning the bodies of Delino Gaytano and Julia

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MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—Despite the lowering of the price of newspaper, the value of the exports from Canada for the six months of the year increased by \$2,000,000 over that for the corresponding period last year. The quantity increased also by about 12 per cent.  
Total output was 746,444 tons, as compared with 679,143 tons in the six months, ending June 30, 1924. This year the Canadian output was only 16,000 tons less than that of the United States mills of the same period. While the bulk of the exports went to the United States there was a large increase in exports to other countries, the figures being 26,280 for the past year as against 9,674 for the 1924 period.

Martinez were found near the suburb of Tacayaba. The bolt had deformed the bodies and stripped the hair from the heads of the victims.

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