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THE RUSH OF BUSINESS.

Never in the history of Canadian transportation has passenger traffic been as heavy as at the present time. And seldom have the railway and steamship companies been so sorely pressed to provide accommodation. In Canada this is to a very considerable extent due to the troop movements. To accommodate returning men much equipment has to be diverted to the use of the militia department. Thus the railways, deprived of a large portion of their rolling stock, are endeavoring to handle record-breaking business. In the United States difficulties of a similar nature though arising from different causes are encountered, and there the situation is much more serious than in Canada. The increased passenger traffic in the United States is just as marked as in this country, but by reason of frequent and widespread strikes, and other trouble among employees of the transportation companies, it has been found necessary not merely to reduce the accommodation on important trains but to cut out many trains altogether. There is no fast express today between Boston and New York. There are no purely suburban trains out of Boston, and even on the important long distance runs between large centres the limited accommodation is booked for weeks in advance. In Canada we have not come to this, and while the majority of our trains are crowded, while hundreds of people are compelled to sit up in day coaches instead of enjoying comfort in sleeping cars, it is probable that with the early termination of the troop movement some improvement may be anticipated. For the past four years passenger traffic has not been greater than that of normal years preceding the war, but since the cessation of hostilities every one seemingly wants to move about. (The nervous tension is relaxed, people are looking for pleasure. The desire to economize does not appear to extend, and men and women of all classes are treating themselves to the outings which they think they deserve and of which they have for some time been deprived. And this in spite of the fact that in these past four or five years the cost of travel in transportation alone has increased at least twenty per cent. and other expenses by a much greater proportion.)

Were the increase in business confined to passenger travel alone, the railways might more easily cope with the situation. But express business, which is handled on passenger trains, is three hundred per cent. greater than in 1915. Every transportation company doing business in this country has been compelled to provide many additional cars for the express agencies, and these naturally make heavier trains, adding to the demand for greater motive power. The consequences in collection and delivery of the quick despatch via express and the decreasing differences between express and freight rates, have all tended to the remarkable growth of express business which has been experienced. Indeed in a little community such as this it is not uncommon to find shipments amounting at times to full carloads brought in from distant points by express where a few years ago shippers would never have dreamed of using any method other than freight haulage. Nor does it appear that increasing express rates result in any slackening of traffic. People have got the habit and are sticking to it no matter what the cost may be. In fact in every branch of transportation it seems that money is considered least of all and that the demand for pleasure in travel and speed in freight transport governs the public policy.

CANADIAN PENSIONS.

An important amendment to the pension legislation becomes effective in Canada on September first. The various orders-in-council under which pensions have been paid in the past are now consolidated in the Pensions Act, which was put through at the last parliamentary session and becomes applicable on Monday next. This legislation, in addition to providing for the present payments to disabled soldiers and their dependents and for the families of those who have been killed, contains a most important provision for a bonus, covering one year only, to all ranks from company sergeant-major down, and to dependents of such members of Canada's forces who have given their lives. Under this clause a twenty per cent. increase, intended to offset the present high cost of living, is allowed for private, and approximately a thirteen per cent. increase for those who held the rank of sergeant. Thus to the total disability pension of six hundred dollars per year for a private there will be added one hundred and twenty dollars payable for one year only. The total disability payable to a sergeant has been six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, and this by the addition of the bonus referred to is also brought up to seven hundred and twenty dollars for the first year. In cases of deceased

soldiers, the first orphan child will hereafter be entitled to receive three hundred and sixty dollars per annum instead of two hundred and eighty-eight as at present. The second two hundred and forty dollars, and other children one hundred and ninety-two dollars each.

There are other important amendments in the new act, one of which provides that the earnings from personal employment of a widowed mother shall not be taken into consideration when an award of pension is made. Formerly the commissioners were compelled to consider such earnings when estimating the amount payable. Nor do beneficiaries from municipal insurance, which was given in some Canadian cities to men who enlisted for overseas, suffer as in the past by reduction in pension through the enjoyment of such an income.

Another very interesting clause in the act deals with the rate of pension payable to those who voluntarily reverted in rank for the purpose of proceeding to the front. Under previous regulations reversion in England only was acknowledged, but this principle has been extended to include disabled cases and also cases of reversion to Canada. Hereafter all men will be entitled to the pension prescribed for the rank from which they reverted, and those affected by this change are advised to communicate with the Board of Commissioners as quickly as possible in order that their claims may be adjusted. Canada is today paying more than eighty thousand pensions on account of the war and is adding to the list at the rate of more than one hundred and thirty names per day.

THE HOUSING LOAN.

