

# DR. ROBERTSON AND SCADDING BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE EARLY THIS MORNING BOTH WERE WELL AND IN GOOD SPIRITS

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Weather: Fair today and Friday;  
winds becoming lighter tomorrow

## Dr. Robertson Able to Crawl Part of Way

### Scadding in Worse Condition Brought Up on a Stretcher Fifteen Minutes Later-Both Men Immediately Placed in Ambulances.

MOOSE RIVER MINES, N.S., April 23—At one o'clock a.m. this morning the glad tidings were flashed to the world by the Canadian Radio Commission that the rescue of Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding had been accomplished. Both men had been brought to the surface, well and in good spirits and had been taken to the emergency hospital. From desolation and anguish the scene at the mine had been changed to rejoicing and contentment. The radio announcer stated words failed him to describe what had taken place there in the past ten days. No book ever written, no moving picture could be compared with what had been going on there during the work of rescue which he compared to stories of the Arabian Nights. Following the transferring of the two released men to the improvised hospital there was cheering and singing, this happiness being shared by listeners all over the continent.

#### Out of the Mine

At twelve thirty o'clock the word was flashed by the Canadian Radio Commission to the North American Continent that all doubt as to the rescue of the two entombed men in the Moose River Mine, N.S. was over. Their rescue then was a certainty. A few minutes later, word came that both men had been brought to the surface well and in good spirits. As Dr. Robertson was being carried out, he smiled to the miners and the announcer of the Canadian Radio Commission.

The courageous doctor was carried out of the mine shaft on a stretcher. As he passed the weary miners he waved to them and said:

"Thank you boys".

#### His First Words

The doctor's first words were "Good boys, where are you from?" They told him they were from Stellarton and Goldenville.

Jack Simpson and George Morrell, the two men who had advanced to the face but five minutes before, were the first men to break through.

The body of Herman Magill, the third man in the underground cavern, was lying about twenty feet away.

The Draegermen issuing from the mouth of the Reynolds shaft made no reference to him at first but reported that Dr. Robertson and Scadding kept their faces turned away from the spot where his body has been since he died.

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## FOOD IS ADMINISTERED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS

MOOSE RIVER HOSPITAL, April 23—After the Moose River Mine entombed men had been given first aid attention, food carefully administered and sedatives

### Thumbnail Sketches

ALDERMAN RALPH GUNTER  
M.P.P. for York

Alderman Herbert Ralph Gunter M.P.P. for York, was born at Nashwaak Village August 23, 1891. Early years spent on the Nashwaak and Boiestown, where his father was engaged in extensive lumbering operations. Moved to Fredericton when 12 years of age and after graduating from Fredericton High School, attended Acadia University and U.N.B.

Married Miss Gladys Richards of Edmundston in 1913. One son Richard, now attending aviation school. One of the original directors of Palmer-McLellan Shoe Pack Co. Ltd., and now engaged in extensive lumbering operations in the northern part of the province. Served overseas from 1915 to 1919. Has held high Masonic honors in all branches. Now Alderman of the city of Fredericton and Director of Fredericton Exhibition Ltd.

Ardent hunter and fisherman and has sporting camp at Ludlow on the Miramichi River.

Elected to the Legislature on June 27th last.

## THREE WOMEN AT THE PITHEAD

Three women waited at the pithead—wives for Dr. Robertson and Scadding—a widow for Magill.

Mrs. Scadding arrived at Moose River last night with the timekeeper's brother. Mrs. Robertson, cheerful and friendly in slouch hat and grench coat, has been at Moose River since last Wednesday night, much of the time out among the down-east miners who dropped their tools in coal-face (Continued on Page Four)

### MINERS ARE IMPROVING

Everett Betts and Walter Nightingale, both of Newcastle Bridge, victims of mining accidents at the Black Diamond mines there in recent weeks were reported to be making steady progress at the Victoria Hospital today.

## MOOSE RIVER MINE, N. S., RESCUE LOG

Sunday, April 12th.: Dr. D. E. Robertson, Herman R. Magill and Alfred Scadding, all of Toronto, trapped by rock slide at eleven p.m., while making inspection of 141-foot level of their newly-acquired gold mine at Moose River, N. S.

Monday, April 13th.: One hundred miners start rescue operations, but hampered by blockage of Archibald shaft. Smoke curling from crag indicates trapped men still alive. Rescuers try new shaft.

