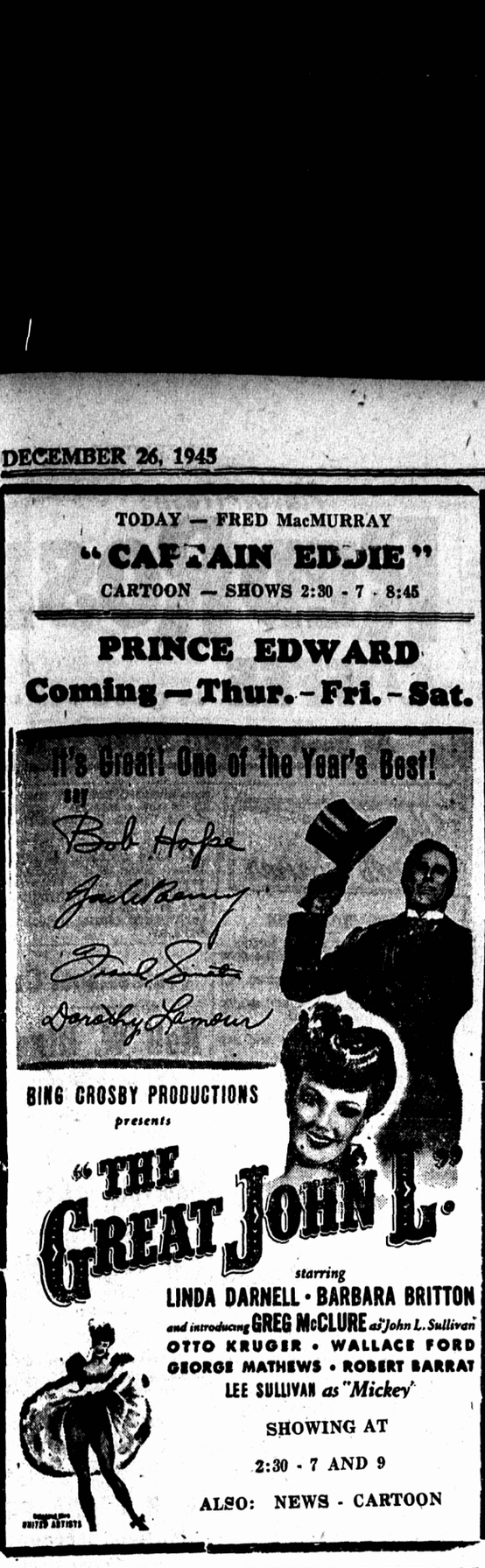
TODAY — FRED MacMURRAY
"CAPTAIN EDDIE"
CARTOON — SHOWS 2:30 - 7 - 8:45

PRINCE EDWARD
Coming — Thur. - Fri. - Sat.



TO-DAY
"FOREVER YOURS"
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ALSO: SERIAL - COMEDY CARTOON

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The services in Trinity United Church on Sunday, December 23rd, were of particular interest in that they were devoted to the meaning of Christmas.

In the morning the minister spoke on the words of Simeon, the old prophet of Jesus' day, as recorded in the 2nd Chapter of Luke, verses 34 and 35, wherein the old prophet warned that the coming of Christmas did not always mean joy or happiness in the shallow sense, but often imposed upon those who accepted the full meaning of Christmas a great task which called for devotion, sacrifice and consecration. The coming of Christmas is a new touchstone of reality which bears upon the ideals of all of us and which often divides men as a sword cleaves the flesh. As the sun is now rising, we cannot yet see clearly whether we are slipping back or whether the upheavals of our present age are due to the pressure in civilization caused by the positive force of the Spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem. Let us, as Christians, not be discouraged at the present crisis in which we live. Christians cannot be satisfied with a peace that is based upon evil terms or upon human relationships that do less than provide for the full development of Christian personality.

Special Christmas music was rendered most accetably by the choir under the direction of Professor A R Kendall — the carol "Old French Carol Tune" (arranged by Alfred Whitehead), and the anthem "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (J P Scott), with Miss Sally Wood taking the solo part. The organist played suitable Christmastide selections as preludes and offertory.

The different departments of the Sunday School met as usual with good attendances.

