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THE DUNCAN REPORT.

Proof that the Maritime Provinces have a real grievance against the other partners of Confederation and have been laboring under a serious handicap in consequence, is furnished by the report of the Duncan Royal Commission, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday. This Commission was composed of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan of London, Judge W. B. Wallace of Halifax, Prof. Cyrus McMillan of McGill University and F. McClure Scanders of Saint John. They held sittings during the past summer in each of the three provinces and obtained a mass of evidence which their report shows has been very carefully digested. The Commission seems to have found in favor of the Maritimes in practically every count in the indictment. Most important of all perhaps is the recommendation of increased subsidies, amounting in all to \$1,600,000 of which New Brunswick's share is to be \$60,000 annually. The very sensible view is taken that the deficits accumulating against them in their ordinary revenue and expenditure, should not be left in suspense until a reassessment is made by the Dominion Government and the Commission recommends that an interim lump sum increase should be made at once. If Parliament acts promptly in the report the revenue of New Brunswick will next year be augmented to the extent of \$600,000, and the direct taxation bugaboo, now staring us in the face, will be relegated to a back seat. It will be pretty generally conceded now that Premier Baxter acted wisely last session when he enacted legislation providing for the augmentation of the revenue to the extent of \$600,000 by means of direct taxation. At any rate the Royal Commission seems to have taken the hint and acted accordingly.

Of particular interest to the people of this province is the Commission's finding with respect to the Saint John Valley Railway, which the Provincial Government is urging the Federal administration to take over. After briefly reviewing the circumstances with respect to this railway and pointing out that it is being operated today at a loss of a quarter of a million annually to the province the Commission because of the alleged absence of the necessary data declines to express an opinion as to the liability of the Dominion Government, but recommends the appointment of an ad hoc tribunal to make further enquiry, and if the circumstances justify it, to arrange terms and conditions on which the road be taken over by the Federal Government. On the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread this recommendation will be accepted by the people of the province and it is to be earnestly hoped will be followed up by the necessary action on behalf of the Federal Government. With New Brunswick's federal cabinet minister squarely on record as favoring the transfer of this road to the Dominion Government there is no reason why it should not be brought about within the next year or two.

The case for New Brunswick was argued before the Duncan Commission by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier and Attorney General. Busy man that he is he might have retained another lawyer to do the work at heavy cost but he preferred to tackle the job himself and he did it exceedingly well. He did not wander from Dan to Berseba in his argument but stressed an increased subsidy and the acquisition of the Valley Railway by the Federal Government. He scored a complete victory in one case, and while judgment in the other has been suspended, we believe that in the end the Premier's very reasonable request will be complied with. The Duncan report, boiled down and skimmed means that better days are in sight for the Province of New Brunswick and indeed for the Maritimes.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, was unanimously elected Speaker of the House of Commons on Thursday for a third term. Some objection was made by Conservative speakers on the ground that it had been customary to alternate the office between English and French speaking members. No question, however, was raised in regard to the personal qualifications of Hon. Mr. Lemieux. Robert Gardiner, Progressive, supported the nomination of Hon. Mr. Lemieux as did R. S. White, Conservative of Mount Royal. Hon. Hewitt Botswick of British Columbia remains as Speaker of the Senate.

Somebody has said it is a waste of time to tell a young man how much he doesn't know. That is something he will have to learn with his own money. The truth is that experience is not such a great teacher as the copy books would have us believe. The jolt of experience doesn't really jolt us far. Most great discoveries and most useful inventions come from men who have the courage to go contrary to experience. If we were guided entirely by our own experience and that of others we should all live dull and routine lives. And we should never find anything new.

There are people who begin to explain their failure before they have really tried to succeed. Their thoughts are full of failure. They preface their plans with an "if." They are always preparing for a way out. They are allying the future. That sort of attitude makes for lack of success. It prepares the way for failure. Assurance is the biggest success-insurance. The likelihood of success approaches one hundred per cent when you have cleaned all the failure thoughts out of your mind.

The Duncan report quotes the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to the effect that tourists spent the sum of \$112,493 for hotel accommodation in New Brunswick in 1924 and \$132,165 in 1925. With all respect to the Bureau of Statistics, we cannot help describing such a statement as absurd. We believe that an investigation would show that the revenue of the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrew's, which caters almost exclusively to tourists, was in 1925 greater than the amount attributed to the entire province.

That middle-western State which is considering the plan of perpetual license plates has evidently overlooked the fact there aren't any of that kind of automobiles.

Church committee on evangelism describes this as an "age without discipline." The old-fashioned strop, it seems, went out with the advent of the safety razor.

We read that a college man is working his way through the institution by caring for a baby. Huh! a lot of them care for 'em, but it doesn't seem to make them work any harder.

Tommy knows one thing about Santa Claus that mamma doesn't; namely, that the old boy will give him just the same present even if he's naughty.

After safely flying over the north pole in an airship, Gen. Nobile gets a black eye from falling out of bed. It's a little way life has of treating heroes.

Dr. Lorenz, who is an expert, says if you are going to be fat nothing will stop you; so won't you have another piece of this lovely cream pie?

