

WITH FAIR LUCK, SAYS C. N. R. WILL EQUAL LAST YEAR

Sir H. Thornton Says Revenue Much Less, But Expenses Cut.

IMMIGRATION

Makes Bid for Big Man to Take Charge of This Matter.

Cornwall, Ont., Oct. 28.—A prediction that given even ordinary luck, the net earnings of the Canadian National railway for the current year would not be less than those of 1923, was made by Sir Henry W. Thornton, in addresses delivered before the boards of trade of Prescott and Cornwall yesterday afternoon and evening. Sir Henry based his assertion upon the fact that while there had been heavy and steady declines in gross earnings on all parts of the system, these declines had been met with heavier reductions in working expenses.

"This year the gross revenues of the C. N. R. have been falling off by leaps and bounds," said Sir Henry. "The gross earnings to the end of September showed a decrease of about \$8,000,000. The gross earnings in September alone showed a decrease of \$2,300,000, but working expenses during the same month were decreased by more than \$2,000,000, so that the net revenues for September showed an increase of about \$300,000.

"Up to October 1, the net revenues of the system are about \$800,000 less than they were a year ago, but I believe we will make good that amount before the end of the year, and, while we will have a reduction in gross revenue for the year of from \$12,000,000 to \$10,000,000 we will cut down our expenses to such an extent that we will offset that loss of revenue and end the year with net earnings of not less than last year. We will not make \$300,000,000 as we set our objective for this year, but we hope to do as well as we did last year."

Relations With C. P. R.

While dealing with the financial situation, Sir Henry referred to relationship of the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. "Our relationship," said Sir Henry, "is limited to a friendly co-operation and to a competition that will be only a competition in good works." Sir Henry said he believed Prescott and Cornwall would eventually become city of importance and wealth and Cornwall would advance even more rapidly than it had once conditions became normal.

He alluded to the St. Lawrence power and deep waterway development and ventured the opinion that it was inevitable that the Great Lakes and

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the ocean should be connected by a deep draught waterway.

Immigration

He again expressed his opinion that immigration was the only solution of the handicap under which Canada was laboring and he stressed the importance of having some one big figure placed in charge of an immigration policy for the Dominion and of confederating the various agencies endeavoring to promote immigration at the present time.

Sir Henry said: "There is no minister of immigration in Canada. It is true, the minister of finance divides his time between the two duties, but his time is so taken up with the administration of financial affairs that he has little time to give to immigration. We will not, and we cannot hope to, progress as we should until there is a captain to the ship. I hope the Government will see its way clear to deal with this most important subject and to appoint a man, a big man, to give his whole time to this problem, which to my mind is the greatest individual problem of the nation. We will never get on with this immigration problem until such action is taken."

"I have been told that labor opposes immigration. I won't believe that labor does object to the proper kind of immigrant, and that is the only kind we want. The immigrant who goes on the land does not do labor a bit of harm. He does labor good. I have been told by Margaret Bonfield that after she had talked with labor leaders in Britain and Canada, she had found labor opposed to immigration."

The cotton loom weevil did relatively little damage in the south during 1924.

Tarsus II, the largest wooden scow in the world, was launched recently at the Wallace shipyards at Vancouver.

BANKERS ADVISE ENDING VISA FEE

Might Result in Dropping of Extra \$10 Charge to Enter the U. S.

New York, Oct. 28.—That the United States Government enter into agreements with foreign governments to abolish passport and visa requirements are recommendations made in a report of the American Bankers' Association made public here yesterday.

The commission, of which Fred J. Kent is chairman, declares that "high fees for passports and visas are a burden upon international travel which is so necessary to foreign commerce, and the formalities incident to visas and to police control of passports, which were appropriate in time of war, are now an interference with commerce."

The American Government, therefore, is urged by the commission to reduce its fees for passports and visas to a reasonable charge for the service it performs, and to enter as promptly as possible into reciprocal agreements with foreign governments for the complete discontinuance of visa and passport requirements as conditions of war.

