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Annual Review of Progress

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IN expressing an opinion a year ago as to economic conditions in Canada as they then stood, I remarked that the general situation presented something of the aspect of a clock all wound up and ready to go. Later events would seem to indicate that some combination of circumstances had given the pendulum the required urge and that a healthy and continuous ticking was likely to make the progress of Canadian development over a considerable period of time. It is most likely that the inescapable period of the war's aftermath of deflation and trade restriction having run its course, a strong impetus to the country's economic machinery was required before its complete functioning could approach the activity we had known in pre-war days.

That impetus became apparent in the early days of this present year. World conditions were clearly on the mend. Not only in the United States, where it was more clearly evident, but also in Europe, trading influences were at work and could not operate without there being some beneficial reaction in this country. Far more direct and important than this, Canada had been blessed with two excellent and profitable harvests and even in the present year, there came the comparative assurance of a third equally profitable, the required impetus seemed full force and things were set going. One must not ignore the effect of an increased foreign demand for some of our Canadian products. Our pulp and paper industry was already beginning to record its almost phenomenal growth and the awakening of world interest in Canadian mines was not without its heartening effect.

BETTER RAIL EARNINGS
The year's trade betterment noted above has naturally been reflected in improved railway earnings. The railroads have been well equipped to meet these increased demands upon their equipment and personnel. In this respect it is for me to speak only of the company with which I am associated. By trade extension and increased equipment the Canadian Pacific has kept well in advance of the service requirements of the communities it reaches. The company has thus continued the policy that lay behind its original inception as the coping stone of Confederation.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED
As a result of these conditions and others that have had their smaller but not unimportant place in the war and woof of the country's economic affairs, there has come about a restoration of confidence among our people and an increase of business activity throughout the country that is everywhere apparent and would seem to indicate that unless the unforeseen happens, Canada has entered into another extended period of pronounced industrial and commercial expansion. It is not now possible to visit any part of Canada without having this fact brought home to one. From Halifax to Victoria and north to Edmonton and Saskatoon, it is the same. The spirit animating the Canadian people is to markedly different from what it was two years ago that one cannot travel here and there about Canada without being profoundly impressed, and that, perhaps, is the best indication of what the past year has meant to this country. A clear vision as to what can be accomplished by work and thrift, a better realization of Canadian opportunities and a more efficient equipment for the work in capital available, and in marketing transportation and other public services.

AGRICULTURAL RESULTS
In the basic industry of agriculture, the year's results, despite adverse harvesting conditions, on the whole, have been fairly satisfactory and have added largely to the country's current wealth. Stories of our crop disaster in the Western Provinces which obtained some circulation during the late autumn were later discredited by unexpectedly good threshing returns, with the result that the stabilizing effect of the year has been further advanced. The lesson of the value of mixed farming as against one crop operation has been further driven home to the economic welfare of the entire area affected.

REACTION IN MARITIMES
The situation in Ontario and Quebec very largely reflects the re-establishment of sound conditions further west. Mining and the pulp and paper industries have progressed sufficiently to be big factors in the generally satisfactory factory situation, but all industries are evincing an accelerated activity in response to the improved demand for manufactured goods from all parts of the country. The Maritime Provinces, too, are showing unmistakable evidence of reaction to the predominant condition, and here is particularly observed the change for the better in the general outlook toward the future. The settlement of the industrial dispute in Sydney has been followed by usual activity on the coal mines, and people of the Maritimes are awaking to a new realization of the resources of their country and the tremendous possibilities of development agriculture and fishing, than which there are no better in any part of Canada.

