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## Quebec Wars on Reds

Other Provinces will watch with interest the degree of success attending Quebec's plan "to protect the Province against Communist propaganda." "One of the important provisions of the legislation," explains the Montreal Gazette, "aims at the control of property used by Communists for the distribution of propaganda." Property so used will be padlocked.

Such methods have been hotly howled down in Ontario as restricting freedom of speech, interfering with individual liberty, and helping the Red cause by encouraging human perverseness. The fact is that the Communists have gained in strength and made greater progress with their subversive plans since accorded a measure of sympathy through repeal of Section 98 of the Criminal Code. They are past masters at capitalizing opportunity.

The ideal way of battling with them, of course, would be by making conditions so satisfactory that converts to their creed would be hard to find. There would be a certain perverse element, however, as grist for their mill.

Any one who believes in the law and order of democracy and has witnessed the trend of events cannot fail to be concerned by the spread of communism and its repercussions. We know that bolshevism created fascism, that Mussolini's Blackshirts found their great excuse for action when the Reds took possession of the Fiat automobile works in Italy. It may not have been called a sit-down strike, but it was a case of making possession nine points of the law. Duce then got his start. And see where he has arrived. The Reds are responsible. Spain was ripe for Communist picking at the same time, but the Bolsheviks hesitated when they saw what happened in Italy. They decided on a slower process in Iberia, and now find Mussolini's troops in front of them again.

These things are matters of record. Democracies which hate both nazism and fascism might as well recognize the truth that bolshevism created both, and realize that to escape the other isms they must prevent the growth of the third. There is no certainty that Canada, like other countries, will not be called upon to make a choice unless adequate precaution is taken.

Premier Duplessis has chosen his method. It may not be the wisest one, yet it is a gesture of aggression likely to bring greater Red concentration in the hospitable province of Ontario, and especially in that part where they have found the most fertile territory—where, as the Porcupine Advocate states, "for years past there has been an organized gang of paid agitators, with their chief apparent business to capitalize any sort of trouble that may occur, and in the absence of any such real trouble to stir up some."

The Reds daily are becoming more of an ugly menace, and if history proves anything they will thrive on the current agitation and law defiance. True Canadians don't want bolshevism. Yet, in combating it, have they any alternative to Mr. Duplessis's method with its suggestion of fascism?

## Mineral Production in 1936

Canada's mineral production reached an all-time high of \$361,394,062 in 1936 as compared with \$312,344,457 in 1935, the previous record year. Gains were general to all groups—metals, fuels, non-metallic minerals other than fuels, and structural materials.

Production of all the principal metals, excepting cobalt, silver and selenium was the highest on record and the increases in the prices of copper and lead benefited the base metal producers. Zinc prices improved towards the close of the year. In addition, several base metal properties which had lain dormant during the period of low metal prices were preparing for production in 1937. Gold continued to maintain, by a wide margin, its premier position as the most valuable metal produced from Canadian mines and the value of the platinum metals almost equalled that of silver. Selenium and tellurium are increasing in importance annually.

The total value of metal produced at \$258,952,323 represented 71 per cent. of the total value of the mineral production of the country and was 16.7 per cent. greater than in 1935.

## Helpfulness Brings Happiness

Twenty-nine years ago a noted British soldier thought it would be a good thing to emphasize the training of boys in observation, obedience and self-reliance; in loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; in services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves, and promoting their physical development and hygiene.

On this platform he organized the Boy Scouts and became Chief Scout. Within a short time the idea spread throughout England; two years later it was adopted in this country, and now there are more than 2,250,000 Boy Scouts, representing nearly every country in the world.

The other day Lord Baden-Powell, still Chief Scout, marked his 80th birthday with a message worth everyone's pondering. "Eighty years may seem to you a long time," he said, "but I can't remember the time when I wasn't busy, and as long as you are busy you can't help being cheerful."

"If you ever find yourself without something to do, remember there are always lots of people wanting help; old people or infirm or poor people, who would be only too glad for a helping hand."

"However poor or small you may be, you can always find someone worse off than yourself. If you go and help them and cheer them up, a funny thing happens. You find that by making others happy, you are making yourself all the happier, too."

Here is a set of simple words setting forth two simple truths: first, that useful work chiefly determines one's outlook on life; second, that worthwhile things are to be got chiefly through giving them away.

