

## RAILWAY EARNINGS IN THE DOMINION FOR SIX MONTHS HAVE BROKEN ALL RECORDS

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If any convincing evidence of Canada's nation wide trade activities were needed we feel that the returns of the two great transportation systems will fill all such requirements. The earning statements of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways are for the past six months' operations, the most remarkable exhibits it has been our good fortune to review in many a long year. And such earnings, we would remind our readers, constitute practically the last word in any appraisal of a country's current trade condition.

We find all previous records of the C. N. R. literally knocked sky high and the C. P. R. figures have only been equalled on a few occasions in big crop years.

### Quarter Billion Gross

These two companies had a combined gross revenue in the six months of \$220,919,328 a figure never before attained in Canadian railway history. The cost of producing that amount of business came high at \$184,597,215 leaving an aggregate net of \$36,322,113.

### C. N. R. Operating Ratio.

One noteworthy factor is the low operating ratio of the C. N. R.—another record at 83.87 per cent contrasted with 83.11 per cent on the C. P. R. Time was when the Government railroads operated on a dollar-for-dollar basis. That is, when it cost one dollar and sometimes more to do a dollar's worth of business therefore it must be gratifying to all citizens to note that the operating relationship to gross revenue on the C. N. R. is almost as low as that of the C. P. R. system. This low ratio of 83.87 apparently has accomplished in spite of a big relative increase in June when the ratio was 87.27 per cent contrasted with 83.42 per cent on the C. P. R.

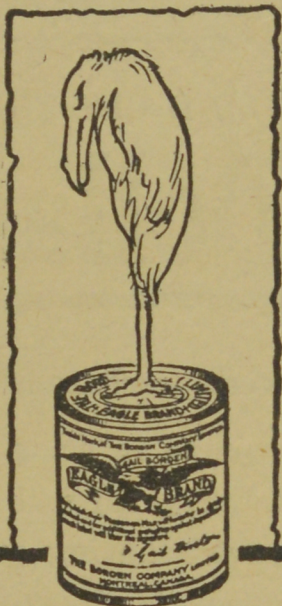
### One Bad Factor Gone

It is safe to say that the elimination of this basic evil of the old Government roads, in respect to the cost of doing business, has removed one of the two elements which in the past made that system the White Elephant as pictured by the cartoonists. The other which we discussed last week being the interest requirements on a 50 years of accumulated debits.

The comparative figures appended are indeed most convincing of a great national turnover, the C. N. R. with an unprecedented gross of \$123,213,000 and C. P. R. with

\$97,705,000, both constituting records for any corresponding six months period. The C. P. R. figures are nearly \$10,000,000 more than any other similar period and the C. N. R. with an \$8,000,000 increase over the next best year. The C. N. R. net in June was \$9 per cent more than the net of June 1927, and the C. P. R. net increased by 3½ millions over the same period.

We have had no estimates from the C. P. R. as to the probabilities for the balance of the year, but the C. N. R. people are sanguine of a \$50,000,000 net for the full fiscal period! On the basis of an 84 per cent operating ratio this would give the C. N. R. a gross of \$310,000,000 and on the same relative increase the C. P. R. would have a \$246,000,000 gross. These estimates of course are based upon the prospects of the general crop situation as seen at the moment where the "biggest on record" is anticipated. Some experts look for 500,000,000 bushel crop in the West and one Winnipeg authority of international reputation, has put a possible 550,000,000 bushels as the outcome—if no untoward circumstances arises in the interval of crop garnering.



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### MY NEIGHBOR SAYS

If the white of an egg is beaten to a froth and added to cream the cream will whip more easily and quickly.

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If a pinch of cream of tartar is added to whites of eggs when they are being beaten they will froth more quickly and stand up better.

Cake mixture should come well up to the corners and sides of pans, leaving a slight depression in the center. Cake will then be perfectly flat on top when baked.

If the inside of the wash boiler is rubbed with soap while it is still warm it will do rust. The soap will be to make it when the boiler is again filled with water.

