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## FATAL ACCIDENT AT BATH TODAY

### Stevens Party Will Seek To Unravel The Railway Problems

#### Would Create Traffic In Goods and Passengers and have Efficiency In Operation.

TORONTO, July 27—Fearing a railway merger would lead ultimately to transportation control "in the hands of a few financiers" with Parliament powerless against a "transportation trust," headquarters of Hon. H. H. Stevens' Reconstruction party tonight announced a threefold program which would seek to unravel the Canadian railway problem.

"There is only one solution," said the statement, "and that is to create in Canada sufficient business which, in itself, creates traffic in goods and passengers."

Aids to this, said the statement, approved by Mr. Stevens before his departure for Winnipeg, were insistence upon efficient running of the two railways. Also urged was a "writing down of the value of assets of the Canadian National Railways in accordance with the recommendations of a competent board of railway appraisers to be appointed and absorbing into the national debt of the Dominion this outstanding debt over and above a reasonable percentage of the new value of the C.N.R."

#### Serious Question

"The question of railway amalgamation, or even unification of railway management is a serious one for the Canadian people," says the announcement. The major reduction in expense under unified management, or complete merging of the two systems, can only be brought about by reducing the staffs of each road. The direct sufferers will therefore of necessity be some of the employees of both the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. The less direct sufferers will be the people of Canada generally because:

"1. To further reduce expenses, fewer trains will have to be run and passenger schedules cut to a minimum. Travelling on the passenger trains of either of the two railways, already leaving much to be desired, will become still worse when to the passengers' physical discomfort is added the nuisance of poor connections and long stop-overs.

"2. If the outstanding debt of the railways is not increased, they cannot be modernized. The equipment of both systems is obsolete and this must be modernized in order to give first-class service. This will entail the expenditure of large sums whether they are amalgamated or not.

"3. The merging of the assets of the two systems under one trust board of private directors will set up a virtual dictatorship more powerful than

### Ingratitude Or Cussedness

"Are people ungrateful naturally or is it sometimes just pure cussedness?" asked a well known citizen to The Daily Mail in the course of a conversation this morning.

The gentleman in question was telling us about the gift which he had made to a friend of his several months ago and one which he thought would be appreciated both because it was the work of his own hands as well as for its daily usefulness. Our friend yesterday told us that the party who received the gift had just taken pains to come to him and knock it to his face. This was not ingratitude. It was just pure cussedness.

The same man gave an instance of a woman who was particularly down and out and needed assistance in the way of getting a position in order that she might support herself and her family. This man used his influence to secure her a permanent position. He and his family assisted hers both financially and otherwise, and did everything to show their friendship. The woman and her family immediately became antagonistic to both the man and his wife and is today decidedly unfriendly. Is this ingratitude or just pure cussedness? Figure it out for yourself and then let us know. We would be glad to receive information on the subject.

In a much smaller way newspapers get the same dose. The other day we were sitting in a man's office. He was telling us what nice letter heads and envelopes he could buy from Saint John concerns. We know, as a matter of fact, that he could get just as good or better work from any of the five job printing concerns in Fredericton. We boosted this man and his affairs time and time again. How much boosting does the out-of-town office which has no newspaper, do for this man. How much boosting did these same Saint John establishments do to promote the interests of the Province or of the Tilley Government which was foolish enough to take so much work there. This is another example of pure cussedness. This is more cussedness than it is ingratitude. Some time much of this is want of thought. We suppose it is also due to improper mental development along the lines of gratitude and of playing the game squarely, and yet many people who do these peculiar tricks call themselves Christians and prate about their Christian charity. God help us!

Parliament, to which we are unalterably opposed.

"The assets of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. together represent a large percentage of the invested capital of Canada. The private owners of the new combined system of railways would completely control the transportation of goods and passengers across Canada and the cost of such transportation, even in the face of the Railway Commission, could not be controlled, because figures can be made to tell the story.

"And what is the most important consideration, should the combined system become financially embarrassed, it would obviously contract obligations with the bankers, who then would, in any serious situations, for instance in war, obtain control of the system.

"That would create in Canada an absolute control of our money and our transportation system vested in the hands of a few financiers. Against this 'transportation trust' Parliament would be powerless and the people of Canada would be subjected to Fascism.

"The Reconstruction party is also opposed to the sale of the C.N.R. to a group of international financiers, or to the C.P.R. Such a sale would be preposterous as no private group could withstand the recurring annual deficits of the C.N.R. system, amounting as they do each year to approximately \$50,000,000.

