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Three Bodies Taken From Train Wreck

FORT FRANCES Ont., Dec. 2.—(CP)—Three bodies have been recovered from the twisted wreckage of two trains which collided near Virginia Mine, yesterday. Four men were killed in the wreck, described as the worst in the history of the Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway, operated by the Canadian National Railway.

The bodies of Mr. Pedersen, Virginia brakeman, Willard Youden, Duluth engineer and Ed Nordren, Virginia engineer, were recovered last night under flares by crews working in 15-below-zero weather. Nordren's body was so badly mangled it could not be identified except for a belt buckle with the letter "N" engraved on it.

The body of E. G. Bergdahl, Virginia brakeman, now can be seen by rescue crews but has not, as yet, been removed.

The condition of Ivor Keith, Virginia fireman, was reported as "good" today. He was caught by a flying boxcar as he jumped when the collision took place and suffered shock, frostbite and two broken legs.

The collision along the north-bound locomotive completely around, leaving it lying on top of the south-bound engine.

Wreckage was strewn over a large area and newspaper rolls, carried in a boxcar on one of the trains were found on treetops.

The railway is conducting an investigation.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

ANDOVER, N.B., Dec. 2.—(CP)—Earl McLean, Andover, was reported still unconscious and in serious condition tonight in hospital at Fort Fairfield, Me., after a highway accident here Saturday night, when a car driven by Douglas Zwicker left the road, snapped off a pole and crashed into a tree. Zwicker escaped with minor injuries and was discharged from hospital yesterday.

Canada's Right To Deport Undesirable Japanese Upheld

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(CP Cable)—The privy council today upheld the Canadian Government's right to deport undesirable Japanese, including naturalized British subjects of the Japanese race.

In a judgment handed down by Lord Wright, the privy council dismissed an appeal against deportation made by the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians and supported by the C.C.F. Government of Saskatchewan.

The appellant contested the legality of orders-in-council passed under the War Measures Act Dec. 15, 1945, providing for the deportations.

Dominion Government representatives, supported by the government of British Columbia, argued that 10,000 of the 24,000 Japanese in Canada had signified their desire to go back to Japan. These, the appellants claimed, along with about 500 "undesirable" Japanese Nationals, should not be allowed to remain in Canada in peace-time.

The privy council judgment said deportation could properly be applied to non-Canadians under Canadian law.

British Steel Supply Short Of Demand

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(Reuters)—Britain's steel supply, both domestic and imported, is expected to fall 500,000 tons short of estimated demand in the first quarter of next year, supply minister Willmot told the House of Commons today.

The British steel industry will produce about 2,300,000 tons of finished steel in that period providing transport and fuel are available, he added. This is the approximate equivalent of 3,300,000 ingot tons.

School Improvement League Year Reviewed

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side, Mrs. W. E. Scantlebury, Mrs. Dew, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Blake put in a very exacting year's work. Their main efforts have been directed towards improvement of local theatre films. Our League's interest in this matter began, when many of our members expressed anxiety over the type of film, being offered to our children. The local film situation was studied and film information was gathered from other provinces. Eventually, we concluded, that given our continued interest and effort, worthwhile improvement in films could be expected. After much discussion, a formal complaint was registered with the owners of our local theatres. Their reply was an invitation to the Film Committee to meet with the owners in St. John for discussion. Before leaving, the committee conferred with leaders from representative fields, who gave their opinion from the moral, social, medical and educational aspects. They strongly endorsed the League's continued interest in this matter.

Favorable Meeting

"This prepared our committee met with the owners in St. John where they received a favorable hearing as well as an increased understanding on film matters. After hearing the Committee's report of their meeting with the owners the League decided to have each film change attended at the Capitol and Empire theatres, members take their turn by alphabetical order and turn in individual reports on films seen. Later memorized reports sheets were prepared by the Film Committee, which made fact a noticeable improvement every three months a condensed film report was sent to the owner. Of interest to us is the fact, that the Film Committee's findings for the year show a noticeable improvement in the general calibre of pictures, also a marked decrease in horror pictures, while we have noted with pleasure, the introduction of special children's programmes. It would therefore appear that the theatre company are well aware of our filing in a wholesome type of film being offered to our children and that they are willing to co-operate with us.

"During the year our League took an active interest in the physical conditions of the schools. The new school fire escapes were commented on with much favor, by our League, except for a deplorable lack of panic bars. A resolution to this effect was passed and the school installed panic bars in all the new escapes.