Tuesday, April 14th.: Rescue miners driven by cave-in from Meagher slope, one of two remaining passages to entombed trio. Hope of rescue wanes. Special train left Halifax with steam shovel, tractors and other equipment.

Wednesday, April 15th.: Diamond drill sent from New Glasgow mines by Nova Scotia government. Wives of Robertson and Magill arrive from Toronto and take up pithead vigil. Another cave-in re-fills Meagher shaft. Miners attempt to drive new passage.

Thursday, April 16th.: Diamond drill begins boring two-inch communication toward 141-foot level. First dynamite blast made on connecting shaft of new passage. Steam shovel advances over bogged roads from railway line, 25 miles away.

Friday, April 17th.: Four trained rescue workers arrive from South Porcupine, Ontario. Emergency hospital unit formed in Halifax; awaits orders. Diamond drilling reaches depth of sixty feet. Wives cheered by progress.

Saturday, April 18th.: Diamond drill penetrates to 141-foot level. Rescuers believe hear signals from imprisoned men. Six miners risk lives to explore abandoned Reynolds shaft but ordered back. Wives give up hope.

Sunday, April 19th.: Voices from mine depths reveal men still alive and disclose details of plight. Water threatens men.

Monday, April 20th.: Magill succumbs.

Tuesday, April 21: Frantic rescue continues.

Wednesday, April 22nd.: Dr. Robertson reports can last for forty-eight hours if necessary. Dawn passes with miners still progressing slowly. Dr. Robertson telephones he hears voices of rescue workers. At 9 a.m., A. S. T., after rescuers talk to the doctor, Joe Simpson, leader of the Stellarton Draeger crew, returned to the mine to make a last push. Belief expressed rescue might be effected by 11 a.m. but the hour passed. They said "It's only a matter of minutes". Slowly the drive towards the men continued (Continued on Page Four)

## They Are Rescued

A prayer of thanksgiving went up from thousands of hearts at the rescue of Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding, the two survivors of the Moose River mine cave-in of Easter Sunday afternoon. The joy expressed at the rescue of these two men, while it will be world-wide, will be tinged with regret due to the fact that while the two men were restored to their homes and their friends, the third man passed away before the rescue could be made, and after he had expressed the hope to his faithful wife that he would soon again be by her side.

The scene at the top of the shaft in the little backwoods region at Moose River at one o'clock this morning will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. After the two survivors had been carried to the surface the mud-stained miners, faces radiant in the flickering light of the small bulbs lifted their voices in a hymn of praise and the strains of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" floated across the midnight air. Following this hearty cheer after cheer were given by those hardy men, all of whom demonstrated their sublime faith in a Divine Power which had assisted them in their efforts to save their fellow men, and in their joy at the accomplishment.

"Bravely they fought and well" these hardy miners. Into the valley of death they plunged to save their fellow men while all the world wondered. Words fail to praise these brave men—their deed will go down in history as one of the brightest pages of man's devotion to his fellow man. Thank God there are such men and that Canada and the Maritimes are blessed with a share of such sturdy hearts.

To the men who directed the work, to the Minister of Mines and the Minister of Health for Nova Scotia, too much praise cannot be given. To the nurses medical corps as well as the representatives of the Salvation Army who rushed into the area, much appreciation is due. Also the R.C.M.P., who were on duty day and night.

The man who handled the Canadian radio stayed on the job night and day and flashed the news of the progress of the rescue to an anxious and waiting world. In many homes throughout Canada his half-hourly broadcasts were followed even far into the night and all night many people breathing a silent prayer from hour to hour.

It is all over. The strain is done and the rescue is accomplished. The world has been taught another lesson in Christian charity and a man's love for his fellow man, and it has been taught this lesson by the hardy miners of Nova Scotia and of Timmins, Ont. We all need such lessons on the brotherhood of man from time to time.

To Mrs. Magill, the grief-stricken widow in Toronto, the sympathy of all Canadians will go out. The other two men will be coming home. The lifeless remains of her husband, the only fatal victim of the Easter Sunday afternoon's walk and visit to the mines, is today being conveyed to her home for burial. Thank Divine Providence that it is all over and the earnest wish of all is that these two survivors will continue to improve in health.

