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NEW FLANNEL and KASHA CLOTH DRESSES for Office, School or Street wear. Prices \$5.00 to \$13.00.
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5 Full Balloon Tires, Fisher Body with Duco Finish and One-piece Windshield VV Type, Cowl Lights, Dome Light, Vacuum Feed with gas tank in rear, Equipped with Alemite fittings and grease gun included with tools, Automatic Windshield Cleaner, Weed Spring Bar Bumper, Special Chains for Balloon Tires, Speedometer, Dash Lamp, Oil Gauge and Ammeter, Foot Accelerator, Rear View Mirror, Boyce Moto Meter and Bar, Rich Velour Upholstering, Transmission, three speeds forward and one reverse, Remy Ignition, All side windows lower, Silk Blinds on three rear windows, Robe Rail and Foot Rest, Spanton Horn, Deep Crown Fender for Balloon Tires, Complete Tool Equipment.

Chevrolet is the lowest priced Four Door Sedan on the market when you compare equipment. Let us show you the 1926 Models.

J. Clark & Son, Ltd.

SPEECH OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE AT HOUSE OPENING IS CALLED SCREEN BY OPPOSITION

London, Feb. 11.—Spectators who attended the opening session of Parliament might well have been struck by the thought that, after all, the ceremonial side of the occasion—state coaches, the ermine robes of peeresses, the gorgeous medieval costumes of the heralds—had a useful as well as an ornamental function: that of hiding from the onlookers the triteness and unreality both of the King's speech and of the replies thereto by the opposition.

Of course, everyone now knows that the King on these occasions merely reads a speech prepared for him by the Cabinet and, in these effete days, no monarch would attempt to ginger up the proceedings, as George III once did by interjecting the remark, "Baa, baa, black sheep!" in his peroration. On that occasion, the story goes, only the Lord Chancellor noticed the slip and, as he afterward explained, thought that the King was referring to the then Archbishop of Canterbury.

The M. P.'s of today listen carefully, if not enthusiastically, and the entire affair is as carefully stage managed as the march of the chorus of peers in "Iolanthe", to which, with the exception of the music, the real ceremonial corresponds rather closely.

Afterward they expressed their regret that his majesty had not seen fit to include a program for unemployment relief, etc., but, as "The Manchester Guardian" noted on the following day, "the King's speeches resemble chess, in that the opening moves follow well established precedent and only as the game progresses do the players get the chance to show their mettle."

From the fact that all that the friendly newspapers could find to

praise in the Conservative program was "a becoming reserve" and "a studied moderation," and that the opposition's reply went no further than to charge that these qualities were too much manifested, it will be seen that little transpired of an exciting nature.

Yet, behind this unreal facade, there is the real problem awaiting solution—that of the industrial situation and of taxation. One may say—perhaps with the consciousness of having written similar interpretations every year since the World War—that the real political genius of the British lies in the fact that they never do approach their problems directly. There is the temptation to go even further and say that these problems do not get solved at all.

In support of this, one may recite the fact that for almost six years this country has been able to carry its handicap of from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 unemployed, with a basic rate of taxation varying from 20 to 33 per cent of individual incomes, as well as an apparent unfavorable balance of trade and, for all that, restore its currency and its credit to par in the world markets.

The fact is that for three years the number of unemployed has remained close to 1,250,000, and seems to show that the capacity of England to absorb new workers just about approaches the new supply. But this leaves out of consideration the human factor. Among the army of unemployed are many men who have been out of work for six years. The real danger lies in the fusion of such men into the permanent proletariat—parasitic against their will but utterly without value in the civic sense.

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MINTO COAL CO. AND MINERS IN FAIR WAY TO BE REACHED

(Continued from page one.)

agreeable to the Company, we are ready to recommend to our fellow-workers that a contract to that effect be made for a period of a year.

Men paid by the day, actual \$3.20, increase 30 cents, or \$3.50.

Men paid by the day, actual \$2.90, increase 30 cents, or \$3.20. This for a nine-hours day.

Handpick-men, actual 56 cents per box, increase 9 cents per box or 65 cents per box; Cost Explosive 11 cents per box; Net 54 cents per box.

