

# The Premier of New Brunswick Reviews Accomplishments Of the Year Just Closing

Hon. A. A. Dysart Notes Progress in Agriculture  
and in Fishing Industries

Larger Coal Markets Are Needed

Old Age Pensions, Free School Books and Better  
Roads Were Amongst Accomplishments

Hon. Dr. A. A. Dysart, Premier of the Province in his New Year's address to the people of New Brunswick, says:

With the year 1936 fast drawing to a close perhaps it might be profitable to reflect upon our accomplishments during the year. Generally speaking, the year 1936 has recorded a series of improvements and developments of importance to the economic and social life of the Province. Continued recovery and re-adjustments to ever changing conditions, stimulated by the joint effort of Government and people, have so brightened the horizon that one is enabled to extend the wish for a happy and prosperous 1937 with full confidence of its realization.

Our basic industries have shown very substantial improvement. Agriculture, with bountiful crops and favorable prices in ever expanding markets, has shown a marked comeback, while lumbering has expanded favorably. The steady demand for our products in the overseas markets at satisfactory figures has given new hope to all branches of the industry, resulting in more generous wage returns as well as higher living standards for those engaged in the industry.

Through the joint efforts of federal and provincial governments, the fishing industry which during recent years sagged to a low ebb is showing signs of improvement and with the active and earnest co-operation on the part of those engaged in this industry, it is anticipated that real progress will here be made.

While the coal output in the Minto field may be considered fairly satisfactory, yet it is realized that with wider markets and more favorable prices, economies may be affected with resultant benefits passed on to labor in both wages as well improved working conditions. In this connection it is sincerely to be hoped that the railway authorities may yet be prevailed upon to afford a larger market for this output, particularly on their main lines within the bounds of the province.

The present day very general demand for rural hydro extensions amply justifies the dream of the founders of the system. With the generation of electrical power at the twin sources, namely Musquash and Minto, this public utility must reach those who require it in all areas considered economically feasible.

Although our system of gravel roads represent a very substantial investment, yet it has been found that this type of road will not stand up under present day traffic. To meet the rather critical situation thus developed and after securing the best technical advice the Government embarked upon an extensive hard surfacing programme which will cover the main arteries of traffic in the very near future. The type of road laid down will, it is confidently anticipated, outlive the bonded obligations so imposed. Thus, while meeting present day unemployment needs, as well laying the foundation for a

lucrative tourist business, we have taken full advantage of favorable money markets, all of which will result in substantial economies.

Substantially nine thousand of our venerable aged the Province over are now receiving pension cheques. The many eloquent letters received daily reveal that at long last a full measure of human justice was done our aged when this humanitarian measure was proclaimed law. Incidentally it has lessened the financial load upon municipalities, thus liberating funds for others in need in their respective communities.

Furthermore, the family exchequer has been relieved through the granting of free school books in our public schools up to and including Grade 5. The system obtaining heretofore and which was terminated some years ago



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Addresses the People of the Province

contained weaknesses which the present system is designed to overcome. These books will be loaned to the pupils, thus placing the responsibility on each child to use the book with care.

The question of the unemployed is still one of our major problems but the experience of the past few months wherein this province went definitely off of relief has demonstrated what may be done when governments work in harmony. Although the cost of the necessary useful public projects undertaken as our share of the obligation exceeded our proportionate returns from the federal exchequer, yet on the whole the lesson learned amply justified the decision arrived at. That we may more securely build for the future, it would seem advisable that all governments, provincial as well as municipal, endeavor to liquidate these depression debts so-called during normal times and thus be in a position to take full advantage of industrial opportunities as these present themselves from time to time.

A general analysis has been made of the trade position of the Province and it becomes strikingly apparent that we must strive to recover the position in the export market which we enjoyed years ago. To that end a special emissary was sent to South America, who was happily successful in securing an attractive market for seed potatoes. There we have established new contacts which we propose to promote. We shall continue to be ever alert and to take full advantage of other opportunities which present themselves from time to time and to do our utmost to secure for our primary and secondary producers every possible advantage in export competition.

It must be borne in mind, though we are loathe to admit it, that social standards in the Province of New Brunswick are not equal to those prevailing elsewhere in the sister provinces of Canada. During the years of world-wide depression it was more or less futile to attempt to correct that inequality. It is only during prosperous times when business expansion is possible that we can lift ourselves from that unfavorable position. It is true that we are con-

## IT EVOLVED THIS WAY

Frank Calder interesting and historical statistician of hockey gives interesting data on the origin of six man hockey. It started in 1911. On December 4th of that season Wanderers and Quebec played a game which wound up with three Wanderers and Quebec players on the ice.

There was much indignation over this fact particularly from Wanderers supporters. So magnates of those days decided that the public was entitled to see the full quota of players on the ice at all times.

They decided that to fulfill this requirement six players aside would be enough, but there should always be six players. Teams were limited to nine players each in those days. Most of them carried only eight. If a player was penalized a substitute was allowed. If it happened that there were nine or ten penalties in a row, teams cut down accordingly.

This system continued till 1913 when at the request of the Ottawa club in particular the league reverted to seven man hockey for a period between February 3 and February 10. Several games were played but they proved so uninteresting that it was announced that the "league would revert to the more popular brand of hockey" on February 12th.

The system of always playing six men continued till 1919 when the N.H.L. made a serious inroad in Toronto to compete with the popular O.H.A. brand. They played the penalty system now in vogue at that time in the senior amateur league. So the N.H.L. changed it and the invasion of Toronto proceeded and became so successful that Maple Leafs now dominate the scene there altogether.

