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Lake Freighters Have Been Trapped by Ice During Week

One Hundred are Held Up in St. Mary's River, Ontario—Ice Reported to Have Formed to a Depth of Six to Eight Feet—Earliest Winter Tie Up in the History of the River.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 4—One hundred lake freight vessels are icebound in the St. Mary's river, trapped in ice jams which have been forming during the week.

The coastguard has reported the ice from six to eight feet thick and jammed in some places to the bottom of the river.

Marine men declared it was the worst early winter tie-up in the history of the river.

A fleet of tugs has been working three days trying to free the boats from the grinding mass of ice which surrounds them but so far have been able to extricate only a few.

Some of the boat owners feared their craft would have to winter in the river.

IS ACHIEVING GREAT SUCCESS WITH POULTRY

Russell Morrison of Granite Hill, York County, is Finding it a Paying Business.

Mr. Russell Morrison of Granite Hill has within a few years developed into one of the most successful poultry raisers in the County of York. He has a splendid laying strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks, the foundation stock for which he imported at considerable expense from the State of Washington. He raised six hundred incubator hatched chickens last season and so carefully did he attend to them that the mortality was little more than one per cent, which is remarkably low. He marketed over two hundred of the cockerels as broilers, and disposed of quite a number for breeding purposes being paid as high as \$7 each for them. Mr. Morrison is keeping two hundred laying pullets this winter and has had them housed since the month of September. During October they produced three thousand eggs, and the yield during November was fully as large. In all he gathered and marketed five hundred dozen eggs in two months, the net price being close to fifty cents per dozen. He is confident of a larger yield during the remainder of the winter months, and will no doubt get it as he knows how to feed his birds for egg production.

Began on Small Scale.

Mr. Morrison started raising poultry on a small scale about six years ago, but had not made much headway when his home was destroyed by fire. Becoming somewhat discouraged he moved over to Maine with the object of establishing himself in the poultry business there. But after looking over the prospects he concluded that New Brunswick was good enough for him and returning to his old home, he built another dwelling and started in where he had left off. He is meeting with such success that he plans next year to enlarge his poultry plant and go in on a much larger scale. While Mr. Morrison's home is in a somewhat remote section of the country he can be crossing the river reach the Valley Railway, and is thus enabled to reach the markets of Fredericton and Saint John with his product.

SEES NO CHANGE.

Baltimore, Dec. 4—Children of this age are much the same as those of the Victorian age, says Dr. Esther L. Richards of N. H. Hospital. Special activity to which their entire attention may be directed affords youth a "far greater kick" than petting parties and drinking, she says.

NO CANVASS OF MEMBERS WAS TAKEN

Hon. D. A. Stewart Gives Denial to Yarn Set on Foot in This City.

Saint John, Dec. 4—Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works in the provincial cabinet, in Saint John yesterday, said there was absolutely no truth in a report published in Fredericton that a canvass had been taken of government members of the legislature regarding a possible change in the prohibition law of the province. While some members had voiced their opinion, the government had not considered this subject, he said.

When asked to comment on the result of the Ontario election, the Minister refused to do so for fear that anything he might say would be construed as an opinion of the government. He did say, however, that he was very glad, from a party standpoint to see Mr. Ferguson elected.

Bus Legislation.

The matter of new motor bus legislation would be considered at a meeting of the government in Fredericton, probably on December 15. The question as to how the busses would be taxed and also if they would come under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, would be decided. Following the government meeting a conference would be held with the bus interests, whose disposition, the minister said, was to be very friendly and willing to co-operate.

The minister had a long conference with Premier Baxter here yesterday, but said that it was merely an informal discussion of party matters. He is on his way to his home in Campbellton, via Moncton, for which place he left last evening.

A BURNING QUESTION IS SETTLED AT LAST

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 4—That burning question "Why do most smokers shudder at the idea of lighting three cigarettes from one match" has been answered by a Harvard professor.

After tireless research, Prof. A. M. Tozzer, curator of the Peabody Museum, believes he has traced the origin of this pet American superstition.

Boer sharpshooters were responsible for this eccentricity, according to Tozzer. He says British "Tommy's" discovered that two cigarettes might be lighted on one fuse but that if time were taken for a third fatalities followed.

STRIKE ON BIG RAILWAYS OF CANADA AVERTED

Road Chiefs and Conductors and Trainmen Agree on a Compromise.

Montreal, Dec. 3—The spectre of a strike on their railways with its consequent dislocation of industry, was removed from before the Canadian people today.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways and representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, speaking for some 15,000 men, announced a compromise in the matter of the men's demand for an increase of wages which the railways had refused.

In a statement tonight, Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific, and Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, point out:

"The increase granted to the conductors and trainmen will inevitably force the railways to take up the question of the adjustment of rates of pay of other classes, many of whom have already brought their demands to the attention of the managements. The very large numbers of employees affected will inevitably mean that the operating costs of the two railways will be substantially increased."