"The unsatisfactory condition of the boys' lavatories in Queens Square and Kent School were discussed in our League and a strong request was sent to the School Board that these conditions be remedied. The Board's answer was assurance that the lavatories would be installed in both of the schools.

Overcrowding

"The overcrowding of the city schools, also came up for much discussion. A strong resolution was sent to the School Board, to the effect that a permanent solution be found to meet this problem, together with the repeated suggestion that the Board should seek means to provide a Composite High School for Charlottetown. At a meeting of the School Board met with the Minister of Education, Hon. Walter Jones and the Director of Education Mr. Lloyd Shaw. The feasibility of setting up such a High School in a joint city and Provincial project was discussed. The Provincial representatives held forth good promise of financial aid from their Government, if a reasonable settlement was the outcome of the Dominion Provincial Conference. As you all know, an agreement has not yet been reached. It is to be sincerely hoped that a settlement will be reached and that then definite arrangements can be made for a Charlottetown Composite High School.

"Fall, a committee from the League, accepted, Miss Harrington's invitation to attend a demonstration class lesson in French, at the Normal School. The committee reported a very favorable impression of methods used by Miss Harrington but after some discussion, the League decided to defer a recommendation that French be introduced in the early grades of our city schools until a revision of our overcrowded curriculum became a definite possibility.

School Library

"In the spring, we made a small start towards the setting up of a school library. At the close of the Legion library, eighty books were donated by the Legion to us, for use in the schools. The Book Committee, Mrs. Walter Gaudet, and Mrs. H. W. Fleitch catalogued the books and placed them in two of the schools, where they will remain for six months and then be moved on to the other two schools. The suitability of the report cards used in our city schools was studied, discussed and compared by our League, with the reports used in other parts of Canada. It was felt that the present ranking system

used by us, but outmoded in the rest of Canada, led to a too highly competitive feeling among the pupils while there was little encouragement given to the cultivation of good citizenship qualities. The matter was taken up with the School Board and School Principals, the latter have agreed to experiment with a revised report card for the lower grades.

"Our attention was drawn last year to the Junior Police Programme used in many schools away. This Project's goal is a reduced traffic hazard for school children and practical citizenship training. Fuller information was gathered on this subject and a committee from the League interviewed the School Principals and Police Commissioner, who have agreed to introduce a Junior Police Programme in our schools this fall.

"Complete radio equipment and records players for our four city schools were ordered one year ago, by the local Kinsmen Club, on recommendation by this League. The radio have not yet been installed due to the well known shortage of supply problem. Their installation however, is promised for this fall and no doubt will prove a very valuable teaching medium. We too, we hope, with the aid of the record players, music appreciation will take its place in our school curriculum.

"In the Spring under Mrs. Wendell MacKenzie's capable management, a white elephant auction was carried out by our League, with guests in attendance. Successful auctioneers by Mrs. Benjamin Rogers, Jr. and Mrs. George Tweedy, together with the generosity of the donors and bidders, improved the League's financial status by \$108.00.

Playground Commission

"Last November, when the Playground Commission was set up by the different service clubs in Charlottetown, under the direction of Col Reid, our League was invited to send a representative, to join the Commission. In addition, we were accepted, for we felt that the man's point of view might prove of some real value to the commission. We have been most fortunate in our choice of representatives, Mrs. H. L. Palmer and Mrs. Gordon Hutchison served for the early and the later part of the year, respectively. Through them, we were kept well informed on the commission's policy and plans. Through them too, the Commission received our League's opinion on the commission's various activities. In addition, we were able to have our representatives shoulder their good share of the practical work of the commission. The Commission itself, has accomplished a worthwhile programme in its first year. It playgrounds have provided wholesome recreation for many children, a goodly number of whom would be otherwise left pretty much to their own resources, with not always the happiest results to themselves or to the community. For the future, we hope that the Commission's work will expand to include activities for many more children.

"During education week, the Teachers' Federation, invited our League to provide a speaker, for the broadcast, "A Home and School Partnership". Our speaker, Mrs. R. R. Hurst, gave a very thoughtful and provocative commentary on the partnership in education, such a partnership. However, we much regretted our inability to meet the Teachers' Federation, and request that our League carry out a survey on the question, "An Improved teacher's status". The plan was to carry out the survey through the Women's Institute and Catholic Women's League groups of the province. When contacted, the Catholic Women's League very quickly pledged their support but the Women's Institute informed us that they could not allow time for the survey. The Teachers' Federation then asked us to forgo the survey for the time being.

