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What is "Draegerman"

The Moose River mining disaster has brought to public attention very vividly the Draegermen of Stellarton. In consequence, the uninitiated in mining lore have been puzzled as to the meaning of the term "Draegermen" and many have been the enquiries for enlightenment.

First of all, a Draegerman is one skilled in rescue work, but he derives the name from the equipment carried on his back—respirators and tanks of oxygen. This apparatus was invented by a German named Draeger. His invention is in common use in the coal-mining areas where the miners fear the deadly gas of the coal mines more than they do the falling of the mine roof.

In Moose River the equipment was not required, but the skill of Stellarton's rescue squad has proved to be of inestimable value.

The Newspapers

Here is at least one man who seeks to give the small town newspaper its dues. Ex-Governor Francis of Missouri recently said:

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other agent can or will do this.

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Freedom of the Press

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council recently gave a decision in a case affecting the right to criticize the action of Judges in administering the law which is of the first importance in connection with the liberty of the Press.

The Editor of the Port of Spain Gazette drew attention to what he described as "the inequality of sentences" imposed by a local Judge in cases which had come before him, and attributed the disparity to the operation of "the human element" in the Judge's mind when he was coming to his decision. For this rather mild criticism he was haled before the Supreme Court in Trinidad on the charge of having aimed at bringing the administration of the criminal law into disfavour with the public, and he was fined £25 with the alternative of a month's imprisonment.

From this sentence he appealed to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and his appeal was allowed in a judgment by Lord Atkin, which will provide a valuable safeguard to the freedom of action of the Press in such matters in the future. Lord Atkin laid it down that "whether the authority and position of an individual judge or the due administration of justice was concerned, no wrong was committed by any member of the public who exercised the ordinary right of criticizing in good faith, in private or public, the public act done in the seat of justice."

He added the proviso that there should be an abstention from improper motives from those taking part in the administration of justice, but if this was complied with, the critic was immune from penal consequences, it being understood that he was not acting in the spirit of malice or attempting to impair the administration of justice. Lord Atkin further said that the liberty of the Press in this matter was no more than that of any member of the public. Subject to what he had stated, they were at liberty to criticize temperately, but fairly and freely, any episode in the administration of justice.

Jurist Gives Sound Advice

The Lord Chief Justice of England likes to go on circuit now and then—"for the purpose of getting people out of prison."

Lord Hewart explained, in an address at the annual meeting of the Holloway Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society,—

"One is inclined to say—though all generalizations are to be regarded with the utmost precaution—that in cases where a very short sentence is thought to be proper, the proper remedy is to pass no sentence at all, but to leave the matter in the hands of the probation officer."

This is good advice in this country, as well as in Great Britain or any other country. It is so easy when a young person has made a slip to brand that person as a criminal. And, as the Halifax Herald points out, until the prison system and equipment is reformed and modernized to meet the demands of these more enlightened times, the greatest care should be exercised in dealing with first offenders, and particularly with young people who in many of our jails and prisons are brought into contact with some of the worst and most vicious criminal elements.

Lumbago — and Other Things

A gentleman was a victim of lumbago. He suffered as only those so afflicted can. Kind friends came to his rescue. They sympathized, they proffered advice and offered sure cures.

He was bled in the ankles by a backwoodsman, who performed the operation with a jack-knife, who threatened to sever the tendon of Achilles, and who wiped the knife on the leg of his trousers. The patient had first been fortified with a tot of rum.

Next a friend recommended salts and lemon daily in copious draughts.

Then an elderly lady recommended wool blankets for his bed, and added to his torture.

A plaster was then affixed to his back, surmounted by a huge red flannel bandage around his body.

On the advice of another, he discarded the salts and lemon, and went to castor oil.

The next put him absolutely dry. Not a drop of anything.

The final disaster was when a kindly disposed young lady assured him that a sure cure was to put a spoonful of mustard in his shoes. When the soles of his feet had developed huge blisters, the young lady remembered that it was sulphur he should have used.

All these things he fell heir to, to keep company with his lumbago, which still possesses him.

(Note: Has he ever tried a shot of Heroin right in the eye of the lumbago, and two shots if one isn't effective?—Sub-Ed.)

SNAPSHOTS

Owing to a stupid error in our makeup on Saturday a social item read, "the house was bright with the daughters of the Premier and Mrs. Dysart." While this typographical error is one that makes an Editor's hair turn gray, in this case there is more truth than poetry in the item, as the charming daughters of the premier have made bright many social gatherings in this city.

