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The Daily Mail

The Weather

Moderate easterly winds, mostly cloudy today. Saturday local showers, not much change in temperature.

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TIGHT MONEY AND SHORTAGE OF CARS HAS CUT THE PRICE OF COMMODITIES IN UNITED STATES

BOOTS AND SHOES AND CLOTHING AS WELL

Delay in the Delivery of Goods in Which Money Had Been Tied Up, is Said to Have Worked Hardship on Merchants—Aa List of Western Cities in Which Prices Have Dropped.

New York, May 21.—From more than a score of cities in the West and middle West come reports of important reductions in the retail prices of shoes and clothing. Tight money and inadequate transportation facilities were cited among the reasons for the movement. Delays in delivery of goods in which much money had been tied up, together with inability of farmers to get grain and livestock to market, were said in many instances to have worked a hardship on merchants. The cities in which the cuts were made and the scope of the reductions are:

Topeka, Kan.—One firm announces a no profit sale.
St. Louis.—Several stores have underselling campaigns.
Tacoma, Wash.—Several dealers make reductions of from 20 per cent to "no profit."
Seattle, Wash.—Three stores reduce 20 per cent.
San Francisco.—One retailer cuts 20 per cent, another 20 to 50 per cent.
Everett, Wash.—Two stores announce 20 per cent cut.
Omaha, Neb.—Several stores cut 20 per cent on all stocks.
Cork, Neb.—Twenty per cent cut in ladies' silk and woolen garments.
Wichita, Kan.—Silk shirts reduced.
Coffeyville, Kan.—Reduction in all lines.
Minneapolis, Minn.—One store makes cut of 20 per cent.
Knoxville, Tenn.—One store cut 20 per cent on entire stock.
Oklahoma City, Okla.—Reductions of 20 to 30 per cent.
Ardmore, Okla.—One retailer reduced prices 20 per cent.
Muskogee, Okla.—One store made 10 to 20 per cent cut on all stock.
San Antonio, Tex.—Two stores cut 20 per cent; one 25.
Waco, Tex.—Two stores cut 20 per cent.
El Paso, Tex.—Reduction in price of clothing and shoes.
Fort Smith, Ark.—Twenty per cent reduction.
Pine Bluff, Ark.—Two stores make 20 per cent cut.
Texarkana, Ark.—Reductions in shoes and clothing.
Little Rock, Ark.—Reductions from 20 to 25 per cent.
Springfield, Mo.—Reductions of from 20 to 25 per cent.
Atchison.—Twenty per cent reductions.

Roads Are Good
St. John Times: A citizen who drove from Sussex to Head of Millstream this week says the roads in that part of Kings county have been greatly improved, and are very much better than in former years.

Goes to Toronto
St. John Telegraph: Miss Madeline desSoyres is being congratulated on her recent appointment to the editorial staff of the McLean Publishing Company though her friends regret that the appointment will necessitate her removal from the city for a time at least. Miss desSoyres leaves on Wednesday for Toronto where her initial work will be in connection with one of the company's leading commercial publications. While Toronto will be Miss desSoyres' headquarters at first, she will be attached to the Montreal and Eastern section of the company's editorial staff. (Miss desSoyres is well known in Fredericton.)

R. de B. Caritte of St. John arrived here last night.
Lt. Col. A. G. Law of St. John is registered at the Queen.
D. J. Murphy of Moncton is at the Barker House.

A UNIQUE PROPOSAL MADE BY MEMBER OF ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

TORONTO, May 21.—K. S. Stover, Liberal member for Algoma, brought up the robbery of the office of Senator Gordon at North Bay, in the Legislature yesterday. He said that apparently the robber was a very honorable gentleman for he had taken no money. He understood a reward of \$500 was offered for his capture. In view of the fact that his only purpose seemed to be a little destruction, he wanted the assurance of the government that the robber, if caught, would not be punished. The Attorney General made no reply to this unique request.

HYDRO POWER FOR THE RURAL DISTRICTS

Ontario Commission Asks for Authority to Establish a Steam Plant as an Auxiliary.

Toronto, May 20.—In the event of the Hydro Power Commission deciding that a steam power plant is necessary in Toronto it will have the approval of the Legislature to proceed with such work, if the legislation introduced yesterday by Hon. D. Carmichael passes the House. Power is given in a clause to the act providing that the Hydro Commission can purchase or build plants for the development of electrical energy by the use of coal oil or any other means.

