

Railways for Economy Reasons Have Penalized the Maritime Provinces

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Weather: Increasing winds with snow
and rain tonight and on Thursday

REMEMBER OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS WHEN MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

Halifax Transportation Committee will Present Brief to Government

Say All Advantages Lost By Maritimes Under Freight Act

Placed Trade Barrier Against Maritimes

Ask That Provinces By the Sea Be Given Same Chance

At an investigation of the railway freight situation in the Maritime provinces recently held by the transportation committee of the Board of Trade the fact was brought out that the Maritime Provinces have lost all and every advantage that accrued to them from the Maritime Freight Rates Act, and the original intention of the act has been nullified.

"The railways in their anxiety to decrease losses, have taken advantage of the geographical difficulties of the Maritimes to increase their (the railways) earnings, regardless of the wish of Parliament as expressed in the Maritime Freight Rates Act," the report said.

Recent decreases of freight rates in Central Canada to meet truck and shipping competitions had brought rates to a level equal with or lower than that existing in the Maritimes since 1927 when the Maritime Freight Rates Act went into effect, it was reported.

The investigation, provoked by complaints of manufacturers and ship owners in the Maritimes, was carried on under the chairmanship of D. R. Turnbull. Its brief will be presented to the Nova Scotia government and to the Nova Scotia Economic Council.

The report cited percentage increases in freight rates on confectionery, soap, salt, sugar and agricultural products.

"Percentage relationship of carload rates on potatoes from Charlottetown P.E.I. and Listowel, Ont., to Toronto was 345 percent on Dec. 1, 1935, as compared with 223 percent on July 1, 1927, and 259 percent on June 30, 1927, the report said.

"The railways contend that the competitive rates were forced upon them and despite the rates established, traffic still moves by motor truck. But then, what about industries located outside the sphere of direct competition? Are they not handicapped? And to the extent that the handicap becomes burdensome, are they not forced to curtail business, close down or sacrifice capital and labor?"

The report stated reductions of rates in Central Canada "have automatically placed a trade barrier against Maritime industries and to

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HIS BIRTHDAY



HON. W. P. JONES, K.C.
Chairman of the Old Age Pensions Board, Who is 70 Years Old Today

Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C. Celebrates His 70th Birthday Today

Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., Chairman of the Old Age Pensions Board, is seventy years of age today, but he does not look it. Mr. Jones is spending his birthday at his home in Woodstock. Hon. Mr. Jones was born in Woodstock and is a son of the late Randolph K. Jones, barrister and former Registrar of Deeds at that place.

He practiced his profession at Woodstock for many years and is still associated with his son Charles J. Jones in the practice of the law at that place.

U.N.B. quartette roll them in the aisles with a humorous song in "Gold in the Hills."

Our Home Merchants

CHRISTMAS DAY is just a month away. People who are thrifty are already starting to do their Christmas shopping. There is no better supply of requirements anywhere than will be found in the stores of our home merchants. These men have been busy during the past weeks importing articles for the Christmas trade. They are here to serve you, and years of experience in dealing with Fredericton people have taught them the local requirements.

As has often been stated in The Daily Mail the men who run the home-owned stores are the men who keep the city going. It is their contributions to the different city institutions which keep the home fires burning. This should be appreciated by the citizens of Fredericton who have purchases to make. It should be appreciated at all times.

How much benefit does the city get from the mail order and chain store establishments? And yet there are people who will take their money, which they earn in this city, and send it away in an envelope to the merchant princes of Toronto and Montreal. This money goes to enrich other localities and it does not return.

Our citizens would do well to consider these facts when they are making their Christmas purchases and leave the money with their home-owned merchant who is their friend and fellow citizen. It is a shortsighted policy to make your purchases via the mail order route and yet there are men in this city, some of whom occupy official and semi-official positions, who are sending out of town for their groceries, their clothing, and their household effects. No town can build up a community spirit whose citizens prefer to do business with strangers.

W. K. TIBERT ELECTED MEMBER OF COUNCIL

W. K. Tibert, Director of Vocational Education in New Brunswick, was yesterday elected as a member of the council at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Adult Education which is meeting this week in Toronto.

Dr. H. F. Munroe, of Halifax, superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia was elected president. The list of officers is as follows: President, Dr. H. F. Munroe; vice-presidents, Dr. Wilfrid Bovey, Montreal; Dr. Georges Bouchard, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Que.; Prof. A. B. Macdonald.

