

## The Canadian Government Railway System Closing The Best Year In Its History

Great Increase in Traffic and Large Surplus Probable—Additions to Rolling Stock and Precautions Against Snow Blockade—Super-heating of Locomotives Results in Great Economy in Fuel—Little New Work at Moncton Shops as Capacity is Taxed by Repairs and Renewals

The people of the Maritime Provinces in general and of Moncton in particular will be pleased to know that the Canadian Government Railway system is closing the best calendar year in its history. It is generally known that the traffic last year showed a large increase, and the Minister will be able to present to Parliament a statement showing a large surplus, with the prospect of still better things for the current year. Of course the traffic is abnormal and it may be considered the part of wisdom to devote this surplus to such improvements in the track and additions to the rolling stock as will insure possible developments of the future. The greatest difficulty for some time past has been in getting locomotives and cars for moving the traffic, but General Manager Guellet and his staff have been untiring in their efforts to accommodate the patrons of the road. Every locomotive has been worked to its capacity and while there has been some delay to freight there has been no blockade as on many of the Company roads on this Continent.

Perhaps the best test of good management is in the cost of moving traffic, and in this respect the Canadian Government system shows a steady improvement. Every effort has been made to improve the efficiency of the locomotive equipment with the result that there has been a material reduction in the cost of moving trains per ton mile.

In April last the average miles per locomotive on the line increased 57% and the engines in service averaged 7,568 miles each. The average of the train loads has been increased and a great saving in coal effected by super-heating of the locomotives. Already 34 locomotives have been super-heated at the Moncton and River du Loup shops, mostly this year and the work will be continued. As super-heating requires new fire-box, new cylinders and partially new frames, it will be seen that it means a lot of work for the shops during the next few years. The Railway shops have been working full capacity throughout the year, as far as labor and materials have been available. Notwithstanding the drain of the war, more men are employed in the different branches of the service than ever. 400 men are employed in the Moncton locomotive shops, 260 in the River du Loup lo-

comotive shops and 1200 in the Moncton Car and Locomotive Shops. 135 men are employed in the Moncton Round House, not including firemen and drivers. 173 men have enlisted out of the operating department. Additions are being made to the locomotive and car equipment of the Government Railways system as fast as the makers can deliver the orders. 55 new freight locomotives have been delivered this year or are in process of delivery, mostly from the Kingston Works. Also 10 modern passenger locomotives, the heaviest and most up-to-date in Canada. These engines are equal in aggregate capacity to at least 90 of the previously recognized standard. Of the freight locomotives 30 are of the Mikado, 10 of the Santa Fe and 15 of the Standard Consolidated type. In showing the wonderful improvement in locomotive equipment it is said the capacity of one of the Santa Fe class is about 4 1/2 times that of the type of locomotives in service in 1888.

There has also been added to the equipment this year a powerful rotary plow in addition to two already in service, for the purpose of guarding against a snow blockade during the approaching winter.

The Moncton shops have been very fully occupied on necessary repair and renewal work but some new tender tanks and all-steel baggage cars have been constructed.

Complete figures of the increased traffic and general betterment in conditions on the Government system will of course be submitted to Parliament. In this connection it is said the capacity of one of the Santa Fe class is about 4 1/2 times that of the type of locomotives in service in 1888.

These increases are over a steady increase last year. During the year the diversion of the main line out of Moncton has been completed, giving the Intercolonial trains the benefit of the better grade of the Transcontinental. The traffic of the Transcontinental Division from Moncton to Chaudiere Junction is about equal to that of the Sydney to Truro Division of the Intercolonial.

## Annual Convention and Potato Show of N. B. Potato Growers Assoc.

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association, held on November 29th, it was decided to hold the second annual meeting of the Association in the Fisher Agricultural School at Woodstock on December 27th and 28th. In view of the success which attended the initial convention held last year, when nearly 200 potato growers attended, the Executive Board are looking forward to an increased interest being taken in this by the farmers who are finding potatoes to be such an important crop. The success which has attended the raising of potatoes has been attained by very little effort on the part of the growers and much more could be accomplished if the farmers were thoroughly organized for the purpose of studying this industry.

