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FREDERICTON, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1936

Co-operatives and Credit Unions

The Minister of Agriculture yesterday introduced a Bill for the establishment of co-operative savings and credit unions in the province. These organizations already exist in Ontario and Nova Scotia. The purpose is to promote thrift and to create a source of credit among its members. By weekly or monthly contributions the members of such a union have been enabled to buy and sell quantitatively and to share in profits in many localities in our neighboring province of Nova Scotia, thus eliminating to a great extent depression. The Daily Mail sees much that is good in the proposed bill.

Town Planning Act

A new act respecting town planning considered by the House in committee yesterday was ordered reported as amended. This respected the Act of 1927. The new act has many good points. It makes provision for the conservation of the natural beauty of towns and cities and control all erections and zonings it adopted by such towns or cities. Lacking this wise provision the beauty of many a brilliant town or city has been marred by the putting up of ugly fences, unbecoming additions to erstwhile buildings of architectural beauty. Many a neighborhood feud has arisen through such things and has grown with generations, which would have been avoided if such legislation had existed.

Time and again complaints are heard on the part of useful citizens who are victimized by some disagreeable unsanitary public nuisance, the perpetrator a selfish, thoughtless individual who is on the make at the expense of his neighbor. This would not be possible with a Town Planning Act if adopted by the municipalities.

The section that makes provision for measures for the prevention of floods is full of meaning to those districts affected. The bill is worthy of hearty support.

Members Indemnities

We cannot agree with the views of one of our correspondents regarding the reduction of salaries paid to the members of the Provincial Cabinet and to the members of the Legislature.

The matter of the members indemnity was gone into by The Daily Mail a few days ago. We pointed out the amount of indemnity received by our legislators not only is intended to cover the seven weeks spent here during which time they worked day and night. It is also intended to cover the times during the year when they were obliged to leave their business and give their time attending to the various matters connected with the duties of their office. This includes, as we have previously pointed out, looking after our needs, including seeing that we have our roads and bridges attended to, listening to a hundred and one grievances, imaginary and otherwise, and forwarding the same to the various departments of the government. When a man does all these things and more and in addition neglects his personal business and pays even his legitimate election expenses, he earns all that he gets, and more, too. If the country wants good business men in the Legislature they should be willing to pay them. There is not a doubt that men could be secured who would be willing to go to the Legislature for a five hundred dollar indemnity, perhaps for less. But are those the kind of men our friends want? Experience has shown that cheap labor is oftentimes unsatisfactory. This applies to our legislators as well as to other lines. We have seen hundreds of men pass through our legislative halls. We have never seen a man who has made any money from being a member of the House. On the contrary, we know of a score or more of whom being in politics has made poor men. We could name several right in this County.

So far as the Cabinet Ministers go, we venture to say that there is not one of these men who would not be better off financially if he were to resign his position tomorrow and give his attention to his private business or profession as the case may be. There is not a member of the present Cabinet who is well enough paid for the sacrifice which he is making of his own private interests. As we stated only a few days ago, it is the hard luck of Premier Dymally and his Cabinet that the Province cannot afford to pay more. One Cabinet Minister said to the writer a few days ago: "If I had known as much a year ago as I do now I would have stuck to my business and kept out of the Cabinet. In addition to working like a slave and putting up with abuse from unsuccessful office seekers, I am seeing much of my business slip away because I am unable to devote my attention to it." Every one in Fredericton who has followed Hon. Premier Dymally and his Cabinet in their work during the last nine months will agree with this. We know one ex-Cabinet Minister who has never been able to pay off the mortgage which he put on his house when he went into politics. We know three ex-Cabinet Ministers who are head over heels in debt, and we know of a widow of one of the most brilliant lawyers which New Brunswick ever produced, who is today in almost needy circumstances. Her husband was a Cabinet Minister and held also the most important official positions in the gift of his native province.

There may be ways where money could be saved and we believe that the present Government is honestly striving to find the way. We do not believe that cheese-paring the members is one of the ways.

SNAPSHOTS

It is up to the public to get busy and see that the construction of the C.N.R. bridge is proceeded with at once. There is no excuse for dilly dallying in regard to this. When it is finished the road-bed should be in proper shape to convey grain and other products through Fredericton from the West to the sea at Saint John. Here is something for the new department of Federal Affairs to promote.

Some of the Aldermen are denying the fact that they are having secret meetings in the Mayor's office before the regular council meetings. This hole and corner stuff in private is dangerous business. This is what raised the devil in Moncton. Secret meetings whether rightly or wrongly intended breathe suspicion. If everything is "O.K." why hold secret meetings and keep out the press? Let the people in on the doings.

