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CANADIANS WERE BLESSED WITH HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY DURING THE CLOSING YEAR

Ottawa, Dec. 30—Twelve months ago Canadians wished themselves health, wealth and happiness. Did they get it? The answer seems to be Yes, with fewer qualifications than have hitherto weakened that affirmative.

Their farms yielded crops that for aggregate volume surpassed all records, their mines set up new marks for production of gold, copper, zinc and lead, the output of their forests solidified newsprint in its position as the country's third wealth in export, and the harvest of all the waters that wash their land gave a splendid account of itself. While an eleventh-hour visitation of hard luck in the form of frost robbed the Western farmer of about \$50,000,000, the natural wealth of the Dominion was substantially enhanced in 1928.

Vital statistics indicate that the general health of the country is steadily improving, a process manifest for 11 months but considerably retraded in December by a widespread recurrence of influenza which in Central Canada particularly took a serious toll of lives and left in its trail much hardship and suffering.

Employment Better

Canadians, being as human as other citizens of the world, are as happy as they are healthy, and as are their bank accounts after the bills are paid. Carefully scrutinized statistics show industrial and commercial employment to have been, on an average throughout the year, higher than in many years. There has been unemployment, as there has been in the United States, and most of the nations of Europe, and there probably will be unemployment in the years to come, but in the year just passed there has been sufficient of it in any community to seek aid or relief outside that community.

Political Peace

In the Federal arena there has been political peace and governmental quietness. The session of Parliament, to be briefly reviewed in subsequent paragraphs, was comparatively dull and devoid of outstanding issues, and the months succeeding prorogation were marked by a similar dullness. It was a summer and fall of ministerial absence, of ministerial travel. On one or two days in the summer the government was reduced to one cabinet member. Many went to Europe, including Premier King, Hon. James Robb, Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Hon. W. R. Motherwell and Hon. Peter Heenan, while others at home tended their party gardens, east and west.

Busy Leader

Busier than many of the ministers was the new leader of the Conservative, Hon. R. B. Bennett, whose mileage at the end of 1928 easily exceeded that of any member of the cabinet, not excepting those who went to Europe, for Mr. Bennett, too paid a year end visit to the Mother Country. His complete exploration to the Maritime Provinces in the summer, his many trips to the west and his frequent speeches to organizations in Ontario and Quebec must have made him intimately and fully informed of conditions from coast to coast. His ceaseless energy, his prodigious fluency and his vivacity astonished those who have watched his activities in the first year of his leadership.

Premier Mackenzie King enchaned his country's stock by his part in the regular session of the league of Nations at Geneva, his notable speech to the Canadian Club in London and by the affixing of his signature to the Briand-Kellogg pact in Paris. A non-political tribute to his work in Europe was paid by Sir George Foster at the dinner tendered to the Prime Minister on his return to Ottawa by the League of Nations Society.

Maritime Interests

Of interest to the Maritime Provinces were the bills to provide money for the newly established harbor commissions at Saint John and Halifax, the House voting \$5,000,000 for the former and \$500,000 for the latter. During the debate on the Saint John bill Mr. Bennett made a strong plea for the nationalization of the two ports, and contended that the Duncan report contemplated and urged the establishment of a statutory commission,

not a harbor Commission responsible directly to the Government. The two ports were essentially national ports and should, he argued, be treated as such in the matter of finance and authority.

West Indies Service.

Of rich promise for Maritime trade is the establishment of the Government steamship service to the West Indies, the inauguration of which a few days ago was appropriately celebrated by the people of those provinces. Advantageous trade treaties with the various colonies in that region are already in force and the provision of new steamers of unsurpassed equipments bound to bring a lucrative trade to Halifax and Saint John, and in this venture the Atlantic ports have the heartiest bon voyage of Central Canada.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR AUTO OWNERS

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been extended until February 28th, 1929 so that it will really be March 1st before the new cerulean blue automobile number plates with white numerals come into general use in New Brunswick.

New Gasoline Tax.

With the 5 cents per gallon gasoline tax in effect motor tourists will pay a larger share of the cost of upkeep of the motoring roads of the province and, as a result of the reduction of 15 per cent in the motor vehicles license fees following a cut of 10 per cent a year ago, resident automobile owners will find the costs more evenly distributed than heretofore, as they will be paying more in accordance with the amount they use the highways.

