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THE MARITIME PROVINCES WERE SWEEPED BY A BLIZZARD; BIG SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6—The toll of wrecked vessels and damage at sea and on land was rapidly mounting tonight as the blizzard which swept the Maritime Provinces with record breaking fury during the past 24 hours, showed little signs of abating.

Ten fishing and cargo schooners had piled on the shores of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick and three small steamers were reported wrecked while grave fears were expressed that with the resumption of normal communication greater disasters will be reported.

In addition to those disasters reported earlier in the day, the fishing schooner Araucania dragged ashore at Lockport and was likely to be a total loss, while the 34-ton steamer Lily Hodge dragged ashore at the same place. The schooners Frances Mason and Daisy Marguerite broke from their moorings at Riverport and crashed on Kraut Point near Lunenburg and were in a hopeless position.

Vessels Driven Ashore.

The 4-masted schooner A. F. Davison stranded on Whitehead, near Grand Manan, N. B., and the crew escaped while the vessel became a total loss. Captain Innes Morrissey reported the safety of his crew to the owners at Parrsboro tonight. The schooner Carl Creaser pounded ashore near Lunenburg and was wrecked. No lives had been reported lost tonight, although several crews had thrilling escapes in the icy surf.

The British steamer Hillcroft with out fuel and with all her woodwork

exhausted yesterday was still being battered about off Newfoundland with another steamer standing by. No late reports had been received tonight. The New York tug Western which grounded near Shelburne a week ago with a large cargo of liquor disappeared in today's storm carrying 2,000 cases of loose bottled liquor.

High Tides Lash Coast.

Abnormal high tides ridden by towering waves lashed the entire Maritime Provinces sea coast causing inestimable damage to wharves and fishing gear. A small lighthouse was carried away near Lunenburg and numerous wharves were damaged or washed away, entirely, including 500 feet of government wharf and baiting station at North East Harbor, Shelburne county.

12 Deaths Occur.

Boston, Dec. 6—New England counted 12 or more deaths tonight due directly or indirectly to two cold waves, gales and snow storms in quick succession during the past few days.

Storm-battered shipping had just begun to move out of the harbors today when there came a new storm threat in a warning of the weather bureau of north and northwest gales from Sandy Hook to Eastport Maine.

A snow storm that followed yesterday's record plunge in temperature covered New England with snow that ranged in depth from three to nine inches in northern sections to 12 inches in Boston. Transportation delays were common and schools were closed in many places as the cities and towns dug themselves out.

C. N. R. DEFICIT MUCH REDUCED IN RECENT YEARS

Will Soon Be Able to
Meet Interest Charges
From Its Earnings.

Ottawa, Dec. 6—The annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals issued late this afternoon contains an analysis of the Canadian National Railways' requirements and results of operation over the 6 year period 1920 to 1925.

It includes statements showing an improvement that has taken place since the taking over of the various railways. The reports deal with the long term debt from the start and point of individual lines and shows the complete advances to date (\$601,406,082) by the Dominion to the companies.

The following is the operating result of the National Railways for the calendar years since 1920:

1920, deficit	\$34,532,000
1921, deficit	11,543,000
1922, surplus	2,886,000
1923, surplus	20,430,000
1924, surplus	17,244,000
1925, surplus	32,264,000

Total Deficits.

Total deficits after all charges over the same period are as follows:

1920	\$80,478,000
1921	69,866,000
1922	57,960,000
1923	51,697,000
1924	54,860,000
1925	41,444,000
Grand total deficit	\$356,308,000

"Continued improvement," is noted in the report of Major Graham Bell, deputy minister of department of railways. "In last year's report attention was drawn to the marked improvement in the National Railway results over the 5-year period," states the deputy. "It is now possible to add the more pronounced improvement of 1925 which carries with it the expectation that 1926 may find the Canadian National management in a position to pay all interest charges due to the public from its own earnings, which would mean that for the first time it will have been possible to meet such charges without borrowing from either the government or the public for interest purposes."