At a recent outstanding social event in this city two of the younger set who were doing the honors were given a compliment by a kindly lady for serving the guests assiduously. The puzzled not-outs played safe and held a short conference in the kitchen as to the meaning of the word assiduous. The opinion of the third member of the conference since "deciduous" referred to trees, that it must mean a scarcity of service. Therefore the younger set members acted accordingly and brought more speed and more sandwiches.

When business is good and we are making money and having many things the way we want to have them we jump gracefully to the conclusion that we are smart folks. When the community prospers and the town grows large and rich we conclude that the people are very progressive and the community is astonishingly desirable. We take all the credit; but when hard times come in our lives and when a blow falls on the community, we don't take the blame. Suddenly we begin to talk solemnly about the "hand of God." Man gets the credit, and God gets the blame. It's curious reasoning.

Even Hon. H. H. Stevens' Reconstruction party could have been returned to power last election with the help of a ballot such as that which gave Hitler 98 per cent of the German vote.

When a husband sneaks in as quiet as a mouse, someone usually smells a rat.

A specialist on the subject of charm says the average girl from 17 to 20 can discuss only four subjects—make-ups, movies, boys and school. But the specialist overlooks motor cars, older people's peculiarities and other girls' shortcomings.

Speaking of mixed metaphors, there is the one about the politician who mended his political fences by keeping his ear to the ground and his nose to the grindstone.

It is claimed that in case of war this Dominion would be regarded as a rich prize. Just think how fortunate any nation would be that acquired the Dionne quintuplets.

Nazis Send Hitler Gifts by Carload

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 automobile receiving homage of the multitude all the way to a point in the Tiergarten, where he saluted continually for about two hours during the duration of the march past him.

A novelty for Berlin burghers was the spectacle of hundreds of two-man tanks and armed motorcycles clattering past. The crowd was visibly thrilled by thought of the possibilities of new weapons.

This part of the show was slightly marred when a tank skidded on a street-car track and four school-boys were injured, not seriously.

Meanwhile mail carriers were delivering birthday parcels to the Chancellor in carloads. Besides masses of flowers, they included pictures, food, and all conceivable forms of clothing. Several parcels were hand-knitted socks and musical instruments. Even cigars were given, although Hitler is a non-smoker.

On behalf of the German Civil service Der Fuehrer was presented with a hand-written copy on parchment of his book, "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle).

Parades were also held in other garrison towns of the Reich, and naval displays at Kiel and other ports.

From the Saar and the remilitarized section of the Rhineland came especially fervent greetings. The sentiment of the day seemed to be expressed in these words from a German paper: "The German people render thanks to him who led the nation out of a terrible disunion of humiliation and impatience and restored its honor, prestige and power."

DIED

SALT — Died under tragic circumstances on Saturday, April 25, Bruce Salt, aged 18 years. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon with service at the home of Major E. C. P. Salt on Woodstock Road at 2.30 o'clock. Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate will officiate and interment will be made in the Wilnot section of the Rural cemetery.

Story Dr. Robertson's Experiences to Be Given to Red Cross

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 of Dr. Robertson's experiences will first provide for Scadding, the statement said the remainder to be placed in a fund for future mine disasters in Nova Scotia, the purchase of rescue equipment, the provision for orphans of mine disasters or any purpose the provincial government and the Red Cross Society deem advisable.

"I wish to express on behalf of myself, my husband, family and friends almost an inexpressible gratitude which we feel towards those who effected the rescue of my husband," said Mrs. Robertson.

"To the miners of Nova Scotia who at the peril of their lives and with the expenditure of much wonderful energy toiled in the mine; to the government of Nova Scotia and its officials including ministers of the Crown; to the villagers of Moose River Mines; to governments, federal and provincial, who sent aid in many forms; to the various transportation facilities which mastered great odds carrying men and material to the scene of the disaster, to the people of Nova Scotia in particular and the people of Canada as a whole, who by their prayers and hopes, I feel sure, aided immeasurably in fortifying these wonderful men who risked everything for us, we wish to offer our heartfelt thanks.

"In time it will be our great happiness to express to all of these we can reach a personal message of gratitude, but at this time I hope everyone will accept this token of our thanks realizing as they will how inadequate are all our words."

Part Played by Health Minister

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 But to get Scadding through was a different question. There was no room for a stretcher or a stretcher man. It was then that Dr. Davis devised a harness by which one miner could pull and another steady the suffering man.

