

HOW P. G. E. TAKES TOLL FROM HOMES

5 Cents a Day From Average Family Go in Taxes

Just what the P. G. E. in its present state costs the taxpayers of British Columbia is perhaps not generally understood. The following computations are made from the latest available official statement of accounts for the railway, as at Dec. 31, 1929.

By C. N. SENIOR
Taxpayers of British Columbia pay out every day for their lives approximately \$5,500 to meet the accumulated costs of the P. G. E. Railway Co. That represents 1.25 cents a day for every man, woman and child in the province. On the basis of four to a family the average householder pays 5 cents a day.

Spread over the year this 5 cents a day amounts to \$18.25. That is the sum the average family has to contribute to the maintenance of the P. G. E. railway.

COST SO FAR \$61,811,000
Already since the P. G. E. was instituted by the McBride Government in 1912 the public has paid out a little less than \$25,000,000. That sum has been put a bit at a time, year after year, from the taxes collected by the Provincial Government.

In addition there are bonds outstanding which the taxpayers must eventually pay off to the amount of \$369,111,000. If you add these two sums together you have the total cost of the P. G. E. to the taxpayers, viz., \$61,811,000.

Every year the government pays over to the P. G. E. Railway Co. sums ranging from \$3,000,000 to \$3,400,000. A typical year is about \$3,100,000, which works out at \$5.50 a day.

\$3,500 A DAY
These annual payments are to cover interest on bonds, replacements and renewals of right-of-way and equipment, as well as the annual operating deficit.

The last audited balance sheet of the P. G. E. Railway Co., up to Dec. 31, 1929, showed total liabilities of the company amounting to \$63,357,000. Of this, however, approximately \$3,500,000 is a theoretical computation of compound interest owing by the company to the government on the interest payments which the government has met on the guaranteed debentures and represents neither a past outlay by the taxpayers nor a future obligation.

At the normal rate of increase in the company's liabilities the state should bring the total to \$66,500,000.

In 1927 the total liabilities were \$56,500,000. In 1921 they were \$36,500,000.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup

PRISONERS TO GET AMNESTY

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Britain. We are grateful to you." The Indians, said the premier, must settle their own communal disputes. For Britain is neither pro-Hindu, pro-Muslim, nor pro any section of the Indian population.

"The attitude of the British Government," he told the assembled delegates, "is nothing more than an over-powering desire to let you settle your own affairs."

SAFEGUARDS COMMON
He said he did not like the idea of placing "safeguards" about the proposed Indian Government, but he pointed out that they exist in every constitution in the world.

"It is not that we want to interfere," he said, "but such safeguards as the Premier has mentioned are necessary to keep India right in the eyes of the world."

He declared that all Indian communal differences in any constitution for India.

The Premier said that the necessary steps would be taken for the separation of Burma from India. This was an outstanding issue of the Conference.

TASK NOT FINISHED
The task of solving the Indian problem, the Premier told them, has not been completed yet.

"We have gone as far as we can go here," he said. "Now you must go back to India and we must go back to our public opinion, both of us striving to complete the tasks we have begun."

The Premier indicated afterward that he would confer with Lord Willingdon, the new Viceroy of India, as soon as he arrived from Canada, concerning means of conducting negotiations for the working out of the new Indian constitution. Lord Willingdon is due here within the next few days.

Mr. MacDonald held out the olive branch to Gandhi and the Indian extremists, declaring that steps would be taken to permit all elements in India who wish to do so, to participate in the negotiations which began here.

It was Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru who earlier in the session made an earnest appeal to Premier MacDonald to hold out the olive branch to Indians.

"I do respectfully ask you for the release of political prisoners, for amnesty of those who have gone to jail for opinions from which you have differed, and from which many of us have differed, and which we consider to be deplorable," he said.