Many misinformed writers have rushed into print with the declaration that the Patricks were responsible for six man hockey. This is not a fact. It is one innovation they overlooked. Only in 1923 did the Patricks yield to the march of time in this respect.

Teams going westward to play in Stanley Cup games had to alternate between six and seven man hockey. It is a historical fact that the only eastern team that succeeded in lifting the cup at the coast was the Ottawa Senator team of 1921.

When it became necessary to play the seven man game Buck Boucher who was a spare defenceman on that team was played at rover. Where his stick handling ability was of considerable help to his team.

The Coast League eventually played six-man hockey long before it expired. Frank Patrick once toyed seriously with the idea of five-man hockey, but never tried it out.

Seven-man hockey produced great attacking combinations. The old Shamrock combination featuring Dr. Brannen, Harry Trihey, Arthur Farrell and Scanlan was one of the most notable. With the little "Men of Iron" and the Vics of Russ Bowie's day also earning high rating.

The old Silver Seven of McGee, Harry Westwick, Alf Smith and Billy Gilmour with variations to Harry Smith, Suddie, and Dave Gilmour, was one of the most famous combinations in this regard that ever existed.

They featured a short pass with four men spread across the rink. There were no poke checkers in those days other than a few such as Dickey Boon, Pud Glass and one or two others. While effective, they were not so skilful as the present-day puck purloiners of the Nighbor, Frank Boucher and Hootley Smith type.

The position of rover which has been abandoned in the six-man game produced some wonderful performers. Probably the greatest was Cyclone Taylor who became a rover at the coast after achieving stardom as a defenceman. Lester Patrick was another.

He was also a star defenceman, but was noted in the roaming position as

fronted by trade handicaps but that does not absolve us from responsibility to exert every ounce of energy to do what we can for ourselves. As I have said on several occasions, the Government has limitations and, in a general sense, can give direction only. We must have the full co-operation of every individual in the Province if we are to restore this Province to its former dignity and importance and to merit the peace, happiness and prosperity which Providential endowment makes possible.

So in extending to each and every one of our people the sincere wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I also invite sympathetic co-operation so that in future years our material and spiritual wealth will be an inspiration to the world.

## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO N. B. PEOPLE

To all the people of New Brunswick:

I extend my most cordial greetings and heartiest good wishes for your prosperity and continued happiness in the New Year.

In this old and well-favored land by the sea we have enjoyed that peace



HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-  
GOVERNOR COL. MURRAY  
MACLAREN, C.M.G., P.C., D.C.L.

and security and freedom that is the most fortunate possession of all lands under the British Crown.

While in many parts of the world the clouds are lowering, we may feel stirred with pride at the steady influence which our Empire has maintained among the nations and its splendid efforts to bring peace and good will to all peoples.

At a time when liberty is assailed and individual rights are invaded in so many quarters, we rejoice as British subjects in that liberty of action, that freedom of expression of opinion, and those constitutional privileges that belong to all within our Commonwealth.

Two races of ancient and honourable name have laid the foundations of our strength and prosperity, have faced together the emergencies of the past, and are now knit in indissoluble bonds of friendship and in a common loyalty. We look forward with a happy confidence to a continuance of those blessings, spiritual and temporal, under the rule of His Majesty King George VI.

May those in distress and discomfort be cared for and may the New Year bring happiness and blessings to all.

MURRAY MACLAREN,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

## The Canuck Return

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Sharp improvement by the Morenz, Gagnon, Joliat line is one of the outstanding reasons for Canadiens' success. Plus the fact that Babe Siebert has tightened the defence to a point where it is no longer the most lightly regarded rearguard in hockey.

The Canucks' veteran line is a harmony unit which works well together. Joliat and Morenz realize that Gagnon possesses an effective close-in shot. So their play is to steer him into shooting position.

Johnny does some steering on his own, and the amazing number of earned points compiled by the trio is proof of their effectiveness. Morenz who has become a fine playmaker, is not such an avid goal-seeker as in his prime.

Joliat, of course, generals the line and his play-making has always been of the sensational type even in Canadiens' lean years.

Fortunate indeed are Canadiens to have ice generals of the Babe Siebert type on the defence and Joliat on the line.

It recalls to Canadian fans the period when Herb Gardiner was the starting point of so many defensive plays, which were carried to completion by Joliat, who was the inspiration for so many goals, even when Herb was the source of so much frustration for those trying to beat their way through to Hainsworth's net.

well. Then there was Harry Westwick of the old Silver Seven. A great stick jumper and team player.

No mention of rovers could be made without including one of the greatest of them all in the person of the renowned Russell Bowie. A grand shot whose goal scoring feats are remembered along with those of Frank McGee, Harry Smith, Marty Walsh, Gordie Roberts, Harry Hyland, Ernie Russell, Newsy Lalonde, Joe Malone, Tom Smith, Russell, Davidson and other greats of the first twenty years of the century.

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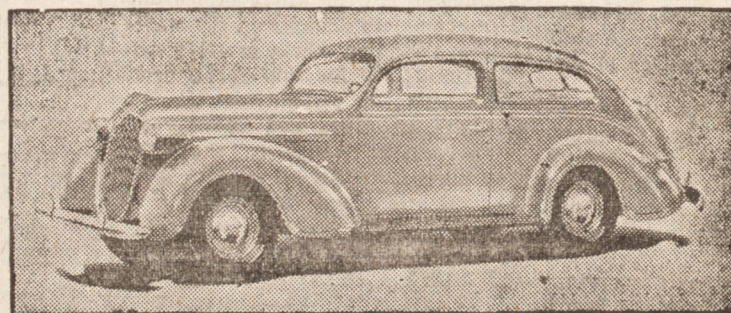
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