When the city council is called upon to pay for an accident on Queen Street some of these days, they will find that the small expense of widening of Queen Street at two hundred dollars would have been cheap, and yet every alderman at the board voted against the proposed improvement.

Some of the aldermen talked one way and voted another way.

Have the aldermen found out yet who is running the traffic—the Police Commission or the Council?

We need a Police Commission in Fredericton about as bad as a dog needs two tails.

On Thursday next, between twenty-five and thirty railway men, most of them married, and men who have helped to build up the town of Devon, will walk out of the C.N.R. jobs. Some of these men have worked thirty and forty years. What is the C.N.R. going to do about this? Where do these men fit? This will not relieve the unemployment situation very much.

There is some talk of temporary repair shops being erected at Queen's Square, so as to have repair work done for the Valley road. This would help some.

ENGLISH SOCCER FOR THE CAUSE

LONDON, April 20.—Grimsby Town, Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday turned in striking victories in English soccer today to improve their chances of escaping demotion to the second division. Grimsby trounced Derby County 4 to 1; Chelsea made it 5 to 2 over Preston North End, and the Wednesday blanked Stoke City, 3 to 0. Sunderland, undisputed champion, thrust aside Huddersfield Town, 4 to 3.

DROUTH, INSECTS PLAGUE ZULULAND

DURBAN, South Africa, April 21.—Drouth has been taking a grim toll in Zululand, according to reports received here.

Stock is dying, locusts are eating what green vegetation they can find and lack of good diet has caused an epidemic of skin diseases among the Zulu children. Large swarms of locusts have swept through the valley, leaving a trail of devastation. Acres and acres of trees that were green were in one night defoliated and many branches were broken by the weight of locusts.

The Mkuzi river is dry. Farmers have to dig into the sand in the hope of finding a little water for their stock; for in some cases the river is their only water supply. Stock is being sold at any price because the owners cannot feed or water the animals.

DIED

HIRE—Died at noon Monday, April 20, Mrs. Sophia J. Hire, widow of Captain John R. Hire, after short illness.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon with prayers at the home of Mrs. C. J. Grant, 271 Brunswick Street at two o'clock, conducted by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate and Rev. W. J. Bate. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery.

SLOAT—Died at his home at Keswick Ridge early today, Tuesday, April 21, following a short illness, Andrew D. Sloat, aged 73 years.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home, proceeding to the Macnaquac church for service by Rev. William Harper. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Macnaquac.

Trapped Men Shouting For Reassurance

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 opinion of doctors on the surface, were suffering from hallucination.

Talking too often for a man ordered to conserve his strength, Scadding was shouting wildly at times in his conversations with the men stationed at the surface end of the communication line.

Rock had to be broken by experienced miners and passed back to volunteers strung out through the dangerous passage to the surface. It was killing work.

"They tell me it is only a question of shearing down and making the passage way they cut perfectly safe," Mrs. Robertson said smilingly, earlier in the night.

The miners had been forced to dig around huge rocks and although they were burrowing fast their shaft in some places made it impossible to move a stretcher through.

Dr. McDonald, waiting at the surface, said he had "no real idea of the condition of the men." Dr. Robertson was believed to be suffering from a heavy cold, and Scadding was bothered by "trench feet."

Seeks Reassurance

Shouting up the 100-foot tube through which the men had been fed early Sunday morning, when rescue workers learned for the first time the three were still alive, Dr. Robertson said shortly after 9 o'clock the miners should use steel rods to pry at rocks so the noise would assure him of their whereabouts.

The answer from the surface was that the men were proceeding through loose ground and there was little chance of making loud noise with steel on the rock they encountered.

Eleven Stellarton Draegermen—trained to enter coal mines after explosions—were leading the rescue crews, assisted by 11 miners from Moose River, Carleton Place, Goldenville and Waverley, and three from Porcupine, Ont.

A fourth experienced miner from Porcupine, Hannigan, was assigned to duty over the communication hole made by a diamond drill.

At the face of tunnel only one miner could work at once, digging out rock and earth and passing it back to the others. After digging frantically for 15 minutes he was relieved by another man.

Unequaled Courage

Returning to the surface after watching the work below tonight, Hon. Michael Dwyer, minister of mines, declared he had never seen "anything in peace or war" to equal the courage of the Nova Scotia miners.

The minister added he had difficulty in keeping volunteers out of the pit. Every miner on the scene was not only willing but eager to go into the dangerous tunnel at the risk of his life.

