

Brotherhood Gen. Chairman Hold Meeting

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 15.—(By the Canadian Press)—General chairmen of the twenty-one brotherhoods of the railway running trades gathered here today to discuss what policy they will follow in regard to the report of the conciliation board recommending a 10 per cent wage cut for railway locomotive engineers, enginemen, firemen, trainmen, conductors and telegraphers.

Representatives of the twenty-one brotherhoods representing 26,000 men involved by the wage cut scattered into groups this afternoon to learn the response of divisional union officers to the questionnaire sent out asking their attitude on the board report and whether they favored a general referendum to the membership at large as to whether the cut would be accepted.

While the general conference awaited the reports of the individual brotherhoods on the question put to divisional officers, J. B. Ward, general conference chairman, dispatched a telegram to Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, seeking that Department's answer to the letter sent by the chairmen on December third asking for a ruling on the legality of the railroads making the wage cut recommended by the board retroactive as of November 15. No answer had been received from the Minister of Labor late today. The majority report of the board set November 15 as the date the cut should become effective.

Unemployed Demonstrations In England

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Thirty mounted police with drawn batons charged a large gathering of unemployed men and women in the fashionable west end district today. The jobless demonstration started about noon when thousands of persons gathered at Temple Station on the embankment, marched to the county council building and then back across Westminster Bridge to Hyde Park, where they listened to speeches.

The police were most careful to prevent the unemployed from leaving the park in a mass. Instead they were required to depart in small groups. The trouble which caused the mounted policemen to charge started when the red banner of one group became caught in the wheels of a taxicab and the chauffeur refused to stop. One policeman was pulled from his horse, but his companions helped him to remount.

The Hyde Park demonstration was carried on beneath dripping trees. Many of the demonstrators carried children on their shoulders. There were no lights or flares and the muddy ground was turned into a quagmire.

GRAPE MARMALADE

Wash and stem the grapes and remove the skins. Press the pulp through a sieve to remove the seeds. Add skins to the pulp and add 3 cups sugar to each 4 cups fruit. Let simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour into glasses and seal.

GIVE THE "SWEETEST GIRL IN THE WORLD" A FEW PAIRS OF MERCURY HOSIERY

She will appreciate your good taste and true sense of value . . . and she'll think of you night and morning for months and perhaps quite often during the day. You can buy Mercury Hosiery in any weight and in all the latest colours at most good stores. Do not be put off with any other kind because no other kind is likely to wear as well as Mercury Hosiery.

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Await Finding

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 15.—(By the Canadian Press)—Decision of the Privy Council which reserved judgment today in the radio appeal, is being awaited with considerable interest among government officials here. Control of all radio operations in Canada is vested in the Department of Marine and is administered by the radio branch of that department. The Privy Council has been asked to decide whether the control should remain in that quarter or be placed in the hands of provincial governments.

Appointed

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 16.—(By the Canadian Press)—Captain E. C. P. Salt, organizer and first commissioner of the New Brunswick Provincial Police, has been appointed to succeed Brigadier-General F. W. Hill, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., V. D., whose resignation as commissioner of the force will take effect on January 1 next. This was announced here tonight by Hon. C. D. Richards, premier and Attorney-General, at the conclusion of a specially called meeting of the provincial government.

Vigorous Opposition To Debt Moratorium

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Growing opposition manifested in a vigorous debate forecast a rough journey through the House of Representatives for President Hoover's inter-governmental debt moratorium.

Meanwhile, the Senate heard the chief executive's proposal for war debt revision criticized by Dill of Washington as a plan to help Great Britain balance its budget. The house ways and means committee will take up the moratorium in hearings today, with Undersecretary Mills of the Treasury as its first witness. Several opponents of the debt holiday have demanded to be heard.

Chairman Collier predicted final action by the House within a week. He plans to bring the moratorium up on the floor Thursday. He introduced a resolution intended as the vehicle of ratification and said he approved the moratorium in its essentials.

Charges that President Hoover transgressed his authority in initiating the moratorium were hurled in the House by the prospective Democratic chairman of the Judiciary committee, Sumners, of Texas. He said the President should be reminded that he is President of the United States and should follow the dictates of Congress.

CONSCIENCE STAMPS RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—Years ago a Missouri woman removed a couple of two cent stamps from letters received. They bore no cancellation marks. She used them again.

"Here is a confession I feel I ought to make," she wrote to the post office department. "When I was a mere child at my grandmother's I recall I used postage stamps that had carried letters but were not cancelled. My grandmother used one and I thought it was all right to do like she did."