This is hard sense as well as fine sentiment. Any boy, girl, man or woman who proceeds along these lines will find life interesting, educative, inwardly profitable and fairly satisfying.

Hats off to the octogenarian who started the Boy Scouts, and hats off to his myriad followers! He and they are helping to make life better and happier.

## SNAPSHOTS

Is Mr. LeBlanc going to join the "quints" in the front row of the Opposition benches? He has not yet succeeded in having an extra claw put on the lobster as he promised to do if he were elected.

Did you hear about the session of the Mock Parliament?

According to some members of the museum committee of the Historical Society, there needs to be a shake-up for the better protection of the exhibits entrusted to that organization.

The Speaker's important public business duties seem to be keeping him away from the Legislature this session.

Current history teaches us it isn't so easy to send an ultimatum if you may be breathing poison gas next day.

A good rule for young people is never to take home a book that they would be ashamed to have their innocent parents read.

After the meek inherit the earth they'll begin to clamor for lower taxes.

## Explosion

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Instructed that a military court of inquiry be set up to begin an investigation.

Red Cross nurses, doctors by the score rushed against time to allay the confusion here—1,000 oil field workers tore at the debris, frenzied parents strove to find their children and hundreds of curious blocked the highways.

Superintendent W. C. Shaw, who lost a son in the explosion, theorized that it was caused by an accumulation of gas.

Shaw said that accumulated gas in a space between the floor of the one-storey building and the ground undoubtedly caused the explosion. The building was heated by gas-steam radiators and there was no main boiler.

Seven hundred pupils and 40 teachers were in the building—most of them in the auditorium.

It was 3.20 p.m.—just 10 minutes before the dismissal hour.

Suddenly with a force of tremendous proportions the walls of the building began to shake, teachers and students alike were trapped.

A low rumble sounded. Many thought it was a boiler explosion. None was sure hours later.

Witnesses said there was an ear-hammering explosion after the grumbling roar that preceded the blast. The roof then, they said, moved up, the walls crashed outward, and the roof fell into the wreckage, crushing those within.

Flames shot forth for a time. Near by stood the grade school—empty—its several hundred pupils having already been dismissed for the day.

Bricks hurtled through the air for a quarter of a mile. Children were decapitated. Some were mangled. Some lost limbs.

Superintendent Shaw likened the victims to rag dolls with their clothes torn off.

Some bodies were near the edge of the wreckage.

Rescue workers moved these first. One hundred bodies of children, few older than 15, were taken to Henderson where they were laid out in improvised morgues awaiting identification. Ten bodies of their teachers were brought with them.

The scene here was chaotic. Thousands of automobiles blocked all highways leading into this community, in the centre of the vast east Texas oil field.

## Few Doctors

There was an agonizing shortage of doctors and supplies to treat the injured.

When all ambulances and private cars had been filled with the dead, anxious fathers and mothers carried the bodies of still more victims into the school gymnasium where they were placed end on end to await identification.

Five hundred men raced from the oil fields served by the school to the scene. Later an additional 1,000 men went to work upon the ruins.

Workers said it would be at least 10 hours before they could clear away the wreckage.

Dishevelled, screaming mothers, some of them in disagreement over the identification of the broken bodies, milled about the school grounds.

The feelings of Texas were voiced by Governor James V. Allred who said simply:

"I can conceive of nothing more terrible than such a death for children."

Most bodies seemed to have been crushed or torn. Few were burned.

## OUR MAIL BAG

### THE LABOURING MAN

Douglas, York County, N. B.  
March 18th, 1937.

Fredericton Daily Mail.

Dear Mr. Editor:

As a labouring man, and having suffered a lot because of injuries to my body which I got at very hard work, and having been told that there was nothing wrong with me by those officials of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and now being unable to do my work at all, and told by these men at Saint John that they were all through with me and that so far as the Board was concerned, nothing could be done, and after interviewing doctors, writing letters, suffering pain, and worrying about my family, and all that, it is great to see that there are men like J. J. H. Doone in the N. B. Government who are not afraid to tackle the Board, in his speech yesterday he "urged upon the Government the desirability of going thoroughly into the work of this organization and to give it their best attention. He pointed out that he at last session brought the matter of the Workmen's Compensation Board up in the House." He stated a number of fine ideas and in my opinion made about the best speech I've ever heard.