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FRENCH BUDGET BIGGEST ON RECORD

(Special to The Daily Mail)
PARIS, Nov. 25—The budget which has been brought in to the French chamber is said to be the biggest on record. It includes the sum of 10,000,000,000 and 4,000,000,000 to go on credit.

Agreement Between Germany and Japan Defensive Measure

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Nov. 25—The agreement signed today between Germany and Japan is said to be a defensive measure only. It has roused great anxiety from Moscow. The Soviet press says that it is Nationalism let loose and that it is a Japanese and German pact to blackmail Britain. The agreement is to last five years with the understanding that the powers will consult with each other to extend the agreement. It is not constituted a military alliance. The news of the pact has been welcomed in Rome with enthusiasm.

TARIFF ON TEXTILES TO BE LOWER

OTTAWA, Nov. 25—Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. The defiant closing down of a Sherbrooke rayon silk factory last January started a Royal Commission investigation into the entire textile industry, which is one of the half-dozen leading industries of Canada, with an annual output of more than \$300,000,000, with capital investment of \$325,000,000, and a payroll of \$80,000,000 distributed among 100,000 persons.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but the act of reprisal which threw hundreds of factory workers out of employment because the Dominion Government decided to stop the trade war with Japan looks like a major indiscretion, in view of the plain warning uttered by Mr. Mackenzie King on the eve of the election last October.

Warning Was Given
Alluding to threats of industrial leaders to close down their plants if the Liberals were returned to power, Mr. King publicly declared from platforms in Niagara Falls, Brockville and Ottawa that, if any factories were closed because of the election result, the incoming Government would go so far as to take them over and find out what profits they were making, what their operating costs were and what tariff protection they needed.

In the light of this blunt warning, the shutting down of the Sherbrooke mill in the depth of winter seems to have been shortsighted, to say the least. The ensuing investigation cannot but injure the textile industry financially and otherwise.

The Dominion Government will not attempt to cripple the cotton textile industry just for the sake of punishing indiscretions, but it will be difficult for the Minister of Finance to maintain cotton textile duties at their present level for two very potent reasons: (1) The widespread demand for relief of Canadian consumers; (2) the imperative need to make concessions to the Lancashire cotton industry in return for the substantial

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BOOKS ARE RELAYED BY PACKHORSES

Pittsburgh Woman Behind New Plan to Give Farmers Reading

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25—In parts of Kentucky, mounted librarians carry books and magazines to hill farmers who ordinarily would have no reading matter. At a desk in her Pittsburgh home sits Mrs. Malcolm McLeod, key figure in this unusual packhorse library service.

Several years ago, Mrs. McLeod, wife of a Carnegie Tech English professor, started collecting books from her friends and sending them to the hospitals in the Pittsburgh district.

Gradually, almost singlehandedly, she enlarged the scope of her work. She sent books and periodicals to mountain villages in the south, to leper colonies in the far east and to educational centres in Labrador. Most of the publications went to the

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NEW CONSTITUTION FOR RUSSIA IS STALIN PROPOSAL

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MOSCOW, Nov. 25—Dictator Joseph Stalin proposed a new constitution for Russia today. Three thousand delegates from all over Russia were assembled to discuss the proposal. The new system would give more liberty to all Russians and it also proposed to amend the constitution so that other nations could join the union of the Soviet Republic if they wish.

Submarine Story Styled Mussolini Report by Hoare

Submarines Only in Manoeuvres and Relieving

Warning From French Government Against Halting Ships Either Side

GERMANY, JAPAN WORK AGAINST COMMUNISM

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Nov. 25—Ambassadors of various foreign nations assembled here today and were present when Germany and Japan signed a pact to work together against Communism. Other nations will be invited to join in the agreement. This move is seen as one to encircle Russia with anti-communist countries.

Germany May Forbid Accepting Nobel Prize

(Special to The Daily Mail)
Von Ossietzky winner of the Peace Nobel Prize may be forbidden to accept the award. The German government considers it an insult to Germany in view of the past activities of this noted pacifist.

J. T. Cummings and Clyde Cameron, both of New Glasgow, N. S., are staying at the Queen for a few days

LONDON, Nov. 25—Sir Samuel Hoare today denied Mussolini's report in regard to the movement of British warships. Sir Samuel stated that British warships were for purpose of relieving other ships, and submarines are there for manoeuvres only.

LONDON, Nov. 25—Armed Spanish insurgent ships were reported yesterday to have stopped two foreign vessels, one Norwegian and the other Greek, and forced them to go to insurgent-held ports.

