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Ottawa, May 28—The Canadian Pacific Railway was paid \$3,749,288 for mails service during the calendar year 1922 according to information given in the House today by Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, to M. N. Campbell, Progressive, Nelson. Government lines in the same period received 3,256,594.

For the last fiscal year the expenditure on railways for mail carriage would be approximately \$7,553,000 it was stated of which \$3,671,000 went to the Canadian Pacific and \$3,882,000 to the lines included in the Canadian National system. The policy of the Government it was stated is to grant mail contracts to the Canadian National Railways whenever possible.

A PECULIAR TIMEPIECE

London, May 29—The resurrection takes place in a miniature tower clock invented by C. Payne, of Poole when Father Time strikes the hour of four on a bell held by Satan.

Skeletons, which resume human form, rise from the earth. Half their number continue to rise. The other half disappear below, accompanied by his Satanic Majesty.

HUMAN TOUCH IN REFORMATORIES

London, May 29—Gretesque uniforms, which once used to be common in reformatories and industrial schools, are roundly condemned in an interesting report the first of its kind on the work of the Children's Branch of the Home Office.

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SOME EARLY HISTORY OF TWO SUCCESSFUL BANKS

(James Pennington in Montreal Gazette).

In your review of the 19th inst. of books of recent publication I notice a commentary on Thomas Chandler Haliburton's book "Sam Slick." It might interest your readers to know that Judge Haliburton, who resided at Windsor, Nova Scotia, in a very unpretentious dwelling was a son-in-law of Sir Samuel Cunard, Bart., the principal promoter of the celebrated Cunard Steamship Company. Having been connected for twenty-three years with one of the oldest agencies of the company, I can recall some very interesting events. Mr. Samuel Cunard had interested the Melvers of Liverpool and the Burns of Glasgow in his scheme and had returned to Halifax, N. S., from London with a British contract. He went into the Bank of Nova Scotia, which had only been established since 1832, and its capital was not very large at the time Mr. Cunard applied for a loan and as the story goes, placing the contract upon the table in the directors' room, succeeded in obtaining a loan of four hundred thousand dollars, which was about the amount of the bank's capital at that time. The directors made no mistake, although it might have been a cause of surprise to many who had not a knowledge of the facts and the value of the contract. Apparently the judgment shown at that time still exerts its influence, and is no doubt responsible for the bank's present position and the reputation it enjoys as a soundly administered financial institution. Halifax has given the country several able and efficient bankers. The executive of those successful banks, such as the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Royal Bank of Canada were composed of men of good business acumen and foresight. I will relate, as it was told to me, the story of the rise of the last mentioned institution, formerly the Merchants Bank of Halifax.

THE MACHINERY OF HUMAN EVOLUTION

London, May 29—In an address on "The Machinery of Human Evolution" at the Royal Institution, Sir Arthur Keith, F. R. S., a famous anthropologist, said changes were now taking place in the human world more rapidly than at any former period—but the days of supermen were not yet.

Sir Arthur, one of the most brilliant scientists of the day, himself went into the jungle recently to study the brains of gibbons and gorillas. The brain, he said yesterday, was the most variable in size and quality of all the parts of the body, and from investigation he had come to the conclusion that it not increasing. "I do not think," said Sir Arthur, "that one person in 50 of the present generation uses his brain to half its capacity."

"In fact, I would say that most of us have more brains than we know what to do with."

Were we getting taller in stature or shorter? he asked.

During the war it was found that the average stature for a man was 5 ft 6 in—the same as in the neolithic period. The average for men leading professional lives for 5 ft. 8 in. "We had ceased to speak of the C3 part of our population," said Sir Arthur, "but it is still with us. It was cold comfort to know that every industrial country of the world was no worse and no better off in this respect than we were."

"We give our digestive tracts no rest," he declared. "When we are not whipping them up with patent

Some time in the "sixties" Mr. William Cunard, the second son of Sir Samuel, was acting as agent for his company. He entertained some grievance against the bank with which he was doing business, and starting out one morning from his office, he dropped into the office of Duffus and Co. wholesale dry goods merchants, and accosting the senior partner, Mr. James Blair Duffus, remarked that he was going to start a new bank! "I am signing on three hundred shares how many will you take, Jim?" In a few hours sufficient was subscribed to make the venture possible and not long after the doors were opened for business of the Merchants Bank of Halifax. It was in the year 1901 that the name was changed to the "Royal Bank of Canada." Mr. William Cunard was a man of great executive ability and it has been said he never made a mistake in any enterprise! A passenger arriving from England to proceed by the branch boat to St. John's, Newfoundland, asked him to cash a cheque, as he was short of funds. There was no hesitation in the reply. "No, sir! No gentleman should travel without funds." About two weeks later the firm of which the applicant was a partner assigned. Mr. Cunard had a hobby when residing in the old country, and by which he made a great deal of money. He would purchase large estates and properties and held them for a time, improve them, and resell them at a largely advanced figure. Referring again to his father, Sir Samuel Cunard, Bart., I have in my possession an excellent steel engraving of this very successful business man, and if any of your readers would like to see this portrait, Johnson Art Galleries, Limited, 634 St. Catherine Street, West, will place it in their windows for a few days. The firmly set mouth indicative of a fixed determination to carry any project through at any cost is remarkable.

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"Golfitis," as explained by the doctor, is called "spring fever" in some circles and causes a "loss of power to attend to business."

"The golf bug," said Dr. Harkness "attacks the rich and poor alike, and makes its most pronounced appearance in the spring. At that time of the year the human system has an insatiable desire for green stuff, consequently the golfer goes to the greens, the commuter gets busy in his garden and the less fortunate people seek out the parks."

All things which have a use are capable of abuse virtue alone excepted. A danger is never overcome without danger.