I am but one of many who have been before this Board, and I also know how other provinces take care of their injured workmen, and I want right here to say, that unless a man is broken up so that a blind man can see it, that no matter how bad he is hurt inside that it's up the man himself to prove to them that he is not able to do his work.

I hope that the government will pry well into this Board, for there are a lot of sore heads amongst the laboring men and the men who pay the bills who want to have this whole matter well threshed out, and so far as I can find out they all seem to be afraid to probe into the insides of the business.

A little while ago the report of their running expenses showed that it costs more to run the Board than its worth, for a small insurance company could do much more for us than they are doing and pay our claims honestly.

We all feel that we have a strong friend in the Mail and believe that soon this which we thought would be a good protection to working men, would be just that, but it surely is far from what it should be, at least in this Province, but it will be after such men as Mr. Doone and yourself get matters stirred up and a real honest-to-goodness investigation made.

What I say is the opinion of many discouraged men who earn their bread with the sweat of their brow, and while old age pensions are God-send to those over 70, how about us who have families depending on our own two hands, yet are unable to work because of injuries and are told that it is the Board's conclusions that we are all right?

If you will please put this in your paper, it might make some other cripple turn writer and help Mr. Doone and yourself in your fights for the underdog.

Yours respectfully,  
S. S. W.

## DEATHS

CLOWES—Passed away at the home of her nephew, Frank H. Estabrooks, 253 Northumberland street, Fredericton, March 19, 1937, Mrs. Georges Clowes, aged 74 years, after a lingering illness.

Prayers tomorrow afternoon, March 20, 1937, at the home on Northumberland street at 1:45 o'clock, followed by services at St. John's Church, Oromocto, conducted by Rev. S. C. Grey. Interment at Oromocto.

CURRIE—Passed away at noon today, March 19, 1937, at his home on 336 York St., Fredericton, Robert Currie in his 70th year, after a few days' illness.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon, March 21, 1937. Service at the home at 3:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Mr. Telford. Interment at Rural Extension cemetery.

## Proper Settlers

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The Minister charged that the Park question had been made a political football by previous administrations and created a good deal of amusement when he read correspondence of Mr. Squires and of former members of the Baxter-Richards-Tilley administration in which he showed that Mr. Squires had favored the Carleton site.

During the course of his speech which was interspersed with witty remarks the Minister was frequently interrupted by gentlemen on the other side of the House.

The minister of lands and mines was frequently interrupted by the opposition benches, one heated exchange coming when he said that it was rumored that Mr. Squires was shortly to be relieved of the leadership of his party in consideration, so he had been informed, of a \$25,000 contribution to replenish the Conservative campaign bag.

"I don't think my honorable friend should rise in his place and give voice to rumors," interspersed Mr. Squires. "It is hardly becoming to this House." He emphatically declared the rumors the minister had mentioned to be entirely without foundation.

Mr. Pirie countered that opposition members had not been adverse to mentioning rumors.

"However," he said, "I hope it's not true."

"There's nothing to it," rejoined Mr. Squires.

Another interruption came when Mr. Pirie said that the Baxter-Richards-Tilley governments had promised old age pensions and failed to keep their promise.

"Not the Tilley government," declared Robert McAllister (Cons., St. John County), "he told the people his government couldn't afford it."

"You see how much better off the present government is," retorted Mr. Pirie, "we can afford it."

E. W. Melville (Cons., Carleton), took strong issue with him when he declared that the old government guaranteed fertilizer to clerks in stores, barbers, and anybody—anybody who was 21 and had a vote," and that that was the only reason the members for Carleton County were returned to power."

Rising to continue the debate on the budget, yesterday, Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, opened his remarks by paying tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Darling. The hon. speaker also referred feelingly to the severe loss sustained by the province and the Dominion in the loss of the late Dr. P. J. Veniot who for many years rendered valuable services to his country and had been an outstanding administrator.

As a result of criticisms levelled at his department and at him personally by the members of the opposition, the speaker felt it was only proper to answer these criticisms.

He first would refer to an equipment purchased 5 or 6 months ago, called an aeroplane. The leader of the opposition was much disturbed that the taxpayers should be subjected to such an expense. The opposition had pretended to have lost sleep, had taken trouble to enquire where the aeroplane had been purchased, when, for what purpose, at what price, where was it delivered, where was the machine, who was the operator and what was the cost to the province of this plane. The only question they had not asked was whether it was a male or female. The honourable speaker did not know he had to tell the opposition where he bought his clothes and groceries. He would tell the gentlemen who were so disturbed that the taxpayers had not been called upon to contribute one penny for this aeroplane. He had purchased it himself paid for it himself and also for every drop of gas and oil used by the plane. He also paid the operator salary and all expenses in connection with it. He took no good will tours to the south. He noticed the leader of the opposition was anxious to know about an alleged air jaunt.

