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Weather: Fair and cool today and on Tuesday; southwest winds.

CANADA IS ON THE VERGE OF PRODUCING NATIONAL DRAMA SAYS GOOD AUTHORITY

Canadian Play Wins Bessborough National Prize

Festival Adjudicator Announces Winners Saturday Night

First Time in History of Can. Drama

Canadian National Theatre is Now Being Considered

The closing of the Dominion Drama Festival on Saturday drew from Granville-Barker, an acknowledged authority on all that pertains to the stage and present, the declaration that Canada is on the verge of producing a national drama. In his few words of farewell before he relinquished the post of festival adjudicator, he expressed surprise and gratification which the presentations here had occasioned him.

"I had no hope when I came across here that I would find such a high quality of production as you have shown me," he said. "I am sure you have in Canada the making of a Canadian drama, all embracing."

From the stage, before Mr. Granville-Barker made his final adjudication last night, the prime minister again mentioned the possibility of a national theatre. He referred to the high quality of plays he had seen and desirability of encouraging such entertainment. There were strong arguments for a national theatre, said Mr. King. "A year ago I suggested the government should consider constructing of a building which would provide accommodation for a national theatre," he continued. "I still hold that view."

The prime minister added public opinion must support such a project before a government would be justified in carrying it out.

On behalf of the regional committees and the players, Mr. King presented to Col. H. C. Osborne, honorary director of the festival, since its inception, a beautiful silver case with their "gratitude and affection."

For the first time in the history of the Dominion Drama Festival, a play by a Canadian has won the coveted Bessborough trophy, highest award of the nation-wide competition.

An audience which last night jammed The Little Theatre here and waited on tenterhooks for the announcement, heard Harley Granville-Barker, festival adjudicator, award the supreme prize to the London Drama League for its presentation of "Twenty-Five Cents by W. Eric Harris."

Applause greeted the announcement. The play, one of the four Canadian entries, had been given only a short time before. It was a final night presentation, a sombre, pathetic exposition of the hardening, degrading re-

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B. C. MINISTER ASKS PROTECTION FOR CANADA'S CREDIT STRUCTURE

VICTORIA, April 27—Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, yesterday urged that the credit structure of the Dominion be protected.

"I do not think any province should be allowed to default," the Finance Minister said.

"On May 7 Saskatchewan must meet a \$2,000,000 maturity for which it is seeking Federal assistance. If the Dominion Government finds it has not the authority to pay Saskatchewan directly, I hope it will co-operate with

the province's bankers to see that the May 1 maturity is taken care of and the obligation met without question.

"It would also strengthen the credit of the whole country," he added, "if the Dominion government would purchase the entire \$2,000,000 bond issue on which Alberta defaulted on April 1. The Dominion could then endeavor to make an arrangement with Premier Aberhart by which the Dominion Treasury would be reimbursed."

PART PLAYED BY HEALTH MINISTER IN MINE RESCUE

Men Warmed With Hot Water Bottles and Stimulants

HALIFAX, N. S., April 27—The story of the part played by Hon. Dr. H. R. Davis, minister of health for Nova Scotia in the rescue of Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding has been released. Both men were given stimulants warmed with hot water bottles.

"Neither man needed a hypodermic needle," youthful Dr. Davis said. "Dr. Robertson had asked that Scadding be treated because he was suffering great pain from trench feet." But when the health minister, risking his life, squirmed through the last narrow hole to reach the trapped men Scadding only needed stimulants.

It was prearranged that Dr. Davis should go down into the crumbling, creaking ohle in the ground to prepare the men for the perilous journey to the surface. He volunteered his services.

Start For Face

In the afternoon when word came up the telephone line that the Draegermen had broken through, iron-fisted Irishman "Mike" Dwyer, minister of mines, and Dr. Davis started for the face.

It was then that the health minister realized after crawling and squeezing his way underground, just how great was his responsibility in bringing two men, dangerously ill from starvation and exposure, back through that narrow, twisting way.

At the face they found mammoth obstacles. The two Toronto men had not actually been reached. One slim Draegerman volunteered to squeeze through. But the holes would have to be widened. There was barely enough room in places for one miner to navigate on his stomach.

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BILL HANNIGAN REFUSED \$1,000
Bill Hannigan, head of the rescue party of the Moose River mine, gave the news to the press simultaneously. He refused an offer of \$1,000 for an exclusive story for a Toronto paper.

Welcome the Tourist

The tourist season, April cold and damp aloofness to the contrary, is rapidly approaching, and the whole Dominion, judging from the attention being paid to the fact in the outside press, is acutely aware of it. The tourist traffic has earned a new place of respect in this country and if the plans for the present season are successful that respect will not have been overemphasized. The reason is not difficult to find.