A skilled Draegerman, sent to the surface at 9.45 A.S.T., said he had been told by Mine Engineer H. F. Gordon, in charge of the tunnelling to inform Charles Ivey, brother-in-law of Dr. Robertson, one of the entombed men, that they were only a few feet from them.

Mr. Gordon would not make any signal to attract the attention of Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding, he said, because any such signal might draw them to the dangerous spot in the mine; the spot the rescue workers were advancing over. So loose was the earth at the point the rescuers had reached that they were removing it in handfuls.

Fearful Air Current

From the diamond drill Dr. Robertson told listeners above a 9.45 that they could feel a current of air coming through which made them chilly. Charles Ivey and "Porcupine" Hannigan said it was a good sign Mine Manager F. H. Henderson said he could not accurately estimate the time. It might be a matter of minutes or hours but he was certain they were advancing.

The two living men, in all their conversations to the surface during the day have not mentioned the name of Herman Magill since they told the workers above early yesterday morning he was dead.

Three times last night, Dr. Robertson spoke through a telephone dropped down through the diamond drill hole. Wearing the earphones at the surface, Hannigan heard what he said and later told reporters as much of the conversation as he considered advisable.

Dr. Robertson each time asked how near the rescue workers were. Twice he asked for food but it was not sent down because to obtain it the weak men had to go through water and were in danger of pneumonia.

An appeal for six experienced miners, unmarried and willing to risk their lives, went out from Moose gold mine early this morning as weary volunteers attempting to free two entombed Toronto men collapsed from exhaustion.

The call for fresh, experienced miners was answered at the Goldenville mine where eight miners volunteered and left immediately for Moose River. They arrived quietly to the scene ready for the heroic work. Fresh from

their own mine, covered with black dust. The men so anxious to arrive on the scene had not taken time to wash. Here these brave volunteer rescuers were lying on the grass waiting for their turn to go down to the place of rescue work.

Hon. Mr. Dwyer Sends Statement of Actual Facts

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that Canada can provide. The work in the rescue on hard rock is by men from Ontario and some from Nova Scotia. The men are working very hard but they are just as keen now as they were nine days ago and they almost refuse to go off the shift.

"The conditions of those entombed must be serious. At the telephone communication they seemed to be bearing up. It is expected that unless unduly delayed that they will be rescued."

Entombed Men Refuse Food

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"I said 'in two or three days.' They said they would be dead by that time. I said we were trying another approach that might take five to ten hours."

"They said 'It has got to be in 10 hours.'"

"Then Scadding said, 'Is Mrs. Magill there?'"

"Yes." "Can I speak to her?"

"She is at the house."

"Tell her," said Scadding, "that her husband is dead."

"Then," said Dr. Ivey, "they asked for candles. We told them we were sending them down in the rods of the diamond drill and sent them down. They unloaded them and took them away. Then we got in conversation with them again. Henderson told them that if the water comes up, to get up high."

Mr. Ivey broke his statement to remark, "We cannot make out if the water is rising. We don't think it is. We think that in answering calls to the diamond drill tube to get food they have to get into water some way and get wet."

Credit Unions and Co-operatives For New Brunswick

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Mr. Taylor explained that similar legislation had been in effect in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, and several of the United States for some time.

The bill provides that the minister of agriculture or such other minister as may be designated by the governor-in-council will have the general administration of the proposed act and there will be appointed under it a registrar by the governor-in-council.

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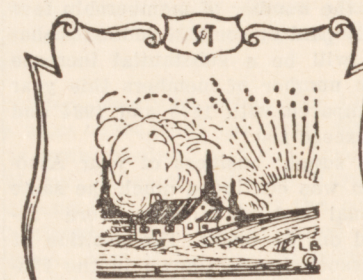
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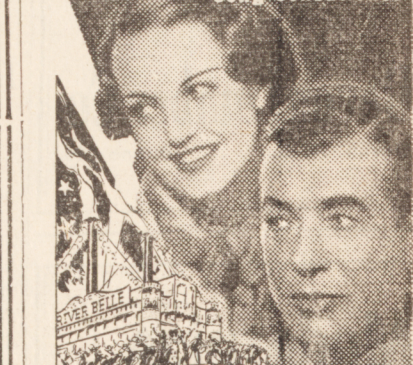
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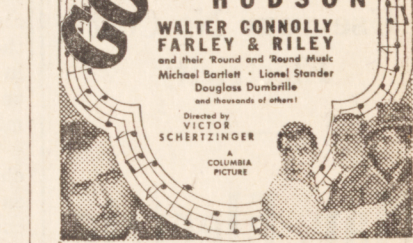
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