#### One Sound Solution

"The railway problem must be solved without recourse to mere short-sighted moves to unify or amalgamate. There is only one sound solution and that is to create in Canada sufficient business, which in itself creates traffic in goods and passengers,

to bring the earnings of the railways up to the point that they are running profitably.

"The plan set forth in previous bulletins of the Reconstruction party describes sufficient projects to create ample enterprise in Canada to do this.

On account of Canada's geographical position, tremendous distances separate the Western Provinces and the Maritime Provinces from the industrial central region of Ontario and Quebec. In order to overcome this, it may be necessary to continue for some time to assist these areas by subvention paid out of the national treasury.

"However, at the same time the railways themselves must do one thing and this will be insisted upon—one thing which has not been done before—they must pay more attention to the efficient running of their business in order to keep their expenses down and their service up. This will solve the railway problem with the exception of one difficulty.

#### C. N. R. Debts

"The debt of the C.N.R. is far in excess of its assets. The value of the assets of the C.N.R. will be written down in accordance with the recommendations of a competent board of railway appraisers. This must be done and the creation of this board will take place at the first session of Parliament.

"The amount of outstanding debt over and above a reasonable percentage of the new value of the C.N.R.'s assets will be absorbed into the national debt. Ample allowance has been made for the retirement of this debt in the calculation of the Reconstruction party inasmuch as the total C.N.R. debt was included in the computation.

"The two railway systems were con-

### MARYSVILLE GIRL H. S. ENTRANCE MEDAL WINNER

Miss Barbara Robinson, also Tied with Donald L. Vincent for Province

#### Brilliant Record

Is Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson

Announcement today of the medal winners for high school entrance examinations in the various counties in the province discloses that Miss Barbara Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson of Marysville, is this year's winner for York County. Besides leading in her county, Miss Robinson also tied with Donald L. Vincent of Saint John, county for the provincial leadership. The names of the respective winners was made by the Board of Education here today. Both Miss Robinson and Mr. Vincent accumulated 721 marks out of a possible 800.

Miss Robinson was a pupil of Miss Zula Hallett in the Marysville school and has the enviable record of leading her classes from Grade one upwards. She has always been a brilliant pupil and her success will be learned throughout this part of the province with pleasure.

While Miss Robinson and Donald L. Vincent were tied for first place in the province, Miss Frances Carson leader for Charlotte, county, placed third.

Miss Carmel Power was the leader in the adjoining county of Sunbury county.

The medals this year are of new design, on one side the Coat of Arms of New Brunswick is bordered by the words "Presented by the Lieutenant-Governor Murray MacLaren". On the other side the design is the original Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick with the latin sentence—Spem reduxit beneath, the whole being bordered by the Phrase "Sigill Provincie Nov. Bruns."

The following are the names of the Winners of Medals in the High School Entrance Competition for 1935, with the name of the School in each County, where the examination was written:

Albert County—Darrell DeBow, No. 2 Elgin.  
Carleton County—Marjorie Vella Hunter, No. 3 Peel.  
Charlotte County—Frances Carson, Town-St. Andrews.  
Gloucester County—Roberta Loane, Town-Bathurst.  
Kent County—Rita Robichaud, No. 1 Richibucto.  
King County—Pauline Smith, Town-Sussex.  
Madawaska County—Patsy MacFarlane, Town-Edmundston.  
Northumberland County—Pauline Huestis, Town-Chatam.  
Queen's County—Florence Vivian Power, No. 11 Chiuman.  
Festigouche County—Frances Marion Savoie, Town-Campbellton.  
Saint John County—Donald L. Vincent, City-Saint John.  
Sunbury County—Carmel Power, No. 9 Canning and Northfield.  
Victoria County—Ruth Johnson, No. 14 Perth.  
Westmorland County—Reuben Cohen, City-Moncton.  
York County—Barbara Robinson, City-Fredericton.

structed to carry the goods produced in this country and the people from one destination to another. In rendering this service they expected to make a profit; the profits were to be made out of the business done, not out of changes in capital structure, amalgamation or unified managements. Out of increased traffic they shall be made to pay again. There is no other sane or practical solution."

### Jury Recommends Care by Linemen In Making Repairs

#### DOROTHY BARKER LOSES LIFE, CAR OVER STEEP BANK

(Special to The Daily Mail)

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B., July 27—A shocking motoring tragedy occurred this morning between Bath and Bristol, near the home of Mrs. Samuel Squires, when a car driven by Miss Dorothy Barker daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barker of Bath went over a steep bank with fatal results to one of its occupants. Miss Dorothy Barker was killed instantly, while her sister Miss Winnifred Barker and Miss Elizabeth Brannen were injured and taken to the Bath private hospital. The car, which was driven by Miss Barker, belonged to her uncle from Chicago, who was visiting his sister at the time of the accident.