The commission also recommends, in connection with its work of facilitating international trade relations, the reduction of hardships incident to the enforcement of customs regulations. It points out that "real promise of world-wide simplification of such regulations" was given by the international convention relating to customs formalities signed at Geneva in 1923, "to which the United States was not a party," and calls attention to plans of the International Chamber of Commerce to bring about the objects sought.

The abolition of the consular visa fee would probably have an effect on the head tax situation for those going from Canada into the United States, and might mean the dropping of the extra \$10 charge recently added to the fee for Canadians crossing the line.

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JUDGE AND LAWYER DEBATE QUESTION OF DEATH PENALTY

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were not assigned to defend penniless defendants. Stepping from his neutral position, Mr. Marshall said:

"It has been said that the courts never assign first-class lawyers to defend men charged with murder. I can give testimony that this is not true in New York City. DeLancey Nicolai, Samuel Untermyer and Mr. Hornblower were assigned during one term of Court to defend in homicide cases. Another thing, the reformation of the English code was through the judges and against the Parliament. I say this in the interest of a fair view of a great subject and of justice which we do know to be an existing element of our American life."

The debate, held under the auspices of the League for Public Discussion of 600 Fifth Avenue, was not free, yet every seat in the big theatre was occupied at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$4.00. The League, under the leadership of Judge Darrow, was a temporary chairman. He indicated that he was opposed to capital punishment.

"Is it true," he asked, "that rich men escape the chair and that the poor do not? We have seen the reformer in his hireable counsel, and thus present his case. Try to find one who went to the chair."

Cites Prison Amusements

Arguing for the retention of the extreme penalty, Judge Talley asserted that when after criminals went to jail conditions were made rather pleasant for them. The judge said that movie pictures were shown every evening and that convicts' time was lightened by performances in Sing Sing and elsewhere. "If you go to jail," he said, "you shall be given three square meals a day, supervised by a dietitian. Then if you don't like the meals you can get them from a private caterer. Even under the able and excellent administration of Warden Laves more than half of the Sing Sing prisoners eat outside. According to the Warden's report, about \$80,000 was spent in the first six months of 1923 for meals outside."

"If I as an individual have the right to kill in self-defense why has not the State, which is a group of individuals, the right to defend itself against aggression? Does any dispute the right of a nation to kill in defense of its citizens? Those who would seek to take away from the State the power of capital punishment seek to take away from the symbol of justice her sword."

Says Crime Increasing

"Out of my own experience of twenty-five years as a counsel for the State, as a prosecutor, and as a judge, I say that the only thing the criminal fears is the penalty of death. I would follow his counsel and let the State take away from him the right to live. Judge Talley said that crime was on the increase. He said that this city certainly had a murder a day and that Chicago, with less population, had more than New York. Statistics for the United States showed that in 1900 600 homicides were reported, ten years later the total was 1,200 and in 1921 the murders numbered 936."

"I deny my adversary's statement that every man's head is on a block," said Mr. Darrow. "Everybody loves killing, if you believe in heredity. I used to get a thrill out of reading about the death of Germans during the war. Everybody who loves capital punishment loves it because they get a kick out of it."

"I might say in passing that in all those States where the percentage of capital punishment is high, the percentage of murders is low. And there is no question that in the States where there is no capital punishment the percentage of murders is high."

Mr. Darrow argued that the World War was responsible for an increase of murder, "because a great war always cheapens human life." He said that the State taught killing to citizens, and then expected them to forget all about it.

"I am against capital punishment because it is inhuman," said Darrow, "and I believe it is only a question of a few years before it will be abolished in every civilized country, including New York. It has no effect whatsoever to stop murders."

In rebuttal, Judge Talley cited a report of the American Bar Association on prevalence of crime, and that investigation in France and Great Britain, where the war certainly was felt, had not revealed any stimulus of

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crime traceable to the war. As to charity toward the slayers, something suggested to him apparently by one of Mr. Darrow's remarks, Judge Talley said:

"You can't blow hot and cold on this. You can't ask mercy on one day for a man because he is poor and weak and subject, and on the next day ask for mercy because the man is rich and over-privileged."