Armed trawlers halted the Norwegian steamer Lissen while it was en route to Valencia from Dundee, Scotland, and compelled it to discharge a cargo of potatoes and seed at Vigo, "by order of the Burgos (Fascist) government."

It is also reported from Athens that the Greek steamer Sylvia, laden with coal for Barcelona, Mediterranean port held by the Spanish government, had been stopped by an insurgent warship and taken to Ceuta, Spanish Morocco.

Lloyds said this incident happened November 17.

A flotilla of British submarines accompanied by the depot ship Cyclops were steaming toward Spain from Malta today, according to an admiral's announcement in London.

The Cyclops will relieve the depot ship Woolwich at Alicante, but it

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Mrs. Simpson is No Problem To Britain, Says Cosmo Hamilton

MANY CLAIMS COMING IN FOR CORONATION

LONDON, Nov. 25—Many claims are coming in from many people who claim to do certain things at Coronation. Some of these claims date as far back as the fourteenth century. The Dean of the Chapter of Westminster Abbey claims that he has the right to instruct the King and to assist the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Clerk of the Court demands a special seat. The Duke of Newcastle wants the right to provide the glove for the King's right hand and to support his right arm when he carries the sceptre. The Lord Mayor demands the right to attend the King and to bear the Christian Mace.

GROSS REVENUES OF THE C. N. R. SHOW INCREASE

MONTREAL, Nov. 25—The gross revenues of the all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending Nov. 21, 1936, were \$3,587,608, as compared with \$3,479,413 for the corresponding period of 1935, an increase of \$408,195.

Author Tells Westminster Men's Club Mrs. Simpson's Friendship With King is Not a Serious Matter.

BUFFALO, Nov. 25—The friendship existing between King Edward VIII of England and Mrs. Wallis Simpson drew a fervent "God save the King" from a distinguished Britisher, Cosmo Hamilton, noted author and lecturer, in the course of an address on His Majesty before the Men's club of Westminster Presbyterian church in the parish house of the church.

The comment was in the nature of a jest, however, for Mr. Hamilton made plain that the much-publicized friendship was not to be regarded with any great degree of seriousness—not any more than Mrs. Simpson's friendliness towards "any other excellent fellow."

Mr. Hamilton's remarks anent Mrs. Simpson came after he had outlined the problems which King Edward is facing in his capacity as ruler of the great British Empire.

Mrs. Simpson Talented
Emphasizing that Mrs. Simpson "is not in any sense a problem," the author, who is personally acquainted with King Edward's newest woman friend, said of her that she "is very pretty, pink her nails, turns herself out as if she were in a bandbox, has

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RAIL COMPANIES TO CONTROL AIR LINES IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Nov. 24—The corporate set-up of the organization which is to own and operate the trans-Canada air mail and passenger service is being worked out here with prospects of its being completed in about three more weeks. This is the estimate of the Minister of Transport. Questions of capitalization, stock ownership, and the general powers and privileges of the company are being considered. The intention is that the two railway companies will have the controlling interest, with the rates subject to the projected regulatory authority over all transport. No legislation is required. A charter will be secured by letters patent.

The extent of the fleet which will be used will be for the company to decide, but the definite view is that the Canadian service will not trail behind any other. The speed of the planes will be as high as 190 miles an hour, making possible the flight from Montreal to Vancouver in 16 hours.

The Western service it is proposed, will be inaugurated on Dominion day, with the Eastern link probably a bit later. Although the type of craft intended to be employed will be costly, much expense will be saved from

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LINDBERGH'S FAILURE TO ARRIVE IN ENGLAND CAUSES PUBLIC CONCERN

DUBLIN, Nov. 25—Charles A. Lindbergh's long absence on a projected flight from Ireland to England caused official fears for his safety.

Frank Aiken, minister of defence, expressed concern for the safety of the American flier, at the same time expressing the opinion that Lindbergh might have landed at an English airport.

Lindbergh was en route from Ireland to his country residence in England.

An earlier report that he had landed at Newtonards in Northern Ireland could not be confirmed.

Aiken said Lindbergh took off from Dublin this afternoon. The flier

told him, Aiken said, he was planning to go straight to Croydon Air-drome, outside London, but that he had enough gasoline to take him farther if necessary.

Lindbergh had been receiving weather reports, Aiken said, before he started.

(A check of airdromes in the London vicinity disclosed Lindbergh had not landed in that district.)

Some quarters expressed belief the famous flier might have secluded himself with friends after fog over the Irish sea balked him in his second attempt in three days to fly the Channel.