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PLAN "FULL SPEED AHEAD" FOR THE HUDSON BAY ROAD

The Pas, Man.—The rehabilitation of that part of the Hudson Bay Railway constructed some years ago, will be undertaken just as soon as weather condition permit, according to a statement made here by A. E. Warren, general manager, western region, Canadian National Railways. An appropriation was made for this by the Federal Government last year, but owing to the lateness of the season, little work has never been used, deteriorated badly and it is understood that much work will be necessary to put it in shape again.

Mr. Warren said he had been instructed by Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, to proceed "full speed ahead" on the Hudson Bay Railway. He left here on an inspection trip of the line in order to plan for immediate work just as soon as the frost will permit.

AUTHORITIES WILL NOT PROSECUTE, IT IS SAID

Clementsport.—It is reported that another deer has been shot out of season, this time between the main road and "Potter's Meadow". The informant remarked that it had not been reported to the authorities, as nothing is accomplished by so doing. It is feared this impression prevails.

KEEP DOWN THE TAXES AND SAVE THE TOWN

This is the slogan everywhere. One hears it, reads it and sees it put into force. There is no more important than the need of reducing taxation. Town Council should make it a primary concern to keep down the tax rate. This requires firmness. It means that a deaf ear must be turned to many requests that in themselves sound reasonable and even desirable; but a merely negative attitude will not be sufficient. There must be a positive reduction.

Perhaps the brightest side of the taxation situation, says the Financial Post, is the growing appreciation by the public that lower levies must necessarily be accompanied by less spending. Boards of Trade which are usually calling on the various governments for local improvements to be financed out of the public purse, are leading the present campaign for retrenchment.

The Brantford Examiner diagnoses the whole question of civic expenditure and taxation accurately when it says:

"After all, it is the taxpayers rather than the city council to decide what rate of taxation we are to have in the future. They must ignore the sentimental injunction 'ask and ye shall receive', remembering that when they receive the payments must come out of their own pockets in the shape of taxation."

Peterboro Examiner: "The cold hard fact is that the city pays for nothing—it is the taxpayers who pay and you tenants whose taxes are wrapped up in your rent. You pay your share of every civic enterprise that is undertaken, you contribute your little bit to every civic grant that is made, your pocket is touched every time the civic treasury is successfully raided. There is no purse from which the spending bodies can secure the money they pay out save the purse of the citizens, and if that appreciation of the case could only be driven home to everybody the city fathers would have less trouble in keeping down the tax rate."

OUTRAM

Preaching service on March 30th, at 11 a.m., by Rev. D. W. Dixon.

Mr. George Banks and wife, of Hampton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Banks, on March 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will, Elmore and baby of Douglasville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stoumb.

Mr. Sidney Stevens, of Berwick, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Marshall, on March 18th.

Mr. Alfred Healy and son Walter spent March 19th in Bridgetown.

Mr. John Balsor and son, John, Jr., who have been here this Winter logging, returned to their home in Digby County on March 18th for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Frank Marshall and son, Lawrence, of Middleton, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Bent.

Messrs. Balsor and Bowley, of Aylesford, were in this place recently in the interest of cattle buying.

Mr. Frank Balsor, of Torbrook, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Sabina Balsor, also other relatives and friends in this place.

Mr. Orland Daniels, of Granville Centre; Mr. Milledge Stoumb and Mr. Charles Barteaux, of Mt. Hanley, recently called on friends in this place.

Mr. Fred Mossman, who had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly while chopping in the woods for Mr. Ellis, of Mt. Hanley, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews for a few days. He has now returned to his home in Lunenburg Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Healy, of Medford, Mass., were recent visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Healy, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bent.

Those from here who attended the Pageant at Mt. Hanley on Sunday evening enjoyed it very much.

HYDRO FOR CHESTER

Local Company Being Formed To Furnish Light and Power For Community.

Chester.—A meeting was held here at which a company was formed for the installation of a hydro-electric lighting system for the town of Chester, with power plant to be located at East River. Officers of the company were elected and the project is progressing rapidly, a large amount of the stock having already been subscribed for. A general lighting and power system has been a long-felt need in Chester.