In the evening the minister chose as the subject of his sermon: "Why Did the Angels Sing?" Again the choir offered appropriate selections: the carols "Dear Nightingale, Awake"; "The Christ-Child Smiles"; and "Now is the Time", and the anthem "O Lord Most Holy" (Cesar Franck) with Mr. Harvey MacPherson as soloist. Miss Thelma Teed was heard in a violin solo which was rendered with fine effect. Handel's "He Shall Feed His Flock" was sung very pleasingly by Miss Katherine McEachern.

The Church was beautifully decorated by the King's Daughters.

BRIDLINGTON, Eng. —(CP)— There will be a shortage of clergymen and ministers in England for years to come, said the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, speaking here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. A. R. SMITH
Wishes To Announce
THE OPENING OF HIS
DENTAL OFFICE
AT 175 GRAFTON ST.
Office Hours:
9:00-12:00; 2:00-5:00
Telephone No. 2284

Canadian Legion Funeral Notice

Veterans of all wars are requested to meet at 38 DesBrisay Crescent at 8:30 Thursday morning, to attend the funeral of our late Comrade James Stewart Sr.

F. W. SMITH,
Sec'y. Charlottetown Branch.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance

COOKS for Photographs.

CONFEDERATION LIFE INSURANCE.

CITY TAXES. — Fourth installment Civic Taxes must be paid on or before December 31, 1945.

PLEASE PICK UP New Year's Eve dinner dance tickets, by December 26th, as we have a large waiting list. Charlottetown Hotel. 12-22-2i.

CITY TAXES. — Citizens wishing to vote in forthcoming City Election must have all taxes paid in full before December 31, 1945 or their names will not be on the voters list.

CIVIC CANDIDATE. — I wish to notify the electors of Ward Three that I am again running as City Councillor in February and that I will appreciate their support as in the past. J. T. McKee. 12-11-18-26-31.

BURN'S CONCERT. — Reserve January 24th and 25th for Burns Concert in Prince of Wales College Hall. Sponsired by HI-Y Grads Club. 12-22-26-2i.

CIVIC TAXES. — Car owners are advised to ensure that all Civic taxes are paid in full before December 31 1945, as autos will be seized for non-payment immediately thereafter.

CONGRATULATIONS — Congratulations are being extended to Miss Helen Trainor, a recent graduate of Halifax Infirmary on having successfully passed her Registered Nurses' Examinations.

CIVIC TAXES. — The City Clerk's Office will be open at night from 7.00 to 9.00 P. M., December 26th to 31st, to receive payment of taxes.

HOME BEREAVED — Mrs. William Gregory received the sad news of the death of Mrs. E.C. Larsen (nee Mary MacDonald), New Glasgow, N.S. in Campbellton, N.B Mrs. Larsen was the step daughter of the late William Gregory, City. Her death followed a recent serious operation.

RENEWED FRIENDSHIPS — Mr. James A Corbett left Wednesday morning for his home in Spirit River, Alberta after a two-months visit here Mr Corbett, who left here 44 years ago notes many changes on the Island. He was the guest of his cousin, Daniel N. and Mrs. Taylor Nine Mile Creek.

NEW DENTAL OFFICE OPENS —An announcement in this issue is to the effect that Dr. A. R. Smith has opened a dental office at 175 Grafton St. After graduating from Dalhousie in 1940, he entered the Dental Corps with which he was associated during the War. He is one of the two sons of the late Mr. A. E. Smith, of Messrs. Morris and Smith, the well-known boot and shoe firm of Queen St.

MRS. JANE KENNEDY— Mrs. Jane Kennedy of 102 Liberty St. Quincy, Mass. died Monday, Dec. 10, in her 87th year. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. William Nicholl of the United Presbyterian Church at the Russell Funeral Home, Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 2 o'clock. Mrs Kennedy was born in Crapaud, Prince Edward Island, but for the past 23 years has resided in Quincy. She is survived by four sons ,Allan, Kennedy of MacLeod, Alberta; Neil Kennedy of Truro, Nova Scotia, Lawson Kennedy of Brighton, Mass.; and Duncan Kennedy of Quincy; and two daughters, Mrs. Neil D MacFayden of Quincy and Mrs. Frank Curtain of Braintree. She also leaves nineteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