Major Bell points out that the improvement can be seen in a number of directions. During the fiscal year 1921-1922 it was necessary to provide \$183,000,000 on Canadian National Railway account, while in 1925-1926 the requirement of the government was \$10,000,000. During

DEMOCRATS ARE STILL AFTER HON. A. R. GOULD

Want Investigation of
Alleged Payment of
\$100,000 in New Brunswick.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6—The swearing in of Senator-elect Gould of Maine was interrupted today by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, who asked an investigation of charges of a payment of \$100,000 by Gould interests to officials of New Brunswick.

Senator Walsh offered a resolution asking that the Senate elections committee go into the matter, but the resolution went over for a day on motion of Senator Curtis, Kansas, the Republican leader, and Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire.

The resolution was offered unexpectedly while Mr. Gould was standing before the dais of the Senate on the arm of Senator Hale, Republican, Maine, waiting to be sworn in. Mr. Gould was visibly embarrassed.

Gould Takes Oath

After the resolution was laid aside, Mr. Gould took the oath and signed the roll. Senator Walsh sent his resolution to the clerk of the Senate. It said that it "would not be consistent for the Senate to pass unnoticed these charges of such grave character."

The resolution said it had been reported that Mr. Gould had been charged with paying \$100,000 to trusted officials of the Province of New Brunswick, in connection with a railroad contract.

"If this be true," it said, it "was inconceivable that so large a sum of money would be expended without expectations of personal gain."

The resolution concluded by requesting the Senate elections committee to investigate the charges and report what action was warranted.

Hon. Mr. Smith Injured Hand

Word has been received here of an accident to Hon. Lewis Smith of Concord, Minister of Agriculture, which confines him to his home on the advice of his physician. He had one of his hands crushed. Infection occurred and blood-poisoning is feared.

1920 the additions to the funded and unfunded debt of the railways amounted to \$145,000,000 of which sum \$14,000,000 was unpaid government interest and \$131,000,000 other debt. In 1925 the addition to the funded and unfunded debt of the railway amounted to \$63,000,000 of which \$31,000,000 was interest due the government and \$31,000,000 actual outlay.

PINCHED WATCH OF A STRANGER HE SUSPECTED

Providence, R. I., Dec. 7—A prominent business man of this city offered a lift in his automobile to a lonely pedestrian. The latter accepted and the couple rode apparently holding an ordinary conversation.

The prominent business man felt for his watch and it was not in his pocket. He turned to his passenger and demanded his time-piece, which was immediately handed over. Then his passenger left the car. Upon arriving home the business man found his watch on the dresser, where he had left it. In the mean time the man who accepted the lift had reported the incident to the police.

The business man explained everything to police and both parties left the station house good friends.

ALEXANDRIA No. 33, F. & A. M.

Election of Officers—Russell Rickard is Worshipful Master.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M. of Devon, elected officers last night. The installation will take place in January. The officers are:—

Worshipful Master, Russell Rickard. Treasurer, A. W. Rockwell. Tyler, J. G. Hall.

Following the election a card party was held the winners in the various sections receiving appropriate prizes. At midnight an oyster supper was served.

Sue—I hate a man who thinks he knows it all.

Prue—Yes, especially when he does.

PROSPECTS FOR IMMIGRATION TO N. B. ARE GOOD

Saint John, Dec. 7—Hon. J. A. Murray, provincial superintendent of immigration and industry, who returned yesterday from Ottawa, brought back a cheerful message as to the prospects for immigration to New Brunswick during the coming year. Mr. Murray said that he had had a very satisfactory interview with Hon. Robert Forke Minister of Immigration and Colonization, with W. J. Egan, the deputy minister, and W. R. Little, commissioner of colonization.

"I found the attitude of all sympathetic to New Brunswick's case," said Mr. Murray, "and also found a very apparent desire to co-operate in the promotion of immigration work in this province."

He added that the arrangements for the future were now under consideration, and he confidently believed that they would result in closer co-operation between the provincial and federal departments than had been attained in the past and in an expansion of immigration work here with its consequent benefit to the province. Mr. Murray remained in Ottawa for two days during which time he discussed the settlement matter from all angles with those who have the question in hand there.

"Say," asked one, "what's the matter with Bob, got lumbago, spinal curvature or something?"

"No he has to walk that way to fit some of his shirts his wife made him."

A. A. H. Margison of Centreville is a guest at the Queen.

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