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## LARGE SUM TO BE EXPENDED ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE C. N. R. DURING COMING YEAR

Ottawa, Ont., March 27—Important additions and betterments to the Canadian National Railway System amounting to approximately \$25,000,000 are to be carried out in 1928. This work is provided for in the estimates tabled today in the House of Commons.

The net financial and capital requirements of the railway for the year 1928 are placed at \$39,000,000 exclusive of the eastern lines, separated for purposes of the Maritime Freight Rates Act. These requirements however, include provision for sinking funds, principal payments interest, etc.

There is an increase in the railway estimates of 1928 as compared with 1927, of \$16,500,000 but this is largely due to the fact that the estimates presented to the House in 1927, covered only a period of nine months' whereas the present estimates are for a full calendar year.

### Program Made Out.

Of the \$25,000,000 of capital expenditure planned approximately \$19,000,000 will be spent on general betterments to the physical property of the railroad. The system is to purchase 160,000 tons of new rail, at a cost of \$9,000,000 and of this \$2,000,000 is chargeable to capital account. During 1928, a total of 1,065 track miles of new rail of heavy standard is to be provided. This new rail will be laid on the Atlantic, Central and Western regions, also on the Grand Trunk western lines.

The longest stretch of new rail will be on the main line between Melville and Edmonton, where 175 miles of new 100-pound rails will be laid. In all there will be 127 more miles of rail program in 1928 than in 1927.

### Other Requirements.

The railway management states that to produce operating economies heavier freight locomotives with larger tonnage trains are being continuously adopted, and weight of rail not only on main lines but on branch lines, is being steadily increased, to meet this condition. The use of tie-plates, creosoted ties and improved class of ballast, is being extended to further facilitate these operating economies and allow of even more expeditious service. More than 7,000,000 tie plates will be required for 1928 at a cost of \$2,350,000. Rail anchors to further improve track, will be laid to the number of about 1,000,000 at a cost of \$255,000. Rock ballast will be extended over additional mileage during the year, new ballast installations totalling \$3,000,000.

### Bridges, Culverts.

In the installation of steel bridges and culverts, \$2,225,000 will be expended in 1928, bringing the total amount spent on this account in the past five years to \$13,385,000. On the provision of additional passenger, freight, Diesel and electric and work equipment, and in the installation of new devices to locomotives, and cars, it is planned to expend \$5,800,000 in 1928. For grade separation the National Railways is providing in 1928, an amount of \$1,700,000.

### Maritime Work.

Improvements in the facilities for passengers, are planned at various points, including Saint John, N. B. and Hamilton, Ont., while engine terminals are to be improved at Charlottetown, P. E. I., a sum of \$200,000 it to be expended at Hamilton on the initial stage of the new passenger station. \$275,000 is to be spent on improvements and new equipment for the Oshawa Railway.

The Canadian National Railways Telegraphs is to expend \$3,100,000 chiefly in connection with the extension of its commercial facilities. These extensions will include the acquisition of the Western Union lines and equipment in the Maritime Provinces, allowing the Canadian National Railways, telegraphs to give service over its own wires, in all nine provinces.

### Other Items Pass.

Ottawa, March 27—A number of supplementary estimates were passed

in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The amounts passed included \$20,000 for civil service examinations; \$9,000 for Department of Marine and Fisheries; \$10,000 for the air service of the Department of National Defence \$6,888 for the public archives; \$5,000 for the Department of the Secretary of State; \$35,000 for the Department of Agriculture; \$1,600,000 for pensions; \$200,000 for patrol services, investigating navigation conditions in the Hudson Bay and Hudson Straits; \$400,000 for maintenance and operation of the dredging fleet on the St. Lawrence ship canal; \$200,000 for unemployment relief; \$175,000 for administration of the Canada Grain Act.

Altogether the House passed estimates totalling \$3,306,347.

## \$25,000 WAS SPURNED BY HINCHCLIFFE

New York, March 28—Miss Mabel Boll, who made several attempts to secure passage in a plane attempting a western flight across the Atlantic last summer, has made public a letter from Capt. Walter Hinchcliffe, written several months ago, refusing an offer of \$25,000 to pilot her in a trans-Atlantic attempt.