Legislation was also introduced to make Hydro more easily secured by the farmer and the rural municipalities generally. This legislation gives the commission the power to supply such rural districts, as they are called, with electric energy direct without the municipal bodies required in supplying power to towns and cities. The commission may construct and operate all works necessary for the supplying of the power. The municipality however assumes the same responsibility, as in projects in urban municipalities. The local administration, however, is unnecessary. Whole townships or parts of to form one "rural district". The usual course is followed of first submitting a by-law to the people. The commission fixes yearly the proportion to be borne by the municipalities and also the rates which in other schemes must be sufficient to provide annually the corporation's proportion of cost and capital cost so as to provide in 30 years a sinking fund for the payment of the amount expended. In the case of default of payment of power rates, these may be handed to the township officials and collected in the same manner as taxes.

WOODSTOCK MEN HAD VERY CLOSE CALL

(Special to the Mail.)
Woodstock, N. B., May 21.—While washing out a gasoline drum this morning John Bradgon and Frank Cornellison employed at Gallagher's Bros. Livery Stable had a narrow escape from death when the drum exploded with a terrific noise. Bradgon was thrown violently against the Carlisle Hotel and badly shocked. It is not thought that his injuries are serious. The windows in the vicinity were shattered by the explosion. The drum had been empty for two years and the cause of the accident is a mystery.

A SHORT HAY CROP PREDICTED

Ottawa, May 20.—Present conditions indicate a short hay crop throughout Canada, except in north Alberta and northern Saskatchewan.

To offset the anticipated short hay crop, there will be considerably more corn sown in Ontario this spring unless in the near future rains are experienced to help hay and pasture lands. In the maritime provinces and in western Canada a good deal of attention will, under any circumstances be given to the growing of soiling crops, and crops for ensilaging. It is estimated that the province of New Brunswick will have double the number of silos than in the province at present.

E. W. Long of St. John is in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Morrell of Newcastle are at the Queen.
J. Underhill of Blackville is at the Queen.

THE BUDGET IS CRITICIZED BY THE LIBERAL MEMBERS; THE PROFITEERS FAVORED

Vigorous Speeches Contributed to the Debate by Mr. D. D. Mackenzie, Mr. L. J. Gauthier and Others—No Hope for a Downward Revision of the Tariff—One Member Foresees the Ruination of the C. P. R.

Ottawa, May 20.—The budget debate continued today with several interesting speeches coming from both sides of the House. D. D. Mackenzie (North Cape Breton) who was the chief opposition speaker, reminded the House that more than eight years ago the government had promised a tariff commission. The nearest that promise ever came to realization was when it was renewed this week. A downward revision of the tariff need never be feared while the present government was in power. The budget had brought no relief to anyone. The poor man was taxed as much as the rich. Mr. Mackenzie said that \$276,000,000 had been taken from the pockets of Canadians to buy food for starving Europeans. All this meant enhancing values at home. The government's friends, the rich men of the country, had been allowed to spend this sum as they pleased.

H. M. Mowat (Parkdale) declared Sir Henry Drayton had justified all the expectations which the country had had of him. H. H. Stevens, Vancouver, charged Mr. Mackenzie with having labored to justify his voting for the Fielding amendment and declared there were strange contradictions in the attitude of the Liberals on the tariff question. Mr. Stevens criticized the national progressives who picked flaws in the other parties when their own hands were not clean.

L. J. Gauthier, Ste. Hyacinthe, charged the government with being deaf to the cries of the oppressed poor, and loading them with the burdens of taxation, while profiteers escaped. The government had lost the confidence of the people. It had won the war, but could not restore peace. He foresaw the ruination of the C. P. R., the best managed corporation in the world, because it was compelled to compete on equal rates with the Canadian National Railways, whose deficits were shouldered by people living in some cases many miles from any branch of the road. J. H. Burnham, Peterboro, declared the budget had given birth to a people's party and he urged the Liberals to join with that party in fighting against the farmers and their class legislation.

T. H. ESTABROOKS SUPPORTS S. A. SELF-DENIAL

T. H. Estabrooks, of T. H. Estabrooks, Ltd., St. John, N. B. writes as follows on the Salvation Army Self-Denial Drive:

April, 12th, 1920.