Last year foreign visitors to Canada spent an estimated \$201,000,000, or something like \$71,000,000 more than the sum estimated for the previous year. Tourists from the United States are credited with 93 per cent of this, which means that overseas visitors accounted for hardly more than \$10,000,000. Against this is placed the \$91,000,000 Canadians are believed to have spent in travel outside the Dominion, a figure \$30,000,000 in excess of the estimate for 1934.

From those figures, inaccurate as they may be in the actual amounts, it is clear that Canada has a fair balance of trade in the tourist business. But it is not nearly as large as it might be, for the simple fact that Canada has not yet begun to explore her resources, her scenic and historic possessions, to capture the tourist trade. For some months now the Canadian Travel Bureau, which deserves great credit for the work already done, has been literally making the world Canada-conscious. First signs of results are had from the requests for information that have poured in at "five times the rate" they did up to the same period a year ago.

This is good. It is to be hoped it will continue. In order that it should, the various Provinces and municipalities must exert some effort on their own behalf and see to it that the tourists that do come will leave potential publicity agents.

At a meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade held a few nights ago, D. W. Griffiths, the director of our Provincial Tourist Bureau, stressed the importance of courtesy in dealing with the tourists. He stated that if visitors were treated in a courteous manner they would come again, and recommend their friends to come also. If they were not used right, they would stay away and pass the word along to their friends, and this would do more harm than all the tourist boosting which we can send out.

Another thing which we have already impressed upon the small rural hotels and the tourist cabins along the way. That is to give the tourists as far as possible meals made up of local products, maple syrup, pancakes, berries, fiddle heads, and many other things. These visitors like to eat our local products rather than the meals which they can get any day at home. Then don't give them some bread pudding and salad and say "we are so far from town we cannot get anything else," and charge them seventy-five cents for the meal, as was put over on the writer in King's County last summer. Use the tourists right and don't soak them and they will come again.

To our credit be it said New Brunswick has a record of being courteous to the tourists.

NECESSITY THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

Whistle Attached to an Insert, Compressed Air Blown Down the Shaft Into the Whistle

HALIFAX, N. S., April 27—Undoubtedly the safety first man from Ontario given orders at the surface, is a marvel. He was asking questions that could only be answered by "Yes, Yes" or a long drawn out "No." There was established a one way telephone. The entombed men could talk up by telephone but the men on the surface could only answer "yes" or "no." Dr. Robertson arranged his questions most intelligently, according to Hannigan and Charley Ivey, the doctor's brother-in-law. And although suffering in mind and body, was consistently gentlemanly and courteous. While we were there he would sign off his conversation each time with a kindly "good-bye" or a "thank you." As for Mrs. Robertson she appeared as a brick. Walking around among the people she would smile and converse with those nearby, but never give any indication of the feelings that must have been tearing her soul. And her husband would every now and then make inquiries about his wife.

For instance the diamond drill shaft has repeatedly been reported as being of five inch bore. It is not. The drill was only an inch and a half in diameter. By the way I held in my hand the tip of the drill, the part with the diamonds in, and was told the little bit of metal with its "black spots" (the diamonds), was worth \$1,500. I held at the same time the top of a three inch diamond drill and this tip was valued at \$3,000. Holding in one's hands \$4,500 worth of precious materials at one time was a sensation.

But the sensation was nothing like standing at the top of the whole made by that diamond drill and listening to the entombed men holding conversation with the men on the surface. Dr. Robertson, stated Bill Hannigan,

VIOLATING THE SANCTITY OF THE OATH DISCUSSED

Clergymen and Others Think Our Income Returns Should Not Be Sworn To

Not Done in Dominion

Too Many Affidavits Breed Perjury and Contempt for Solemn Oath

"Why is an oath required from those sending in statements as to their incomes and taxable property, when a statement would be just as good, providing there are penalties for wrong information? The Dominion income tax department does not require such an oath and it is said that in many cases the returns received to the Dominion are more accurate than those to the city."

This is the idea of a well known city clergyman speaking to The Daily Mail this morning, and he is right.

As the Maritime Broadcaster pointed out a few days ago "too many affidavits breed perjury and a contempt for the sanctity of the oath. A short time ago Rev. Father L. J. Keats of St. Peter's, C. B., addressing a meeting of the Holy Name Society at that place expressed the same opinion. Father Keats was making particular reference to relief documents, but he also said there were too many oaths required in those days and eventually a disregard for a solemn oath would be set up.

The remarks of Father Keats will find much support in many quarters. In these modern times people are required to swear on the most trivial occasion and no doubt just as good results would be obtained without the oath.