The English flier, missing several weeks on his attempted flight to America from England this spring with Elsie MacKay, wrote that he had hopes of securing \$50,000 from some one to make the flight. "Several people are already negotiating with me. I know I can get it," he wrote, after asking for forgiveness for appearing so commercial.

## FORMER N. B. MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Detroit, March 27—Allan Burgess, alias Bridges, of Fredericton, N. B.; Wallace Earl and Harry Mason, of Detroit, were arranged today before Recorder's Judge Charles Bowles on a charge of homicide in connection with the slaying here on Feb. 28 of Frank Kyle. They pleaded not guilty and were held without bond for trial.

Kyle was shot and killed when, according to his widow and Mrs. Mason, he ordered two men who entered his house demanding liquor to leave. Police assert that Earl and Burgess admitted shooting Kyle, declaring that Mason sent them to rob Kyle of \$1,300.

## YOUNGEST LL. D. OF FRANCE ON VISIT TO CANADA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Montreal, March 28—Winner of a bourse of 100,000 francs provided for the purpose of enabling him to visit various countries and study their legal methods Alain Petit credited with being the youngest doctor of laws in France is at present in Canada, and today proceeds to Ottawa in furtherance of the purpose of his studies. Dr. Petit accepted the invitation of Senator Beique to pay a visit to the capital, there to see Canadian parliamentary institutions in function.

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## IMPORTED NEWSPAPERS ADORN WALLS

Tientsin, March 28—Old newspapers have become a considerable item in the list of American imports at Tientsin. These papers, which sell in the wholesale market here at about \$36 a ton, are shipped into the country districts of north China, where they become wall paper or are pasted over windows.

Glass windows are still rare in the interior villages. Old newspapers are imported also from Germany and Japan, and various "Tagabatts," "Zeitungs," "Asahis," and "Jijis" vie with the boldly headlined American prints for favor as wall decorations in the Chinese peasant's hut.

## TRAIN IN THE LONG ISLAND R.V. WRECKED

(Special to The Daily Mail)

New York, N. Y., March 28—Twenty persons were injured when a Long Island Railway train was wrecked today in Sunnyside, Queens.

An electric locomotive and five cars left the rails. Six hundred persons who were on the train were thrown from their seats and shaken up.

### Midweek Market Small

The market this morning at Phoenix Square was not as large as the usual market and few teams were in, due probably to the condition of the roads. The prices were practically the same as on Saturday. Potatoes sold for \$3 a barrel. Other vegetables prices remained stable. Eggs sold for 35c a dozen and butter was 40c lb. Veal, 9 to 13c lb; chicken 30 to 40c lb. Maple honey went for 55c a bottle, while maple sugar sold for 35c lb.

### Baseball Meeting.

The first baseball meeting of the season took place last evening at the Board of Trade rooms and a fairly large number of interested fans were in attendance. However owing to the earliness of the date, and with the probability of getting a larger gathering, the first regular meeting was set for Thursday, April 5th. About fifteen were present at last night's meeting and although no plans were discussed, it is likely that the next meeting will see more interest shown, as things will begin to look more springlike.

### Chimney Fires.

The fire department were called out this morning for two small chimney fires; one at the residence of Mrs. McNair on St. John street and the other at the home of Samuel Tilley on York street. Both fires took place around nine o'clock this morning and were extinguished without much difficulty.

Hongkong, March 28—Peasant armies, aided by troops who have deserted the regular forces, are reported within ten miles of Swatow.

Government troops are said to be unreliable, wavering towards the communists. Police are pointing their forces while most of the higher officials to Swatow have resigned.

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\* SPECIAL ATTRACTION \*  
\* AT GAIETY THEATRE \*  
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"Les Miserables," with Gabriel Gabrio, "the Emil Jennings of French motion pictures," as Jean Valjean, is the feature at the Gaiety for Wednesday and Thursday.

This newest production of Victor Hugo's masterpiece is an attempt to capture in dramatic action the volcanic spirit of this novel, which has been acclaimed the world's greatest by critics and authors ever since it was published. Europe's most beloved child actress, Andree Rolane, plays Cosette in the film, living the wan life of the persecuted infant in heart-breaking pathos. Later, Cosette, reared into a radiant and healthful beauty by the tender administrations of Jean Valjean, is played by Sandra Milowanoff, the Russian danseuse and beauty.

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