One of the most pronounced changes going into effect with the 1929 licenses for automobiles in New Brunswick is a provision which calls for every person driving an automobile, whether the owner of the vehicle or not, to have an operator's license. This change became necessary because of reciprocal arrangements with other provinces and states where every person driving a motor vehicle must have an operator's license or be a licensed chauffeur. The charge for operator's licenses is \$1 each, but this charge is offset so far as owners are concerned by the dropping of the charge of \$1 for license plates, effective with the incoming of 1929.

In connection with the extension of New Brunswick motor vehicle licenses to March 1st next, it is pointed out that this extension does not extend to cars registered in other provinces or the United States, all of which must now have 1929 license plates to be legally operated on the highways of New Brunswick after January 1st.

FINANCES OF MUNICIPALITY IN GOOD SHAPE

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of delinquent taxpayers are to be found in the potato growing belt. The cause is attributed to the low price of potatoes or the inability of the growers to dispose of them at any price.

The meeting of the council will last from Tuesday until Saturday afternoon. One member of the board is at present looking out upon the world from the inside of a prison cell, and it is said he may be given leave of absence providing the motion can find a mover and a seconder. Further legal proceedings in his case are expected.

"Not more than 25 per cent, of that which a man remembers," observes J. E. H., "actually happened." Yea, and less than 25 per cent, of what actually happened he remembers right.

"Two hundred and fifty-five different things can be made of peanuts," which, by a coincidence, is exactly the number of things Grandmother could make of a flour sack.

STOCKS GOING STRONG TODAY ON THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE

The New York stock market today was active and strong with advances all along the line. Canadian Pacific moved up to 237½ and Union to 218½. International Nickel sold up to 45½ an overnight gain of one point. Radio sold up to 377½. The Montreal stock exchange is closed today.

The Stock Quotations.

(Quotations furnished by McDougall & Cowans, Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, by special arrangement with their Saint John office.)

New York Market.

Am. Can	110%
Am. Tel. and Tel.	192½
Anaconda	117½
Baltimore & Ohio	120%
Bethlehem	85½
Canada Dry	81
C. P. R.	237½
Corn Products	90%
Consolidated Gas	108%
Curtiss Aero	145½
Erie	70%
Fox Film A.	93%
General Motors	197½
General Electric	218½
Great Northern Pfd.	111½
Hudson Motors	90%
International Nickel	45½
Intl. Harvester	97%
Int. Tel. and Tel.	197
Missouri Pacific	65%
Montgomery Ward	152½
New Haven	82½
N. Y. Central	188
Northern Pacific	108%
Paramount-Fam. Players	54%
Radio	377½
Sears Roebuck	179½
Southern Pacific	127
Studebaker	77%
Union Pacific	218½
U. S. Steel	166%

C. P. R. BREAKS RECORD.

Montreal, Dec. 29—New high earnings records have been achieved by the Canadian Pacific Railways both in November and for the period of eleven months ended November 30, 1928, not only in respect of gross earnings but also in respect of net earnings a statement issued this afternoon indicates.

Gross as well as net earnings for November were the highest recorded by the company in any corresponding period. The previous high record gross earnings were reported in 1920, when they amounted to \$23,799,146 in November. The previous best November as regards net earnings was in 1926, when net amounted to \$6,749,722.

Gross earnings for the eleven months exceeded by a wide margin the previous record for a corresponding period, registered in 1920 at \$196,037,131. It now appears to be certain that 1928 gross will exceed that of the whole year 1920 when gross earnings reached \$216,641,349.

Net for the 11 months exceeded the previous record in 1916 by over \$3,000,000.

BESCO REORGANIZATION.

Montreal, Dec. 31—It is rumored that early in the New Year the management of the British Empire Steel Corporation is to make some important announcement touching the reorganization of that company and its components. It is felt, however, that the actual formulation and consummation of a complete reorganization plan is hardly a possibility of the immediate future, particularly as the iron and steel industries in Nova Scotia are still awaiting some federal legislation which would enable them to participate more substantially in the business progress of the Dominion as a whole.

GOOD PROGRAM TO BE ON THE AIR TUESDAY NIGHT

The best features of Tuesday's radio program are as follows:—
Eveready Hour—New Year's program. WEAH network.