A conciliation board by a majority report had also refused the increase, which would have brought wages on Canadian lines to an equality with those paid in the United States. An increase is granted by the compromise, but neither the railroads nor the brotherhoods gave an indication of what it was, beyond the fact that it was less than the men asked for.

Increase Unknown.

"Nobody knows what the increase is in round figures," one brotherhood representative said. The rate schedules were much too involved to give any estimate, he explained.

Considerations of public welfare are given by both parties to the dispute for their acceptance of the compromise.

"It is generally admitted that the Dominion of Canada is now emerging from the effects of the Great War and has entered upon a period of steady and progressive prosperity," says a joint statement on the settlement issued by Sir Henry Thornton and Mr. E. W. Beatty. "To halt such an advance," they continue, "and turn back the march of prosperity would be nothing short of a national catastrophe."

Welfare of Dominion.

"Accordingly after careful and anxious consideration the executives of the two railway companies concluded that having regard for all of the circumstances, the welfare of the Dominion will be best served by the compromise which has been reached."

TOWN CRIERS HAVE TOURNEY

London, Dec. 4—England's champion town crier has been chosen, after a tournament in the Little Wiltshire town of Pewsey, where twenty-four stentorian-toned heralds assembled to represent their various communities. The town crier as a personage still exists in many English villages and there is no one, not even the mayor, who so firmly emphasizes the old English tradition that the citizens must be represented by some such individual. In the tournament the competing criers wore old uniforms. The winner is named Austin and comes from Wales. The tournament was broadcast to the delight and confusion of Londoners. It is said that Austin's voice—without the radio—could be heard three miles.

Andrew McGoldrick of Belmont, Mass., is registered at the Queen.

POLAND SAID TO BE PLANNING RUSSIAN ATTACK

Wants Consent of Germany and Other Western Powers.

WANTS PORT ON THE BALTIC

Would Like to Extend Eastern Frontier Across Bugneman.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Moscow, Dec. 3—The Soviet press warns editors of an anti-Russian attack by Poland possibly by next spring for which Premier Pilsudski is said to be preparing. The Pravda, organ of the Soviet government charges Poland is negotiating for the consent of Germany and other western powers to a conquest of Lithuania and Memel, a seaport on the Baltic after which the Danzig corridor would be abandoned. The same paper, says Pilsudski is planning to extend the Polish eastern frontier across Bugneman.

SIR GEORGE GIVES VIEWS ON ELECTION

Ottawa, Dec. 3—"The electors of the Province of Ontario have given their verdict and it is decisive in its present rejection of the O. T. A., and the principle of prohibition contained therein, and in favor of a trial of government sale, a licensed government sanctioned liquor traffic," said Sir George Foster today in commenting on the result of the Ontario vote. Sir George took a prominent part in campaigning for the O. T. A.

"The supporters of the Act were badly handicapped and the weatherman was unpropitious for the rural districts especially. But these do not explain away the decided adverse trend of opinion as manifested by the electors. Ontario will now have its trial of the plan proposed by the Prime Minister and it will be up to him, with an overwhelming majority at his back, to perfect his measure and make good his claim that it is in the interest of temperance and will lead to greater sobriety and increased social betterment."

SAYS FAST PACE WAS SET FOR MRS. CHAPLIN

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Wichita, Kansas, Dec. 4—A defense for the behaviour of Lita Gray Chaplin is offered by her father, Robert E. MacMurray, a printer, who blames his divorced wife for the marital trouble of the Chaplins. "What Lita needs he said, is some one to lean on besides her mother. Lita has a lot of sense but of course she's young." Even when Lita had juvenile roles her mother set a fast pace with the daughter's \$200 a week contract by buying automobiles and other luxuries, he said.

Late Mrs. Margaret Gregory.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Gregory widow of Thomas W. Gregory took place Friday afternoon from the late home Union Street, Devon. The funeral was largely attended. The pupils of Grade VI, Devon School, attended Miss Kelsie Gregory daughter of the deceased being their teacher. Service was conducted in St. Mary's Parish Church by Rev. N. P. Fairweather. Loney Thornton, Alvah Good, Thos. W. Davidson and Gordon Grey were pall-bearers. The mourners were John T. Gregory, Thomas Thompson, George Thompson, and James Thompson.

Attended Banquet

Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P. of this city was a guest at the annual banquet of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche at Campbellton on St. Andrews night and delivered an address in response to the toast to "our guests."

