

RISING WATER THREATENS LIVES OF MEN "WE CAN'T LIVE MORE THAN FIVE OR TEN HOURS" SAYS SCADDING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Corporations Tax Act Will Provide More Prov. Funds

Expected to Yield an Additional \$100,000 During
Present Year

Retroactive to January 1 Last

This Extra Tax Cannot Be Passed on From the
Corporations to the Consumer

Carrying out the suggestion of Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer that the government would explore new sources of taxation a bill was introduced into the Legislature on Saturday afternoon to amend the Corporations Act. The government-in-council will decide the rate of taxation to be levied.

The gross sales of merchandising businesses and the gross receipts of amusement businesses established in the province and conducted by corporations, the majority of whose stock is held outside the province, or as branches of extra-provincial businesses, now will be subject to taxation, under provisions of the bill.

Collection of any part of these new taxes from customers will be prohibited under penalty. At present the tax on such extra-provincial corporations under the act is only on their capital invested in the province, the rate being one percent and the tax not to exceed \$400.

In addition, similarly constituted companies or branches engaged within the province in the construction of public or private works, other than those for the Dominion government or any of its departments and for the Canadian National Railways, will pay a tax on the amount of their gross income or receipts. In this connection every provincial or municipal branch or department and every company, corporation, or person from whom money may become due to any such firm or branch, will be required to deduct from such money the amount of the tax and remit it to the provincial treasurer. This will relieve the general taxpayer of the burden, which is heavy enough now.

Banks, Loan Companies
Banks and loan or trust companies, the latter carrying on business in the province and receiving deposits, or doing business of savings banks, will be liable to pay as a tax a certain percentage of the amount of the excess of the average monthly amount of deposits over the average monthly amount of loans, including treasury bills for advances to the province but excluding investments in bonds, debentures and like securities, for the preceding calendar year. In the case of banks this percentage is not to exceed one-half of one per cent of the amount of such excess.

The proposed new provisions with respect to insurance companies, banks, loan or trust companies and finance corporations will be made retroactive to become effective from January 1 last. Statements required under the new provisions respecting loan and trust companies and finance corporations are to be filed for the year 1935, within one month of the passing of the bill.

To Yield \$100,000

The new sources of taxation provided for will bring \$100,000 to the provincial treasury for the year ending October 31st, next, according to the estimates for the present year, which included this amount opposite an item labelled "miscellaneous" under the taxes expected from incorporated companies.

Present Provisions

Under the Corporations Tax Act, as it stands at present, specific reference with respect to taxes is made to insurance companies, banks, trust, loan or building companies, telegraph companies, express companies, telephone companies and street railway companies, but the only provision for taxation upon other extra-provincial corporations their branches is that "every extra-provincial corporation carrying on business within the province, for the taxation of which provision has not heretofore been made, shall pay a tax of one per centum of the capital of the new company invested or used in the province, provided that such tax shall not be less than \$100, nor more than \$400," and that "every partnership, firm, association or person carrying on an established business within the province as a branch or part of an established business carried on by such partnership, firm, association or person without the province shall pay an annual tax to be fixed by the governor-in-council, which shall not in any case exceed the sum payable by extra-provincial corporations."

The proposed new section with respect to merchandising, amusement and construction companies follows: "(1) Every company or corporation, the majority of whose stock issued and outstanding is owned or held either directly or indirectly, by companies, corporations, or persons in the province, shall pay a tax of one per centum of the amount of such excess."

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MAN WAS KILLED BY MOTOR VEHICLE

MONCTON, April 20—A verdict that Cosme LeBlanc, 78-year-old resident of Leger Corner, came to his death by being struck by a car or truck driven by a person unknown was rendered here Saturday afternoon by a coroner's jury, following the evidence of nine witnesses.

LeBlanc was found dead in a ditch a short distance from his boarding house at Leger Corner, early Friday morning by Aubin Melanson, foundry worker of Fox Creek, who was walking along the main highway to Moncton.

R.C.M.P. have been making a sweeping investigation. They have examined hundreds of automobiles and trucks and have questioned many individuals, they have not yet been successful in running down the person or persons

responsible for the death of the man. LeBlanc was last seen alive at 8 o'clock Thursday night after he left the store of J. O. Gaudet, en route to his boarding house. He had apparently been struck early Thursday evening and remained lying in the ditch until found Friday morning.

