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Railways' Loss to Trucks

In a recent address at Charlottetown, P. E. I., S. W. Fairweather, Director of the Bureau of Economics for the Canadian National Railways, estimated that the net damage to Canadian railway business by truck competition amounted to \$34,000,000 a year. If these figures came from a less authoritative source they might be questioned, but from Mr. Fairweather they must be accepted as revealing the size of the problem which has yet to be solved. The trucks have established a necessary service, and it is useless now to charge the railway companies with lack of foresight in letting the business get away. It has gone, and it is not likely to return until the railways can offer shippers something better.

What Mr. Fairweather asks is "a fair field and no favors." The arguments to show that the railways operate at a disadvantage are well known. They must build and maintain their own roads. Taking the situation in the Maritimes as an example, it was pointed out that motor vehicles pay less than half the expenditures in highway account. Railway rates are under rigid control, and the railways are obliged to pay union wages and observe union regulations. Of course the truckers have arguments to present also. Their great advantage is that they came along at a period when economy and speed in transportation and promptness in service meant much to the shipper, and the railways helped them by curtailing services. Is the solution to be increased costs by highway, reduced cost by rail, or a compromise?

The exclusive right of way ought to mean something to the railways, measured against the increasing congestion on public highways. They can use their own roadbeds for any kind of vehicle and maintain any speed they wish. There is unlikely to be objection to placing the station on wheels, figuratively speaking, as Mr. Fairweather suggests. The railways have a moral claim to public support because their service is continuous throughout the year, regardless of snow or other adverse weather conditions. The solution, to a considerable extent, is in their own hands.

"Raw" Kaffirs on Rampage

The native problem, always acute in South Africa, has taken a novel and rather serious turn in Johannesburg. Attracted by the gold-mining boom, thousands of natives have tramped into the Rand city in search of work, swelling the colored population to more than a quarter of a million.

Taking advantage of this condition, more sophisticated native women have begun the brewing and bootlegging of what is known as "kaffir beer," a highly potent drink. With an abundance of work and unwanted wealth in the white man's money, these raw natives are eager customers of the bootleggers. They have got away from the restraints of tribal rule, and, knowing nothing of European standards of conduct, are thrilled by a strange new freedom. Consequently, when well plied with "kaffir beer," they run amok and commit all kinds of crimes.

Following pay day on Saturday the city's jails are filled with black offenders against the law. In well-policed centres this peril can be handled, but in other districts intoxicated natives are a terror to the white population.

Natives who have lived for some years under the white man's regulations are more easily handled than the raw material always pouring in from the kraals. They have learned that swift punishment follows disobedience in any form. The new arrivals, having broken with tribe rule, and being ignorant of all laws operating in organized communities, are in a sort of no-man's land between native and white authority. Consequently, as in Johannesburg, this element provides a never-ceasing cause of worry for the civic authorities.

What with more educated blacks demanding franchise rights, and a never-ceasing horde of raw kaffirs pressing in from the kraals, the native in South Africa must remain indefinitely as a major problem confronting the Union's statesmen.

Analyzing the Prairie Census

The census of the Prairie Provinces, just completed, points out some significant changes in the West during the five major years of the depression and drought. It is noticeable that the populations in all cities have decreased, with but one or two exceptions. In many cases the losses were extremely small, considering that unemployment has risen as high as 33 per cent. and that there has been a general tendency for the retired farming class to move back to the land.

The Winnipeg Tribune, in commenting on the census figures, emphasizes that Western Canada "is still a country of rapid fluctuations," that many of its activities are "profitable in some years and unprofitable in others," and that during the period between the last census and the present the Prairies have been "exposed to a whole catalogue of untoward factors" under these circumstances, it holds that the three Prairie Provinces have held their ground very well, and takes confidence from the fact "that most of the factors bearing on Western welfare (except Mr. Aberhart) show substantial improvement."

An analysis of the population trends shows that there has been a drift from the southern drought areas to the sparsely settled north, that "wheat mining" is being replaced by systems of more diversified agriculture, and also that there has been a large movement into the northern mining areas and unto those of British Columbia. The Tribune also points out that the combined elements of drought and economic scarcity was beyond the capabilities of some communities, but on the whole the "work of adaption in the West . . . has really gone ahead faster than would have been possible under normal conditions."

This is a Western view of a Western situation, and to some it may seem to concentrate on the optimistic factors in the findings. Actually such is not the case. For any one who knows the West, the Tribune, one of the most level-headed critics of Western shortcomings, has not overestimated the speed with which that country can adapt itself and recover lost ground. True, the drought crisis may hamper the efforts, but its very existence has acquainted the people with their "bad habits," and, difficult as the going may be, rapid recovery will take place with any reasonable period of normal climatic conditions and market stability.

