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## GREAT VICTORY FOR MARITIME RIGHTS; RECOMMENDED CUT IN FREIGHT RATES OF 20 PER CENT

Ottawa, Dec. 12—The recommendations of the Duncan Royal Commission with regard to transportation are being studied closely to ascertain just what they mean in the revision of the rates of the Maritime shippers.

There is no doubt that the town tariff basis of distributing rates in the Maritimes will be considerably lower than even the relationship that existed in 1907 with the rates in effect in Ontario and Quebec. One feature of the recommendations of the commission that is of particular interest to the Maritimes in connection with the recommendations regarding transportation is the suggested amendments to the Railway Act.

It was contended by F. C. Cornell, who appeared on behalf of the Nova Scotia government that the present act was not applicable to the transportation situation of today. This has been fully recognized by the report and suggested recommendations will give to the Board of Railway Commissioners that power which they now apparently lack, to deal with the special conditions surrounding the traffic of the Maritimes. This is coupled with a suggestion that the Railway Commission start immediately on an investigation of the rates of the products of the Maritime Provinces that have not been given full relief by the means of the flat 20 per cent reduction that is recommended.

The claim of the Maritimes is fully recognized and the commission state without question that since 1912 the rates on the International have been far from being adjusted to give the shippers of the Maritime Provinces equal treatment with

competitors from central and western Canada.

### Important Problems.

The two most important problems of the Maritimes, as found by the commission, are provincial subsidies and freight rates. The report goes on to recommend that the suggested subsidies and reductions in rates of 20 per cent be effective immediately because of the serious position of the Maritime Provinces at the present time.

If the report passes the House of Commons and the recommendations of the Duncan commission are carried out in full, it will go a long way to reinstating the Maritimes in their proper position as a potential part of the Dominion of Canada.

"Maritime Rights" have won a great victory in obtaining this important judicial decision in their favor from an impartial tribunal.

### Liked in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Dec. 12—Unanimous commendation was the sentiment expressed in nearly one hundred opinions gathered from leaders in all forms of industrial activity throughout Nova Scotia in a canvass conducted today to ascertain the views of the people on the report of the Duncan commission on Maritime Province conditions.

The opinions were gathered chiefly from those connected with the basic industries of the province but also from civic officials and others in a position to discuss the probable effects of the recommendations contained in the report. No condemnation of the report was contained in any of the opinions, and the majority welcomed it as promising a new era of prosperity and industrial activity, if the recommendations are carried out.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT OF THE TORONTO GLOBE ON DUNCAN REPORT

The entire Dominion will welcome the publication of the report of the Duncan Commission on conditions in the Maritime Provinces, and will hope that outstanding questions will be adjusted to the satisfaction of the people concerned. The issues are numerous, and the impartiality of the Commissioners is indicated by their failure to agree with some of the claims made.

The Commission recommends an increase in subsidy with a view to aiding further in meeting local Government expenses. It would be easy to say that the Maritimes could save this money by merging, but local jealousies will probably render that impossible for many years to come. Shortly after Confederation, in 1869, the Dominion Government met Nova Scotian unrest by increasing the subsidy. It is apparent that the amount required to bring justice, or at least satisfaction, in this field would be small and would entail no serious burden on the Federal Government.

### Coking Plants.

The proposal for the establishment of coking plants in Ontario and Quebec cities to transmute Nova Scotia coal into suitable fuel for the Central Provinces is wise, and already has been urged in a previous report to the Dominion authorities. Such a move should go far to make the coal industry of Nova Scotia profitable, and at the same time largely reduce coal importations from Pennsylvania. It is significant that the Commission failed to support the claims of the Easterners that their conditions in agriculture and immigration required greater consideration. The Maritimers should "buck up" and do more for themselves in these fields.

The railway rate question will inevitably provoke discussion, but there is much to be said for the contention that rates on freight to and from the Atlantic Division of the Canadian National Railways should be reduced. Prior to 1912 rates were based on the supposed non-existence of the 250 additional miles of haulage caused by laying the route, for strategic reasons, far from the United States boundary.

Since 1912 rates have risen 92 per cent. on this division, while in other parts of Canada the increase was 55 per cent. The Commission accepts the contention that reduction should be made to correspond with rates elsewhere and that the loss be sustained by the Dominion Treasury. Parliament doubtless will desire full information as to the burden this would entail, and whether it would mean dislocation of the rate structure elsewhere. The Western Provinces constantly seek concessions in freight rates to defeat

the obstacles imposed by nature, but the whole question is a delicate one, not to be hastily judged.

Various smaller concessions are advocated, and it is quite probable that Parliament will meet the issues generously. Happily the Maritimers are already sharing in the country's returning prosperity, and with prosperity the complaints will tend to melt away.

## SINCLAIR FOR PORTFOLIO OF FISHERIES

Ottawa, Dec. 11—Two further cabinet appointments are expected this week. One will be that of Hon. John E. Sinclair, of Prince Edward Island, to the new post of Minister of Fisheries the present combined portfolio of Marine and Fisheries to be divided into two with Hon. Arthur Cardin, remaining as Minister of Marine. The other is that of the naming of Edmond A. LaPierre, of Nipissing, Ontario to the post of minister without portfolio and representing the French speaking minority in Ontario.