My Dear Commissioner:
I shall be very willing to be named as one of the members of a Provincial Committee of Patrons for your coming Self-Denial Campaign.

Further permit me to say that there is no organization with which I am more happy to identify myself than the Salvation Army. From an unfavorable and perhaps prejudiced opinion of the work of the Army in its early years I have for many years past been convinced that the Salvation Army is one of the greatest powers for good that has existed during the Christian Era.

I hope and believe you will receive a very willing and generous response to your appeal for needed funds. Yours faithfully,

T. H. ESTABROOKS.

PLUMBER FACES THEFT CHARGE

St. Thomas, May 21.—Charles Williams, the local plumber charged with the theft of electrical and plumbers' supplies to the value of upwards of \$5,500 from Thomas Lester and the Ingram & Davey Hardware Company of this city today was committed for trial at the General Sessions in June by Magistrate Maxwell. He got \$3,000 bail.

HUN SHIPS TO BE SOLD

London, May 21.—Over four hundred vessels of the German mercantile marine are expected shortly to arrive in the Firth of Forth. Under the terms of the peace treaty the entire fleet will be auctioned in one lot. One of the largest British shipping concerns intends to buy the fleet and afterwards charter any vessels to the Germans in furtherance of the plan to aid Germany in maintaining her former trade.

PERSIA APPEALS FOR PROTECTION FROM BOLSHEVIKI

London, May 21.—Persia has appealed to the League of Nations to protect her against Bolshevik aggression. The appeal which follows the landing of Bolsheviks forces on Persian soil from the Caspian sea was made through the Persian foreign minister who is in Paris.

A FAST ONE FOR WOODSTOCK

(Special to the Mail.)
Woodstock, May 21.—The trotting horse Oro Fino with a record of 2.03 1/4 has been shipped from Boston to members of the Woodstock Trotting Association, Henry Dewitt and Walter Mott made the purchase and are expected here today with the new speeder.

DERBY OFF, ENTRIES FEW

Boston, May 20.—The \$10,000 American Derby, which was on the program of the Grand Circuit meeting at Readville in August, has been called off. Entries which closed ten days ago, were too few to warrant a renewal this year of the classic race which for several seasons before the war was one of the feature events of the Grand Circuit.

FIVE THOUSAND IS OFFERED

Columbus, O., May 21.—The White Sox baseball club has refused an offer of \$5,000 for pitcher Grover Loudermilk made last week by Pres. Joe Tinker of the Columbus American Association baseball club according to announcement today. Had the deal been consummated it would have set an American Association record for a purchase price.

VILLAGE OF MILFORD, ST. JOHN COUNTY, PARTIALLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE ON THURSDAY NIGHT

HOUSING BOARD ASKS THAT GRANT BE RETAINED

Preparing to Act — Twenty-Three Applications Have Been Received—Board in Session.

A meeting was held last evening by the local Housing Board in the Board of Trade Rooms, and the chief business of the evening was the decision to ask the City Council to apply for and hold the \$100,000 originally asked for by this city. At the present cost of materials and labor this amount will allow for the building of about twenty houses and up to date there are about twenty-two or twenty-three applications. Some of these applications will probably be disregarded, however, as they are outside the water and sewerage district of the city and the act distinctly states that all proposed locations must be within the area covered by these systems. The plans call for modern bathrooms, and without water there would be impossible.

This scheme is primarily for laboring men and returned soldiers who are not wealthy and would be unable to build without assistance. The Board takes charge of the building, with a competent architect as inspector, and when the house is completed he passes judgment on it. If the decision is favorable the house is taken over by its future occupant, who at once begins his monthly payments. All taxes, etc. must be paid by the owner, and at the end of twenty years, if he has the prescribed monthly payments, the house becomes his own. These payments do not amount to anything like the average rentals paid by tenants in Fredericton, at the present time, and at the end of the twenty year period the home is unconditionally the property of the occupier or his heirs etc.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS FOR THE DAY

(Furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen Street, Fredericton.)

