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CHIGNECTO CANAL IS FEASIBLE

Uniform Control Of Motor Traffic Aim Of Conference

Representatives of Provinces Are Meeting in Ottawa This Week.

A conference of federal and provincial authorities is being held in Ottawa this week to discuss the problem of highway transportation. Need for better control and regulation of motor transport that is carried on for hire has been pressing for some time, and the aim of this week's gathering, with Hon. Dr. Manion, Minister of Railways, present, is to come to an agreement for governmental control under uniform regulations, of this sort of traffic on the public highways of all provinces.

That the autobus and the motor truck are here to stay is certain. Under a co-ordinated system of control their services possibly could be made more dependable, and it is felt they could be made of greater value as auxiliaries of the steam railways. It is claimed by many that the true function of motor transport is complementary to the railways.

The Baillargeon project is in harmony with that idea. Therefore it may be regarded as pertinent to the aim and purpose of the coming convention at Ottawa. Mr. Baillargeon suggests the creation of a board, or commission, which, representative of the nine provinces and reinforced with a certain measure of federal authority, would exercise a jurisdiction in the matter of passenger and freight traffic on the highways akin to that of the Board of Railway Commissioners in respect to the same kind of traffic on the railways. Were

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Around the Maritimes

Receipts from the Y's Men's radio auction in Moncton last Friday were estimated at \$1,300, an increase over last year.

The cost of unemployment relief for the town of Amherst will amount to \$40,000 by the end of the present year, it is estimated.

It is estimated that 700,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples will be used in plants manufacturing by-products, and that 4,000 barrels are used every 24 hours.

The financial report of the town of Kentville, N.S., shows that seventy-five per cent. of the current year's tax levy has been paid.

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association at its meeting last week voted in favor of the estab-

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IL DUCE TAKES TO HARVESTING



To signalize his winning of the "Battle of the Grain," Signor Benito Mussolini operated a harvesting machine on a farm near Rome. Since he took over the reins of the Italian government, Il Duce has been seeking to control the production of wheat so that it would not be necessary to import grain to feed the people of his country. The crop this year was 81,003,200 cwt.; an amount considered to meet Italy's needs, and to mark the victory, prizes totalling \$65,000 were given to farmers throughout the country.

Buy Products Of Our Own Province And Help Yourself

A Buy-At-Home Campaign Is Real Necessity in New Brunswick.

It is time that New Brunswick got into line with other provinces in a drive for a Buy Home campaign. For several years this paper has been advocating the purchase of home products and some results have been achieved. There is room for a wide movement of this kind. New Brunswick produces fine farm produce, and New Brunswick apples have led the markets in Great Britain. Farmers here complain that they cannot sell their goods because of the great imports of food from other provinces. The people in the cities and towns appear unaware that when they buy goods from other provinces the money goes away from home, never to come back.

New Brunswick produces boots, shoes, brushes, axes, clothing, and a great variety of other goods, but the buyers forget to ask for New Brunswick products when making purchases and so the merchants get the idea that there is little demand for the home products.

In Nova Scotia a Buy at Home campaign is now underway. In regard to this the Halifax Herald says:

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Gossip From Far and Near

THE move to have navigation in the St. Lawrence closed before it is necessary to use ice-breakers is finding favor in many quarters. It may be that navigation will close officially on November 25 each year. In such a case Saint John would open its winter season that much earlier. The early closing would result in a saving to the people of Canada, while it would benefit materially the port of Saint John.

OFFICIAL announcement has been made that the Canadian Parliament will open in Ottawa on January 25. There is much business to come before Parliament. The matter of a central bank, radio broadcasting and trade agreements are expected to be matters that may cause keen debate. There has been much criticism of radio broadcasting from all parts of the country and some change may be made.

FIVE companies in Quebec have been convicted for combining in restraint of coal sales. Fines totalling \$30,000 were imposed. Combines are not good for any country. When costs of necessities of life, such as coal, are kept high in order to make unwarranted profits for manipulators, these persons should be treated as criminals.

VALUABLE AID TO TRADE FACILITIES OF ALL CANADA

Nova Scotia People Favor Project According to Halifax Herald---New Brunswick Wants Canal---Report Expected Soon.

Again it is heard that the report of the Chignecto Canal Commission may be presented to the Dominion Government some time during the present week. It is believed that the report will not class the project as one of immediate need.

As far as can be learned, the commissioners are agreed that the project is feasible but there is a difference of opinion as to the route to be taken if the canal is to be constructed. There were three proposals as to the location of the canal, but it is believed Messrs. Sowards and Surveyor favored the one that would have the Bay of Fundy entrance in New Brunswick and the Northumberland Strait entrance in Nova Scotia. Mr. Robb is said to have dissented from this in favor of the route nearer Amherst.

The commissioners are agreed, it is learned, there would be considerable economic value in the canal, but they agree also the cost and the national financial conditions far outweigh any economic value that would accrue at present and for this reason, it is said, the report does not recommend any immediate development but does not preclude such development when financial conditions better and economic conditions become more stabilized.

According to the Halifax Her-

ald, nowhere in Nova Scotia is there a disposition to regard this work as sectional in character. Naturally any work of this kind is of the greatest benefit to the community directly affected, but, by and large, it must be regarded as a national work of national significance.

New Brunswick people always have favored the construction of the Chignecto Canal. Such a canal would open up great possibilities for this province and for those portions of Nova Scotia bordering upon the Bay of Fundy. Prince Edward Island also would be helped by having this seaway constructed.

It is seen in many quarters as a necessary adjunct to the transportation system of Canada. With the St. Lawrence River menaced as a deep seaway because of lack of sufficient water, the Chignecto Canal seems more than ever a necessary work for the benefit of the whole of Canada.

As soon as the low water levels in the St. Lawrence make it impossible for ocean-going craft to reach Montreal then smaller craft will have to be used for this inland waterways and goods could be carried to and from Bay of Fundy ports in smaller ships. Connection with ocean-going craft would be made in the Bay of Fundy. (Continued on page 4)

Mexican Leader



This is General LAZARO CARDANAS, former minister of war and former governor of the State of Michoacan, who is considered the likely choice for the Presidency of Mexico. He appears certain to win the presidential nomination on the National Revolutionary party ticket, which is tantamount to election.

THE NEWS On Review

His Majesty the King has approved the alliance of the Winnipeg Grenadiers to the Royal Scots Guards, it was announced.

Stabilization of the price of milk in Quebec will be attempted in legislation to be introduced by Hon. Adalard Godbouth, Minister of Agriculture.

For the third time the French cabinet has confirmed a default in the war debt payment to the United States, this time on \$22,200,296 due December 15.

Although no official statement is forthcoming, it is reported that four new squadrons will be added to the British Royal Air Force next year, an addition of something like 50 first-line machines.

It was learned officially last Wednesday that Parliament at Ottawa would be summoned on January 25. It will be the fifth session of the seventeenth parliament since Confederation.

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