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Weather: Fair, moderately cool



HON. EARL ROWE
whose resignation from leadership of party is expected

INVESTIGATION ORDERED INTO MINTO COAL MINES CONDITIONS

Fair Wage Board To Convene At Minto On Wednesday

Will Conduct Complete Investigation Into Circumstances of Coal Mine Industry

DEFINITE ACTION NECESSARY

Present Situation Threatens Existence of Industry Upon Which The Town Depends

In a statement issued today Hon. J. B. McNair, acting Minister of Labor said:

In my view the developments which have now taken place open the way for the Fair Wage Board to hold an investigation into the real questions involved in the Minto controversy.

The matters of primary concern to the workers are wages and the conditions under which they are obliged to work. These vital questions have however become over-clouded by another secondary issue, namely, the insistence of the United Mine Workers of America that the coal operators recognize and deal with the Union only in the settlement of these questions.

The operators generally have definitely refused to negotiate with the Union officials. As has been pointed out on different occasions the question of Union recognition is not one upon which the Government can with any advantage take sides.

It is however the business of the Government to ensure, if possible, that a very important industry upon which thousands of our people depend for a livelihood not be destroyed in a struggle of that kind between capital and labor.

By unanimous action of the Legislature, machinery was recently provided in this province to deal with the issues of real concern to those working in the Minto coal mines, namely, wages and working conditions. In accordance with the Statute, the Fair Wage Board was set up with full representation both from the ranks of employers and workers. Its personnel was chosen with the greatest care. It is a highly competent body. It was established to protect the working people of New Brunswick and at the same time to see that industry in this Province, upon which their living depends, was not destroyed.

Its record is one of fairness and fair play. It has been commended by the workers themselves in the various cases where it has intervened to settle disputes. Its orders have the full force of the law behind them.

Under the Fair Wage Act the Minister of Labor has authority to direct the Board to conduct such investigations as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the wages, hours or conditions prevailing in any trade, industry or business.

Yesterday the greater number of the chief operators signified their wish to have the Fair Wage Board act in the present dispute. In addition to this, practically all the mines are now operating and employing workers to some extent. In my opinion the time has arrived when definite

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TWO PROMINENT LAWYERS CHOSEN TO ROYAL COM.

OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—In pursuance of the plans of the Canadian Government in appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into Dominion-provincial relations the appointment of James McGregor Stewart, K.C., of Halifax, and Louis S. St. Laurent, K.C., of Quebec, as joint counsel for the commission was announced last night from the commission offices.

The two counsel will divide the work of the commission, one assisting the commission in its hearings across Western Canada and the other assisting in hearings in the east. They will work together in the commission's general hearings in Ottawa.

While no intimation has been given as to the division of assignments, it is expected Mr. Stewart will take the Western trip and Mr. St. Laurent Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

At the time of the commission's appointment it was given a free hand to appoint what counsel and select

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RAILROAD HOSTS TO T. C. BURPEE ON AIR CONDIT. CARS

Tyler C. Burpee of this city accompanied by his nurse has returned from a ten days' trip to Houlton, Me., where he was the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Moses Burpee and her daughter Miss Mary Burpee.

While away Mr. Burpee was entertained by the railway officials of the Boston and Aroostook Railway on a trip on the new air conditioned train. This railroad was surveyed by Mr. Burpee in 1891 and in 1893 he was the construction engineer when the railroad was built. The late Moses Burpee was the man who built the road for the company. Mr. Burpee was greatly enjoyed with the hospitality and courteous treatment afforded to him during his trip. The officials ordered the train to be stopped in order to afford Mr. Burpee a chance to thoroughly inspect the new air conditioned train.

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GIRL WHO KISSED IN PUBLIC EXILED TO KEEP IRELAND PURE

DUNDALK, Irish Free State, Oct. 26.—Julia Clarke a Scottish lass, blue-eyed and brunette, was barred for life from the Irish Free State today for kissing her boy friend in public.

Three members of a local vigilance committee witnessed the tender interlude in a churchyard at the seaside village of Blackrock in County Louth and summoned a policeman.

District Court Justices sentenced Julia, absent in Scotland as the case came up, to one month of imprisonment.

The sentence was passed in the words of the presiding Justice, "to keep her out of the Free State for ever," since she would be liable to arrest if she ever returns to Ireland. Julia's boy friend was fined \$10.

The case was the first in which section eighteen of the 1935 Criminal Law Amendment Act, known as "De Valera's Vice Law" was invoked. The law forbids "any act offending modesty or causing scandal or injuring the morals of the community."

The Minto Strike

ACTING MINISTER OF LABOR HON. J. B. McNAIR has directed the Fair Wage Board to convene at Minto on Wednesday of this week and to conduct a complete investigation into the circumstances under which the coal mining industry was carried on and the conditions under which those employed in the mines are required to work and the wages which they should receive. The inquiry will extend to all phases of the operations including the sufficiency of the mining regulations and the efficiency of their enforcement. The findings and recommendations of the Board will be given full effect. This action can be taken under the law as some men are employed in each mine.