SNAPSHOTS

Carleton County wants over-hauling of the police and court machinery. So do the citizens of Fredericton.

New Brunswick dollars should be kept in New Brunswick says Hon. J. B. McNair. This is the proper slogan.

It isn't middle-age that develops a paunch. By that time a man can afford to slow up and buy too much to eat.

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Parents are often afraid their girl babies will never talk; when the little dears grow older they're afraid they will never stop.

Travelling is broadening, especially travelling in Spain. Anyone travelling in that country, is likely to be spread all over the landscape.

Hubbell And Ruffing Are the Mound Choices

(Special to The Daily Mail) POLO GROUNDS, New York, Sept. 30—Carl Hubbell and Charlie Ruffing warmed up here this afternoon to oppose each other in the first game of the All-New York World Series of 1936. With Hubbell on the slab the Giants are favorites for the first game, although the Yankees are favored in the series.

A monster crowd jammed the famous baseball park this afternoon, and hundreds were turned away on the eve of what is likely to be one of the most dramatic world series in history. Manager Bill Terry of the Giants and Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yanks picked their pitchers last night.

The score at the end of the first inning was 0-0.

Coughlin

(Continued from Page One) idency, described President Roosevelt and Governor Landon as "gold dust twins" and "coupon-clippers," one "the head and the other the tail end of Wall Street."

In addition to Bishop McNicholas' statement, Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland, hitherto a supporter of the Michigan priest, said Saturday that Father Coughlin's terming President Roosevelt "anti-God" in a speech at Cincinnati was "a harsh statement, not justified by the facts."

Contrary to Scripture

Father Coughlin described the New Deal agricultural programme as "un-Christian and radical," because, he said, it preached 'destroy and devastate,' contrary to the Scriptural command of 'increase and multiply.'

Discussing devaluation of French franc, Father Coughlin said that Secretary Morgenthau, head of the U. S. Treasury, and the fiscal heads of France and Great Britain had gotten together with the international bankers to fix the value of the franc at twenty-three to the dollar.

"Does not the Constitution prescribe that Congress shall have the right to fix the value of foreign coins?" he asked.

HAD SPELL OF ILLNESS

Roy Buchanan, of this city, who was seized with an attack of illness yesterday, and who was taken to the Victoria Hospital for treatment, was reported to be somewhat improved today, although still in a weak condition.

RESIDENCE CHANGES

Dr. H. S. Wright, who recently purchased the property on York st. owned by the late Coles Kitchen, will move into his new home as soon as renovation is completed.

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DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

Questions have been asked since the relief of the defenders of the Alcazar at Toledo, as to how they came to be besieged there, and how it happened that a building of masonry could withstand the bombardment of modern cannon. When it is considered that the walls are nearly ten feet thick and that the Spanish Government forces have very few guns of large calibre at their disposal, the slowness of their progress is easily understood. Besides, no old soldier who has seen the almost incredible shelling which the old Cloth Hall Tower at Ypres withstood, will think it odd. The masons of the Middle Ages built for centuries.

All this does not detract from the heroism of the defenders, whose stubborn defense has won even the admiration of their foes.

The Alcazar occupied an eminence at Toledo overlooking the city. It was of square construction with four corner towers. It has suffered many vicissitudes, being burned in 1710 in the war of the Spanish Succession. It was restored in 1760 and again burned by the French in 1810. In 1887 it was gutted by fire. When the Spanish Republican Government took power two years ago the Alcazar was turned into a military academy. The students being trained as officers were nearly all from aristocratic families and their sympathies strongly pro-rebel.

—H. M. P.

WHEAT AND BARLEY HIT \$1.05 AT HENSALL

GODERICH, Sept. 30—Wheat and barley prices jumped to \$1.05 a bushel at Hensall, shipping centre of South Huron, yesterday, a new high for the year, and elevators are open night and day to receive shipments.

Even so, some farmers are holding their barley, convinced it will go to \$1.25 a bushel or higher very shortly. One elevator shipped forty-five cars of barley to the United States in two days during the past 2 weeks.

Work All Night

The elevators are the scene of great activity. Night and day trucks are lined up waiting to unload. On a recent day at midnight no fewer than fifteen trucks were in the waiting line. One farmer had a radio in his truck, and throughout the night until 4.30 a.m., he kept his fellow-farmers also slumberers in near-by homes awake with the latest jazz music, including "This Is My Lucky Day."

The fertile region from Clinton south to Crediton, in Huron County had plenty of rain this summer, and also bumper crops. One farmer with 150 acres threshed 700 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of barley and 400 bushels of beans. Beans are selling at \$2 a bushels, as compared with 50 cents a bushels one year ago.

