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IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS IN THE MARITIMES IS NOTED; THE DUNCAN REPORT AWAITED

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 14—It needs but a cursory survey of conditions in the Maritimes to find assurance there is a vast improvement over a year ago.

In New Brunswick the port of Saint John last winter had the best shipping season in a number of years. Moncton as a wholesale and distributing centre is making steady headway. Crops are good, particularly potatoes. Across Northumberland Strait, Prince Edward Island has a bumper potato yield for which the potato pool, embracing the bulk of the growers, is getting good prices, namely at the wharfside \$1.25 a bushel for pedigreed seed and 75 cents a bushel for table potatoes.

In Nova Scotia farmers of the western isthmus have gone more and more into apple growing until, it is said they are not producing enough beef, pork and eggs for the needs of the province, let alone the export market. Beef cattle are being imported from Ontario. Last year the apple crop was a partial failure and it is none too good this fall. On the other hand the fisheries are distinctly in better condition, especially at such a centre as Lunenburg under a cooperative system whereby the fishermen share in the profits.

But the greatest improvement is in the Cape Breton Mining industry, where following the settlement achieved through the Royal Commission of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, Dr. H. P. McPherson and Major Hume Cronyn, work in the coal areas is at the peak with steady employment in sight throughout the winter, a condition unknown for a number of years. It is stated that the close of navigation will see production and shipments 200,000 tons behind orders from the St. Lawrence and the balance will go by water to Portland and thence over the short rail haul to Montreal.

The Dominion Commission.

Against all this is the continued stagnation of manufacturing industries, shut out from the profitable markets of Upper Canada, and with the home market depleted by shrinking population. Nevertheless there is an optimistic note throughout the Maritimes such as has not been heard for a long time, and this besides conditions referred to above, owes some-

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And Alice Joyce plays a grave and thoughtful mother, who made some terrible mistakes in her young life, but was wise enough to know when to shift.

It might be called a drama of people and manners. A woman marries the wrong man, giving the throwdown to a better man; later the better man turns up and is about to marry her daughter; the devices and circumstances by which the marriage is prevented are reasonably and plausibly presented.

MEADOW LARKS.

The frosts of meadow grass have not congealed

The dewlike drops of melody that fall

From throats of meadow larks; across the field

Hump gold flecked breasts, black crescented, have all

The airs of proud parades; with flirt of tail

The first snowflakes may yet be flicked away.

Ripe seeds are stored along each hidden trail

And sunlight flows like mellow wine today.

Some morning I shall find in clustered grass

A few last revelers with necks drawn down

In feathers fluffed against the cold and pass

In silence to the slopes wind swept and brown

To look back on the meadow frosted gray

And think of singing friends who went away.

—GLENN WARD DREBACH in New York Sun.

thing to hopes based on the report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the debated question of Maritime rights—whether, in fact the Maritimes are getting a square deal under the terms promised them in Confederation. This commission consisted of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, chairman, who was chairman of the British Fuel Commission and brought peace to Cape Breton, Judge Wallace of Halifax and Professor Cyrus McMillan of McGill University and undoubtedly the people of the Maritimes as a whole look to its findings with confidence as at least a part solution of their difficulties.

The commission's report is in the hands of the Dominion Government and it is expected will not be made public until laid on the table of the House, when Parliament assembles. It is a document consisting of 30,000 or 40,000 words, but according to current information here the main recommendations may be summarized as follows:

(1)—The existing annual Maritime provincial subsidies to be increased as follows: Nova Scotia, \$875,000; New Brunswick, \$650,000; Prince Edward Island \$175,000. These increased payments from the federal treasury go of course, beyond the provisions established by the British North American Act, and the underlying reasons for this recommendation are not yet known.

(2)—The ocean ports of Saint John and Halifax to be nationalized, together with the Island car ferry.

Would Reduce Rates.

(3)—Freight rates between the Maritimes and Upper Canada to be reduced 20 per cent in order to meet the undertaking given Nova Scotia on her entry into Confederation she should be enabled to market her goods there; as contributory, to this end 250 miles of railway mileage of the old Intercolonial, added to the trackage for military reasons, to be struck out. Cost of this freight reduction to fall on the omnium treasury.

(4)—Steel bounties to be restored.

(5)—Assistance to fisheries through negotiation between Ottawa and Washington for more favorable entry into New England markets.

(6)—Other tariff questions to be referred to the tariff board of Canada. The Valley Railway.

(7)—Encouragement of coking plants by federal assistance.

(8)—Taking of the Valley Railway of New Brunswick into the Canadian National Railway system to be referred to a separate commission. The object of this railway is greatly to shorten the shipping mileage between Montreal and Saint John.