"A tradition of our League has been to constantly inform ourselves on the latest educational trends, so that we may encourage public thought along progressive lines, with regard to our schools, as well as to ready ourselves to support our educational authorities, in carrying out an effective educational programme.

Studies Continued

"This year our studies continued. The facilities and curriculum of several Maritime High Schools were reported on and discussed. Articles relating to League interest were submitted by different members for discussion. We were also much benefited by the many new ideas left with us by our various guest speakers, throughout the year. Mr. Lambert, Director of C.B.C. School Broadcasts, and Mr. D.M. Lusty, Dramatic Producer of Maritime

"We also had a very interesting address by Dr. Creelman, in which he told of the important work being accomplished by the X-Ray unit. Our members pledged their support to the coming survey in Charlottetown.

"During Girl Guide Week, Mrs. Harry Cudmore, spoke to us on the very valuable contribution made by guiding and scouting, to the development of the child.

"At a later meeting, Mrs. Creelman, as our guest speaker offered us many points of interest in the collection and suggested additions we might later make to complete our well rounded collection.

"Another evening, we were addressed by one of our Island teachers, Mr. Ralph MacLean of P.W.C., who told and demonstrated for us, the use made of audio visual aids in modern teaching.

"We also had Miss Ruth Ross, speak to us on the school health programme. She expressed appreciation of the League's efforts for improvement and pointed out further environmental improvements necessary.

"This year, our League, was privileged to hear our Director of Education, Mr. Lloyd Shaw, the occasion being a joint dinner meeting with the Kinsmen Club at the Charlottetown Hotel, when the School Board members and representatives from the four schools were our guests for the evening. That evening, Mr. Shaw chose as his topic, "Let us Look at our Schools", in which he spoke of the great wastage of student material under our present school system in this Province. He pointed out that the average rural school was quite improperly fitted as regards qualified teachers and equipment to provide adequate secondary schooling. He further said that the average rural school in its attempt to carry out this impossible task was also failing to provide proper primary schooling for many of its pupils. Mr. Shaw urged a deeper public interest in education if a revised school system was to be effected and if a Composite High School programme was to be launched in this Province.

Physical Culture

"At our last meeting in the

Spring Mrs. F. D. Miller, discussed modern trends in physical education and appealed to us to interest ourselves in this much neglected phase of the child's development in our schools.

"Last year, we brought a complimentary but disturbing number of requests from different societies, whose work, although very worthy was in many cases little related to our own. It was decided by our League, that a clear cut policy would have to be made if our efforts were not to be dissipated by following too many channels of endeavor. League constitution outlining our aims, was passed, after due thought and discussion.

"Last year, we procured School Improvement League, letter heads, which not only give a more business like semblance to our League's correspondence.

"Our annual meeting, this year has been moved to an earlier date, with hope that it might be easier to find officers for our executive and committees.

Year of Progress

"To sum up our year's work. It is true that we did not realize all of our objectives but I believe, the one of real progress, apart from projects which we successfully carried out, we have again increased public interest in our schools. We have strengthened parent teacher relationships. We have also strengthened our own membership, which is well informed, united and interested in one cause, the development of our youth. Such achievements are indeed difficult to evaluate, but I believe an organization with such attributes, stands to do great things in the future.

"At this time I should like to thank my fellow members of the executive, who gave me such generous support this past year. The sympathetic co-operation received in all League ventures, from our First and Second Vice President, Mrs. J. A. McMillan and Mrs. Harry Cudmore, was greatly appreciated. Many thanks are due to our energetic and capable recording secretary, Mrs. G. B. Whiteside, Mrs. W. E. Scantlebury, who each year has spent much time and our very efficient corresponding secretary until spring, when her resignation was received with much regret; Mrs. Harry Bear, her successor has since carried out these duties to a very satisfactory conclusion. Our financial affairs were kept well in hand this year, by our competent treasurer, Mrs. F. M.

"In bringing my report to a close, I should like to thank all of the members of the League for their untiring support in our cause. Your splendid co-operation has made the Presidency, during my term of office, in the sum total a very pleasant duty. Indeed I have felt it a

rare privilege afforded me to have served as your President these past three years.

"In conclusion, may I extend a warm welcome to our new President and executive who, I am quite confident will lead this League of to even greater achievements, that have been ours in the past."

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