Dr. Davis waited down in the tunnel and took his place in the bucket brigade as miners worked feverishly to clear out more rock. One shift went up and another went down. Dr. Robertson told them through the diamond drill hole he could see "35 feet clear up the slope". They had reached that point, and should be through. Perhaps they had missed the 141-foot level? All the time, for days engineers had been without plans digging in the dark.

Was Confused
 The health minister admitted he was confused about the time when the men actually broke into the cavern where the two men were found alive. "The men were not actually through until the last time he went down", says Mines Minister Dwyer. He explained that according to all calculations they should be through but Dr. Robertson meant he was 35 feet down the slope, not the slope, which was a different matter.

Dr. Davis returned to the surface and conversed with Dr. H. K. MacDonald and other physicians regarding the harness for carrying Scadding. He and the mines minister hurried back to the mine mouth, where they were told from below that all were now in readiness.

The two men squirmed through the last hole. There they found Dr. Robertson and Scadding talking with the Draegermen. Scadding said he had no need of the hypodermic. They were told of the different journey up through the narrow channel through rock and gravel.

"There were willing to through anything to reach the surface", Dr. Davis said. He gave them stimulant and after they had been warmed with hot water bottles Dr. Robertson said they were ready.

A Draegerman offered to carry him. The offer was scorned. "My 86-year-old mother is able to get around without any help, why shouldn't I?" was the noted Toronto surgeon's reply.

He was helped up the slope, was practically slid through the tiny opening.

The harness was attached to Scadding under his arm pits, and another at his legs. Mines Minister Dwyer went ahead. A miner, James Rushton, took the suffering man on his back. Dr. Davis followed behind steadying the harness. When they got to the hole there was not enough room for the two men to slide through. Dwyer squeezed through and pulled Scadding after him while those behind pushed and Draegerman Rushton got out of the way. The first step of the treacherous journey was over. There were several more low ceilings like this to pass before they reached the surface. Rushton carried Scadding on his back most of the way.

"It was a treacherous relief when he finally reached the surface", Dr. Davis declared.

"Were you ever down in a mine before?" I asked.

"Just one, last summer, I was down a gold mine—but never one like that one", Dr. Davis replied with a smile.

Canadian Play Wins Bessborough National Prize

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 suits of deperession and unemployment. The audience, which included Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Lady Tweedsmuir, Prime Minister Mackenzie King and other prominent figures in various walks of Canadian life, had witnessed the performance of the winning play.

The festival adjudicator announced winners of the other festival awards, as follows:

Trophy for the best presentation in English (excluding the winner of the Bessborough trophy). The Progressive Arts Club, of Vancouver, for its presentation of "Waiting for Lefty," by Clifford Odets.

Trophy for the best presentation in French (excluding the winner of the Bessborough trophy). Le Cercle Moler de Winnipeg, for its playing of "Les Soeurs Guedoner," by Jean-Jacques Bernard.

The Sir Barry Jackson award for the best presentation in the final festival of a play written by a Canadian. The London Drama League for its presentations of "Twenty-Five Cents" the Bessborough winner.

Memento to Lady Tweedsmuir for the best individual performance by a man in the finals, to Ivor Lewis, of the Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, for his playing of Lark in "Napoleon Crossing the Rockies," by Percy Mackaye.

Memento of Her Excellency for the best individual performance by a woman, to Judith Evelyn, of Hart House production of "The Magnanimous Lover," by St. John Ervine.

Prize donated by Hon. Raymond Brugere, French minister in Canada, for the best individual performance in French by a man, to Rene Arthur, for his playing of Topaze in the presentation by Le Conservatoire National de Muleque de Quebec of "Topaze" by Marcel Pagnol.

Prize donated by Mr. Bragere for the best individual performance in French by a woman, to Pauline Boutal, for her playing of Madame Le Cahu in "Les Soeurs Guedoner," presented by Le Cercle Moliers de Winnipeg.

Today at Government House Their Excellencies entertained the winners and a number of guests to tea, and awards were presented. Thus concludes the fourth Dominion Drama Festival. A week of intensive playing, following months of regional competition which narrowed the more than a hundred plays down to 22, has produced a Canadian Bessborough prize winner.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

Landlords and tenants of houses and premises in the City of Fredericton are hereby notified and required to forthwith cleanse their premises and have all nuisances removed on or before the 6th day of May, 1936.

By order of the Fredericton Sub District Board of Health.

A. C. FLEMING,
 Sanitary Inspector.

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