Seven More

(Continued from Page One) and 25 minutes after beginning deliberations. Mrs. Rebecca Poole, pretty 21-year-old widow of the man who was killed because of false gossip he had mistreated her, was among the spectators who waited tensely for the verdict.

Those convicted of first degree murder were "Colonel" Harvey Davis; Ervin D. Lee, Paul R. Edwards, Edgar Baldwin and Urban Lipps, all of whom were present when Poole was shot to death by Dayton Dean as he pleaded vainly that "there must be some mistake;" Lowell Rushing, accused of instigating the plot to "straighten Poole out," and John Bannerman, charged with setting out for the death scene with a rope with which Poole was to have been hanged.

Dean, who has pleaded guilty to murder, testified as a state witness that he opened fire on Davis' orders when an open drawbridge prevented Bannerman from joining the "necktie party."

The jury convicted Thomas R. Craig and Virgil Morrow of second degree murder, and Judge Moynihan found Albert Stevens and John S. Vincent, who had waived trial by jury, guilty in the same degree. The four were implicated in the Black Legion meeting preceding the killing at which the state charges the death plot was formulated.

A 12th defendant, Herschell Gill was acquitted.

As the convicted men, manacled and closely guarded, were leaving the courtroom, Rushing snarled at Mrs. Poole:

"Well, I hope you're satisfied."

"Yes, you bet I am," she retorted.

Told that the wives of Davis and Vincent had wept upon hearing the verdict, Mrs. Poole said:

"Let them cry. They never shed a tear over the death of my husband.

Not one of them came to me and

Our Mail Bag

THE OXFORD GROUP

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 29, 1936.
Editor The Daily Mail,
City.

I have enjoyed reading many interesting articles in your paper from time to time. I liked the one written by "Observer" entitled "Young Adults and the Church." He impressed me as a person with an open mind, sound ideas and vision. Judging from a former article dealing with the Oxford Group I feel that he could benefit from some inside information on the world news of the groups. If he ever digs deep enough he may even cease to be an observer and the idea of even a dictator being won over to God may not seem so fantastic.

However, I haven't the least desire to start an argument, as that is my pet aversion; neither am I defending the Oxford Group, for I believe that anything that God is behind does not need defending. My debt to the Group is a large one. To me it expresses "Observer's" idea of "that something that would transcend any organization that we know at present" also, "a crusade that is not directed along national or social lines solely, but shall have for its goal a practical realization of the principles of Christ."

I am enclosing some verses written this summer out of my own experience. If you care to use them and this letter I am willing for you to do so.

Sincerely,
MARJORIE ERB.

Municipalities

(Continued from Page One) the revenue from automobile and gasoline taxes. This latter resolution was defeated.

A resolution, introduced yesterday morning, recommending the amendment of the Rates and Taxes Act with a view to making the rate 40 cents instead of \$1 per day at which a delinquent taxpayer might "lay out his taxes in jail," was defeated.

Four other resolutions, considered in the morning, including one which recommended that the provincial government take under consideration a general overhauling of the municipal machinery with particular reference to the administration of justice, were adopted. One, respecting the amendment of the Rates and Taxes Act to repeal the redemption clause in regard to the sale of property for taxes, was held over for further discussion.

A Carleton County resolution, asking the province to pay the board of prisoners under the Liquor Act was adopted outright. Another respecting the amendment of the Highway Act was adopted and left with the standing committee to be taken up with the department of public works.

The resolution recommending overhauling of municipal machinery was designed to eliminate overlapping and overstaffing, particularly in connection with police and court procedure.

It asked specifically that a salary be fixed as fair remuneration for the sheriffs in lieu of charges for all provincial hospital services, except expenses in conveying inmates to penitentiaries, provincial hospitals and homes to which same have been committed and amendments to the Criminal Code whereby there might be one magistrate in each county with sufficient jurisdiction to deal with minor criminal cases, such as thefts up to \$100, or some stated amount, and the abolition of the grand jury system. Also that salaries of county registrars be fixed at a fair remuneration in lieu of all services performed in connection with their respective offices as required, and under direction of the municipal councils.

The proposed Highway Act amendment would place the collection of sums assessed for the breaking of winter roads and furnishing of snow ploughs in the hands of the road supervisor for the division, to account directly to the highway engineer of his district, taking the matter out of the hands of the secretary of the municipality.

Men Kept

(Continued from Page One) men involved were transients, and not British Columbia residents.

The Provincial Government had not forced single men who were residents of British Columbia to go to camps. Mr. Pearson said in a telegram to Mr. Gardiner yesterday. Last year the Dominion Government moved 2,000 men from Alberta into camps in the British Columbia interior. It was evident that the main body of men in the camps were transients.

Mr. Pearson suggested in the telegram the situation had been misrepresented to Mr. Gardiner, and that careful inquiry should be made into the domicile of the men involved before any action was taken.

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