Pneumonia Left Her With a Terrible Cough
Mrs. A. W. Power, 551 Jess St., Toronto, Ont., writes:—"Eight years ago I had a very serious illness. I had a bad attack of pleurisy and pneumonia and was six months in bed. This illness left me with a terrible cough. I tried several cough medicines, but they did not seem to have any effect. One day my mother brought me home a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and after I had taken several more I noticed my cough gradually leaving me. Since that time if ever my husband and children or myself have had colds I always get 'Dr. Wood's.'"
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POLICE ALLEGE 'JOB RING' IN CIVIL SERVICE

Aylmer Postal Clerk Held as Suspect; Ottawa Man Also Involved

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Arrest of a prominent official of the Civil Service Commission is expected soon, according to a newspaper story in The Journal today. Evidence implicating this official is said to have been unearthed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

It is stated the official in question didates for positions in the postal services at Montreal paid from \$400 to \$500 each to have their examinations guarded in any constitution for India.

The official in question is said to have been paid \$1800 by one of his "agents" on December 31, the Journal states.

It is alleged that the official had an agent in Montreal who would line up prospective candidates. The candidate, if he would pay \$400 to \$500, was informed that he would be sure of securing a position. Candidates were instructed not to fill in the answers to leave their papers blank.

They were assured that the papers would be filled out at Ottawa when they were being marked.

The first arrest in connection with the frauds was made today when Lionel Chartrand of Aylmer, Que., was taken into custody. Chartrand was employed in the offices here of the Income Tax Department.

PENS OBITUARY, THEN SUICIDES

Leaving explanatory notes to his wife, the Chief of Police and the William Dawson, 49, ended his life at his home, 5805 Argye Street, by shooting himself through the head with a .22 rifle Sunday evening.

This is his self-written obituary addressed to the "Gentlemen of the Press."

"The Press: January 17, 1931. "Name, Stanley Dawson." Born London, England, Age 49. Served through Boer War with South African Rough Riders—shot in knee. Lived in Canada nearly 25 years—occupation, commission agent—lived for some time in Seattle and Tacoma—have taken Masonic degrees as per the list attached—no domestic or financial worries—reason of action of suicide—ill health—absolutely (the last word was underlined)—am pensioner of British government—Masonic certificates are on the wall in my dining room. Signed—STANLEY DAWSON."

His letter to the press contained the following postscript: "Your courtesy in making as little of this as possible same. This is an absolute certainty. I am in my right mind and this act is taken after long and deliberate consideration."

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the regular meeting of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Labor Temple, Beatty Street.

McLAUGHLIN UNDER FIRE ONCE MORE

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Commissioner Weeks started the McLaughlin discussion with a strong endorsement of the chief's action in reappointing the much-mentioned police officers who resigned after the Lee officers question of 1928. He said that McLaughlin was a fine type physically, morally, did not drink or smoke.

Weeks, summing up his case, said that he wanted, in the future to be that he wanted in the future to be that he did not support him now in his appointment, he could be fairness back him if results were not satisfactory later.

He compared Bingham's position to that of a foreman in his (Weeks') own plumbing business. A Burgess lifted the cudgels of argument. He said he agreed with Weeks in principle, but wanted to know if McLaughlin had some before the board before in the last two years to apply for reinstatement.

"No," Bingham informed him. **COULD HAVE APPEALED**
Burgess argued that McLaughlin, if he had appealed himself unjustly treated, could have appealed to the police commission, as provided in the act, of which he read a section.

The commission admitted that Bingham was well-intentioned in his appointment of McLaughlin, but pointed out that the detective-sergeant in the "central figures" had had one of the men which cost the city many thousands of dollars, and earned a dividend of "unsavory notoriety not beneficial to the city."

Burgess also wanted to know when the McLaughlin reinstatement was made. Secretary Frank Arm read McLaughlin's letter of application, dated January 8, 1931. Burgess said: "Then it must have been received January 9."

He suggested that it would have been good business for His Worship to have called the new police board together immediately.

ASKS INFORMATION
After saying the publicity given the case would make McLaughlin think he was indispensable to the force, he asked for information as to who had suggested the McLaughlin reinstatement and by whom he had been sworn in.

Bingham: "I was influenced in my action by several prominent criminal lawyers of this city, men who had gone through the Lennie inquiry (1928 probe). I spoke to Magistrate Shaw about it, and Major McKay, the city prosecutor. These men came along with their hearty endorsement of McLaughlin and gave it as their chief reason."

