

Credit Unions And Co-operatives For New Brunswick

Town Planning Act Has Many Good Points

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)
The House resumed yesterday at three o'clock. In the absence of the Speaker through illness the chair was taken by the deputy speaker. A number of bills were given third and second readings.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole with Mr. Foster taking the chair.

Considerable discussion took place on proposed amendments of the Life Insurance Act.

An Act respecting town planning repealing the Act of 1927 was considered by the House in committee and was ordered reported as amended.

A bill was considered relating to the Dairy Industry. In answer to Mr. Perry who inquired about the grading of cream, Mr. Taylor said Mr. McNair stated cream going out of province need not be graded in the province.

A bill amending Life Insurance brought some discussion and was recommended for further consideration.

Providing for a one-man commission in place of a board of three members, a bill in amendment of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. J. B. McNair, attorney general, on behalf of Premier Dwyer, who was absent temporarily from the Assembly chamber.

The commissioner will be appointed by the governor-in-council, by whom his salary will be fixed. Under the present act, "the governor-in-council may fix the salaries or other remuneration of the board."

In addition, the governor-in-council may appoint an officer of the board to be the deputy commissioner, according to the bill. In case of a vacancy in the office, or of sickness or inability of the commissioner, to act, the deputy commissioner may exercise all the powers, duties and functions of the commissioner.

The bill introduced will not alter a sub-section of the act which provides that "the chief commissioner shall not be removable from his office during the period of ten years, from his appointment, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Legislature. In case of such removal, or of the repeal of this chapter, he shall be entitled to be paid an amount equal to one year's salary at the rate received by him at the time of such dismissal or repeal, in addition to the salary earned by him up to the time of such dismissal or repeal."

Providing for the establishment of credit unions among the primary producers in New Brunswick, Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, introduced a bill in the Legislature today.

Such credit unions will be incorporated for the twofold purpose of promoting thrift among and creating sources of credit for their members at legitimate rates of interest, for provident and productive purposes.

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BURY WOMAN IN ST. PAUL'S

LONDON, England, April 21—The rare incident of a third burial within St. Paul's Cathedral in six months happens Saturday, when Louisa Creighton, widow of a former Bishop of London who died in 1901, is to be buried by her husband in the Crypt.

It is doubtful that any woman has been buried in St. Paul's since the great fire of 1666. Mrs. Creighton was 56. Her husband was regarded as one of the greatest historical scholars of his generation. His wife possessed impressive intellectual gifts, her biography of her husband having been considered a masterpiece.

After her husband's death King Edward VII granted her apartments at Hampton Court Palace. Subsequently she removed to Oxford. Her husband was the immediate predecessor of the present Bishop of London.

The other recent burials within St. Paul's were those of Lord Jellicoe in November, and Lord Beatty, in March.

Thumbnail Sketches

Dr. W. M. Jenkins, M.P.P.

Dr. Willard Miles Jenkins was born at Kars, Kings County, on April 19, 1884. His parents were Miles G. Jenkins and Susan (Toole) Jenkins. He was educated at Kars public school and at Horton Academy. He was graduated from McGill University in 1909 with the degree of M.D., C.M. He spent some time as an interne at the General Public Hospital in Saint John and moved to Hampstead in 1909 where he practiced until 1920. He moved to Gagetown in 1920, where he is now located. In 1910 Dr. Jenkins married Bessie Jean Osborne, of St. Martins, N. B. His children are Misses Muriel and Patricia Jenkins, M.A., and Donald Osborne.

He is a member of the N. B. Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Jenkins was elected to the N. B. Legislature June 27, 1935. He is fond of sports and a lover of dogs and horses. He frequently drives behind some fast horses and takes a keen interest in harness racing. Dr. Jenkins is popular on both sides of the House.

Junior Club Work Discussed By the Agric. Committee

In the agricultural committee presided over by H. O. Downey, M. P. P., Albert in the chair this morning J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture discussed Junior Club work in the province. He said that the primary object of the clubs was to interest boys and girls in farm work and to educate them in matters of importance in rural communities.

Swine-club work is the foundation of the work in this province.

Over 2,000 boys and girls are participating in club work in the Province. He believed that expenditures on the clubs were warranted by the results.