Mr. Darrow reiterated his poor opinion of the quality of lawyers assigned to defend impoverished murder defendants, and said that a search of the Tomb and Sing Sing would find that one out of 1,000 there was rich. He referred to Judge Talley's citation of the American Bar Association report, and asked:

"What do you suppose the American Bar Association knows about this thing?"

He paused here to frame his next question, and a voice from the first balcony boomed:

"As much as you do."

"Well," said Mr. Darrow, "you don't know what you are talking about. They are two busy defending corporations. They leave it to the criminal lawyers."

Vote on the winner of the debate will be by mail, ballots for the purpose having been printed in the programmes.

350 ENJOY FIRST ANNUAL ELKS BALL

Pythian Castle is Scene of Brilliant Function—Pretty Costumes.

The 350 who attended the Elks Ball last evening in Pythian Castle, the first formal function of the St. John Elks, had a splendid time and the event was a brilliant social success.

The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. F. L. Potts, who was gowned in dark blue satin with overtones of French flowers; Mrs. R. W. Wigmore, who wore a black sequin gown; and Mrs. Dorothy Sinclair, who wore a gown of black and white. The ball was opened by J. A. Sinclair, exalted ruler and Miss Dorothy Sinclair.

At 11 o'clock approached the Elks' prayer was recited in solemn tones by R. R. Smith, leading knight. The solemnity of the occasion was accentuated by the dimming of the lights, which is the custom for this ceremony at all meetings and functions of the order.

Purple and white, the colors of the order, were used in the flowers which were exceptionally pretty and artistically arranged in large silver vases on the supper tables, which were placed in the form of a cross. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were hung back of the tables. The candelabra were rich in design, particularly one in gold, in the form of the Biblical candlesticks, with purple candles. This was loaned by one of the members of the order. Those presiding at the table were Mrs. E. A. Westrup, Mrs. H. Y. McGillivray, Mrs. B. Faraday and Mrs. John Burgoyne.

Mrs. T. R. S. Smith, Mrs. John Sears and Mrs. Albert Ellis replenished. The gentlemen on the committee who planned the ball and assisted in the service were Dr. A. E. Westrup, H. V. McGillivray, Joseph Driscoll, Harry Driscoll, Roy Driscoll, Otty McIntyre, B. Faraday, John Burgoyne, C. Appleby, W. J. Anderson, Jack Rossley and W. Pedersen, who arranged the flowers.

Dancing was resumed after supper. The ball room was decorated with ferns, behind which the orchestra played bright dance music, for which they received hearty encores and to which they responded by an extended programme.

The gowns were pretty in coloring and fashionably trimmed and the new head-dresses with the hair piled up and high was noticed in several instances. The ladies presiding at the supper tables were handsomely gowned. Mrs.

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Westrup wore an orchid gown of soft silk crepe, with closely embroidered gold and blue beads and a Spanish comb in her hair; Mrs. McGillivray was in a French blue beaded crepe satin, made simply with side train of gold chiffon, and high collar, which was very smart. Mrs. Burgoyne was in a soft crepe gown of black, with pearls and Mrs. Faraday was in a black crepe satin overdress of net, with crystal beads. Mrs. Smith, one of those who served, was in yellow satin, with overdress of chiffon, very prettily embroidered with crystal beads. Many gowns were seen to be trimmed with fur and with side draperies of many designs. Many were noticed to be of the new shorter length, and one or two showed the new high waistline, with tasteful effect.

FILM ACTOR'S BEARD CAUSES SENSATION

Woman, Frightened, Stops Train and Man is Held By The Police.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—A woman pulled the alarm signal in the carriage of a train near Berlin recently because she did not like the face of the man sitting opposite her.

When the train was stopped and the guard arrived, she stated that the man had done nothing, but as he was obviously of criminal type she was frightened.

The man certainly had a villainous appearance. He had not shaved for several days. He said he was a film actor, and had to his beard grow because he was playing the part of a criminal.

The police were summoned. They also did not like the man's face, and as he had no passport they detained him for several hours until a film company cleared up the matter.

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