NATIONAL PROBLEMS
The nation-wide condition of better business and more marked confidence in the future is not likely to be without effect upon some of those questions to which we sometimes refer as national problems. It will certainly tend towards the elimination of sectional feelings which must have as its chief inspiration the discontent that is bound to accompany business stagnation. Perhaps its most important effect outside of Canada will be in the encouragement of immigration. Nothing can be more effective in drawing to this country a large number of those who are seeking to leave the old land for the new, than prosperity which would give most reasonable promise of success in the new life entered upon. It is my opinion that largely increased immigration during the next few years would be an important influence in sustaining the period of progressive prosperity into which this country seems to have entered. Without question our national progress will be neither rapid nor great without over-increased immigration, and industrial development will be retarded unless the number of workers available increases apace with opportunity for their employment. To October 31 last, the year 1926, 122,946 new citizens arrived in this country, compared with 76,881 in 1925. It is an improvement and there are indications that next year will see further advance.

President Beatty

and it is not unreasonable to gauge future national progress by what has been accomplished since that event. In doing so we should bear in mind the vastly superior equipment for the work which the country now has to its hand. It is impossible to view the future in the light of this without being profoundly impressed by the prospect, and I am of the opinion that the coming year, under ordinary fortuitous circumstances, will mark another pronounced forward step towards our ultimate destiny as a great and prosperous nation. The Canadian Pacific will as in the past, continue to do its full share of the work of giving all possible aid to trade expansion and the fostering of the small developments that are later to be of importance in the country's economic life. During the past year we have added to our trucking and terminal facilities; we are building new ships for overseas trade and we are building new hotels at Banff and Regina for the encouragement of the tourist traffic which has assumed so large a place in the business life of the country. All this we would not do were we not entirely confident regarding Canada's future, and we were not eager to accept in full the responsibility of carrying on the work of nation building for which the Canadian Pacific was originally projected at the time of Confederation.

CONDITIONS COMPARED.
One may justly compare conditions in Canada with those in the United States where conditions of railway operation are more nearly alike those of this country than are those of any other. During the war freight rates were advanced in both countries, but the vast increase in cost of operation. The Canadian advance was much later than that of the States, thus giving American roads the advantage of larger revenues for an appreciable time. Up to and including 1922 there was a succession of decreases ranging from 7 1/2 to 83 per cent, averaging a reduction in the earnings of Canadian railroads of 22.6 per cent. During the same time United States freight rates underwent a total reduction of 10 per cent, thus leaving Canadian rates considerably lower than those of American roads. Here I should like to point out that even were freight rates the same as those of the United States the railroads of the latter country would have a tremendous advantage in density of traffic over those of Canada. The population to be served per mile of railroad is in Canada, 222 against 444 in the United States; the gross earning per mile of American track are more than double that in Canada, and the gross earnings of American roads per capita are nearly four dollars more than those in this country.

English Opera Company Comes To Sing In Canada
Those passengers who decided to sail on the Canadian Pacific steamer Metagama, which arrived here yesterday morning, were lucky as all the way across the Atlantic they were entertained each evening by the members of the famous D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. The company produces only Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, and during its tour of Canada its repertoire will be confined to "The Yeoman of the Guard," "The Gondoliers," "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "The Mikado." The company will play two weeks each at Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, and thence on to Vancouver and Victoria. They will sail on their return to England on May 29 from Montreal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NEW YEAR SERVICE
The Charlotte street Baptist church Sunday school held its New Year service in the church at 10 a. m. on New Year's Day. This was the first service of the kind held in the local church, C. B. Lockhart, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided. The singing was led by the church choir. Rev. James Dunlop gave an address on "The Four Wise Things." The chairman expressed his delight in the success of the service. He had counted over 200 present from the school which encouraged him to continue this service as a local rally. The New Year's gift to the children was kindly donated by the superintendent of the school.

CONDUCTS SERVICE AT SEAMEN'S MISSION
Rev. H. A. Goodwin, of the Portland United church, held the service at the Seamen's Institute last evening. He was accompanied by a full choir and some members of his congregation. The attendance was large. There were over 30 seamen present along with some members of the Metagama's crew. Fred T. Miller, manager of the Institute, announced that moving pictures would be shown there on Tuesday evening and on Thursday evening the Metagama concert would be repeated with some additions.

