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Officer Pays B. of R. T. at Annual Dinner

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Hawaiian Islands, Haiti, and other smaller countries in the North American zone. In this connection he told Unity members they had every reason to be proud of the fact that their lodge ranked as one of the most progressive in the organization, with more than 20 members. The fact that Unity celebrated its 60th anniversary a year ago indicated that it was one of the oldest lodges in the Brotherhood.

"We are proud of this great organization that has been built up by men who did not have college educations," said Mr. Kennedy. "I don't know of one man in high or subordinate positions in the grand lodge who had the chance of college education like our children have today. I myself left school at the age of 12 years when I was in the old Fourth Reader to go to work. In those days colleges were not for poor men's children. And in those days a man got into the railroad business by mistake."

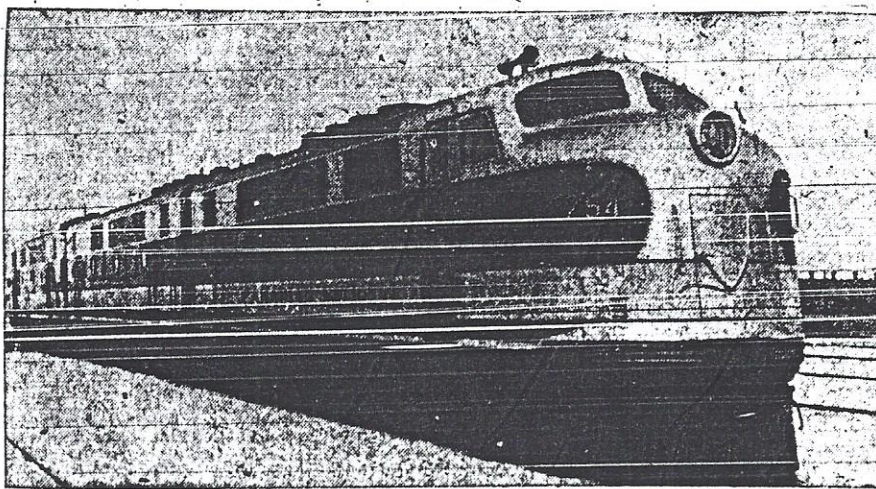
"We are proud of the men who have made this Order," Mr. Kennedy continued, "and I'd like to give you a sub-division of our membership to show you what it is. We have 28,000 members of 20 years; 71,000 of 25 years membership; 50,000 of 30 years; 21,000 of 35 years; 15,000 of 40 years; 4,000 of 45 years; 900 of 50 years; 350 of 55 years and 50 of 60 years membership."

"More than 21,000 of our members served in the last war, with a large group from Canada, and we are very proud of their service. We bought over ten million dollars in Canadian and United States war bonds, and if you take into consideration the investments of the subordinate lodges, the sum will be many times that amount. I know of no other labor organization that has been more loyal and patriotic."

Tremendous Business

Outsiders were unaware of the size of the Brotherhood business, Mr. Kennedy said. They didn't realize that the monthly receipts ran to two million dollars and that approximately four million a month or millions a year were handled in the grand lodge. Into the grand lodge poured an average of 14,000 letters daily. The Brotherhood insurance business, established at a time when no insurance company would take a trainman as a risk, had paid out approximately \$175,000,000 in insurance to members' widows and orphans, building up the business without profit. There was \$165,000,000 in outstanding insurance. The Brotherhood held in its treasury \$50,000,000 in reserves, with approximately \$47,000,000 in Cana-

New Streamlined Power for the C. N. R.



Committees were at work in both Canada and the United States dealing with wage and rules programs.

Free Of Communism

The membership of the B. of R. T. was held up to the world as an example of good citizenship, men who were leaders in their communities.

"We hear a lot about Communism and very few know what it is because we have so many interpretations," said Mr. Kennedy, "but I can say that in the 650 lodges I have visited, I have never heard a member who could be called a Communist. Members of the B. of R. T. appreciate so much that they live in Canada or the United States that they are not ashamed to go out and tell it."

"When you talk about democracy, the railroad man grumbles, the professional man grumbles, even the preacher grumbles when the year rolls around and he doesn't get his annual raise to meet the higher living costs. In this democracy, men have to fight for what they want and what they need, but they have to do it in an orderly way. That is the way this Brotherhood does it. Right now we have committees in Montreal fighting for wages in-

creases, but they are going to keep within the laws of the land. That's how it was done in the United States, two years ago, when we didn't run trains for 48 hours. No one accused the members of the Brotherhoods of violating the laws of the land. When we make our demands for fair wages, we're not going to do it any other way than the right way. In Ottawa and Washington, I have had legislators tell me that they thank God for labor organizations like the B. of R. T."