BANK OF MONTREAL BUSINESS SUMMARY SAYS — Wholesale and retail Maritime trade continues at a high level, notwithstanding shortages in many lines. Collections are good. Christmas buying is active and indications are that the holiday trade will equal that of a year ago. Woods operations are proceeding satisfactorily, although labour is still in short supply. Demand for all wood products continues strong. There is a heavy movement of Christmas trees to the United States. Fresh fish production during November was at a high level. Output of dried fish has shown a further decline, owing to frozen fish being shipped overseas. Exports of pickled fish continue in fair volume at steady prices. Manufacturers for the most part are fully employed. Coal production in Cape Breton during November showed a good increase over the previous month, but was slightly lower than during the corresponding period a year ago.

ANNUAL MEETING — The annual meeting of the "Four Branch" Farmers Institute, was held in North Carleton School, Thursday evening, Dec. 20th., with a fair attendance. After minutes of previous meeting the Secretary gave a very clear and full report of all business done during the year. This was followed by the Auditor's report. Total sales—$20,555.18. Expenditure $20,138.31. The following are the officers for the coming year. President—Walter Hammill re-elected. Vice Pres. — Hudson Lowther. Secretary and Treasurer Hermas Myers, re-elected. Additional Directors, Reginald MacFarlane, Heber E. Myers, Lloyd Jewell, Charles MacFarlane, Fred MacQuarrie, Stephen Huestis, Earl Murray, The Auditors, T. J. Inman and J. A. Henderson were re-elected. The following resolution was passed. Whereas this part of the country is in need of more blacksmiths, especially for horse shoeing; therefore resolved that we ask the Government to give some encouragement to the training and establishing young men in this industry. Moved by T. J. Inman and seconded by Heber E. Myers and passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned to meet at call of Secretary.

MEN AND WOMEN GRADUATE TWENTY CANADIAN SERVICE-FOR PASSENGER AIRLINE WORK

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec 21 — Twenty repatriated Navy, Army and Air Force men and women graduated from the Trans-Canada Air Lines fifteenth passenger agent training school at Stevenson Field, it was announced by J. H. Sandgathe, superintendent of training, under whose general supervision the school is operated.

During the past year 61 repatriated men and women from all branches of the services have graduated from the school, which is now conducted by passenger service training instructor C H. Gibson.

The syllabus of the course, which lasts five weeks, includes a grounding in all passenger work and regulations of the air lines. Among the subjects taken up are the duties of a passenger agent, outline of management and organization, inter-line connections to all parts of the world, and a study of the reservation system, tariffs, and the operation of teletype machines.

Among those graduating were F/L N. S. Kilpatrick, Whitebourne, Nfld.; F/O G. S. Noel, Carbonear, Nfld.; F/O P. J. Maddigan, St. John's Nfld.; F/O James Summerville, New Glasgow, N. S.

NEED MORE PEOPLE

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 21 — Canada's first post-war immigration movement is made up of the 40,000 wives and children of Canadian soldiers, J. S. McGowan, director of the department of colonization and agriculture, Canadian National Railways, said in an address at the Montreal regional conference of the Canadian Conference of Business Newspaper Editors. "And a very welcome and constructive one it is, too," he added.

"This country of ours cannot develop and progress as it should without more people. The admission of more people, far from creating problems for us, would increase our prosperity and assist in our future development," said Mr. McGowan.

In Memoriam

JOY BEST HAYES

The many friends of Mr. Joy Best Hayes, Bedeque, formerly of Searletown, will learn with deep regret of his death. Although he had been in failing health for the past three years his death came as a shock to his loved ones, at the age of 61 years. He will be sadly missed in the community where his kindly smile and helping hand made for him many friends in every walk of life. Besides his aged mother and his sorrowing wife there are left to mourn his daughter, Mrs. Reggie Murray, Bedeque, and two sisters (Viney) Mrs. Martin Bell Winnipeg, Man., and (Sadie) Mrs. Fraser Gillispie, Cape Tormentine, N. B. The funeral which was one of the largest for some time, was held in the United Church, Bedeque, the service being conducted by the pastor of that church. Rev. Mr. Baxter who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved ones The hymns sung were: Asleep in Jesus, Lead Kindly Light and Abide With Me.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Horace Wright, Edwin McFarlane, Ralph Calbeck, Bruce Burns Walter Bowness and Edward Gardner.