Dr. H. Paul Melanson, who conducted a post mortem inquest, revealed at the inquest, conducted by Dr. R. J. Caldwell, that the man had been struck by an apparent blunt instrument and that he had suffered a fractured skull, the blow having been sufficient to have caused instant death. He also stated that there was no water in his lungs, indicating that despite the fact that he was found with his face in about two inches of water in the ditch, he had not breathed after being struck.

Mr. Doucet's Telegrams

Following the exclusive announcement from Ottawa to The Daily Mail that Hon. P. J. Veniot, former premier of New Brunswick was to be chairman of a newly formed commission and that J. Andre Doucet, M. P. for Gloucester, was liable to be candidate in that constituency there was considerable activity at the legislature on Saturday afternoon.

Starting about two o'clock a telegraph messenger and pages at the legislature were kept busy delivering telegrams to Mr. Doucet. The first telegram to arrive was one which came collect and for which he paid sixty-five cents, and for which he had to change a twenty dollar bill. This telegram stated that Prime Minister Mackenzie King was waiting at Ottawa for the arrival of Mr. Doucet and all important legislation was being held up until such time as Mr. Doucet got there. Another telegram supposedly from another crown minister at Ottawa suggested that Mr. Doucet get away as quickly as possible from the boys of the New Brunswick Legislature and associate himself with real men in the federal arena. A third telegram suggested that Mr. Doucet might bring his own booze to Ottawa and at the same time secure congenial apartments for himself and the booze with the member for York and Sunbury.

Another telegram stated that Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett would welcome Mr. Doucet as a fellow New Brunswicker and would give him any tips possible on how to successfully lead a party to victory. The next telegram to come was one in Latin. It was from a high church dignitary and imparted a paternal blessing to Mr. Doucet. This was followed by another telegram in French, supposedly from a leading Irish church dignitary in the southern part of the province.

Before the telegrams ceased to pour in, Mr. Doucet, who suspected the joke after he had paid out the first sixty-five cents, discovered that these wires which were supposed to have the signatures of prominent leaders of church and state all over the dominion, was a joke put up by some of his fellow members. The laugh was on Brother Doucet and the last we heard of it he was coughing up the treats for the bunch.

This session of the Legislature seems to be productive of many practical jokes. Last week it was "Ned" McDonald and the pipes (not the bagpipes). This week it is Mr. Doucet and the "telegrams". It is doubtful that, if for years, there has been such a camaraderie among the members on both sides of the House as there is at the present time. They are a good bunch from the cabinet members down and have, during the session, proved themselves very popular both in the House and out of it. At the same time they have covered a vast amount of work. One of the most prominent workers both in the House and on the committees is Mr. Doucet. If he should take a notion to contest Gloucester and be elected the New Brunswick Legislature would lose a good man and it will be an added strength to the already fine body from New Brunswick in the Dominion House.

Major Lawson, M.C., B.A., B.C.L., M.P.P.

Major W. A. Lawson, M.P.P. for Sunbury, was born at Norton Station, Kings county, N. B. is a son of the late Dr. John J. Lawson, physician, and of the late Annie C. (Upham) Lawson. Mr. Lawson was educated at the North Head, Grand Manan, Superior School, the Provincial Normal School, and Business College. He later was graduated in Arts from Acadia University. Major Lawson served overseas and had a good war record. Was wounded at Paschen-daele on Nov. 17, 1917. He was awarded the Military Cross. He was later director of Vocational training for "K" unit. Following this he attended King's College Law School from which he received the B.C.L. degree in 1922. He was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar. He practices at Minto.

Major Lawson served in the County Council from 1927 to 1935. He was elected to the Legislature in June last and is one of the most active as well as one of the most popular men in the House.

In 1925 Major Lawson married Miss Mary J. Kearney. He has three sons and one daughter. Major Lawson is president of the N. B. Command of the British Empire Service League. He is commanding officer of "B" Company, York Regiment, which he joined in 1906. He is a member of the United Empire Loyalist Society and J. W. of the Grand Lake Lodge F. & A. M., and is a member of the Church of England.