California vs Georgia Tech—Annual Bowl of Roses football game NBC network.

Hank Simmons' Showboat—"The Octoroon," WABC network.

United Light Opera Co.—"Fantinella," WABC network.

Main St. Sketches—WOR.

The following are the programs of the key stations for Tuesday evening in Eastern Standard Time:—

WOR, NEWARK

6.00—Dinner music; News.

8.00—Main Street; Sketches.

9.00—Feature program.

11.00—Dance orchestra.

WEAF, NEW YORK

4.30—California vs Georgia Tech.

7.00—The Morley Singers.

7.30—Societyland Sketches.

8.00—The Mediterraneans.

8.30—Prophylactic Hour.

9.00—Eveready Hour.

10.00—Cliquet Club Eskimos.

10.30—Cassinelli and Sevillanos.

11.00—Ben Bernie's Orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK

6.00—Dinner music.

7.00—Song duo; Memory's Garden.

8.00—Sealy Air Weavers.

8.30—Michelin Hour.

9.00—"Pan-Americana".

9.30—Dutch Masters Minstrels.

10.00—Works of Great Composers.

10.30—Freshman Orchestralians.

11.00—Slumber Music.

WABC, NEW YORK

6.00—Dinner programs.

9.00—Hank Simmons' Shot Boat.

10.00—United Light Opera Co.

12.00—Lombardo's Royal Canadian.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH

6.00—Reports; Concert.

7.15—Sacred Song Concert.

8.30—Programs from WJZ.

10.00—Happiness program.

10.30—Freshman Orchestralians.

WGY, SCHNECTADY

6.00—Reports; Dinner music.

7.30—Programs from WEAH.

8.00—Studio orchestra.

10.30—Dance music; Television.

Tonight's Program

Tonight's program include the following:—

WEAF, NEW YORK

6.00—Woldorf dinner music.

6.30—Sports talk for boys.

7.00—Savings Banks Hour.

7.30—Talk; String quartet.

9.30—General Motor Hour; Frieda Hempel, soprano and concert orchestra.

10.30—Dance orchestras.

12.00—New Year's message; Trinity Chimes.

12.15—Dance music (2 hours)

WJZ, NEW YORK

6.00—Orchestra; Sport talk.

7.00—Cook's Travelogue.

7.30—Roxy and His Gang.

8.30—Automatic Duo.

9.00—Neapolitan Nights.

9.30—Real Folks.

10.00—Jade Room Orchestra.

11.00—Slumber music.

12.00—New Year's Message.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH

6.00—Reports; Concert.

7.00—Cook's Travelogue.

7.30—Programs from WJZ.

10.00—William Penn Orchestra.

The army has turned against King Amanullah of Afghanistan and he is now hiding in a fort. Well, we thought something was bound to happen when he tried to make his subjects wear derby hats.

The British College of Arms says fewer persons these days are tracing their ancestry. They have probably learned from the experience of others that when it gets back a certain distance it isn't so hot.

CHANGES IN TRAIN SCHEDULES

C. N. R., JANUARY 6, 1929.

The Canadian National Railways announce the following changes in train schedules effective January 6th, 1929.

Train No. 237 will arrive Fredericton 11.40 p. m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, instead of 11.15 p. m., from McGivney, which place it will leave at 9.05 p. m., instead of 9.15 p. m.

Stanley.

Motor train service now operating between Stanley Junction and Stanley will be cancelled. Service between these points will be by Trains Nos. 237 and 238, Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Train No. 237 will leave Stanley Junction at 9.23 p. m., arriving Stanley 9.50 p. m., leave Stanley 9.50 p. m., arrive Stanley Junction 10.20 p. m. Train No. 238 will arrive Stanley 10.15 a. m.; Leave Stanley 10.15 a. m., Stanley Junction 10.45 a. m.

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CITY OF FREDERICTON

Notice to Water Consumers

Water consumers will please take notice, that rates for the current year must be paid on or before December 31st, 1928; otherwise, their water supply may be turned off without further notice.

FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Treasurer.

City Hall, Dec. 27th, 1928.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Change in Train

Schedules in Effect

SUNDAY, JAN. 6TH.

1929

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