ORDER GIVES C. N. R. INVERNESS RAILWAY

An order was passed Tuesday in the Supreme Court authorizing the Eastern Trust Company as receiver to give up possession of the Inverness Railway Company to the Canadian National Railways under the terms of the lease recently made and approved by the government of Canada. It is expected that the management of the road will be assumed by the C. N. R. at once.

AUDITOR'S REPORT SETTLES RUMORS IN KING'S COUNTY

Municipality Has \$50,000 Outstanding Liabilities, But There Is No Shortage In Accounts.

Kentville.—Present outstanding liabilities of approximately \$50,000, with no shortage of funds, and no grounds for suspecting anyone of misappropriation, were the features of the report made to the Municipal Council of King's County, in special session here, by the representative of Price, Waterhouse & Co., of Montreal, who has just completed a thorough audit of the County's books.

Outstanding liabilities at the end of 1923, the report states, were \$50,000. Inquiry elicited from Mr. Chalk, the special auditor, the explanation that the involved condition of the County's accounts and financial affairs was due partly to the fact that last year's estimates were \$20,000 short of actual requirements, and further to the poor health of the late Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, Cutler L. Dodge, who died after a two years' illness.

The Council decided that in order to relieve the financial situation, the estimates for 1924 will have to be revised, and that a bond issue should be made at an early date of \$50,000 to cover all unpaid bills, and leave a balance for contingencies. The bonds will be for a fifteen year term. The meeting was called especially to receive and deal with the special auditor's report, and the Councilors expressed the gratification felt generally throughout the County that the situation which has given rise to ugly rumors, is due only to what the auditor stated to be lack of a proper system of book-keeping.

A resolution of sympathy for the family of the late Clerk and Treasurer was passed unanimously by the Council, and will be forwarded to Mrs. Dodge.

J. Howe Cox, of Cambridge, was appointed to succeed the late Mr. Dodge in the dual municipal office. There were three other applicants for the position: Burpee L. Bishop, Kentville; R. S. Kinsman, Harborville, and H. R. Morse, Kentville.

All members except Councilors Gail, Morris and Ward, were present.

HEARTS OF OAK

Buluwayo Chronicle: It is, and always has been, the main human element that has given such superiority to the British Navy. Those are very fine warships which comprise the squadron now visiting South Africa—some of the finest afloat; but the types of fighting ships are changed very rapidly in these days. What does not change is the character of the officers and men, and the efficiency of their training. In these respects, the British Empire is as far ahead today of all other Maritime nations as it was at the time of Trafalgar.

We cannot bring warships to Rhodesia, but we can send Rhodesians to help man them.

The foremost work of the Navy during the World War was recognized by Rhodesia as much as by any part of the Empire, for the battles of this Colony were also fought in the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. The Navy was fighting for the overseas Empire as much as for the Motherland.

BIG INCREASE

Canada's Trade Shows Advance of \$192,188,650 in Eleven Months.

Ottawa.—Canada's total trade for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending February, was \$1,771,351,283, or \$192,188,650 more than in the corresponding eleven months of the previous year. Both imports and exports shared in the increase.

Of domestic exports in the eleven months, agricultural and vegetable products with a total of \$365,000,000 form the largest item. Next comes wood and wood products with a total of \$245,000,000 of imports, iron and its products came first, the total being \$156,000,000.

CRUSHED BY HORSE

James Connick, of Digby County, Meets His Death In An Unusual Manner.

Carleton.—James Connick, a returned soldier, while working in the logging camp of W. E. Mattinson, received serious injuries which resulted in his death at Yarmouth Hospital, on Sunday morning. Connick, a blacksmith by trade, was working as a driver, and, going into the stall to adjust a blanket, so startled the horse, which was probably asleep, that it fell on him, so crushing him that he lingered only two days. The victim, who saw considerable active service overseas, made his home in Hectanooga, Digby County, where he is survived by his wife and four young children.

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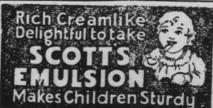
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