"That was years ago. Grandmother is dead now 9 years ago and God has held this before me and I must confess and ask forgiveness and pay for same."

F. A. Tilton, assistant postmaster general, wrote the aged woman that she could submit two two-cent stamps to his office, where they would be destroyed thereby cancelling the woman's obligation.

Generous Act Of Boys

St. John Berchmans' Society of St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield whose members are the altar boys of that church, have amply proved that the young people of today are not all thoughtless of others and too much taken up with the pleasures and pastimes of the day.

This group of young boys held a sacred or religious concert last Sunday night at which they realized the sum of \$32.67 which sum they forwarded through the central agency, the C. W. L. to His Excellency Archbishop McGuigan for relief work in his diocese.

We must congratulate their pastor Rev. J. A. Gaudet for having such a zealous and helpful society of boys in his parish so well trained in the christian spirit of charity.

Happy Returns

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—(By the Canadian Press)—Tomorrow will be the fifty-seventh birthday anniversary of Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie-King, leader of the Liberal Party. Mr. King was born at Berlin (now Kitchener), Ont., on December 17, 1874. He plans to spend the day quietly at Laurier House here.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

AUCTION FORTY-FIVES — The big outstanding event of yesterday evening was the B. I. S. auction forty-fives and old Irish program. The winners of the auction which was closely contested in all of twenty-five tables, were as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. Robert Perry; Ladies Second, Mrs. Edward Ready; Gents' first, Gilbert Arsenault; Gents' second, Mr. Burrows; Lucky Table, Mr. Connie LeClair. The big feature of the evening was the musical programme, including in all seven numbers, first number being the famous 5-piece B. I. S. Orchestra selection as the opening number, "The Wearing of the Green"; Second number, Solo, by Mr. Burrows, of Dublin, Ireland, accompanied, Bro. Sydney Elliot; third number, guitar, banjo and mandolin selection; fourth number, solo, by Mr. Connie LeClair, "The Waltz You Saved for Me," accompanist, Bro. Elliot; number five, recitation, by Bro. McGilvary, entitled "Letter from his grand old mother in Ireland; number six, comic Irish songs by Bro. Malachias Callaghan, accompanist, Miss Mary Callaghan. Before concluding, the President thanked the people most heartily, on behalf of the Society, for their regular large attendance during the past season. The Society has to thank the followers of their social evenings who have enabled them to carry on with their charitable work as all proceeds from these evening entertainments are used solely for charitable purposes. It is the intention of the Society to continue the entertainments at the first of the year with a bigger and better orchestra. The concluding number, by the orchestra brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season.

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U.S. CROPS LIVESTOCK MARKET

(Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The total farm value of United States crops this year was reported today by the Department of Agriculture at \$4,122,850,000, as compared with the revised figures of \$5,318,820,000 for last year's crops and \$8,088,494,000 for those of 1929.

The total acreage of these crops was reported as 350,672,000 for this year, compared with 359,927,000 acres last year, and 357,827,000 acres in 1929.

The 1931 production of each crop and its farm value follow: Corn, 2,556,863,000 bushels, value \$920,142,000; winter wheat 787,465,000 and \$341,458,000; durum wheat 18,395,000 and \$8,370,000; other spring wheat 86,411,000 and \$45,772,000; all wheat 892,271,000 and \$395,600,000; oats 1,112,142,000 and \$256,483,000; rye 198,965,000 and \$70,119,000; barley 32,746,000 and \$12,673,000; buckwheat 8,875,000 and hay (tame) 64,233,000 tons and \$581,833,000; hay (wild) 8,133,000 and \$50,277,000; soy beans 18,883,000 bushels, and \$11,919,000.

Peanuts 1,554,410,000 pounds, and \$29,189,000; beans (dry edible) 12,705,000 bushels, and \$31,199,000; potatoes 376,248,000 bushels and \$161,264,000; hops 25,852,000 pounds and \$3,564,000; apples 211,506,000 bushels and \$122,901,000; peaches 77,743,000 bushels and \$41,377,000; pears 23,009,000 bushels and \$13,567,000; grapes 1,582,982 tons and \$36,081,000; cranberries 651,000 barrels and \$3,902,000; sugar beets 7,933,000 tons and \$46,958,000; total truck crops, for market (except potatoes) \$208,046,000, for manufacture, \$41,514,000.

Another U. S. Bank Closes

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 16.—The Lowell Trust Company closed its doors at 2:30 p. m. today a half hour before the regular closing time. Just prior to the closing of the bank, a request for two officers was sent to police headquarters. Misunderstanding the request, police officials sent a detail of officers to the bank. Customers in the bank at the time were told by employees that there would be no more business done today.

