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11,000 TAXI DRIVERS ON STRIKE IN PARIS

PARIS, April 23—More than 11,000 taxi drivers went on strike here today in a mass protest against rate-cuts. Traffic in the streets, especially near the railroad stations, was curtailed by the strike, which aimed to secure a guarantee of minimum wages for the city's 14,000 taxi drivers.

Only 100 of the 2,230 taxis controlled by the larger cab companies were in circulation. But many private owners still toured the streets for passengers. It is these private drivers, operating at bargain prices, whom the great majority of hackmen blame for their current difficulties.

No violence has been reported. Three strikers, attempting to picket near the Arc de Triomphe were arrested for "interfering with the freedom of labor."

Jack Miner, of Kingsville, famous as a friend of wild birds, and now in the ranks of the septuagenarians, announces as his motto, "Don't work all your life to make a living, but work to live all your life." This isn't bad philosophy, and, coupled with Jack's delightful hobby, should ensure that it will be a long time before he is really old.

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Enthusiastic Board of Trade Supper

President S. S. Miller in Chair—Pleas for More Active Membership by Several Speakers—Ald. Ray T. Forbes Prophecies That Maritime Youth Will Speak—R. L. Phillips Discusses Railway Problem—Speakers Ask That C.N.R. Bridge Be Built at Once.

The Fredericton Board of Trade at a well attended and highly enthusiastic supper meeting in Castle Hall at the Loyalist building last evening heard some spirited addresses, including reports on the activities of its various committees all of which were most satisfactory. Among other things emphasis was laid in the addresses on more concerted activity and more paid-up membership, although it was pointed out that the improvement in a year had been substantial.

S. S. Miller, the president, was in the chair, and the speakers during the evening included R. L. Phillips,

Smith, J. G. Robichaud of the Old Age Pensions Board; Leslie Mavor and other impromptu speakers. About sixty were present.

The supper was lavishly arranged and served by the Pythian Sisters and the business and speech-making was admirably broken up by musical selections by an instrumental trio composed of Messrs. Webber, McArthur and Bailey, as well as several solos by J. H. Malcolm and a general singsong. Seated at the head table with President Miller were Mayor Kitchen, R. L. Phillips, Aldermen Forbes and Crewdson, F. Cedric Cooper and E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P., Frank L. Cooper led in prayer prior to the serving of supper at 6:30 o'clock.

R. L. Phillips Spoke First

The first speaker of the evening was R. L. Phillips, chairman of the transportation committee of the Board of Trade. He reviewed the railway problem which now confronts the city and its environs. In opening he remarked on the proposed excursions planned by the railways, C.N.R. and C.P.R. for the next weekend. He specially dwelt on the matter of the lay-off of employees at South Devon.

Mr. Appleton has agreed to come next week, Mr. Phillips said. The speaker pointed out the situation the C.N.R. is in at present. All the bulk of freight, as the result of the bridge going out, has to come via Newcastle and this makes extra distance—an extra haul, if it comes to Fredericton. Their deficit would be increased by the extra haulage. There is no freight coming here now. The Whooper can only be used now as a mixed train.

When Mr. Appleton comes, said Mr. Phillips, don't drive the C.N.R. Mr. Phillips wants to secure a list of trains that can still be serviced at Devon.

It will be suggested to Mr. Appleton that it might be possible to arrange for space in the C.P.R. roundhouse, so that in this way it will be possible to retain some men on the payroll.

Regarding C.P.R. amalgamation the speaker said it had removed several train crews from considerable work. If this stops we will lose about ten or twelve families, "and that is a very serious loss."

Under the C.P.R. time-table we stand to lose also, said Mr. Phillips.



MAYOR G. WILLARD KITCHEN
Summarized the Activities of the City of Fredericton

There will be difficulty in getting up and down river in one day. Hitherto there always had been good connections, said the speaker.

The transportation committee had decided to leave this until the fall of the year and if not better then, to take it to the Railway Commission. Mr. Phillips maintained that the railways are making a saving by the amalgamation.

A Weak Case

"I think they have a weak case and there is some other reason for the C. P. R.'s move," declared Mr. Phillips. "It is a pretty serious thing to move ten or twelve families for the relative small saving which the railways will make by their consolidation," he said. He said the capital city gave the railways much business.

The proposed bus service to Woodstock, to counteract the rail curtailment will operate for the full summer season. It will leave here at 8:30 in the morning, returning at night. However, said the speaker, even this will not bring back those families bound to be affected by the proposed rail curtailment.

Mayor Kitchen

His Worship Mayor Kitchen spoke next, congratulating the Board of Trade and Cedric Cooper in the tourist department.