The action of the leading mining operators of Minto in expressing a willingness to refer the strike dispute at that place to the Provincial Fair Wage Board should clear the air. Yesterday after expressing appreciation of the efforts of Premier Dysart and Hon. Mr. McNair to have the Minto dispute settled through the Fair Wage Board, two of these gentlemen stated that they would welcome any investigation by the Fair Wage Board in regard to the existing conditions at Minto and that they were prepared to abide by the decision of the Fair Wage Board.

The Fair Wage Board was established some months ago for the purpose of settling labor disputes and this board has the power to investigate conditions in regard to labor, and to make its orders binding on all parties concerned. This board which is composed of representatives of labor has operated efficiently and successfully in all cases referred to it and has been prepared to function in the Minto dispute whenever the workers desire it to intervene. Under the law however the Board cannot function so long as the miners are out on strike. The Fair Wage Board was established to settle disputes between employers and employees. When a man throws down his tools and leaves his job he ceases to be an employee. The Board is proceeding where the men are at work.

If the miners at Minto will all go back to work the Fair Wage Board will immediately begin to investigate all conditions connected with their work including wages and other things. And the miners may rest assured that the investigation will be a fair and an impartial one and that if there are real grievances these grievances will be remedied. H. R. Pettigrove, Fair Wage officer has already paid different visits to the Minto coal mines. He has not stood at the top of the mine and looked down but he has gone down into the mine and has secured first hand information regarding the conditions under which the Minto miners work. He has gathered together data which will be of much value in any investigation which the Fair Wage Board may undertake, and he is fair and fearless.

If the mine workers are wise they will not continue to listen to the advice of imported five hundred dollar a month salary paid leaders who are paid well to do the agitating. NOBODY WILL BELIEVE THAT BENTON EVANS, A. D. TAYLOR, A. D. KING OR JOHN HENDERSON HAVE NOT THE MINERS' INTEREST AT HEART TO AS GREAT AN EXTENT AS HAVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR A MONTH BARRETT AND OTHER LABOR LEADERS. AT A MEETING HELD IN MONTREAL ON OCTOBER THE 22ND ALFRED COSTES, COMMUNIST MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN FRANCE AND TIM BUCK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA WERE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK BUT THE MAYOR OF MONTREAL BANNED THIS COMMUNISTIC MEETING. A LATER MEETING WAS HELD AT WHICH COMMUNIST COSTES AND THE COMMUNISTIC LEADER REPRESENTING SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND FRENCH COMMUNISTS AND TRADE UNION LEADER SILBY BARRETT SPOKE FROM THE SAME PLATFORM. MR. BARRETT EVIDENTLY TOOK TIME OF FROM HIS MINTO ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNISTIC GATHERING AT MONTREAL AND IT IS STATED BY THE DAILY CLARION OF TORONTO, THE COMMUNISTIC ORGAN, THAT COMMUNIST COATES AND MR. BARRETT WERE VERY LOUDLY APPLAUDED.

If the ill-advised strikers at Minto will study their own interests rather than the interests of imported agitators paid at \$500 a month for doing the agitating, they'll all go back to work ON CONDITION THAT THE FAIR WAGE BOARD COMPOSED IN PART OF SOME OF THEIR OWN NEW BRUNSWICK WORKERS, WILL SEE THAT THEY GET FAIR PLAY. AND THEY WILL HAVE THE SYMPATHY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THIS SYMPATHY WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THAT THEY DO GET FAIR PLAY. The Daily Mail has every confidence in the Fair Wage Board. We have also confidence in the mine operators at Minto who have carried on under difficulties which are not known to the striking miners. If after a thorough investigation, the miners do not receive fair play, we will be the first to espouse their cause and to extend sympathy to them in any action which they may feel compelled to take in order to secure their rights. But they should first use the machinery provided by the government to adjust their difficulties and they cannot use this machinery while they are on strike as they do not then occupy the position of employees. As some of the men are still at work, this gives the Fair Wage Board a chance to act in this case.

Pirate Planes Again Appear In Mediterranean

Insurgent Black Cross Marked, Airplanes Bomb Two French Vessels

FRENCH WARSHIP TO SCENE

Incidents Are Said to be Very Serious — May Affect Committee's Work

MEDIC. EXAMINER APPOINTED FOR C. NATL. MARITIMES

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Oct. 25.—Dr. Louis P. Robert, medical examiner and epidemiologist of the city health department, Montreal, has been appointed travelling medical examiner for the Canadian National Railways, according to announcement made today by Dr. John McComb, Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Robert will have charge of a travelling clinic which will operate between Ottawa and the farthest Eastern point on the Canadian National lines in the Maritimes.

Similar to one which has been in service in Western Canada for the past ten years and another in Ontario since September 15, the clinic is in the form of a special equipped car in which the doctor will have his living quarters. The car has a waiting room, an examining room, a special room for eye tests and it is being put into service, Dr. McComb said, to enable the railway to examine medically men in the running trades who are removed from the clinics at the centres. Beginning at Sherbrooke towards the middle of next month, Dr. Robert's survey will take two years, after which he will begin the rounds again.