Lighter-than-air ships will give complete control to the first warring nation that learns to control the weather.

Primitive man was a roamer. Civilization—wonderful thing!—has enabled him to be the same thing on wheels!

"Ladies' Legs," announces an advertisement, "Are No Longer News." Quite right; they aren't even interesting as punjab.

A man can't complain of "low visibility" when he shoots a glance at a girl's skirts these days.

Who recalls when you could rent a good house for a month for the price of a present-day turkey?

Woman's lot was hard in the old days, but at least she didn't have to worry about a burden of soft fat.

And now the seasonal slogan changes from "rah, rah, rah" to "raw, raw, raw."

Deliberating: Something a jury does before liberating.

Mrs. Chaplin didn't find him so comical.

If you want to create a mild sensation, just try paying cash.

In these days a baby girl's first dress is long, and that's the end of it.

DIED

WILLIAMS—At her home, 274 Saunders street, December 10th, Blanche Augusta beloved wife of Charles A. Williams. Funeral Sunday. Service at the home at 2 p. m. Sunday by Rev. G. C. Warren. Interment in the Rural Cemetery.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is nothing much prettier than a winter scene when viewed from a cozy fireside.

Curiosity suggests that it would be interesting to know Mussolini's blood pressure.

King Ferdinand of Rumania is well now. The nearer Marie got to Bucharest the better the king felt.

People of today think they are pretty wise, but they are going to leave a fine crop of theories for posterity to repudiate.

You may know him, the kind of young man who thinks what his conscience tells him is old-fashioned stuff.

Reports that oil and gas are to give out eventually, if not sooner, do not stop the increase of filling stations.

"Where there is much work for the corkscrew," remarked the Man on the Car "there is less work for the can opener."

Nearly every young wife likes a breakfast room in the lovenest. It sounds cozy when speaking of it and is just large enough for two hearts to beat as one.

We have morose spells when we think it would be great to be a farmer and thus become the subject of governmental relief, even though it never came.

Time brings new thoughts. Many a household is at length convinced that the maid who was always smashing dishes was a great deal better than no maid at all.

STRATHCONA PRIZE FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING

(Continued From Page Eight.)
Rural Schools, 1st, Laura Mersereau Manawagonish Road; 2nd, Dorothy Goodill, Bocabec.
Inspectorial District No. 7—M. G. Fox, M. A., Inspector.
Graded Schools, 1st, Emma C. Betts, Charlotte Street School, Fredericton; 2nd, W. M. Burns, Model School, Fredericton.
Semi-Rural Schools, 1st, Francis M. Morell, Moore's Mills; 2nd, Anna Murray, Tracy Station.
Rural Schools, 1st, Josephine Purves, Douglas Harbor; 2nd, Mary C. Howley, Public Landing.
Inspectorial District No. 8—L. A. Moore, M. A., Inspector.
Graded Schools, 1st, Helena Mulherrin, Woodstock; 2nd, R. H. Chapman, Hartland Superior.
Semi-Rural Schools, 1st, Dorothy A. Stickney, Perth; 2nd, Everett Shaw, Grafton.
Rural Schools, 1st, Fred B. Young, Cedar Hill.

SECRECY OVER MARCONI SUIT

Rome, Dec. 11—The Sacred Rota Tribunal, on the request of the interested parties, has decided that the entire proceedings for annulment of the marriage of William Marconi the wireless inventor to the former Miss Beatrice O'Brien, shall be carried out under a seal of secrecy. This decision is understood to have been reached on the request of Signor Marconi and his former wife, in order to avoid the unwelcome notoriety which attended the recent Marlborough-Vanderbilt annulment.

To Request Disbarment
Saint John Telegraph: It was said yesterday that the charges preferred against a Saint John barrister would be referred to the next sitting of Supreme Court for action, and it was said that the N. B. Barristers' Society would ask for disbarment of the lawyer in question. It was said the matter arose over a claim for \$1,200 placed in the lawyer's hands for collection.

Night Classes Closed
A large number of those interested attended the closing of the night classes given in the High School building, Friday night. Examples of the work done by members of the classes were on inspection and proved very interesting.

A. Schwartz of Quebec is registered at the Barker House.
W. H. S. Cox of Sussex N. B., is a guest at the Barker House.
G. T. Miller of Boiestown is at the Queen.

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

Are you going to give the Children **USEFUL GIFTS** this Christmas?

If so, we would suggest: Hose, Gloves, Mittens, Sweaters, Middies, Dresses, Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Pocket Books, a Child's Teddy Blanket, Bootees, Wool and Angora Hoods and Mittens for the little ones.

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Twenty words, one insertion, 15 cts; one half cent for each additional word. Two insertions 25 cts., four insertions 50 cts., six insertions 75 cts. If you have a house or room to let, a property to sell, or if you have anything to sell use The Mail's classified advertising column. If you are in need of a girl for general housework, or if you are in need of employment, make known your wants through the Mail. Our advertisements are pullers.

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FOR SALE—A Savage repeating rifle in good condition; will be sold at a bargain. Apply to Currie Bros., Queen Street.

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