The flowers were:—Pillow from Wife and Daughter. Crescent from Mother and Sisters. Wreath from Bruce and Ila, Alfred and Florence. Leslie and Madelin. Spray from Lydia and Ruby.

The remains were laid to rest in the Searletown Cemetery beside those of his father the late John Franklin Hayes who predeceased him twenty-two years ago. 12-26-1i.

In Memoriam

In fond and loving memory of a dear husband and father John Alex MacPherson, who passed away December 26, 1942.

He has not died who leaves us
For the better land of day
He would not thus bereave us
He's only "Just away."

Inserted by His Wife and Family.

12-26-1i

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Lawson, Jr., and daughter Katherine, spent Christmas with Mr. Lawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Lawson.

Dr. Harry C Hooper, Boston, Mass., arrived by plane to spend the holiday season with his sister, Mrs. Frank Hobbs, Kent Street.

"YOUR CITY AND OURS"

A feature conducted by the Charlottetown Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Question No. 9.

Q. Do you consider the tax assessment in Charlottetown fair and equitable?

The result of the Poll on this particular question are as follows:—

Not satisfied	54%
Satisfied	34%
Don't know	12%

There is definitely some reason behind the opinion of many tax payers in the City of Charlottetown that the tax assessments are not fair and equitable.

The 1944 report of the Finance Committee of the City Council indicates that the City Council is not satisfied because on page 52 this paragraph appears:—

"We feel that a revision of assessment is necessary and hope by such revision to bring about a more equitable distribution of the City tax levy."

It is felt by a great many that real estate in Charlottetown is bearing too heavy a portion of the tax burden with a result that many persons are erecting substantial homes outside of the City limits while others will not take the venture to own a home on account of taxes.

It would appear, therefore, that a complete revision of the tax assessment should be made. When making such an assessment the practise of other Cities should be studied. In many cities the burden on real estate has been reduced, moreover, in certain cases a distribution is made in classes of real estate. Homes used as such by a taxpayer are on a different basis of assessment from real estate which is producing revenue. There are new sources of revenue available to the City such as the taxes that should be paid by both Provincial and Dominion Governments on property including Railway Property owned by them. If the Dominion Government rents an office it pays rent which includes a portion of the taxes on the rented property, why should not the Government property be taxable? It demands the service supplied by the City and takes the place of property which in the hands of an individual would be bearing taxes.

THE KIRK PULPIT

Preaching Christmas Morning on the text "When they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother" (S. Matthew 2:11), the minister, the Rev. T.H. Bussell Somers, said: Do you observe why the wise men saw the King when all the others that night in Bethlehem were blind to Him? The simple reason is that they were seeking Him, and just because they were seeking Him, they saw. Where is He that is born King of the Jews — they had troubled all Jerusalem with this question. They were more than star-gazers, they were anxious searchers not to be beaten off in their endeavour. And so where others saw nothing but a child, they saw, because they had searched for Him, a king.

We read that Ceasar came and saw and conquered; but these three wise men came and saw and worshipped; and to worship is sometimes better than to conquer, if they be not identical before God's Throne. That is an exquisite title which John Bunyan gives to the Church. You remember that he calls it the House Beautiful. When you come into the House Beautiful which is the Church the supreme question is, what do you see? It all depends on what you come to see. If you seek to find fault you shall find it very easily, for neither preaching nor singing nor praying is ever perfect. If you seek the fellowship of men and women you shall get it, for in the sanctuary men and women gather. But if you seek for more than that, if you seek light and guidance, if you seek power to live well, and power to die well, then poor though our worship be, never a service shall pass but you shall be blessed by seeing what you sought.

In closing, will you notice this, that the wise men saw the young Child and His Mother: first the young Child — it was a Child and Mother picture, not Mother-and-Child — as the catalogues of art describe it, they are so taken up with gazing on the mother; but the wise men saw the child, and then in that very glance they saw beautiful and peerless motherhood. They had found all they looked for and a little more, for they could never forget the look in Mary's face. It is always so when a man sees God for himself. We see the young Child and — something over. Motherhood, fatherhood, duty and trial and burden—all are lit with a new radiance from that hour. Then like the wise men we go home again, but like them, warned of God, we go another way; for the old ways and the old days are done and dead, when once we have seen God in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Honor Roll for December:

Commercial Class—Anna Campbell, 2. Margaret Curley, 3. Florence Haddad.