A great deal of interest has been created in the announcement which The Standard was able to make yesterday, that the Federal Housing Loan, in spite of the opinion of our local committee, is applicable to the construction of houses of two stories, in fact. This loan may not be applied for houses of three stories or more. It is the desire of those administering the fund to provide that persons constructing houses under these terms shall follow a style of architecture that will ensure reasonable privacy in family life, and the housing committee feel that this end cannot be attained if three or more families are thrown together in the one building. The intention is to avoid common entries, halls and stairways, and it is felt that this result can be attained in two-family houses, while at the same time permitting simplicity of design and economy in construction. The fact that land is scarce in St. John, and that the few lots available bring high prices, interfere to some extent with the hopes of the local committee and the desires of prospective builders. Yet there is good reason to believe that if the situation were properly presented to those responsible for the administration of the fund, such concessions would be made as might permit the immediate erection of residences practically anywhere. It is, however, stated by Mr. Bullock that this question of the cost of land is not a really serious objection and it may be that apart from this altogether there are many in a position to secure moderately priced lots, who are ready to go ahead at once with two-story, two-family houses.

WHAT THEY SAY

Produce!
 Buffalo Express—A work day so long as to cause excessive physical and mental fatigue undoubtedly reduces product, because workers can always hold a faster pace and show greater efficiency if they are not allowed unduly to exhaust themselves. But any theory that reduction of profit itself benefits labor is entirely false and when acted upon can only involve labor in disaster. Soft-job agitation is ruinous both to the individual character and to the people collectively.

Scarfing Sir Robert.
 Hamilton Herald—A writer in the Toronto Globe has been scarfing Sir Robert Borden in a series of special articles. The Premier is held up to scorn by this anonymous writer as very much of a nincompoop, without initiative, courage or any will of his own. In one sentence Sir Robert is called a wobbler, and elsewhere in the same article he is called an autocrat. It's a hundred to one that the author is some fellow who aspired to a government job and was turned down. He isn't smart enough to conceal his malice.

For and Against.
 Hamilton Herald—Only the other day the London Times set some very nice appreciative things about Mackenzie King. Yesterday it denounced the Canadian Lemieux Act and warned the British government against imitating so crude and dangerous a specimen of industrial legislation. Probably the big London paper didn't know that the Lemieux Act is the work of Mackenzie King and is acclaimed as his chief legislative achievement.

The Question of Clemency.
 Montreal Gazette—The proposal that the Prince of Wales be requested to intercede with the Dominion government

for the exercise of clemency to all offenders under the Military Service law, reveals entire misconception of the position of His Royal Highness. It is devoid of discretion, and may easily prove mischievous however good the intent of its authors. Surely it is a striking example of lack of logic and consistency that the appeal to the Prince is made by those who most loudly cry out against interference with the autonomy of the Dominion.

All Natural Free Traders.

Brantford Examiner—The collector of customs of the port of New York says "it is a matter of great surprise" to him that a woman whose character and reputation are beyond question, who would not dream of doing any other questionable thing, will yield to the temptation of smuggling. It is well to remember, however, that the temptation to smuggle is not confined to women, and that there are many men who also find pleasure in beating the government out of its dues. On ethical grounds this trait of mind cannot be justified, but it indicates that people of both sexes are naturally free traders, and are opposed to all artificial barriers to trade.

IN PRAISE OF BOXING.

London Times—A man's last line of defence is his fists. There is no sport, not even cricket, which is more exacting than boxing. In the days of Rodney Stone—and there is no English schoolboy who does not know his story—boxing was the greatest of English sports. "Let no one sneer," says George Bernard Shaw in "Lovers' Progress," "at the brutishness of boxing. It is the only sport in which the victor is not the loser." England, who was the gladiator of Rome, or the bull-fighters of Spain, in its palmy days, compared with England's brutishness? Fly that over corruption should have crept in amongst them. And there, as in the days of the immortal Boring, is the danger of boxing as a clean sport. It must be kept clean.

A BIT OF VERSE

UP ANCHOR!

(By Ruth Franklin Jenness.)
 There is romance in a sailing; there's adventure on the sea.
 For the slipping of the anchor sets the careless seamen free.
 And a world fades out behind them and another looms ahead.
 Every minute a screw is churning or a wheel is spinning.
 Trusts and promises are broken, fame and fortune cast away.
 Tears may fall upon the harbor, where a loved ship lay.
 But it's "All hands aft!" and it's "Fore sheet, haul!"
 And it's "Stand by, me hearties!" when the sailors hear the call,
 "All hands, up anchor!"

Oh, how bright the combers glisten and how clear the headlands are!
 When we're homeward bound and standing out beyond the harbor bar;
 How the seending combers, reflected, chase the white caps up the sea,
 And the seagulls' noisy convoy seems to sweep the air above the sea.
 How the throbbing screws, in chorus, seem to sing the joy we feel,
 As they race and pound and rumble through the leagues beneath our keel;
 How the morning's routine lightens when we clear our holdin' ground;
 How we man the hoistin' tackle when we hear that welcome sound,
 "All hands, up anchor!"