Poultry clubs give quicker returns than livestock products, he said. Home canning is being promoted, sponsored by the Women's Institute, where home-farmed products are being utilized to a great extent.

Home arts and crafts were also discussed by Mr. King. It was the last meeting of the committee.

PROFESSOR VIEWS MOTHER AS BOSS

ST. PAUL, April 21—Professor William Augustus Cornell, of Macalester College, took a bachelor's objective view of matrimony yesterday and drew this conclusion: "American married life is going matriarchal."

The wifeless instructor in family relations and marriage to a class of 35, mostly girls, declared, "there is an increasing tendency in that direction, especially in large American cities. In these cities fathers are away from home all day earning the living."

"The children naturally look upon the mother as the boss of the household, and father—well, he is just the man who gets home late, leaves early and brings a pay envelope once a week."

But, he added, "I am strong for matrimony."

BICYCLE THEFTS

Charged with the theft of two bicycles, one from James Wishart of this city, the other from Mrs. Charles Martin also of this city, Cromwell Fradsham, Fredericton man, appeared before Police Magistrate Walter Limerick yesterday afternoon and was remanded until Thursday for judgment on the first charge.

A NEW HOME

Ralph McFadden has purchased the brick dwelling house on Charlotte street recently erected by a local concern and has moved into his new home.

Brotherhood of Man

The thoughts and sympathy of all citizens have during the past two days been centered on the little mining village of Moose River where an heroic crew of miners are waging a grim battle against death in their efforts to rescue the two entombed men, Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding of Toronto, from the black pit where they have been trapped since April 12th last —The third man H. R. Magill also of Toronto died on Monday shortly after he had finished a conversation with his wife in which hope for his rescue had been expressed.

The whole world is watching the grim struggle which is going on. Newspapers everywhere are carrying large streamers featuring the rescue work. In this city during the night prayers for the entombed miners and their rescuers were offered in many homes, while all through the night listeners stayed by the radio anxiously awaiting the half hour bulletins given out by the radio commission, some of which brought hope and others almost brought despair.

Whilst the anxious world was following every movement of the heroic work, these grim heroes worked bravely on, as one man at Moose River said "In peace and in war, I have never seen anything to equal this". Not waiting for the construction of the necessary timber supports these men worked on amid cold, wet, and smothering dust. When one man became exhausted another quickly stepped in and took his place in the dangerous shaft that was liable at any moment to cave in and bury these rescuers alive as well as seal the fate of the already entombed men.

The worst tragedy of its kind in the history of Canadian mining is now being enacted in this little back country Nova Scotia village. But it carries with it a lesson. It teaches that amid the supposed selfishness of the present day world there is still a strong bond of all that is brave and humane. The grand idea of the brotherhood of man still prevails and brave men are willing to risk their lives for strangers, whilst a sympathetic public waits anxiously by, moved to silent prayer for those whom they do not know or have never seen. All they know is, that these brother men and fellow creatures are in distress and to them our heart goes out. This is as it should be. Thank God, that it is so.

DR. ROBERTSON TELLS HOW HE WAS CAUGHT IN MINE

MOOSE RIVER, N.S., April 21 — Dr. Robertson, from his perilous position told how he and his party were trapped in the mine.

"Charlie I want to tell you how I happened to be in this mess."

"The whole top of the shaft fell in. Forty feet up before the cave-in there was a sudden rush of air."

Dr. Robertson said they got out of the skip. "We got to the left and then farther to the left, to the east end of the property. There were heavy crashes and another rush of air."

"After another hour it all crashed down. For a while we made no more movements. We were caught in there. It slipped away to the next level. The shaft above the level was quite clear up to 132 feet. A big load fell across the timber. The whole roof fell in."

Gives Position

Dr. Robertson gave his position a long way off the shaft on the 141-foot level.

"I hear fine hammering blows. Are they blasting?"

Surface: "No."

"Are they down the shaft?"

"Yes."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes."

Robertson: "Excellent. Hello Charlie, do you think they will be able to get us out of here?"

"Yes."

"How long, four hours?"

"No."

There seemed to be some doubt then as to whether the entombed men really heard the rescuers approaching them. An attendant heard the two men talking one to another.