AS GREAT PLEASURE
The chief added that McLaughlin had been sworn in at Magistrate Shaw's house and the judge had said on that occasion: "I have never had greater pleasure in swearing in any man before, as I have in swearing you in now."

Burgess again raised the question of the day in the swearing in and commented aside discussion developed with Weeks, Burgess and the Mayor as participants.

Then from Weeks: "When Magistrate Shaw said an opinion like that, I tell you that you have got to consider carefully before you can back down from it." He referred to Mr. Shaw's long and valuable experience.

Burgess: "But they (Shaw, McKay) are not the police board. We are the police board. If and when we cannot carry out our duty, I think it is time that we are no longer. I think Magistrate Shaw's remark was ill-advised and ill-timed."

Burgess returned to his point about McLaughlin being the storm centre of the 1928 investigation, but was picked up sharply by the Mayor.

Taylor: "It was an investigation and were acceptable officers as far as he is concerned. The question of re-arranging the force to include them was left to the chief, who pointed out that he has already made promotions to fill their places."

Two motions by Commissioner Mahon were passed unanimously; one asking the City Council to get a charter amendment calling for commissioners to take an oath of office which they do not now swear, and the other setting the employment policy of the commission.

VANCOUVER MEN FIRST
Under its terms, new officers will be taken on the force more readily if they are native sons of Vancouver. Those born in British Columbia and those born elsewhere in Canada will have secondary consideration. A clause was inserted, however, stating that "efficiency would be the first qualification."

The Board also asked the City Council to amend the Superannuation Act so that an age limit might be set for all members of the force, beyond which they could not serve.

At present, the act names 55 as the age at which a man may request superannuation. Commissioners Burgess and Weeks said this was too young, provided the man is physically and mentally capable.

WANT NO CONTRACT
"I don't want any contract," Chief Bingham told Commissioner McLean when he raised the subject during general discussion. "The contract mentioned on the street in connection with me exists only in the people's imagination. When I can't serve you satisfactorily I want to walk out."

He then asked the chief for an explanation of the Alex. McDonald case, the next commission meeting. McDonald, according to McLean, charges that he took pneumonia after being with the force about 18 months, and while still in the hospital under a commatose condition, the chief sent papers to him to sign. He charges he complied without knowing that he had signed, and when he found he had applied for superannuation.

ACTION DEFERRED
Upon recovery, he discovered he had been pensioned off at \$8 per month. He wants to be reinstated to the force.

The other applications for reinstatement, which were also deferred for consideration to the next meeting, included those of ex-Detective J. E. Killean and ex-Constable George Smith and W. P. Brown.

Commissioner Weeks was granted four weeks' leave of absence for health reasons. Regular meetings of the commission this year will be held at 2 p.m. every second Thursday of the month.

NIAGARA FORMS NEW HORSESHOE

By Associated Press
BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Niagara Falls today boasts of two horseshoe falls instead of one. The second one, created by a series of rock-slips Saturday night and Sunday morning, is much smaller than the famous horseshoe between Goat Island and the Canadian shore, but in the opinion of geologists it will grow.

The 1600-foot crest of the American falls prior to Saturday night was in practically a straight line. The rock slip has created a rift in the line about 300 feet from Luna Island.

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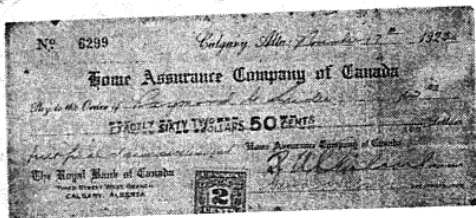
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McLaughlin being picked up sharply by the Mayor.

Taylor: "It was an investigation that was never held. Those holding affidavits never came forward. I don't want to interrupt you, Commissioner, but when you keep on harping on the investigation . . . There was a black mark against McLaughlin."

Bingham: "He walked into my office with the others and resigned."

The Mayor interrupted: "Some people have always been against McLaughlin. They believe what they read in the newspapers, and the newspapers are not dependable."

Sententious from Burgess: "They may make mistakes. To err is human."

Taylor: "Uh-huh. They showed that in the last election."

THE RESOLUTION
There followed Burgess' remark about McLaughlin's "sitting in the chief's chair," and Taylor's significant "H."