Grade X — 1. Mary McWade, 2. Kathleen Noonan, 3. Olga Carmody.

Grade IX — 1. Florence Peters, 2 Velma Brown, 3 Elinor Hynes.

Grade VIII — 1 Mary Creighan, 2 Lorna Noonan, 3. Janet McCallum.

Grade VII — 1. Florence Callaghan 2 Doris Dunn, 3 Myra Murphy

Grade VI — 1. June Doyle, 2 Darlene Gurney, 3. Shirley Dillon

Grade V Joan Alyward, 2 Patricia Wynne, 3. Elizabeth Coyle

Grade IV— 1 Margaret McGee, 2 Pauline Noonan, 3 Vera Hynes

Grade III — 1. Rita Shanahan, 2 Nola Marie McCabe, 3. Georgina Zakem

Grade II— 1 Frances Anne Johnston 2 Carole McCallum, 3 Doreen Bevan.

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Group Capt. Stewart Awarded Honorary Observer Wing, F.A.F.

Group Capt. H. R. Stewart E. D.

Prior to his departure for France, Major de MacMahon, Military and Air Attache to Canada, conferred on Group Captain H. R. Stewart, E. D., Ottawa and Charlottetown, the Honorary Observer Wing of the French Air Force.

This distinction, the first time given in Canada, was in appreciation of co-operation with the French Air Attache. Group Captain Stewart recently proceeded on retirement leave after more than three years as Director of Intelligence for the R. C. A. F.

This officer served throughout the First Great War as a member of the 1st Canadian Division and with the Royal Flying Corps as an observer.

Early Career

He was a former deputy minister in P. E. I.—being simultaneously deputy provincial secretary-treasurer, clerk of the executive council, and provincial secretary-treasurer, clerk of the executive council, and provincial archivist. Group Captain Stewart re-joined the R. C. A. F. at the outbreak of war, at which time he was granted leave of absence from his post as deputy assistant secretary to the Governor General. He became personal assistant to the then Chief of the Air Staff, A/V/M C. M. Croll, OBE, AFC, until May, 1940, when he was appointed Air Secretary to the Hon. C. G. Power, then Minister of National Defence for Air. In 1942 he became Director of Intelligence.

Group Captain Stewart holds the Russian Order of St. George awarded in 1915. He is also an honorary pilot of the Czechoslovakian Air Force.

As intelligence chief, his responsibilities were threefold: the sifting and rapid distribution of information within the Air Force; enforcement of wartime secrecy in the service; and censorship of R. C. A. F. news stories and information. Newspapers across Canada appreciate how ably he co-operated with them on all occasions.

Successful Year For P. E. Island Fisheries

The year 1945, now nearing its close, has been a very successful one for Prince Edward Island fishermen, packers and those directly concerned with the fishing industry, reports Mr. J J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries for the Province. Statistics will not be completely compiled until late in January but indications are that there will be a substantial increase in production and dollar gain, as compared with the year 1944, in practically all fisheries engaged in by Island fishermen.

Lobsters again lead in Prince Edward Island's commercial fisheries. Last year they represented more than half of the total marketed value of provincial fisheries production and they will play an equally important role in 1945 Cod, hake, herring, mackerel, smelts and oysters rank next after lobsters in productive importance and contributory forces to Island fisheries revenue.

Lobster landings for the past few years have been increasing and there is no doubt that this is due to a large extent to the establishment of the 7-inch minimum size limit. Lessening the drain on stocks of small lobsters by requiring that any which find their way into fishermen's traps while still under seven inches in length must be returned alive to the water is having excellent effect upon this fishery. Island fishermen, though perhaps somewhat doubtful of the 7-inch limit when it was first established are now looking upon it as the chief factor in bringing about improved fishing and they have come to realize that once stocks are wiped out, or greatly reduced, the same sort of thing happens to fishermen's earnings, and that conservation pays — and pays well. Prices for "canner" and "market" lobsters, as well as for the canned product, reached a high peak during the early and late fishing seasons.