Mr. LeBlanc's Birthday; He is 46 Years Old

This is Mr. LeBlanc's birthday. He is 46 years old today. Philbert LeBlanc, M.P.P., born at Carleton, Bonaventure County in the province of Quebec, April 20 in the year 1890. Son of William LeBlanc and Marianne Paradiac. Came to reside at Maple Green, Restigouche County, N.B., in 1902. In 1917 married Evelina Bourg of Carleton, P.Q. Seven children born, of whom five are living. They are Hector, Leopold, Edmond, Isabelle and Rita. Has devoted himself to agriculture and especially farming. Has been during ten years councillor of the parish of Dalhousie and two years Warden of Restigouche County. Very fond of fishing and hunting and all outdoor sports in general.

Mr. LeBlanc elected member of provincial parliament at elections of June 27, 1935. Now resides in Campbellton, N. B.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

William S. Hoar, of Moncton, a former Beaverbrook scholar at the University of New Brunswick, has, according to word received here, received a permanent appointment as assistant in histology and embryology at the Boston School of Medicine, Boston. Mr. Hoar will take over his duties in the fall. Mr. Hoar is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoar, of Salisbury Road, Moncton, and at present is attending the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., where he will receive his master of arts degree this spring. He graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1934. He was a Beaverbrook scholar in 1930.

T. H. WHALEN MAYOR, SUCCEEDS J. W. MALONEY

New Mayor for Town of
Newcastle is
Elected

NEWCASTLE N. B., April 20—T. H. Whalen is the new mayor of Newcastle succeeding J. W. Maloney who did not seek re-election on account of pressure of private business. There will be no election for aldermen either as only the required number filed nomination papers therefore being elected by acclamation together with the mayor. The new aldermen will be W. D. Anderson, Byron Tozer, C. P. Stothart and W. L. Durick.

Mayor Whalen is a prominent barrister of the town. He is the clerk of the peace and clerk of the circuit court, and sat in the council board last year. W. D. Anderson and C. P. Stothart were members of last year's council. W. L. Durick has been mayor and sat at the council board for many years. Mr. Tozer is a newcomer.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL LATE THOS. CUMMINGS

A large number of sympathizing friends including many officials of the Dominion Experimental Station, were present this afternoon at the funeral of the late Thomas Cummings veteran head gardener, who died suddenly on Saturday morning. The funeral service was held at 2:30 o'clock at the late home and was conducted by Rev. George Telford, assisted by Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate. The pall bearers were J. M. F. MacKenzie, Hon. Judge Slipp, Henry Harding, L. C. Young, and Harry C. Moore. The chief mourners were as follows: Dr. L. L. Kirkpatrick, Ernest Blizard, Donald L. Morrell, Arthur R. Alexander, Lloyd Ingraham, Bruce McDonald, L. Howett, D. J. MacLeod David Rankine, Douglas Rankine, Leonard Rankine, George Brody, Kenneth MacLeod, Walter Ricketson, Thomas Hetherington, William Beveridge, William Wheel, John Robinson, Edward Logan, W. C. Bourne, Reginald Gilbert, E. M. Taylor, Earl Hickson, John Neill, J.H. McMurray, members of the St. Andrew's Society. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The hymns "Unto the Hills" and "Crossing the Bar" were sung by a selected choir. Interment was made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Magill Dies in Mine After Talking With His Wife

Rising Water Now Threatens Two Men Remaining
Alive

Food and Comforts Sent Down

Three Entombed Men Speak With Their Families
and Rescuers

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 19—After talking with his wife and rescuers through the 100 foot pipe line which had been conveying food to the men trapped in the Moose River mine, a cry from the depths of the gold mine early yesterday informed rescue workers that H. R. Magill, one of three men who had been entombed after a week, was dead.

The voice of Alfred Scadding, carried to the surface by a 100-foot pipe line through which the three had just been fed, told the sad news.

Considered dead Saturday night by 150 rescue workers and two grief-stricken women dressed in black, Dr. Robertson, Magill and A. Scadding early Sunday sent shouts of joy up a pipeline dropped to the 141-foot level after a diamond drill had completed its work.