New York.	
American wool	97 1/2
Bethel Steel B.	87 1/2
C. P. R.	113 1/2
Crucible	126
General Motors	25 1/2
Marine pfd.	81 1/2
Marine common	30
Rubber	92
N. Y. Central	67 1/2
Studebaker	62 1/2
U. S. Steel	91 1/2
Texas Oil	45 1/2
Sterling	382 1/4
N. Y. funds	12 1/4

Montreal Stocks.	
Brazilian	43 1/2
Dom. Iron and Steel	64 1/2
Victory Bonds, 1937	101
" " 1933	99
" " 1927	99 1/2
" " 1923	99
" " 1922	99
" " 1924	98
" " 1934	96

Anticipating Victoria Day.
It is noticed that the "young fry" of the city have already begun the celebration of Victoria Day by the use of fire-crackers along the streets. Not a few car-owners have anxiously pulled up on hearing a report like that of a "blowout" in their vicinity.

Houston Chronicle: Makers, or would-be makers of artificial diamonds have been using sugar as the carbon base for their experiments. When sugar has gone a little higher maybe they will be trying to transform diamonds into sugar.

TORONTO HAS A SIMPLE LITTLE PLAN TO BEAT THE LUXURY TAX

TORONTO, May 21.—Already the "wise ones" have discovered a way to beat the new luxury tax on a suit of clothes. You go to a tailor that you know and you order a coat. Next day you go in and order a vest. Day after that you drop around and tell him to make you up a pair of pants. Three separate orders and no tax on any of them, because not one is up to \$45.00. And there you are.

LOSS MAY BE MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND

Dwyers' Bakery Falls a Prey to the Flames—Stores and Dwelling Houses Went Up in Smoke—Spectacular Blaze Viewed by Thousands of People—Several Valuable Horses Burned to Death.

St. John, May 21.—A fire which broke out in Milford at 8 o'clock last evening and fanned by a stiff breeze raged for several hours, destroyed property which was said to be valued at \$100,000. The bakery, grocery store residence, barn and practically all the stock, of Dwyer Brothers were burned and it was estimated that the loss of this firm was in the vicinity of \$60,000. Other properties which were preyed upon by the fire were the residence of Thomas Evans, including the Milford Post Office, a landmark for many years, the home of Thomas McGrath, a house belonging to William Stout, the "Old Crowley House" occupied by two tenants, William Shannon and Thomas Kane, and the residence of Patrick McBriarty. Several sheds were also destroyed and four horses belonging to Dwyer Brothers perished in the flames. There was no loss of human life and no accidents took place.

The valiant work of the Fairville fire department assisted by a detachment from the city fire department, prevented the flames from wiping out the whole of Milford. All the buildings are said to be partly covered by insurance but the loss will be a very heavy one for all concerned, as only a few household effects and some of the merchandise from the stores were saved.

Thousands of people congregated at points in the city where the blaze could be plainly seen and crowds made their way to Milford to view the progress of the flames. The blaze lit up the western sky so that at times the part of the city on that side of the river was painted a deep ruddy glow and the great tongues of flame could be seen leaping towards the heavens.

The fire started at 8 o'clock in the rear of the furnace of Dwyer Brothers Bakery and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames and almost before the alarm could be given, the fire had spread to the grocery store adjoining the bakery, also belonging to Dwyer Brothers. A wind sprang up from the southeast and fanned by the stiff breeze the fire soon leaped across a narrow yard to another dwelling known as the "Old Crowley House" and occupied by two tenants, William Shannon and Patrick Kane. The black smoke from the fire could be seen in a great distance and attracted many to the scene. Efforts were made to get out the stock from the store and the furniture and household effects from the residences. The horses in Dwyer Brothers' barn could not be saved for they had been loosened by a small boy who had endeavored to save them and when found were kicking and snorting in terror so that it was impossible to get them from the stable. The four animals also perished.

Entertained Last Night
Mrs. Ellie L. Chapin, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star was the guest of honor at a meeting of the lodge in the Masonic Building, Carleton Street last evening. Refreshments were served and a social evening spent which was much enjoyed by all present.

Returning Home
A cablegram has been received from Lieut. Col. J. Carleton Brown, R.E., from London, announcing that he would arrive in New York on May 22. He will first visit Dover, Del., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Brown, reside, the former being very ill. Later he will visit friends and relatives in New Brunswick. Lieut. Col. Brown comes directly from Constantinople, where he has been with the British army during the past two years. He is well known in Fredericton formerly residing here and attending the U. N. B. He went overseas with the 55th Battalion.