Educated at the University of Montreal, Dr. Robert took his degree in 1930 and joined the City Health Department staff the same year. He afterwards took a postgraduate course in public health and hygiene at Johns Hopkins College where he received the certificate of public health.

Paris, Oct. 26.—Aerial "piracy" confronted Europe with a new Mediterranean problem last night. One French vessel was bombed and sunk and another bombed and burned by planes marked with black Maltese crosses.

Three planes shot down while raiding Barcelona were Italian, the Spanish government declared.

The Spanish government embassy here said the black cross was the mark of the Spanish insurgent air force. Insurgent representatives said they could not describe the standard markings of their planes.

A cross-marked air raider bombed and set fire to a French submarine chaser today just outside the port of Fornells, on the island of Minorca off the eastern coast of Spain, less than 48 hours after a similarly-marked seaplane sank the French freighter Oued Mellah in the northern Mediterranean.

The French government ordered its destroyer Milan, which arrived at Toulon with 11 survivors of the Oued Mellah, to speed immediately to Fornells. The foreign office issued the following communique:

"Following attacks by airplanes, of which two French boats have been the objects the government has taken urgently necessary dispositions to determine and identify the aggressors and adopt measures which are called for by such attacks.

"Already one warship has left for the scene. The government also is taking dispositions to assure protection for the Air France Line between Marseille and Algiers."

Government officials who have insisted communication lines between France and her North African colonies must be protected said they considered the two incidents in as many days as "very serious."

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QUE. PREMIER SAYS THERE SHOULD BE STRICTER LAWS

MONTREAL, Oct. 26.—Expressing approval with the stand of Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario in his Oshawa dispute with leaders of the John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization, Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec yesterday asserted "There should be more strict immigration laws."

Mr. Hepburn's attitude against "foreign agitators" during the General Motors walkout at Oshawa was "perfectly correct," the Quebec premier said.

His assertion followed a query concerning recent attacks against Quebec's "padlock law." He did not desire "to arouse political opinion," Mr. Duplessis said, but he felt if Ottawa had collaborated with the Ontario government leader "it would have been better for everyone."

Their Majesties In First State Appearance

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The King and Queen prepared tonight for their first state appearance in Parliament.

Following a drive in the state coach with outriders and an escort of Household Cavalry from Buckingham Palace to Westminster, the King today will read the Speech from the Throne in person to the two Houses of Parliament gathered in the House of Lords.

The ceremony will open the new Parliament, the first to assemble since the accession. The King will be the third monarch to open three successive sessions of Parliament.

REVENUE OF C. N. R. SHOWS INCREASE FOR PAST WEEK

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, QUE., Oct. 25, 1937.—The gross revenue of the all inclusive Canadian National Railway System for the week ending October 21, 1937 were \$4,522,175, as compared with \$4,319,913, for the corresponding period of 1936, an increase of \$202,162.

Chinese of Toronto Place Full Boycott on Japanese Goods

Posters Displayed In Store Windows, Refuse to Serve Nipponese

TORONTO, Oct. 26.—Japanese goods are being boycotted in Toronto's Chinatown.

A poster, bearing Chinese characters, which, interpreted, was said to read, "We do not sell Japanese goods," was displayed last evening at a meeting held under the auspices of various organizations at the King Edward Hotel. It was explained that this was a sample of the poster which was being placed in the store windows of Toronto Chinese merchants.

Questioned by a reporter, a member of the staff of the Chinese Times Publishing Company stated that there was a boycott on Japanese merchandise now in existence among merchants of Toronto's Chinese community. Already a number of Chinese merchants on Elizabeth Street had stuck posters on the windows of their stores which declare: "We won't sell Japanese goods."

A Japanese in Toronto struck a boycott which was real yesterday (Continued on Page Four)

ROGERS FINDS OUTLOOK BRIGHTER FOR JOBLESS

Labor Minister Expresses Satisfaction at Steady Drop in Number of Employables on Relief

OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—Unemployment and relief are diminishing in Canada at a rate which is a source of satisfaction to the Federal Government. Latest figures compiled by the National Employment Commission and the Department of Labor show substantial decreases in the number of persons receiving relief.

This situation gives the authorities an opportunity to consider long-range plans for dealing with the unemployment problem, and at Winnipeg yesterday, Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor, said he expected the relief burden, except for unemployable, might eventually be liquidated.

These figures are not directly comparable with the department's September figures, but a comparison shows a definite downward trend. A more accurate comparison is provided

by a review of the figures back to September last year when the Commission's registration started.

In September, 1936, the total employable persons on relief was 206,423. During the winter it climbed to a high of 260,393 in February, and dropped to 181,689 in June and still further to 158,381 in July. Then came the Labor Department's September figures down to 132,944.

The comparison reported partially employable persons receiving relief in July at 28,662, fully unemployable persons at 44,306, and farmers and dependents at 229,883.

Apart from direct relief, the Dominion Government in co-operation with Provinces and municipalities has been providing work for a number of men.