"What about lights and cables?" (Dr. Robertson to surface).

"Are we going to get out of here today?"

"Yes."

"Thank you."

Instead of yelling "Yes" or "No" when the entombed men heard rescuers breaking through it had been previously arranged to strike the pipe at the surface with a pick. Mine Inspector Meservy merely ended communication with the underground when the pick slipped and he cut off the telephone line. There was breathless suspense, but another safety line carried the message and rescue directors breathed easier.

Ivey took one pair of phones. His (Continued on Page Four)

CAPE BRETON PEOPLE PROSPER BY CREDIT UNIONS

Rev. Martin J. Wallace, pastor of the church at Victoria Mines, speaking with the Daily Mail over the weekend, gave a vivid description of the workings of the Co-operative Savings and Credit Union in his parish and vicinity. In connection with the work among the adult farmers there are study clubs which meet weekly and take up the work as planned by fortnightly bulletins issued by St. Francis Xavier University. The clubs study economics, financing and any question of interest to the farmers, fishermen nurses and housewives.

There are thirty-five credit unions now in existence in Nova Scotia. The plan is worked out on the principle of each member making a weekly or monthly deposit. This gives them in return a borrowing power from the union. A year and a half ago a co-operative store was started in which all members have a chance of buying at cheaper rates. The net profits are divided among the members who also have the advantage of buying quantitatively and selling their produce at current prices.

The credit unions were started by each member making a saving of 25 cents per week. At the end of 20 weeks each member had a credit of \$5.00. This started the credit union, which is really a private bank and each member got his pass book. They now have a credit union building.

When a member wishes to borrow, the purpose of his borrowing is examined. There are now twelve co-operative stores, and the next step in view is co-operative wholesaling and co-operative manufacturing, thus each member becoming a shareholder in the profits of their own business transactions.

The system is called the Rockdale system and originated in England in 1840, with a start of a penny a week, until they had gathered five pounds, store being opened in which they sold four articles as a first day's business. The British co-operative is now a wealthy concern.

The Cape Breton Co-operative now owns its lobster factories, the fishermen get current prices for their fish and at the end of the season the profits are divided. At the close of the season courses are given in the packing of berries, chickens and fish. The fish is of a better quality because the men are taught how to cure it properly.

Hon. Mr. Dwyer Sends Statement Of Actual Facts

STATEMENT OF ACTUAL FACTS GIVEN OUT BY HON. MICHAEL DWYER, MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES — HOPE HELD OUT FOR RESCUE OF IMPRISONED MEN IN FEW HOURS UNLESS WORK FURTHER DELAYED.

ENTOMBED MEN REFUSED FOOD SECOND FEEDING

Action Puzzles Doctor in Charge of Medical Rescue

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 21— "I cannot understand," said Dr. H. K. MacDonald in charge of the medical rescue at the Moose River rescue work, "why Eddie Robertson does not accept food."

"Neither can I," declared Mr. Ivey, brother-in-law of Dr. Robertson. "Hot soup and brandy and warming food. I simply can't comprehend it. There must be some reason why they don't want to answer messages or accept food. When I talked with Scadding his voice was strong and clear. So was Eddie's. They were desperate but not weak or feeble. I think even if it is more than 10 hours they have still resources of life that they don't realize themselves. They are desperate owing to wetness and cold."

"They won't drown, but perish," said Philip Henderson, the old time miner and manager. "Magill was a thin, delicate man anaemic and with some stomach trouble. He went first because he was the weakest. They're perishing."

At the midnight feeding on Sunday night down the hose through the diamond drill hole soup was accepted by the men. But when the 2 o'clock feeding was offered it was refused and through the hose-choked hole those at the surface heard the men demanding that the hose be hauled up.

Those in charge of the feeding were C. H. Ivey, brother-in-law of Dr. Robertson, Dr. Donald Rankin of Halifax and Philip Henderson, manager of the mine.

"We hauled the hose up," said Mr. Ivey, "and established a good clear conversation with them. It was not Dr. Robertson speaking, I am sure. It must have therefore been Scadding."

"Their first question was, 'When are you going to get us out?'"