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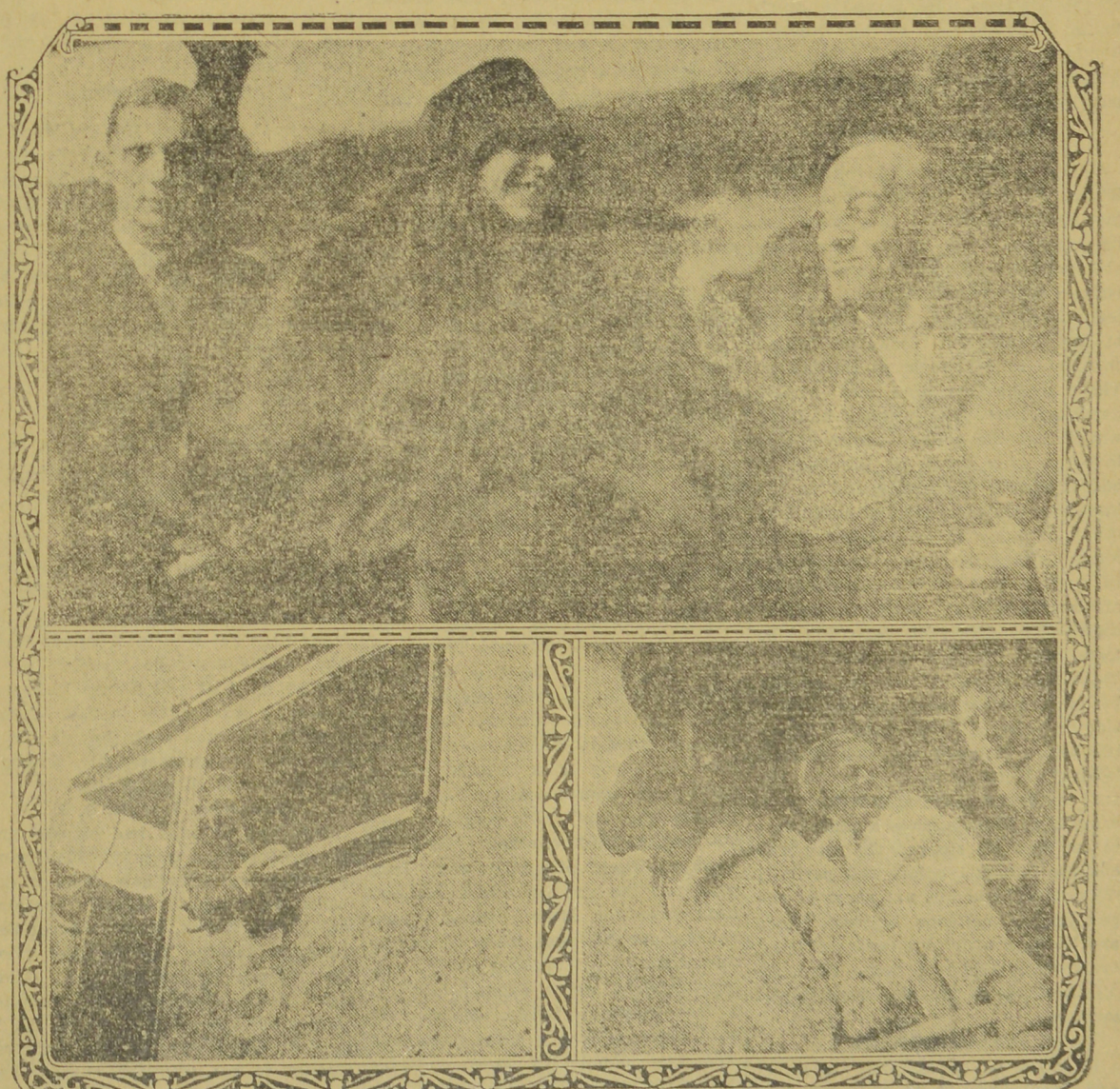
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A warm welcome awaited Queen Marie of Rumania, when, with Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas, she stepped from the royal train on arrival at Bonaventure Station, Montreal. Cheering thousands lined the route which the royal party took from the Canadian National station to the City Hall where a reception

was tendered by the city, and again as the party drove through the streets of Canada's metropolis on their visits to universities, convents and other places. Photograph shows Her Majesty as she left her train at Bonaventure Station, accompanied by Prince Nicholas (left), and Alderman Brodeur (right). Lower left:

Prince Nicholas as he drove the powerful Canadian National locomotive which hauled the royal train; Right: Her Majesty, Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas on the rear platform of their car attached to the Canadian National Railways train which carried them across Canada.

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