An extensive program is being prepared and all phases of the potato industry will receive due consideration. Among the topics to be discussed, will be:—Improvement of methods of cultivation with the hope of increasing the yield at a lessened cost; "A discussion of the present fertilizer situation," laying particular emphasis on potash; "Selection of seed potatoes for the purpose of increasing the yield and improving the quality"; "Varieties of potatoes suitable for New Brunswick conditions," placing special emphasis on the necessity for raising one or two standard varieties which are high yielders and at the same time suitable for the domestic and foreign markets; the importance of grading, standardizing and certifying table and seed potatoes; "The present price and the possible price for seed potatoes in the spring, and the prospects for the crop of 1917." Addresses will also be given on potato diseases and general methods of handling the potato crop.

The Association is greatly indebted to the Potato Exchange for having made a donation of \$300 to be used in furthering its work. This money will be spent in prizes, from \$25 for first prize down to \$1. All varieties may be exhibited, but particular attention will be paid to the more popular and valuable commercial varieties, such as Irish Cobbler, Green Mountains, Carman No. 1, Delaware, Cummings' Pride and some of the less known varieties. Prizes will also be offered for the best collection of varieties and the best ad-

vertising displays. The following exhibits will be displayed: The Dominion Experimental Farms Agricultural Exhibition; Varieties of potatoes by the Dominion Experimental Farms; Potato diseases by the Division of Botany, Dominion Experimental Farms; Potato machinery; exhibits by the manufacturers. This is a potato growers' meeting and those interested in potato growing cannot afford to stay away. Every problem will be discussed, including varieties, fertilizers, cultivation, diseases and methods of improved marketing and standardization. Some of the best authorities in America will be present to address the convention.

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## Anglicans Will Observe Dec. 31 As War Day

Sunday, Dec. 31, will be observed in the Church of England in Canada as a special day "of prayer and thanksgiving and of resolve" in connection with the war.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Fredericton, has issued the following pastoral letter to the priests of the diocese:

The Bishop's Letter

Bishop's Court, Fredericton, N. B. The Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton: "My Dear Brothers—In accordance with the action taken by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with regard to the cathedrals and parish churches of the motherland the Primate asks the Church of England in Canada to observe Sunday, December 31st next, as a special day of prayer, of thanksgiving, and of resolve, in connection with the war. I hope, therefore, that this will be done in every parish of the diocese, keeping in mind the three suggested purposes to which I have referred above. Prayer is needed—prayer for ourselves as a nation, and as individuals—prayer for the sailors and soldiers who have gone forth to fight—and prayer on behalf of all those to whom the war has brought suffering and sorrow. Thanksgiving, too, is needed—thanksgiving for the protection that has been afforded us and for the devotion that has been shown by many men and women in the cause of truth and honor. And resolve, too, is needed—resolve that in the face of every difficulty and discouragement we shall not fail to do our duty. Let us, then, make these three thoughts of the day the keynote of our services on the last Sunday of the year.

"It is not necessary, I think, to issue any further forms of service. You are at liberty to make wise use of such forms as are already in your hands, and which have been set forth by authority either in Canada or in the motherland.

"JOHN FREDERICTON."

TOWN IMPROVEMENT

LEAGUE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Town Improvement League was held on Thursday night 14th inst., at the residence of James M. Troy in the chair.

Good progress was reported in canvassing in town for signatures for the petition in favor of Repeal of the Scott Act. Rev. Father Dixon reported that all whom he had found home in his district had signed the petition. A few, who were away, would be back at Christmas.

Ald. Stables reported that over 80 per cent. of those he had approached had signed.

Rev. S. J. MacArthur and John Clark had also had good success in their canvass.

It was thought that the work of canvassing would be over by New Year's.

Mr. Ander reported that Chatham had sent for more lists for signers.

Rev. S. J. MacArthur reported that a Montreal weekly paper says that, in reference to protests from Canada, the British authorities have stopped the liquor rations to Canadian soldiers.

In discussing the liquor situation at home, the following was adopted: "Whereas it has been reported to members of the T. I. L. that the C. T. A. is being violated increasingly in Nelson, as pressure has been brought to bear upon the sellers in Newcastle, therefore

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chair, the matter of organizing a Children's Aid Society for Newcastle, along lines followed in St. John (where Rev. W. R. Robinson is the efficient secretary) and Fredericton, will be discussed, as it is felt that several individuals and even whole families are in need of the protection of such a Society.

## PROVINCIAL PARAGRAPHS

The proprietor of a Moncton bowling alley was fined \$25 Wednesday morning for employing a schoolboy of 12 years of age in his alleys.

The steamer Hampstead, one of the steamers plying between St. John and Fredericton, was burned at midnight Saturday, at her winter quarters.