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FREDERICTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MET

Annual Meeting Was a Large and Enthusiastic One

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Horticultural Society was held last evening in the new agricultural school building at the Experimental Station, and was one of the most enthusiastic ever held. In the absence of the president, George E. Howie, the vice-president was in the chair. At the opening he referred to the death of Thomas Cummings, who was a member of the society, and who had been present at a recent demonstration. A resolution of sympathy to the relatives was passed by standing vote.

The programme included a demonstration in the basement on "Preparing Boxes for Seeding," conducted by William Harding, in which L. C. Young assisted; a talk by Mr. Young on Pruning Rose Bushes and Flowering Shrubs; a very splendid address by M. B. Davis, Dominion horticulturist on "Perennial Flowers," which was illustrated by colored slides and specimens; an address by R. P. Gorham, entomologist, on "Garden Pests," also illustrated with enlarged photographs. Because of the length of the meeting much of the business had to be curtailed and this was left to a meeting of the executive to be held later this week. At that time the matter of a flower emblem, a contest for members and a campaign for better backyard gardens will be discussed. Resolutions of thanks to the speakers and to C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Experimental Station, also Mr. Young were passed. About sixty were present at the meeting.

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

(Special to The Daily Mail from Our Own Correspondent)

MOOSE RIVER, N.S., April 21— Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia today gave out the following statement to The Daily Mail correspondent:

"In view of the great interest taken by the public in the mine disaster and the variety of reports which have been spread, it is in the interests of the public to give a true report of what is actually being done. The accident was caused by the collapse of the roof over one hundred and fifty foot area in the working entrance, twenty feet in subsidence, broken rock and timber filling in the shaft."

"The problem is to find the quickest means of rescue. There are several. None have the element of speed. The Department has been working in three places. The first method was to sink a shaft below the disturbed area, the second was to attempt an entrance by one or two of the old headways. The third way was by the use of a diamond drill by which the men were fed and kept in communication with the surface. The drill reached the men on Saturday night. Since then food and a one-way telephone communication has been set up."

"The work is being pushed on a shaft and old headway and the point has been reached on the mine's slope. But conditions are such that work on solid rock can only be done by two men at a time and the area at that point is about three feet by four feet, filled with rock and broken timber. The material is being relayed to the top by two barrel buckets. The shaft is being timbered every foot."

"Two days ago it was expected to reach the men, but unfortunately other falls have occurred. Now there is some twenty feet of material between the rescuers and the imprisoned men."

"The workmen have been the best"

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ILL WITH LA GRIPPE

Mrs. James Scully, who has been ill with la grippe for the past ten days is able to be up and around today her many friends will be glad to learn.

Trapped Men Shouting For Reassurance, Grow Weaker

Unequalled Courage on Part of the Men Working Frantically in the Moose River Mine Rescue Undertaking.

The most titanic undertaking in the mining history of Canada continues to hold the anxious attention of the citizens of Canada and the United States all day yesterday and through the evening late into the early hours of the morning the half hourly broadcast kept anxious listeners posted as to what was going on. Each moment the cheery word was looked for which, however, never came. The condition of the exhausted men and the hazard under which they were struggling, became a serious worry to those in charge.

Rescue workers were confident this morning of getting Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding out alive from the black pit where they had been trapped by a cave-in April 12 but fresh men were needed in a dangerous shaft through which they had been tunnelling for 24 hours.

Only experienced miners would be allowed to go below in that shaft. All the available men on the job had been laboring without rest since early Monday morning when word came up from the pit that the third man trapped by the cave-in, Herman R. Magill, had died.

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Dr. D. E. Robertson over a 100-foot telephone line from the pit where he and two other Toronto men had been entombed for a week.

One of the three trapped by a cave-in April 12, Herman R. Magill, was dead. Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax specialist, said he believed Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding could be kept alive for another 24 hours. Hopes of getting the two survivors out early this morning were pinned on the Stellarton Draegermen burrowing through a barrier of rock and earth from another shaft.

Their work might be finished in an hour and it might take three hours. Because they had no plan of the old mine they're uncertain about how far they had to go. The engineers estimated from 20 to 30 feet.

No Water Menace

The water was not believed to be a menace but the men below, in the (Continued on Page Four)