Deceased is survived by her parents, her sister now in the hospital and a nine year old brother.

The coroner's inquest will be held by Dr. Chestnut at Hartland. The sympathy of the community goes to the parents in this great bereavement.

### NEW FEATURES AT SOILS-CROPS DAY ON AUG. 7

An opportunity for all those interested in any particular branch of agriculture to inspect the livestock, poultry, gardens, etc., will be given on August 7 at the Dominion Experimental Station here.

Special features of the day will be the testing of seed for germination and purity, display of common diseases affecting farm crops and methods of control, a display of insects and methods of control, a display of farm machinery, a display of percheron horse, ayrshire and holstein cattle, Yorkshire swine and Shropshire sheep, also inspection of cereal and forage crop experiments, inspection of pasture experiments, inspection of poultry plant including the New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, also poultry feeding and breeding investigations, and inspection of orchards, gardens and ornamental grounds. Other special features include inspection of seeding orchard, potato breeding plots, and onion experiment.

The general program outlined for morning and afternoon of Wednesday, August 7, has been announced as follows:

10:00-12:00 — Plowing Demonstrations. Visitors will be invited to plow. Directed by Mr. James McLean, Ontario Plowmen's Association, Richmond Hill, Ont.

10:30-10:50 A.M.—Field Crop Competitions.

10:50-11:20 A. M.—Address: "Soils and Their Diet". P. O. Ripley, Assistant Dominion Field Husbandman, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

11:20-11:40—Address. J. K. King, Deputy Minister of New Brunswick Department of Agriculture.

Noon—Basket Lunch. Experimental Station will supply tea, coffee, milk, cream, and sugar. The Lincoln Women's Institute will sell box-lunches at 20 cents each.

12:00 Noon-2:00 P. M.—Motion Pictures. (1) Ontario Plowing. Match (Continued on page Four)

### Death of Rothwell Boy, Leonard Moore, Deemed Accidental by Minto Jury — Witness Johnston says Commission Responsible.

At the inquest held last night at Minto into the death of Leonard Moore, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell Moore of Rothwell, N. B., the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, but made the recommendation that linemen of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, when reading meters, pay particular attention to necessary repairs.

The Moore child met death as the result of coming into contact with a high tension wire of the Commission on the property of the Avon Coal Company on the evening of July 1. The boy passed away in the Victoria Hospital here on July 25, he having suffered fearful burns from contact with the high tension wire.

Dr. H. M. Gardner, coroner, presided at the inquest. P. J. Hughes, K.C. of this city was present in the interests of the Power Commission, and W. C. Lawson of Minto, represented the family of the child. G. A. Vandervoort, of St. John, superintendent of the Commission, was one of those present.

Six witnesses were called, including the father of the child, Bramwell Moore.

#### Commission's Responsibility

J. J. Johnson, of Newcastle Creek, superintendent for the Avon Coal Company, one of the witnesses, declared that the company was not responsible in any way for the condition of the transformer or its equipment, this being the responsibility of the Power Commission. He said that last fall he had reported to the Commission that two boards of the transformer fence were missing. Witness did not know whether these were the boards missing on July 1 or whether the commission had made repairs after he had made his report last fall.

Corporal Ralph Love, of the R.C.M.P. who had been called to the scene of the accident by B. L. Pickett, Power Commission lineman, after the accident, said that he examined the fence and found two boards missing. He also found wires burned and a hole in the transformer where something had come in contact with it.

Pickett, when called, said he had noticed the boards missing and one of the fuses blown out. He repaired the damage to the fence that night before he left. So far as he knew everything was in good order on June 2 when the meters were read. Edwin A. McGee, lineman for the Commission said he read the meters on June 2 and could see nothing wrong with the fence at that time.

#### Father's Testimony

Bramwell Moore, the father, told the story of how the accident occurred. On the evening of July 1 he and the boy, Leonard, had gone into the forge at the mine where the father was to sharpen his pick before beginning work in the mines. While he was at the forge the child wandered away and entered the enclosure where the transformer is located. He said two boards were missing from the fence at the time. Apparently his son had entered the enclosure through this opening.

When the fuse blew out he knew (Continued on page Four)

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