There are songs of home and country, there are haunts that thrill and cheer;
 There are customs and traditions which to every man are dear;
 There are memories which hold us in a spell of ecstasy;
 There are thoughts which seem to bind us until others set us free;
 But the song with deepest meaning, in the world that seamen know,
 Brings them mingled joy and sorrow as it bids them come or go.
 For it's "All hands aft!" and it's "Main sheet, haul!"
 And it's "Stand by, me hearties!" when the sailors hear the call,
 "All hands, up anchor!"

A BIT OF FUN

Professor—Does the moon affect this tide?
Student—No, sir; merely the untied.
Prospective Employer—Not afraid of early hours, I suppose?
Employee—Oh, no! You can't close too early for me, mister!

Tommy—What's an echo, pa?
Pa—An echo, my son, is the only thing that can deprive a woman of the last word.

Mike (looking down from a high tower)—Bogorra, it's a long way from here to the bottom. Put it in, Mike, an' ye'll go a lot further than that if ye fall.

He—I suppose you wouldn't think of marrying a man unless he could afford to give you a yacht?
She—Oh, I don't know. If I really loved him I would be satisfied with a little smack occasionally.

Scriptural Diet.
 Disgusted Diner—"I'll never have another meal in this restaurant. The meat's high, and they've diluted the whiskey."
Clergyman—Ahem! How true it is, the flesh is strong but the spirit is weak!

Constant Reminder.
 Husband—Now don't forget me, dear.
 Wife (off for Narragansett)—As if I could, Jack. The surf at night sounds just like you snoring.

Climbers.
 "The Notch family are great aspirants for social honors, are they not?"
"I should say so. Why, they're such climbers that they have even named their youngest daughter Ivy."

End of the Honeymoon.
 "The honeymoon's about over."
"So?"
"Yep. He's had an argument with

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Yesterday before supper I thawed the setting room clock looked as if it needed winding and I wound it up a little it stopped and wouldn't go again, me thinking, Gosh, G, I better not let them find out before I tell them. Meaning pop and ma, especially pop, and while we was eating supper I sed, Have you noticed anything, pop?
 Yes, you've exactly got your hair parted strait, sed pop.
 No sir, that ain't it, I sed, have you noticed anything, ma?
 Yes, you got in on time for supper for once in your life, sed ma.
 No mam, that ain't it either, I sed. And we all kept on eating supper, and I sed, The setting room clock ain't striking, didn't anybody notice that?
 Nonsense, I wound it just this morning, sed ma, and pop sed, Sertony it strikes. And he took out his watch, saying, Its exactly on time with my watch, so its due to strike 7 in exactly half a minute.
 And everybody listened for half a minute, including me, and the setting clock didn't strike and everybody looked surprised except me, and pop sed, That's confounded funny, and ma sed, its rediculous, that clock was only just fixed.
 Do you want to know why it ain't striking? I sed.
 Benny, wot did you do to that clock? sed ma.
 Nothing, you wound it, I sed.
 The result being I didn't get any dinner and had to go rite to bed, wick I mite not of bin any worse if I had left them find out before I told them.

her brother and she's started to find fault with his folks."

Sandy Was Obligated.
 Sandy McNab (to porter who has put all the heavy luggage into the van)—Mon, I conseder ye've been verra obligin'. Will ye tak' a punch of snuff?"

"Here Lies —"
 An attorney was examining a witness and chanced to ask him about the character of the dead man who figured in the case, to which the witness replied:
 "He was a man without blame, beloved and respected by all, pure in all his thoughts, and—"
 "How did you learn that?" demanded the judge.
 "I read it on his tombstone," was the disconcerting reply.—Los Angeles Times.

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BABY HAD DIARRHOEA

WAS GIVEN UP.
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Mothers should look well after their children during the hot summer months, as this is the time of year when the young ones are liable to all kinds of bowel complaints. If your children have any looseness of the bowels do not experiment with new and untried remedies. Get one having stood the test of time. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has been on the market for the past 74 years. Don't accept a substitute and perhaps endanger your child's life.

Mrs. Willis Coupland, Sundridge, Ont. writes—"About four years ago my little girl, then a baby two months old, took diarrhoea. I took her to the doctor, but to no avail. After he had given her up, I read of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry and immediately got a bottle. Within two days she was improving fast. I cannot ever praise it enough. I hope some poor sufferer will see this letter and lead them to a friend indeed." Price 35 cents. Put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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Oscar Mopps has a great nose for business. He's traded his soap factory for a skunk farm. Tell Binkley lectured on "Th' Irrigation in Mesopotamia" at Meledeon Hall, last night, 't'ight business.

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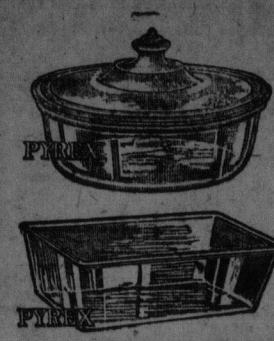
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