No official statement was immediately forthcoming from bank officers. The telephones were disconnected and the window curtains drawn.

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The Lowell Trust Company was the 12th New England bank to close in the past three days. The Trust Company's statement of condition as of Sept. 29, 1931, showed deposits totalling \$1,522,985 in the savings department and \$1,861,443 in the commercial department. Capital was listed as \$240,000 and surplus as \$275,000.

News Briefs

(Canadian Press) VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—Unconfirmed rumors are current in transportation circles here that the Canadian Pacific passenger liners Duchess of Bedford and Duchess of Atholl will soon be seen on the Pacific, operating regularly out of Vancouver. At present the vessels are operating on the Atlantic.

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The body of the church was completely filled by the large congregation attending the service, which was conducted by Rev. Dr. George H. Donald, of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, assisted by Rev. Thomas Helm. In the course of his prayer, Dr. Donald made the following reference to Dr. Dixon:

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The only early sales made were one small lot of plain to just medium quality veal calves at \$8 and two or three loads of hogs delivered on former contract at \$4.75 for hogs, fed and watered.

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Immigration

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16. (By the Canadian Press)—According to a statement issued today by the Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, immigration for the months of April to October inclusive, which covers the season of active immigration was as follows:

- April 3,201.
May 3,818.
June 3,169.
July 2,541.
August 2,250.
September 2,355.
October 2,056.

A total of 19,390 persons compared with 77,544 arrivals during the corresponding period of 1930. This represents a decrease of 75 per cent. Of the arrivals for the seven months 14,496 were women and children, mostly the dependents of settlers already established in Canada.

During the same period, 13,941 Canadians who had gone to the United States to reside, returned to make their homes in Canada. These were not, however, counted as immigrants.

Music Club Meet

The Women's Music Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. H. S. Henderson. After the discussion of several items of business, an excellent program was rendered by the members, and a delicious afternoon tea served by the hostess.

- Following is the program:
Piano, Fantasia in C minor, Bach Mrs. Full.
Song, The Cloths of Heaven, Dunhill, Miss McKenzie.
Violin Concerto, de Beriot, Miss Hornby.
Song, The Crying of the Water, Campbellton.
Mrs. Nash.
Piano, Etude in G Flat, Chopin. Miss McKenzie.
Songs: Prates Dreams, Huertor, Boals of Mine, Anne Strallon Miller, Mrs. Henderson.

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Burning Coal

Preparations are being made to fit up a portion of the Newsome block, consisting of four unoccupied rooms in the Queen Square School, the Caledonian Club hall and Catholic Women's League, for the inmates of the Infirmary. These rooms are all heated, and the sanitary equipment is now being installed. This will enable the Infirmary building to be used for the accommodation of Falconwood patients.

Definite plans for housing the patients provided for in this arrangement will be made today. The fifty-three Falconwood patients transferred on Tuesday to the two hospitals and the Sacred Heart Home remained comfortably there last night.

Separate quarters have been provided for the violent patients. Those now in the Infirmary are being carefully attended, though there is naturally some overcrowding. Yesterday an inspection was made of the Armouries by members of the Government, but it was decided that this building would not be suitable to accommodate patients over the winter.

In addition to an offer from New Brunswick, the Government received another generous offer yesterday from Dartmouth, N.S., to give accommodation for forty women patients. It is expected, however, that the necessary accommodations can be secured here without the necessity of removing any patients to other provinces.

Of the six missing men, Michael Smith, of Kinkora, was in his room in the second floor when the fire broke out, but is known to have gone to the attic to get his clothing. Herbert Warren, of North River, and William McQueen, of Belfast, were both in the attic and it is thought were in their rooms at the time.

David McLeod, of Bradalbane, was on the second floor but it is thought that he had gone below at the time of the fire, shut himself in the closet and was missed by the rescuers. Lemuel Compton, of Bangor, was on the lower floor, and Thayer Howard, of North River, in the attic.

Pays Tribute

serious nature of his illness was discovered. Hope was soon abandoned that anything could be done for him, other than to make the last few weeks of his life as comfortable as possible.

A funeral service will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Knox Crescent Church. The body will then be taken to Fredericton, N. B., Mr. Neill's birthplace, where a service will be held at the home of John Neill, a half brother, on Friday afternoon. Interment will be in the Forest Hill cemetery at Fredericton, beside the resting place of his wife who died in 1927.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 16.—"In the death of C. E. Neill, Canada has lost an eminent banker and distinguished citizen," said M. W. Wilson, General Manager of the Royal Bank, "His career, spent entirely in the service of the Royal Bank of Canada, of which he became Vice President and Managing Director at a comparatively early age, was one of notable success."

SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 16.—"I was very much shocked to learn of the death of Charles E. Neill, Vice President and Managing Director of the Royal Bank," said Baudry Leman, former President of the Canadian Bankers' Association. "His death will be a great loss to wide circle of friends and the community in general. He was an outstanding banker and a very high minded citizen."

"He contributed very efficiently to the progress and development of the Royal Bank of Canada during his many years association with that corporation.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 16.—(By the Canadian Press)—Regret at the death of C. E. Neill, Vice President and Managing Director of the Royal Bank of Canada, and a tribute to his ability was expressed today by Sir John Aird, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"I have known Mr. Neill for many years," said Sir John, "and esteemed his friendship very greatly. I formed a high opinion of his ability. Under his direction, the Royal Bank has developed into a great world bank, and has been of very great assistance in developing world trade.

"His advice will be greatly missed not only by his own institution but by the public generally," stated Sir John.

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Describes Work Of Postal Service

Mr. R. H. MacNabb, Chief Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service gave a short address from Ottawa last night over the C. N. R. radio system. Mr. MacNabb who has been in the postal service for a number of years was appointed to his present position in 1921 and under his supervision and the sympathetic treatment of the 1300 Railway Mail Clerks under his control, there has been developed one of the most efficient working organizations in the public service. The first railway Post Office was started in 1854.

Last year the different R. P. O.'s in Canada travelled a total of 42,000,000 miles and the total cost including steamship lines was \$36,000,000. This indicates the importance of the Railway Postal service to the general public.

Mr. MacNabb took his listeners over an imaginary trip during the Christmas period in a 72-foot Postal Car over one of the Trunk lines of railway. He described the lay-out of the Car, the work of the men in the car, the taking in and putting out of the mails at the stations en route and described the methods used to ensure the efficiency of the clerks and finally reminded the public to mail their Christmas greetings early for there is to be no delivery of mails on Christmas day either by Letter Carrier or on "ural routes and the Postmaster General has recently issued orders that all Post Offices will remain closed except for the receipt and despatch of mails.

Canadians Favor New Yacht Series

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Canadian yachtsmen are taking kindly to the suggestion advocated by several prominent United States yachting enthusiasts for an international trophy, according to the tenor of letters received by the secretary of the North American Yacht Racing Union.

It has been suggested a trophy be put up for competition among twelve meter craft to replace the America's Cup. It is taken for granted that it will be some time before anyone steps into the breach left by the famous Irishman, Sir Thomas Lipton, who has been the only challenger for the America's Cup in years.

George H. Gooderham, Toronto, considered one of the Dominion's foremost yachting authorities, wrote to the Union saying in part: "We must have international racing if we are to keep the sport alive, and the suggestion of an international race for twelve meter boats is, I think, a very excellent one. In the first place, these boats are of a size that a reasonably wealthy man can afford to own and race, and also, they make excellent cruising boats."

Mr. Gooderham, however, opposes a contest between several boats as she believes a race of this kind mentioned should be a duel between two countries. He also suggested a deed of gift should be drawn up to prohibit anything in the nature of a machine, "such as was so disgracefully exemplified in the Enterprise."

G. H. Duggan, Montreal, another leading Canadian skipper, and other yachtsmen from as far east as Halifax, in addition to scores of United States yachtsmen, have written to the Union in favor of the new series.

MILK-AND MUSTARD

If you will mix your mustard with milk instead of water, it will never turn a dark color or get crusted on top, and will keep fresh the whole time.

Bankers' Association

"The passing of Mr. Charles E. Neill removes a brilliant personality from the banking world of Canada," said Mr. McLeod. "To his conferees in the Canadian Bankers' Association Mr. Neill was more than a great banker; he was a friend whose frankness and geniality endeared him to all. His services to the Association as President during the two-year term of office were of great value, not only to the banks but to the whole of Canada."

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 16.—The sorrow of members of the Maritime Provinces Club of Montreal upon learning today of the death of C. E. Neill, vice president of the Royal Bank of Canada, was expressed through W. E. Hopper, president of the club.

Mr. Hopper, a native of Saint John, N. B., said that throughout the Maritime Provinces, the death of Mr. Neill would be regarded as the loss of a man of whom Maritimers are justly proud. Especially would sorrow be felt in Fredericton, N. B., the birthplace of Mr. Neill. The distinguished banker was a charter member of the Maritime Provinces Club of Montreal and had