Lobsters By Air

Initial steps have been taken by individual interests to establish air transportation of fresh fish and lobsters to American markets, and if plans materialize as anticipated, this should be a great boon to the industry as lobsters and other fish will be landed at their destination in less than from five to ten hours from the time of shipment, which will undoubtedly result in higher monetary returns to the fishermen.

Cod and hake, major contributors to Island fisheries revenue, will show a considerable increase in landings and value when statistics are finally compiled, both these fisheries having been engaged in more extensively than last year. Fishermen had a longer period of operation by reason of the early appearance of these fish in Island waters and to the fact that fishing was engaged in during the month of December, which is not a usual occurrence. Price for cod and hake were high throughout the season.

Fluctuating catches of mackerel due to broken weather periods and other unknown conditions have reduced mackerel landings to a slight extent, but fishermen received high prices for their catch and individual earnings from this fishery will equal, if not exceed, 1944 returns.

Smelt Fishery

The smelt fishery is now in full swing and more fishermen are engaging in this fishery each year attracted by the encouraging prices offered on American and Canadian markets. For some years Island smelts were shipped ungraded but with the establishment of compulsory grading, previous unfavorable competition with the other Maritime Provinces no longer exists and smelt fishermen are benefiting greatly as a result.

Another large contributing factor to Island fisheries production is the oyster industry, and both public beds and leased areas have yielded satisfactory returns to date. This is especially true of the public beds in Queens County which show greatly increased production this year as areas previously depleted in the East and West Rivers have made, and are still making, a rapid comeback and have produced a good quality oyster for which a satisfctory price has been received.

In 1945, as in the previous year, Island producers have played an important role in supplying canned fish for U.N.R.R.A., and with the continued need of all kinds of foods in the European countries, fishermen with increased activity will resume fishing operations in the spring in order to meet the demands at home and abroad.

LONDON —(CP)—An "information bureau" which was built in Trafalgar Square in the early days of the war has been dismantled to reveal a brick strongpoint.

LARGE RESERVOIR OF TOURIST TRAFFIC

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 21 — "Everywhere I went in the course of my trip throughout western Canada," says Alistair Fraser, K. C., vice-president in charge of traffic, Canadian National Railways, who has just returned to Montreal from the Pacific Coast, "people asked when they would be able to travel again. It is a natural question, because on this continent today there is the largest reservoir of tourist traffic ever seen."

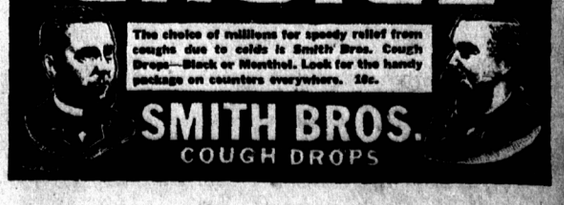
Indications were, Mr. Fraser said, that the people of Canada who have postponed vacation and other trips during the war, when railway facilities were taxed to the limit, were about to realize some reward for their patience and understanding. "Of course, there is still a very large volume of traffic, and many more troops are to be returned home, but as the movement of service personnel has passed its peak, it would seem reasonable to believe that the thousands who refrained from travel during the war in deference to government request will find conditions improving steadily over the next few months."

WHY THIS TRIBALISM? ASKS AFRICAN NATIVE

CAPE TOWN, Dec 24—(CP)— The following letter appeared recently in the Bantu World, a paper for the Africans published in Johannesburg:

I am a Northern Transvaal African undergoing a course of training at the Cape among Cape Africans better known as Xosas. During my stay here, I have discovered that there is hardly any difference in their customs and those of other African tribes. All signs go to show that we are one in customs, rituals and rites.

This immediately raises the question—why should we call one another, despicably: "You blanketed Xosa", "Cowardly Mosotho", "Uncircumcised Shangaan" and "Bloodthirsty Ndebele"? We live in enlightened times and we speak of progress; how are we going to achive progress if we still worship the god of tribalism?

LIVERPOOL, England —(CP)— Lord Derby, 80, has resigned as chancellor of Liverpool University.

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