

British Railways Are Going Ahead With Improvement

Reconditioning Will Employ 500,000 Workers and Cost \$125,000,000.

The fruit of negotiations between the National Government and the principal railways of Britain matured just before the last Parliament was dissolved, and has been held in abeyance until and if the Nationals should be returned to power. Now that they have been, the project, as outlined at the time, will probably be executed.

The program calls for the expenditure of \$125,000,000 with the State guaranteeing securities issued to finance the plans. It is based on and pursuant to the recent Act of Parliament, which led the London Passenger Transport Board and main line railways to undertake, with the backing of the Exchequer, improvements and extensions of transport facilities in the London area.

The program envisaged for the country as a whole will provide employment for 500,000 workers in a great diversity of industries for at least five years.

Representatives of the Treasury and the Ministry of Transport have been concerned in the discussions on the government side. The four great railway groups—the London, Midland and Scottish, the London and North-Eastern, Great Western, and Southern—have been the parties on the other side.

The \$125,000,000 will be used, according to the program, in the following manner:

Replacement of out-of-date locomotives by modern engines.

More extensive provision of up-to-date rolling stock for passenger traffic.

Improvement of freight facilities.

Modernization of railway stations.

Relaying of tracks and the strengthening of bridges.

Many of the locomotives in service are 20 years old, and rolling stock in use in some parts of the country is of the same or even greater age.

There is a vast field for replacement, and the companies are fully alive to the necessity for modernization everywhere of their equipment to satisfy present-day requirements.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, Saint John, N.B., corner of Germain and Queen Streets, the subject of the lesson-sermon next Sunday is: "Life." Golden Text: I John 5: 11, "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Among the citations are the following: Psalms 27, 1 and 14: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord." And from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, 331: 1, "God is divine Life, and Life is no more confined to the forms which reflect it than substance is in its shadow. If life were in mortal man or material things, it would be subject to their limitations and would end in death. Life is Mind, the creator reflected in his creations."

HIS BROTHER'S EATER

Many young birds of prey, such as the eagles and buzzards, will often kill and devour their nest companions. A big baby buzzard will pounce upon its smaller brother, quickly kill it, and afterwards make a meal of it, and later, when the parent returns with a plump young rabbit, she will seem surprised that her one remaining baby has no appetite!

Premier Dies



PREMIER WALTER LEA of Prince Edward Island, who died suddenly in Charlottetown from pneumonia. The popular leader was sixty-one years of age.

New Society Open To All Residents Of New Brunswick

Provincial Association of the New Brunswick Museum Has Been Organized.

A new society to be called the Provincial Association of the New Brunswick Museum was organized on December 14 at the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren presided. Various parts of the province were represented in the audience.

His Honor outlined the objects of the meeting. As the Museum was built by the people of the province, he had long felt that its educational benefits should be carried to all the people of the province. It was only recently that funds had been provided for this purpose.

The Museum Executive had before it the splendid results of the Natural History Society of Saint John which developed a museum and was active for many years without other funds than dues. Interest had been kept up by frequent lecturers and speakers, readings, papers, and in summer, field days and outings. A province-wide organization by providing an exchange of lecturers and speakers could organize active groups in smaller centres where it was not at present possible.

Considerable interest is already apparent in parts of the province and one local branch of 12 members has already been organized. It is hoped that local branches can be started at once. Those interested in the formation of a branch in their locality would do well to write to the officials of the association at once.

Temporary officers elected at the meeting were E. A. Schofield, president; Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison, vice-president, and A. C. Holman, secretary. Others on the Committee of Management are R. Corey Clarke, Newcastle; Mrs. J. C. Webster, of Shediac; H. H. Trimble, of Moncton; and Dr. G. J. Trueman, of Sackville. Permanent officers for the year will be elected at the annual meeting to be held at the Museum at 4.30 p.m., January 21. Those interested are cordially invited to attend.

TRADE IN FARM PRODUCTS

Canada's trade in farm products registered a gain in the fiscal year 1934-35 over the preceding fiscal year. Farm exports increased by \$24,713,523, or 10 per cent, from \$237,718,499 in 1933-34 to \$262,432,022 in 1934-35.

"Speak no evil of a man if you know it not of him for certain, and if you do know it, then ask yourself 'why do I tell it?'"—Lavater.

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TREASURE "EXPLOSION BUGGY"

Newton, Iowa.—A 1907, two-cylinder automobile, manufactured in a Waterloo, Iowa plant, has been purchased by Fred L. Maytag, II, grandson of a partner in the pioneer auto firm. The "explosion buggy" as the car was called, was purchased from the estate of an owner who had used it until his death three years ago.

BONES IN RAIL TRUCK

Portsmouth, England.—Human bones and a skull thought to be more than 200 years old were found in a truck of earth dumped near a Southern Railway freight station. It is believed they were from an old cemetery.

SALARY NO OBJECT

He was engaging a new stenographer and the conversation went like this:

"Chew gum?" he asked.

"No, sir."

"Talk slang?"

"No, sir."

"Roll your eyes at the salesmen?"

"No, sir."

"Know how to spell 'cat' and 'dog'?"

"Yes, sir."

"Have lots of 'phone calls?"

"No, sir."

He was trying to think of something else to ask, when suddenly she took a hand, and began popping question at him:

"Smoke cheap cigars while dictating?"

"Why-er-no," he gasped.

"Raise hell with the stenographer when things go wrong at home?"

"Certainly not."

"Bang things around on your desk when business is bad?"

"N-never."

"Raise the roof when an employe gets caught in a traffic jam?"

"No, indeed."

"Know enough to appreciate a good stenographer when you get one?"

"I-I think so."

"All right, you're accepted. When do I start to work?"