All canned goods should be exposed to the air a short time before serving and stirred that the food may be aerated. This partially removes a certain flatness of taste. Canned fruit is even improved by reheating.

Pieces of old flannel tacked to gether and then bound round make nice holders for lifting pies and tins out of the oven, as wool being a nonconductor of heat there is much less chance of burning one's fingers.

### PINEAPPLE CHERRY PASTIES

Line fluted tart pans with plain or puff paste. Cut four or five slices of pineapple in small wedges and cook in a syrup made of one cup pineapple syrup, three fourths cup of sugar and one teaspoon lemon juice. Remove pineapple pieces and when cool, arrange in shells. Smooth together one half teaspoon cornstarch and one teaspoon cold water and add to syrup and cook until thick. Cool and pour over pineapple and bake in hot oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Cool, remove to fluted paper cases, top with whipped cream and sprinkle with minced Maraschino cherries.

### CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

2 cups milk  
2 cups cream or evaporated  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1-8 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
2 squares chocolate, melted  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
Mix milk, cream, sugar, cornstarch salt and eggs. Cook in double boiler until slightly thickened, add the chocolate and let it cool. Add vanilla and freeze.

### BUTTERSCOTCH COOKIES

2 cups brown sugar  
1 cup corn oil  
2 eggs  
3 1/2 cups flour  
1-2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1-2 teaspoon soda  
1-2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
1-2 cup finely chopped nuts  
Cream sugar and corn oil add eggs well beaten, sift dry ingredients and add all together. Mix well. Add flavoring. Make into long roll and let stand overnight in cool place. In the morning slice in thin slices and bake. Makes about six dozen cookies.

B—Do you exercise before or after your bath in the morning?

C—After. I usually step on the soap when I get out of the tub.

## Of Interest to the Women



### MATCHES

(From the London Observer)

I have a box of matches and they go  
To light a fire for warmth, a pipe for peace

A lamp for guidance or the candle's glow  
For friendliness when daylight labors cease;

Or one may come to nothing—break in  
Or in the ashes shed its scarlet crown;

Or scorch your fingers, burn the carpet through,  
Or lay a rick in ruins or a town.

So they are spent, and vanish on  
by one,

Brief altar flames to happiness strife;

What shall I do when all of them are gone?

The matches are my years, the box my life.

F. H.

### CLEVER BRIDGET

When Bridget wants to press a sheet

The way she makes the iron heat

Is wonderful to little Dick:

He thinks it quite a clever trick!

She wets her finger just so much

And gives the iron a little touch

My—how it sizzles! You can see

It gets as hot as hot can be!

Expert who says that a chalk-white egg with a light yellow yolk is the best evidently thinks that egg eaters also prefer blondes.



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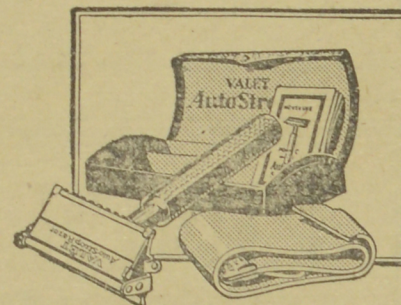
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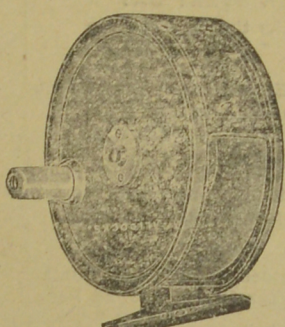
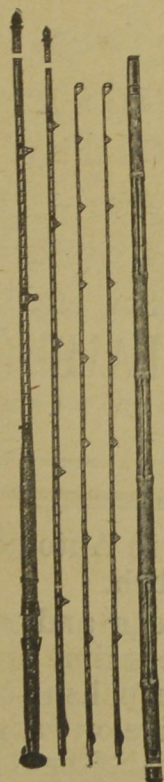
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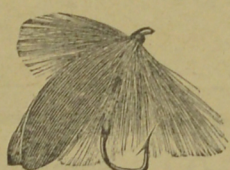
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