As much a physician in the underground passage as he had been for years in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Robertson immediately advised the surface men regarding the requirements of his patients below.

Medicine to counteract acidosis in men suffering from prolonged hunger and thirst, liquid food, a vial of saccharine and candles were requested "as soon as you can get them down."

Before the materials had been lowered and taken away, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Magill, who had been watching unsuccessful attempts to get into the mine for several days, had a chance to talk to their husbands.

Kneeling on coats laid in the mud by workmen, they heard from the depths below that the three were "all right," and for themselves and Mrs. Scadding—too ill to come to Moose River from Toronto—they shouted "love" and "keep up your courage."

Weeping with relief the two women turned to steady support nearby. "Oh, men, you are wonderful!" exclaimed Mrs. Robertson.

The Three Toronto men entombed

in the Moose River gold mine sent an emergency signal to the surface early yesterday to say flood waters were rising rapidly and they had only ten hours to live unless they were rescued.

Harassed volunteers who had been planning to proceed safely to the 141-foot level over a period of two or three days, while feeding the prisoners through a pipe-line, stood aghast as the word came up shortly after 2 o'clock that a new danger was threatening.

Premier Angus Macdonald shouted through a 100-foot pipeline to three Toronto men who have been entombed in the Moose River gold mine for a week.

"Did you get the soup?" he yelled, after a rubber tube had been dropped through to feed Dr. D. E. Robertson, Herman R. Magill and Alfred Scadding while 150 rescue workers were attempting to break through walls of rock caused by a cave-in.

"Yes," came a joyous voice from below.

When the conversation had been concluded, operations continued with fresh vigor and plans were being prepared for a larger bore that would obviate all doubts about communication and go through to the dry cavern where the men had lived in darkness since last Sunday without food or water.

Meanwhile all rescue workers had been warned out of the old Reynolds shaft which had been penetrated for a depth of 85 feet, but was unsafe because of falling stone from unproped walls.

Work on a vertical shaft direct from the surface was down 35 feet and had 25 feet more to go before striking the slope leading to the men. "With good luck and hard work I'm afraid it looks like at least three

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At Eleven O'clock Today Hope Was Fading Fast

Scadding Sends Out
Word "We Can't Live
More Than Five or Ten
Hours" — At Noon Today
Two or Three
Hours Were Considered
the Limit.

A special despatch at two o'clock this afternoon states message from one of the workers says "We can't live more than five to ten hours." The word is as follows:

(Special To The Daily Mail)

MOOSE RIVER, 1:50 p.m., April 20—The last report from the undersur-face report which came to mine manager Philip Henderson, a veteran of fifty years of mining was from Scadding in which he said "God, we can't live more than five to ten hours. The water is rising in the mine." This terrifying message which came with hol-

low sound from the diamond drill shaft to the 150 foot level presaged almost certain death for the two remaining survivors. But the Stellarton miners, digging an average of ten feet an hour are expected to reach the 141 foot level within three hours, and prayers have been sent up by those on the surface who are watching all details of the rescue.

With one of the Toronto mining experts dead, Herman Magill, who died during the night after he had developed pneumonia, two others are facing hell in the caved in mine at Moose River mines today. The last report sent out from the mine by Dr. Robertson to those on the surface was "the water is rising up the 141 foot level. We can hold out only a few hours." This was before dawn today but at 11 a.m. reports were received from Alfred Scadding which were clearly recognizable and carried a message that the water was not as bad as at first thought. Scadding reported ear-

lier that the diamond drill "life line" shaft, at the Magill gold mine had failed, but by herculean efforts of the Stellarton miners it was later regained.

The loss of Magill has prostrated his widow who has maintained many sleepless hours of vigil but all in vain. Mrs. Robertson who is also at the mine mouth is maintaining wonderful courage but as it was noised around at noon today that unless the two remaining miners were brought to the surface within two or three hours they would be found dead, she showed visible signs of weakening and was attended by physicians.

All roads to the mines have been closed to shut out the many curious who are flocking to the scene. Only medical and newspaper services are now allowed to enter the district.

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