Note—Daily average, maximum, 5 boxes or \$2.70 maximum pay per day, as an average.

Diggers (machine-cut coal) 21½ cents per foot, for wet places, for 8 hours work, average pay made in dry place.

Company's Proposal.

The Company has submitted to the Employees the following:

First machine-man, for one man, boxes, 180, \$4.95; boxes, 185, \$5.08; boxes, 190, \$5.22; boxes, 195, \$5.36; boxes, 200, \$5.50; boxes, 205, \$5.63; boxes, 210, \$5.77.

To the second machine-man, two men timbering, one man boring holes, one man on the jack and one boss pan-man, altogether, six men, as follows: Boxes, 180, \$4.05; boxes, 185, \$4.16; boxes, 190, \$4.27; boxes, 195, \$4.38; boxes, 200, \$4.50; boxes, 205, \$4.61; boxes, 210, \$4.72.

To the two men head of machine, four gummers and three pan-men, altogether nine men, as follows:

Boxes, 180, \$3.51; boxes, 185, \$3.60; boxes, 190, \$3.70; boxes, 195, \$3.80; boxes, 200, \$3.90; boxes, 205, \$3.99; boxes, 210, \$4.09.

Miners Willing on Condition.

The committee states it is ready to recommend the foregoing rates with the following conditions: if the minimum of 180 boxes can be cut within nine hours, extra hours to finish the cut, if same is not finished within nine hours, to be paid as follows:

First Machine-runner, 30 cents per hour.

Second machine-man, two timbermen, one man boring holes, one man on the jack and one boss pan-man, 25 cents per hour.

Two men ahead of machine, four gummers and three pan-men, at 20 cents per hour.

Total cost for the 16 men necessary for a cut, if done within nine hours, to be \$60.84.

Additional cost per hour, over 9 hours, \$3.60.

If it takes 12 hours for a cut, total \$71.64.

So if the Company can and do improve the system of production and

machinery, so that a cut can be done within ten hours, the cost would be reduced to \$64.44 and still have 16 men at work per cut.

Comment by Committee.

The committee of miners comments as follows:—

For the men it means this: A decent return for their work and a reason to finish the cut as quick as possible.

The first machine-man would receive, 9 hours \$4.95; 10 hours \$5.25; 11 hours \$5.55; 12 hours \$5.85.

The second machine-man, two timbermen, one man boring holes, one jackman and one boss pan man.

9 hours \$4.05; 10 hours \$4.30; 11 hours \$4.55; 12 hours \$4.80.

The two men ahead of machine, four gummers and three pan-men:

9 hours \$3.51; 10 hours \$3.71; 11 hours \$3.91; 12 hours \$4.10.

We contend these are fair conditions for the Company; besides we contend that the miners cannot accept to work for less than the above rates, or else it would mean starvation for their families.

CANNOT LOAF IN LUXURY ON ALIMONY

(Special to the "Daily Mail" by British United Press.)

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 11.—"No robust young woman should be permitted to loaf in luxury on alimony supplied by an ambitious husband" ruled Vice Chancellor Fielding in a separation suit.

Accordingly, he granted Mrs. Louis Lerner only \$15 a week alimony representing but a small part of the income of her husband a Patterson furniture dealer.

AMERICANS

Minister of Agriculture Here.

Hon. Lewis Smith of Coverdale, Minister of Agriculture is a guest at the Barker House. Today Hon. Mr. Smith is at his office engaged in departmental duties.

New Egg Circles in Gloucester.

Word has been received by the Department of Agriculture of the formation of four new egg circles in Gloucester County by District Representative McIntyre. The new circles are at Tracadie, Six Roads, Lamèque and Shippegan.

Miss Knapp, instructor in Household Science in the Provincial Normal school is unable to attend to her classes because of illness.

MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA HAS HAD GOOD YEAR

Is One of the Strongest of Canadian Life Insurance Companies.

Solid and very substantial progress during 1925 is revealed in the 56th annual statement of the Mutual Life of Canada. The unbroken and ever-increasing prosperity of this Company is naturally gratifying to its policyholders who, under the principle of mutualty receive back the entire net profits.