He reviewed activities of the City Council. The city intends to complete the 1-6 mile of hard surfaced road to the Experimental Station, and a section of Queen street. He is in favor of paving around the provincial parliament buildings also. It would add to (Continued on Page Three)

NEW FURNITURE HAS MANY WAYS WITH IT

There is so much really intensely interesting new furniture on the market for 1936 that it is difficult to know where to begin to tell about it. One thing is certain: designers and manufacturers have been aggressively aware of the way most of us are living today, they have analyzed our needs and have contrived pieces to fill them to perfection. In fact, some of the pieces fill more than one need, they combine two or more utilities. There are more different kinds of tables this year than ever before. Coffee tables come in all sizes with extension devices, with drop leaves, with auxiliary small tables of the same design for individual use, with removable tray tops, tables that come in twin sections that can be used separately if desired, end tables, studio couch tables, chair tables, just the height of a chair arm, and so on—an almost endless list. Apparently, too, designers and manufacturers acknowledge the arrival of greater leisure for most of us, for they have provided many more pieces for reading and writing. There are some charming bookcases, a great many desks, especially of the knee-hole variety, and often bookcases with a desk section or little chests, small enough for the bedroom, with a writing section. Again, many studio couches are now made so that they have the slope from front to back considered essential for sitting comfort, and can be adjusted to a level position for sleeping.

A perhaps less tangible example of this awareness of the way we are living today, but no less important, is the fact that new furniture is being carefully sealed to today's needs. For example recognizing that many homes have rather small dining rooms, dining room furniture, always in the fine designs wanted, is being scaled down to fit the smaller room. The same is true of different kinds of furniture all along the line. This does not mean that there is no large scale furniture, for there is plenty of it, but now for the owner of the small houses, as well, there is well scaled furniture. Another point is that allowance has been made for variation in taste and necessity on the part of the householder. He may have a choice of buffet and server, buffet and china closet, server and china closet, for his dining room. And in the same way, he may choose for his bedroom a dresser and chest, or chest and vanity, or dresser and vanity according to his preference.

Coming to the matter of style, modern furniture strikes the dramatic note this year, because there is so much of it, because it is so improved in design. It has progressed a long way from the first modern, introduced at the Paris Exposition ten years ago. Today it is a style and type entirely acceptable for the average home,

whether or not the interior is developed along strictly modern lines. 1936 modern is low set, stream lined. It is extremely simple, with practically no ornamentation other than the pulls on drawers and cupboard doors.

There are also many light-toned woods in modern furniture; hawthorn, with its fine silvery quality, acacia, bleached maple cherry and the like, which can be classified as "blonde" woods, elm which is very light and others similar. These woods, of course, are best set off against dark walls, brown, dark green or dark bright blue.

Upholstered furniture in the modern group is full of interest. Probably the most dramatic item is the co-called sectional sofa which can be bought and used in an almost limitless number of ways. Three-sectional sofas are the most usual. They consist of two ends, with arms, and a center without which can be placed together or separated in various ways. Then there are the circular sofas, which come in quarter sections as a rule, to be assembled as such or as halves. These, in particular, are arousing a considerable amount of interest. The third type in the group is that which has possibilities of even greater adjustability. In it there are corner end, and center pieces, which can be arranged in front of a fireplace, against a wall, around a corner, according to the architectural design of the room and the groupings desired.

This "unit" idea, as a matter of fact, is quite characteristic of much of the modern furniture on the market and is one of its advantages. It need not be acquired in a "suite", nor be used as such. For instance, in one collection there are three pieces of exactly the same dimensions, a chest of drawers, a desk, and bookshelves with cupboards. The three can be used together side by side, in a living room the desk serve as a bedroom piece, the chest and shelves with cupboards for linen, china and glass in the dining room.

18th century furniture is extremely important in the 1936 picture, and happily so. It has a dignity, a refinement that never will be outlived for many of us. And it is the harmonious thing for mahogany, with some fine pieces in pickled pine. In both cases manufacturers are to be congratulated on the fine finishes they have obtained. We have soft, satiny textures that have a feel and glow once associated with nothing but antique furniture. It is a great attainment that this is available. If any one style note for 1936 can be stressed, it is that of the Chinese feeling evident in pieces of Chippendale derivation. This is stronger than usual, and takes the form of pagoda lines, as in the case of a secretary pediment, and in the up-turned

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ends of coffee tables, and in fretwork decoration. In addition a few odd pieces are one in black lacquer with Chinoiserie motifs in gold.

While not spectacular among the new furniture collections, mahogany in the Federal and Duncan Phyfe styles must be mentioned in any report that is complete. This is extremely satisfying to many of us and its well into many of our houses. It is perhaps most successful in bedroom and dining room pieces.

Early American maple is as important as ever in the furniture style picture. Pieces for every room are available, including such 1936 additions as a chaise longue for the bedroom or sitting room, studio couches with maple bases, combination lamp tables, and the hundreds of thoroughly familiar pieces. There are many fine upholstered pieces to go in maple rooms many chairs and sofas with the extra convenience of a table-arm or a rack at the side for magazines, knitting, and similar articles. In general maple this year is somewhat less rustic, less cottagey, with a dignity which makes it suitable for the larger house or the apartment in town.

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