The three seamen who were found guilty of robbing the parcel post on one of the steamships in port were taken to Dorchester, penitentiary Friday to serve a three years' sentence.

Another fire occurred in Summerside last Saturday night, \$12,000 damage was done. George Godwin, jewelry, Harry Allen, dentist, were burned out. Brace McKay & Co. were burned out. Three men were charged with incendiary.

Word has reached Fredericton that Ludlow Bowers, of Burton, Sunbury Co., was fatally injured in an accident in the lumber woods near Mars Hill, Maine. The young man was at one of the lumber camps a few miles from Mars Hill with a broken neck and small hope was held out for his recovery.

At a special meeting of the regents at Mount Allison University held on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Hamilton Wigie, of Halifax, was appointed principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College. The appointment to take effect about the middle of July next.

In the enquiry into the death of Jas. F. Richardson, who was crushed between a flat car loaded with wire and the irregular projection of a St. John siding, while acting as brakeman, the jury, on Friday, recommended a more rigid inspection of sidings in the future.

There will be a presentation of colors on Christmas Day to the 11th Battalion of New Brunswick, in command of Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler, M. P. by P. W. Sumner, Agent general of the Province.

STORY OF THE PRINTING PRESS

I am the printing-press, born of the mother earth. My heart is of steel, my limbs are of iron, and my fingers are of brass.

I sing the songs of the world, the crannies of history, the symphonies of all time.

I am the voice of today, the herald of tomorrow, I weave into the warp of the past the woof of the future, I tell the stories of peace and war alike.

I make the human heart beat with passion and tenderness, I stir the pulse of nations, and make brave men do braver deeds and soldiers die.

I whisper the midnight toll, weary at his loom, to lift his head and gaze with fearlessness, into the vast beyond, seeking the consolation of a hope eternal.

When I speak a myriad people listen to my voice. The Saxon, the Latin, the Celt, the Hun, the Slav, the Hindu, all comprehend me.

I am the tireless clarion of the news, I cry your joys and sorrows every hour, I fill the dullard's mind with thoughts uplifting. I am light, knowledge, power. I epitomize the conquests of mind over matter.

I am the record of all things mankind has achieved. My offspring comes to you in the candle's glow, amid the dim lamps of poverty, the splendor of riches; at sunrise, at high noon, and in the waning evening.

I am the laughter and tears of the world, and I shall never die until all things return to the immutable dust.

I am the printing press.

## DISSOLUTION OF CO PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership subsisting under the style and firm name of James A. Rundle & Co., between James A. Rundle of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick and the undersigned James Robinson of Millerton in the County and province aforesaid under partnership agreement bearing date the fourth day of October 1906 made between said parties whereby the said partnership was to continue for a period of ten years from said last mentioned date, has been dissolved since the expiration of the term for which said agreement of partnership was entered into and which expired on the fourth day of October last past.

Dated the seventh day of November A. D. 1916. JAMES ROBINSON.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres on certain conditions. A habitable residence is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$2.00 per acre.

Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for. XLIX-45-XLIX-14

CHURCH DIRECTORY

SUNDAY SERVICE UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. S. Gray Morning service, 11 a. m. Sunday School, 2.30 p. m. Preaching service, Derby, 3 p. m. Evening service, Newcastle, 7 p. m. Mid-Week Service—Wednesday Prayer and testimony meeting 7.30 p. m. Young People's Guild Thursday evenings at 7.30.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Anglican

Rev. W. J. Bate Holy Communion—Every Sunday at 8.00 a. m. and first Sunday in month at 11.00 a. m. Morning and Evening Prayer—Matins at 11.00 (except 3rd Sunday in month, no service.) Evensong at 7.00. Daily Prayers 7.30 a. m. and 5.30 p. m. Wednesday Evensong 7.30.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Catholic)

Low Mass with sermon, etc., 9.00 High Mass, with sermon, etc., 11.00 Mass every morning at 7.00 o'clock. St. Aloysius Society for boys, 1.30 Children baptized, when there are baptisms, 2.00 p. m. Sunday School Classes, 2.30 p. m. Vespers, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, etc., 7.00 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Dr. Squires

Sunday Services 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

THE KIRK St. James Presbyterian Church

Rev. S. J. MacArthur, M. A., B. D. Worship, Sunday, 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School, 2.30 p. m.

SALVATION ARMY Holiness Meeting—11 a. m. Praise and Testimony Meeting—3.00 p. m.

THE WINTER TERM OF FREDERICTON BUSINESS COLLEGE

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