Mr. A. T. Weldon New Vice President C. N. R. Honored at Banquet

Guest of Honor at Banquet at the Brunswick Hotel—Prominent Railway Men Were Present Speakers Were in a Reminiscent Mood—Mr. Appleton Says Net Profits of C. N. R. Will Reach \$40,000,000 This Year.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 4—Over two hundred of the friends of Mr. A. T. Weldon assembled at the Brunswick Hotel here last evening to pay tribute to him at a dinner given in honor of his elevation to the office of Vice-President in charge of traffic and express of the Canadian National Railways. The dinner was given by the citizens of Moncton under the auspices of the Board of Trade and Moncton being the regional headquarters of the Canadian National, the gathering was largely one of railway men. In addition to those formerly associated with Mr. Weldon during his residence in Moncton were several who came from other points to pay their respects to the guest of the evening, among these being Mr. H. H. Melanson, who was formerly a resident of Moncton. The speeches of the evening were largely reminiscent of the early days of Mr. Weldon's career in active business life which began in Moncton and which continued with one or two interruptions in the city until his removal to Montreal several months ago.

Cause for Pride

It was evident from the tone of the addresses that the residents of Moncton find a measure of pride in the fact that another Maritime Province man has been added to the executive of the Canadian National. Reference was repeatedly made to this and others whose names were mentioned, including Vice President Gerard Ruel, General Passenger Traffic Manager Melanson, Chief Engineer C. B. Brown, General Purchasing Agent Lavole, Chief of Car Equipment Smart, Engineer of Standards Duff, Auditor of Traffic Receipts Estano, and Commission Counsel Alastair Fraser.

Toast to Moncton

Mr. C. H. Blakeny, president of the Board of Trade presided, and shortly after the opening called upon Mr. H. H. Melanson to propose the toast to the City of Moncton. Mr. Melanson began his railway career in Moncton 37 years ago and referred to many incidents of former days on the Intercolonial Railway now an integral part of the C. N. R.

Mayor Ambrose Wheeler responded to this toast.

The toast to the Canadian National Railways was proposed by Ex-Mayor A. C. Chapman and responded to by Mr. W. U. Appleton, General Manager of the Atlantic region who also began his career in Moncton and started from the ranks to his present position.

Progress of System

Mr. Chapman called attention to the turn in the tide as he termed it of the affairs of the Canadian National and Mr. Appleton followed with facts and figures regarding the progress of the system. He pointed out that by the end of this month the gross revenue for the calendar year will be \$266,900,000 and that net profits will reach approximately \$40,000,000, bringing the total net for the past four years to approximately \$100,000,000. Mr. Appleton drew attention to the progress of the Canadian National in the Maritime Provinces, making lengthy reference to the freight sheds just being completed at Halifax at a cost of half a million dollars. The fact that 800,000 bushels of wheat were handled by the Halifax elevator this year and two million bushels at St. John and also to running rights obtained into Vancouver, a decided advantage to eastern shippers. As significant of the progress made he stated that the increase in car loading this year in the Atlantic region had been 19,361.

Toast to Mr. Weldon

Senator C. W. Robinson in proposing the toast to the guest of the evening paid an eloquent tribute both to him and to the management of the Canadian National.

ian National. Mr. Weldon delved back into the earlier years of his railroad service in Moncton to which place he came from Dorchester, N. B., his birthplace. He recalled many of the old names and faces and referred to many whom he met then who were present at the dinner, among these were Mr. Chapman, who gave him his first job and to Mr. Lodge, Director of the Canadian National Railways, who was among those present. Mr. Weldon stated that he had always been a believer in the Canadian National and its predecessor the Intercolonial and as such he could not but trace through the years the changing feeling of the public towards the system from the days when the fragments of faint praise heard were more damning than open hostility to the present open and general expressions of favorable sentiment. "I have never had any doubt," said Mr. Weldon "as to the place the Canadian National would occupy in the life of Canada and particularly in the development of the Maritime Provinces. It is succeeding and will continue to succeed under the able leadership of Sir Henry Thornton". This afternoon the officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways located in Moncton met Mr. Weldon on his arrival from Montreal and after extending their congratulations to him presented him with a diamond ring as a tangible mark of their esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. Appleton.

WEEK-END MARKET.

The market this morning was of fair size, although there was not a great variety in the produce. But ter and chicken were in great demand. Prevailing prices were as follows:

Eggs, per doz., 55 to 60 cents.
Butter, per lb., 38 to 45 cents.
Pork, per lb., 15 to 17 cents.
Beef, per lb., 6 and 8 cents.
Chicken, per lb., 40 cents.
Fowl per lb., 25 cents.
Potatoes per bbl., \$3.
Carrots, per bbl., \$2.50.
Parsnips per bbl., \$2.50.
Turnips, per bbl., \$1.
Apples, \$2 to \$4 per barrel.

THE PRINCE AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 4—H. R. H. Prince George, youngest son of His Majesty King George V. now en route home from China, arrived here this morning and will be the guest of Lord and Lady Willington at Rideau Hall over the week end. He will leave for St. John on Monday and will embark for home on the steamship Montroyal.