The Mayor suggested that the matter stand for a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Mahon, after preliminary remarks, then moved the resolution: "That we cannot, for the time being, see our way clear to approve of the chief's reinstatement of McLaughlin as detective-sergeant, and that the matter be referred back for discussion."

Burgess: "We are not closing the door on him, then?"

It was generally agreed that the door was not being closed on McLaughlin and that if he was a good man he would speedily be promoted from constable's rank.

The resolution was passed unanimously, but discussion of it broke out again immediately. The Mayor and Weeks claimed that they did not understand that it meant a demotion of McLaughlin.

Finally, from Taylor: "I am not critical of the chief's action."

Motion: "Well . . ."

SUPERANNUATION FUND
Among points which influenced the Commission to reappoint Inspectors H. W. Long and W. R. Wilsher and Constables H. J. Horton and J. Dufresne was the statement of City Comptroller A. J. Pilkington that it is estimated that the city will have to pay into the superannuation fund for 30 years 1 per cent of the salary list in order to extinguish old pension claims arising before the act went into force.

At present, he said, new appointees on the force pay 4 per cent, the city pays 4 per cent and 1 per cent to pay up the back list.

The comptroller submitted figures goes to show that the city saves \$2000 per constable by superannuating at 60 years, rather than 55.

VALUABLE TO CITY
He claimed that "it is not justice to the men to superannuate them at 55 when they have learned the lesson of life, are steady officers, and valuable to the city."

Chief Bingham said that all four men had given satisfactory service.

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FUNDS SWITCHED TO CREATE JOBS

Giving work to more than 3100 men, the expenditure of all available local unemployment relief funds has been authorized by the Provincial Government under a reallocation scheme which will find the relief treasury empty at the end of February unless the government grants in full or in part the city's application for another \$450,000 grant.

This announcement was made today by Ald. W. C. Atherton, chairman of the Civic Relief Committee.

On city work 176 men will be employed. The Park Board will have 1200, the Exhibition Association 130, and the School Board 800 men.

Ald. Atherton said that if the reallocation had not been made, some of the city's charges would have been laid off this week.

He emphasized the fact that all of the men to be engaged, numbering 1830, have already been selected. They will work double shifts, each man getting three days of work per week at \$4 per day. All are married men.

BROADCAST TONIGHT

Montreal's "Missionaries of Music," Paul E. Brey, pianist and composer, and Henry Decker, baritone, en route to Hollywood, will be heard over CJOR this evening from 7:30 to 7:45. They will offer a varied program, including some of Brey's own compositions.

BERGLARS JAILED

Six months at Oakalla was ordered for Jack Spencer and Alfred Winters when they faced Magistrate H. C. Shaw in Police Court today for sentence arising out of a charge of breaking and entering the store of William Bennett, 613 Fraser Street, January 2. A boy arrested with them will be tried in the Juvenile Court.

BANDIT SUSPECT COMMITTED

Fraser McDougall was committed for trial on a charge of robbery with a violence by Magistrate H. C. Shaw in Police Court today.

He is alleged to have been one of a bandit trio who held up H. W. Barrett, truck driver, in the 3100 block West Third Avenue, December 18, and robbed of \$17. Barrett identified the accused as one of the trio.

\$50 LIQUOR FINE

Sequel to the seizure of 22 dozen bottles of Japanese liquor, being transported in the 2500 block, Charles Street, early on the morning of January 2, K. Tamai was fined \$50 in Police Court.

The truck driver was found when a liquor store was raided and liquor confiscated, also the seized liquor.

MRS. R. JOB DIES

Word has been received of the death in St. John's Newfoundland, of Mrs. Robert Job, a sister of the late Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., Premier of Newfoundland. Mrs. Job had many friends through the wide interests of her husband, who is a member of the old firm of Job Bros., exporters and importers of Liverpool, New York and St. John's. Mrs. D. H. Bruin, 1656 Robson Street, is a cousin.

A rally of senior boys will be held in Holy Trinity hall, Pine Street, at Tenth Avenue West, Thursday, at 8 p.m. All former senior campers are especially invited to be present. Camp scenes, games and campfire discussion will feature the evening.

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