The Liberals take as a precedent for this latter move the appointment of Mr. Meighen last summer of Dr. Morand of Essex as a minister without portfolio to represent the same people.

Mr. LaPierre's appointment will also be regarded by the Liberals as a reward in addition to the selection of Peter Heenan, of Kenora as Minister of Labor for the showing of that party in Northern Ontario where out of seven seats they captured five in the last general election.

### Juvenile Cartoonist.

Clarence (Bobbie) Parsons of 559 Brunswick street is achieving fame as a juvenile cartoonist. Several examples of his work have appeared in the Buffalo Sunday Times. One was in the latest issue on the Boys' and Girls' page. The cartoonist is a son of John H. Parsons.

### Divorce Court Tuesday.

With Mr. Justice Crockett presiding, the New Brunswick Court of Divorce will resume its sitting here on Tuesday. Several judgments are expected in cases which have been tried. There also are several cases on the docket which have not yet been heard.

S. H. Stillwell of England is registered at the Queen today.

## THINKS THE U.S. TARIFF IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH

Washington, Dec. 9—It would be in the highest degree unwise for United States farmers at this time to launch an attack on the tariff," stated Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, in his annual report today, "without carefully considering the possibility that in the near future they may need it more than any other economic group in the country. The experiences of recent years have convinced me that the system of basing tariff rates on differences in production costs is inapplicable to agricultural products. The only method is to do what used to be done decades ago for manufacturing industries, namely to fix rates at such a height as effectively to give the home market to domestic producers."

### Sees Improvement.

"Further moderate improvement in the agricultural situation in United States as a whole has taken place during the last year," said the Secretary. "Certain regions have suffered reverses, notably the cotton States, whose principal crop, produced in exceptional abundance, is selling at very low prices. Parts of the spring wheat States have harvested a poor crop. Generally speaking, however, the position of agriculture is better than it has been in any year since 1920."

### Eliminate Surpluses.

Turning to the surplus problem, Mr. Jardine said he was convinced that through organized and well-directed efforts much can be done to eliminate the recurring surpluses. Better control of the movement of agricultural products into consumptive channels is needed through adequate marketing, storage and credit facilities and organization of producers for marketing operations. Farmer-controlled agencies he believed, could best effect an orderly flow of products to market. "Legislative action should be designed to create and enlarge such agencies and supplement their efforts," said Secretary Jardine. "No general formula will cover all commodities and all regions. What is needed is concentrated and co-ordinated effort backed up by adequate resources."

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\* SPECIAL ATTRACTION \*  
\* AT GAIETY THEATRE \*  
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The Rex Ingram production of "Mare Nostrum," taken from the Ibanez story, and with something of the atmosphere of the World War in its unfolding, is the feature at the Gaiety for Monday and Tuesday. Alice Terry and Antonio Moreno are starred. As usual Mr. Ingram has made some highly effective scenic effects and the picture is full of interest throughout. Pathe Review is also on the bill.

### J. T. Whitlock Dead.

Julius T. Whitlock, prominent insurance man of St. Stephen, N. B., died suddenly, at the Royal Hotel, St. John on Saturday morning about nine o'clock. The day porter, Leonard Peck, responding to a call from Mr. Whitlock's room at 8.50 a. m., found Mr. Whitlock lying on his bed, who remarked "well I will have to go slow." A few minutes later he expired. Mr. Whitlock was past grand master of the New Brunswick Masonic grand lodge. Carl G. Fraser, Grand Director of Ceremonies, accompanied the body to St. Stephen on Saturday.

## Pneumonia Left Her With A Bad Cough

Mrs. W. R. Bennett, 2307-14th St. West, Calgary, Alta., writes:—"Over a year ago, before my twins were born, I had an attack of pneumonia which left me with a very bad cough. Being under the doctor's care, he tried first one thing and then another, but I coughed day and night. A friend brought me a bottle of

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## J. C. DOUGLAS, NOVA SCOTIA M. P. PASSES AWAY

Montreal, Dec. 11—Hon. John C. Douglas, M. P. for Antigonish-Guysborough and former attorney-general of Nova Scotia, died suddenly from angina pectoris in his room at the Windsor Hotel, shortly before midnight yesterday. He arrived at the hotel from Ottawa, early in the evening registered and went to his room, apparently in good health. Shortly before eleven o'clock he telephoned the desk that he was ill and asked them to obtain a doctor. A few minutes later, when Dr. J. L. Day, of Mount Pleasant Avenue, Westmount reached him, he was in great pain.

The physician examined Mr. Douglas' chest and diagnosed his malady as angina pectoris. A drug was administered to ease the patient's agony, and shortly before midnight he remarked that he felt much better. The end came a few seconds afterwards. Mr. Douglas slumped in his chair, choked and died, without being able to speak.

The late Mr. Douglas had long been one of Nova Scotia's prominent public men. He was a native of Pictou, but made his home in Glace Bay where he practiced law. He represented Cape Breton in the Legislature for some years and in 1917 was elected to the House of Commons on the Conservative ticket holding the seat until 1924, when he suffered defeat. In 1925 he was a successful candidate for the Legislature, and on the advent of Premier Rhodes to power, was sworn in Attorney General. He resigned in September and was elected to the House of Commons for Antigonish-Guysboro. Mr. Douglas took his seat in the House of Commons on Thursday last and was on his way home when death overtook him.



### MAIL CONTRACT

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