WILL INVESTIGATE
August Jonsson, of Sweden, arrived on the S. S. Metagama yesterday bound for Vancouver, B. C., where he will investigate farming and living conditions. He will investigate the Maritime Provinces upon his return in the spring. Mr. Magnusson will assist him in his investigations which can be made much better then when the snow is off the ground. Carl Olsen, aged 37, a native of Denmark, also arrived on the Metagama and will settle in New Denmark, N. B.

NEW YEAR EVENTS, CARRIED OUT BY 'Y,' LARGELY ATTENDED

All records of attendance and successful events for the New Year's observances at the Y. M. C. A. were completely shattered this year. At the Watch Night service there were 105 young men present, and previously the record attendance for this service had been 68. Rev. Brice D. Knott was the special speaker and delivered an inspirational address. The special events of New Year's Day commenced at 9 a. m. when the annual breakfast of the dormitory men was served under the direction of Mrs. Hogge, the house mother. The New Year's message was given by A. M. Gregg, general secretary. During the morning the annual volleyball game between the staff of the Y. M. C. A. and the staff of the Y. M. C. A. was played. The game was a close one, with the Y. M. C. A. winning 3-2. The Y. M. C. A. also had a very successful day, with many events well attended.

The various sections of the boy membership took part in an admirably given series of gymnasium exercises, drills and stunts, and the members of the senior leaders corps also participated. The mothers of the boys were special guests and viewed the gymnasium display with evident appreciation. The boys also gave an excellent demonstration of swimming in the swimming pool. Commencing at 4:30 the Y. M. C. A. orchestra gave a very fine concert program in the lobby. There are about 14 or 15 pieces in the orchestra and the selections were splendidly rendered and very greatly enjoyed.

WERE AT HOME.
The Ladies' Auxiliary was at home while the concert was in progress and held a reception in honor of the mothers of the members of the association. Mrs. D. R. Willet, the president, and Mrs. F. A. Dykeman received the guests. Tea was served in the reading room where the table was most attractively arranged with charming decorations of sweet peas and pretty candles. Mrs. A. B. Gilmour and Mrs. R. E. Plimpton poured tea and coffee. Those who assisted in serving were Mrs. Ralph Fowler, Miss Milligan, Mrs. A. H. Chipman, Mrs. Norman Marshall, Mrs. F. M. Logan, Mrs. A. B. Clarke, Mrs. T. H. Sommerville, Mrs. A. C. L. Tapley, Mrs. J. W. Brittain and Mrs. Hogge. About 300 mothers and other visitors were present in the afternoon when the largest number that have ever been entertained on that annual event. In the evening about 200 spectators witnessed the basketball games which proved very good contests.

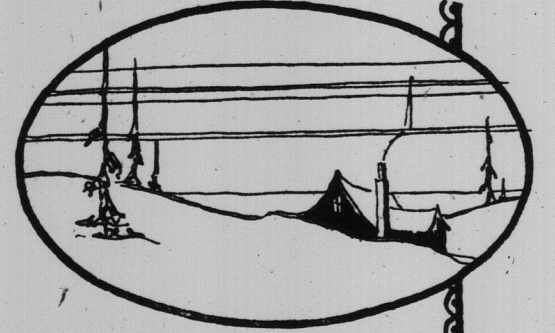
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BITTEN BY DOG
Mrs. Simon Thomas, who resides at 34 Brunswick street, while walking on Prince Edward street Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, was severely bitten by an alreado dog owned by William J. McCordick, 190 Prince Edward street. Police Constable McElzhuay investigated the case and as Mrs. Thomas did not wish the matter to be heard before the court, the officer warned Mr. McCordick to keep his dog tied up in the future.

THREE PRESENTATIONS.
Rev. William M. Duke was the recipient of remembrances from three societies of which he is chaplain. The three are the Altar Society of St. Ann, the Third Order of St. Francis and St. Vincent de Paul Society. During the week the members of the Altar Society of St. Ann and the members of the Third Order of St. Francis each presented him a purse of money, and yesterday he received a piece of gold from the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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