## A CLOSE SEASON ON N. B. MOOSE EFFECTIVE JAN. '37

A closed season on moose will be come effective on January 1, 1937, Hon. P. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, informed the Legislature's committee of the whole House last night. The government are in favor of the close season, but they do not feel that it would be fair to the guides, who had spent considerable money on advertising at recent sportsmen's shows and had made bookings of non-resident sportsmen for the coming season without giving them notice beforehand. Hon. Mr. Pirie said that under the Game Act at present the government has the power to declare a close season by order-in-council. He said that nearly every branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association had requested a closed season as well as other individuals. The New Brunswick Guides had opposed it just as strongly. That the time had come when the province should preserve its moose resources was concurred in by Hon. Mr. Pirie and Hon. Mr. Squires, the Opposition leader.

Progress was reported on the bill under consideration to amend the Game Act. A closed season on rabbit or varying hare from the last day of February to September 15 in any year was provided for in the bill.

## DR. ROBERTSON APPEALED FOR DRUGS

Hon. Frank R. Davis, Nova Scotia minister of health, entered the dangerous rescue shaft with a hypodermic (Continued on Page Four)

## Both of the Moose River Mine Patients Are Doing Well Today

### Dr. D. E. Robertson

Dr. David Edwin Robertson, rescued from the Moose River gold mine early today, achieved a wide reputation as a skilled surgeon through his work as surgeon-in-chief of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Recently it was calculated he had performed more than 20,000 operations on public ward patients alone in his 30 years of practice.

### Herman R. Magill

Herman R. Magill was born near Dundas, Ontario, 30 years ago and after (Continued on Page Five)

## New Brunswick and Our Problems Are Able Presented

### Confederation Promises Have Been Violated and Sacrificed to Central and Western Canada

#### Time for Action

### Hon. A. P. Paterson in Legislature Shows Where We Stand in the Scheme of Things



HON. A. P. PATERSON  
Minister Designate of Federal  
Affairs who spoke in the Legis-  
lature Yesterday Afternoon

## MOST DRAMATIC SIGHT THAT WAS EVER WITNESSED

At two o'clock the final message from over the Canadian Radio Commission came through C. F. N. B. The announcer from Moose River Mine, N. S. stated they were dead tired after the most dramatic sight they would ever again witness. The rejoicing however was not unalloyed, the sadness of the sight of the stretcher bearing the body covered with blankets of the dead man who could not survive the privations and the cold. The miners and all those who had so nobly worked would return to their homes with feelings mingled with joy and sorrow.

It Pays to Advertise in The Daily Mail.

The New Brunswick Legislature is unanimous in asking that the promises made to this province at Confederation be carried out. The approval of New Brunswick's constitutional stand regarding the amendment to the British North American Act was voiced in a resolution which passed the House yesterday afternoon. The resolution was introduced by Hon. Premier Dymally and was seconded by Hon. A. Paterson in one of the ablest addresses delivered in the Legislature in recent years.

Hon. Mr. Paterson traced the history of the Confederation and of the promises made to the Maritimes in order to induce this province and the others to enter the Dominion.

He then showed how we down here by the Sea were being discriminated against; in almost every way in favor of the big interests in Montreal and in the upper provinces and the West. How our business interests and other interests are being sacrificed upon the altar of Central Canada and that the railway rates, etc. were made in such a way as to shut out the people down here by the sea, was dwelt upon.

The address which is interesting from start to finish is published elsewhere in this edition of The Daily Mail and should be read carefully by all who are interested in New Brunswick and its railway and other problems.

The resolution is as follows: "On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Paterson,

"Resolved, that this House approve the stand taken by the Government with respect to certain proposals recently made to give to the Parliament of Canada the power to amend The British North America Act.

"Further resolved, that in the opinion of this House adequate measures should be taken to secure from the Government and Parliament of Canada the due fulfillment of the agreements under which New Brunswick entered Confederation.

"Further resolved, That the Government be empowered to take all necessary measures to effect this end."

"The speech is on page Two of this issue).

### C. Alfred Scadding

Charles Alfred Scadding, 44, became associated with the Moose River mine through his close friendship with Herman Magill, who died in the mine early Monday morning.

Scadding went to Nova Scotia from Toronto as a timekeeper in January. His wife stayed at her mother's home near Barrie, Ontario, to care for their eight-month-old child.

His mother was seriously ill at the time of the cave-in and she was not told of her son's plight until it became known Sunday morning he was still alive.

## Word This Afternoon is That They are Comfortable and Able to Con- verse Freely—To Hal- ifax Later En Route Home.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MOOSE RIVER, April 23—Up to two o'clock this afternoon Dr. Robertson or Mr. Scadding had no story to tell regarding the particulars of the Moose River mine accident. Both men are however, (Continued on Page Five)