According to British ideals a person is innocent until proven guilty and a person's word should be taken generally so long as he has not been found to be giving wrong information. There is a certain amount of honor among human beings and the

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New C. N. R. Bridge Will be Built At Early Date

W. G. Clark, M.P., is Active in Matter—Interviewed Railway Authorities Saturday

Preliminary Work Will Take Time

Encouraging Word Came to Alderman R. T. Forbes Today

GORDON SHARP MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPES DEATH

Car Collided With Train at Regent Street Crossing

Gordon Sharp, of this city, narrowly escaped death early Saturday evening, when the automobile which he was driving collided with the C.P.R. passenger train at the Regent street crossing on Saturday evening. Mr. Sharp was thrown a distance of about twenty five feet and his escape from death or serious injury was indeed a miraculous one.

Mr. Sharp was picked up by a passing car and conveyed to the Victoria Hospital for treatment. Later he was removed to his home on Albert street and today was none the worse of his accident, save for the shock of the accident.

Cut His Wheel Hard

The impact of the train against the car, completely demolished the latter. The Fredericton man was able to describe how the accident happened, at his home. He said when he saw the train coming he slammed on his brakes and cut his steering wheel hard to the right, the same direction the train was coming. He said he

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Communications received today by Ald. Ray. T. Forbes, chairman of the industrial committee of the city council, from W. G. Clark, M. P., conveys encouraging information regarding the erection of the C. N. R. bridge. Mr. Clark states that the Minister of Railways, Hon. C. D. Howe, reiterated the statement that the bridge will be built. As the construction of the bridge is in the hands of the railway, Mr. Clark went to Montreal and interviewed Mr. Hungerford, president of the road. Mr. Hungerford stated to Mr. Clark on Saturday last that the railway was making investigation and it was necessary to have soundings at all the piers before coming to a final decision as to the location, etc.

But it is stated that the probabilities are that the erection of the new bridge will be on the same site as was the one carried away a few weeks ago. Mr. Hungerford stated also that it will be some weeks before their preliminary work is completed. This requires a vast amount of work in order that satisfactory information may be obtained.

U. N. B. ELECTIONS

At the meeting of the University of New Brunswick Athletic Association today the election of a number of officials for the next college year was made. Samuel Davis of Saint John was elected hockey manager; Henry Martin of Lake Megantic, Quebec, was named assistant manager. Frank Gordon of Victoria Mills was elected boxing manager, and Robert Keswick of Hartland was named track manager.

Story Dr. Robertson's Experiences To be Given to Red Cross

NAZIS SEND HITLER GIFTS BY CARLOAD

Presents of Food, Clothing and Musical Instruments Mark Chancellor's Birthday.

BERLIN, Germany, April 27—Reichsfuehrer Hitler, an expert judge of German psychology, offered his loyal people a royal birthday gift Monday—a spectacular military display such as Berlin has not seen since the days of the Great War.

Der Fuehrer did not spare himself. The day began for him a few minutes after midnight when he showed himself in a focus of searchlights on the balcony of the Chancellery in response to crowds below who invaded Berlin in droves, all anxious to be among the first to sign the birthday register.

In the parade Hitler stood in a

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Proceeds to Raise Funds For Scadding and Future Mine Disasters.

HALIFAX, April 26—The life-drama of Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding—the two Toronto men who saw a companion die during their 10 days' imprisonment in a dark, dank underground vault of the Moose River gold mine—will be released to the world by the Red Cross Society of Canada.

While the famous physician and his timekeeper-friend were making rapid strides towards recovery in a Halifax hospital where they were brought by plane, Dr. Robertson issued a statement that the experience of the two men would be prepared as soon as medical authorities permit.

Another statement issued Saturday that of Nova Scotia's minister of health, Dr. F. R. Davis, revealed that part of the story from early Thursday morning when daredevil Draegermen broke through to the 141-foot level where Dr. Robertson and Scadding waited with the body of their friend, Herman R. Magill until the two living men were taken to an emergency hospital at the surface.

"They were willing to go through anything to reach the surface," Dr. Davis said. But the tunnel was so narrow and low in some places it was difficult for even one man to squeeze through. But after the two men had received stimulants and been warmed with hot water bottles, Dr. Robertson said they were ready.

He scoffed at an offer of a husky Draegerman to carry him, saying his 86 year old mother "is able to get around without any help, and why shouldn't I?"

Scadding, however, was suffering from "trench feet" and James Rush-ton, a Springfield miner, took him on his back. An improvised harness had to be used to slide the Toronto men through the narrowest spots of the treacherous journey up the old Reynolds shaft.

"It was a tremendous relief when we finally reached the surface," Dr. Davis said.

Mrs. Robertson's statement, issued by R. G. and C. H. Ivey, representatives of Dr. Robertson, expressed heartfelt thanks to all assisting in the rescue of her husband and Scadding.

To Be Placed in Fund

The proceeds derived from the sale (Continued on Page Four)