The previous high record for surplus earnings—achieved on the 1924 operations—was surpassed in 1925, with a total of \$3,796,982.41, an increase of \$296,724.41 over the previous year's surplus. The Company is thus in a position to pay the policyholders who constitute it the same liberal scale of dividends in 1926 as heretofore, while increasing the free surplus available for contingencies by \$607,981.91.

In 1925 the Mutual Life paid out to policyholders \$7,201,403—an increase of \$969,252 over the 1924 total—bringing the Company's benefits since it began business up to \$60,517,426.34.

Business has more than doubled during the last seven years of the Mutual Life's history. The net increase in 1925 was a healthy one, \$26,799,419. The total new issue last year was \$45,573,577, an increase of \$2,249,280 over the 1924 volume of new assurances. The total business now in force is \$322,529,285.

The substantial increase in 1925 was achieved very economically, the expense ratio being reduced from 15.50 p.c. to 15.23 p.c. The mortality rate was again very favorable, 37.95 p.c. Another effective factor in rolling up an increased surplus of earnings for distribution to the policyholders was the slightly increased average interest rate on the Company's invested funds. Although the trend in bond prices was toward higher figures (and lower yields), and the rates of interest or mortgage loans had a lower tendency, the Mutual Life more than maintained its 1924 rate, and 1925 average being 6.24 per cent.

A still further reduction in the lapse ratio is shown in the 1925 statement. Of the business written in 1923, the lapse in 1924 was 10.13 p.c. whereas of 1924 business only 8.64 p.c. lapsed in 1925—an exceedingly favorable result.

Last year witnesses a further increase of \$6,556,500 in the Company's accumulated assets, which now total \$72,517,566.

The present year opens with all classes of people expectant of still better conditions, and the management of the Mutual Life looks forward to a still greater extension of the Company's beneficent service in

FRANCE WILL TAX TOURISTS QUITE HEAVILY

Paris, France, Feb. 10.—It is desired to provide new resources for the French without burdening French taxpayers too heavily, the chamber of deputies last night passed a bill which is likely to kill the tourist business in France.

Article 63 of the new financial law provides that all foreigners who make France their principal sojourning place and live in hotels, boarding houses or furnished rooms must pay income taxes if the price they pay for lodging exceeds 1,000 francs (\$37) a month. To guarantee the payment of the tax, landlords and hotelkeepers will add 25 per cent to the monthly bills for lodgings. At the end of the year, the treasury will rebate or increase this amount in proportion as the payments made by foreigners are less or more than 1,000 francs a month.

How the Law Will Work Out.

Under this arrangement, tourists who come to France for two months and whose bills for lodgings are certain to exceed \$37 a month will be compelled to pay 25 per cent above the already stiff hotel prices, in addition to luxury taxes, gratuities and communal taxes.

It will be extremely difficult to secure refunds of the taxes without great loss of time. While hotel owners are willing to act as tax collectors they cannot undertake to refund over payments of taxes. Consequently tourists and students, if they get refunds will be compelled to waste days at police headquarters to obtain certificates that they are leaving France, and then waste more time in the tax collectors' offices to recover their money.

It is feared that foreigners, who already pay \$8 for identity cards, will prefer to make only short sojourns in France and then go to pass the rest of their vacations in other European countries, where there are no such exacting measures.

France May Lose in the End.

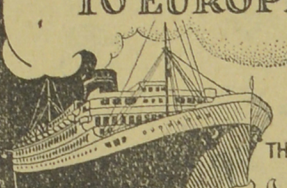
Business men connected with the tourist trade are much concerned about the new measure. They point out that the country is bound in the end to lose through this law. Last summer Americans left more than \$350,000,000 in France. British visitors are believed to have exceeded this figure. The new law may drive most of these tourists to Italy and Spain where the cost of living is lower.

The Capitol.

"Black Cyclone" is the photo play at the Capitol for the last half of the week featuring Rex the Wild Horse. The serial *Sunken Silver* and a comedy are also on the bill.

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