The speaker urged local lodges to select their local officers and committee with the greatest care, choosing men who are above reproach, men who, no matter what jobs they held, do them conscienti-

to show the advancement made in rapid rail transportation. He could remember when it took a car of merchandise five days to travel the 900-odd miles from Chicago to Pittsburgh. Today a car loaded in Chicago at five o'clock in the afternoon is in Pittsburgh and being unloaded by nine o'clock the following morning.

To the veterans of the Brotherhood, Mr. Kennedy had special words of praise. They were the men who had built the organization, leaving a wonderful record of service that those who followed them had reason to respect. He finished with the promise that if it were at all possible he was going to persuade the president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to attend next year's annual meeting and banquet. He warned the gathering, facetiously, that if he didn't get a New York Central train out of St. Thomas Tuesday morning on time to make connections for Toledo at Detroit, after losing an hour and ten minutes out of Chicago, they were going to read about it next month right on the front page of their Brotherhood magazine.

A pleasing part of Mr. Kennedy's visit is that he is an Ontario man by birth, his birthplace being in Peel County, near Brampton, 55 years ago, in April, 1892. Mr. Nasas of the retirement board, also told the meeting he had definite Canadian associations. After 25 years in Detroit, he had gone to Montreal to find and marry a Canadian girl.

Need Positive Religion

Mr. Swackhammer told the gathering he was going to preach a sermon and proceeded to do so. He endeavored to clear up some of the current fallacies about religion. One was that religion was a crutch for the aged and infirm and that only women and orphans attended church. Every man

ORDERS for two of these powerful triple-unit diesel electric locomotives have been placed by the Canadian National Railways. The first road diesels to be purchased for Canada, they can serve as heavy duty freight locomotives with a top speed of 50 m.p.h., or handle standard pullman trains up to 102 m.p.h. The locomotives consist of three units of 1,500 h.p. each making two triple-unit, 4,500 horsepower locomotives. They will be built by the electro-motive division of General Motors and are the first road diesels to be ordered for Canada.

Eight Inches of Snow Fell in Montreal

Plays Havoc With Traffic;
Two Deaths Caused By
Slippery Pavements

MONTREAL, Nov. 25 (CP).—An eight-inch snowfall, the first one of the season, played havoc with traffic, caused at least two deaths, hampered fighting of several fires and resulted in general inconvenience for Montrealers last night and today as tramways moved at snail's pace while autos stalled on scores of hills.

Early this morning, a soft snow still was falling over the metropolis, while the Dominion Weather Bureau reported that it would continue throughout most of today. At the peak hour of 5 p.m. yesterday some hills, like the vital Cote des Neiges Road which cuts across the mountain, were impassable and traffic had to be re-routed around Mount Royal. Several

CHRISTMAS TREES MAY BE CURTAILED

Householders Must Co-Operate In Use of Lights

The question of Christmas tree lighting was put to an engineering official of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Monday afternoon, by General Manager J. W. Peart of the St. Thomas Public Utilities Commission, in order to answer local enquiries on the subject.

So far as commercial lighting is concerned, use of Christmas trees, illuminated by electric lights, either in stores or outside, is definitely out this season.

Technically, there is no ban yet imposed on the use of Christmas tree lighting in homes, but with the seriousness of the power shortage, householders must be asked to hold back and not use the lights on trees until a few days before Christmas. It is possible that unless co-operation of this kind is given, more restrictive measures may have to be introduced.

The power situation was serious Monday. The Ontario Commission reported the heaviest demand recorded, with power cuts absolutely necessary during peak periods.

There is a definite warning that unless there is a greater measure of co-operation on the part of Hydro users, more mandatory steps may have to be taken to effect the reductions that are absolutely necessary. Householders have been asked and asked to co-operate by cutting down their use of Hydro. Many of them do not appear to be giving this co-operation.

Crowds See People Die

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 24 (CP).—At least five persons were burned to death today when an explosion started a fire in the Gaiety Theatre here.

The explosion wrecked part of the building, trapping men and women clerks. It was not known how many persons were in the theatre at the time and it was feared the death toll would climb higher.

Crowds stood in the streets before the building and looked on helplessly as the victims clawed at the heavy glass doors, jammed shut by the explosion.

DECLARES ASSEMBLY HAS REFUTED CRITICS

Evatt of Australia Recalls Predictions U.N. Would 'Split Apart'

LAKE SUCCESS, L. I., Nov. 25 (CP).—Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister, one of the authors of the United Nations Charter and one of the most