Mr. Melville. The Telegraph-Journal says Mr. Folkins was engaged by the department.

Hon. Mr. Pirie: I am not responsible for what is in the press.

The speaker in humorous style commented on the means the opposition had taken of clipping everything that had appeared in the press ever since the plane had been purchased.

In view of past expeditions by past administrations he could well understand why the government had no idea the province would be expected to buy the site. He had no doubt but that an endeavor would be made to rush it through. He referred to Mr. Carleton and felt strongly that it was quite the best locality, but he was afraid of the licensees.

Mr. Pirie also read a communication showing that Mr. Squires favored Mt. Carleton for the park.

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derstand why the opposition would be suspicious. When the head of the department of lands and mines had assumed office, a car had been placed at his disposal, but he had always used his own car and paid for gas and oil himself even on departmental business. The leader had the nerve to refer to an expense account of a trip to Ottawa. He could show them an account for a member of the previous administration for \$121 for five days.

He had been experimenting to see if he could recommend the use of plane protection against fire and illegal fishing. It was feasible for a foreign plane to drop down on any of our fishing areas, make a catch of fish and take off again. Plane protection would offset this.

It may be news to the opposition that lightning started fire some time ago that cost the province \$3,500 to extinguish. He ventured to say that with equipment like this plane for carrying hose and extinguishing material, the cost might have been \$150. He would not hesitate in recommending the purchase of a plane for the department. He could well recommend that plane equipment be submitted and pressed into service.

**Pulp and Paper Mills on Miramichi**  
He was not aware that the government made any promises before election the hon. members must be referring to the promises made by the opposition.

If present government could do no better than the past government he would be ashamed and would feel like resigning. "If we did nothing more we would not be doing less than the past government," said the speaker.

## National Park

Much has been said about the national park for the province, it was a live question. The leader of the opposition had read part of a letter written to Mr. Crerar in Ottawa.

He would not mind if all letters were read, but he elaborated on certain sections to create dissatisfactions in the government. The opposition had made a political football for several years before 1935 of the national park. In 1930 an inspection was made by Ottawa for the purpose of selecting different sites as suitable for proposed park. The report came, no information could be secured although asked for several times in the House.

A. J. Brooks now representative of Kings and Queens (Royal) never said a word about the park when he was in the local house but the minute he got to federal house he made it a live topic.

R. B. Bennett said not one single word in respect to the park when his party was in power but now he is very active about it.

The files of letters respecting the national park contain illuminating letters which show that on May 28, 1929, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter wrote to Hon. C. D. Richards stating in his opinion Mt. Carleton was the favorite place but he would not pay \$1 for site. He urged no expense should be incurred for the purpose.

Hon. Mr. Richards' reply was to the effect that his government had no idea the province would be expected to buy the site. He had no doubt but that an endeavor would be made to rush it through. He referred to Mr. Carleton and felt strongly that it was quite the best locality, but he was afraid of the licensees.

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Hon. Mr. Squires—I would say we would do something with federal government thundering at gates for national park.

Mr. Pirie said there was no thundering at the gates when the previous federal government was in power.

Mr. Pirie quoted another letter to C. D. Richards from Ewart Atkinson who had to put the lasso to them at times. He quoted in part: "In regard to Lepreau Mr. Atkinson's company was offering a piece of land for \$50,000 providing it does not cost exorbitant price, owners must not step up prices."

Squires—"Who will chose site, the federal or provincial government?"

Mr. Pirie—It is a matter of policy. The wages of the lumber worker had increased since the present government had come into power. Articles in the Telegraph Journal were misleading.

There had been an increased acreage of potato raising and the present government had made the banks do their part in assisting industry without discriminating or favoring any special crops. The present government had pressed the banks to get into the harness alike to potato and lumber.

There was a rumor current that the present leader of the opposition might be put out of circulation for a consideration of \$25,000. He hoped it was not true, as he hoped to see him occupying his present position for the next twenty-five years.

The Tobique Renous road stumpage revenue was producing a revenue. The coal output of the province was 310,000 tons the largest in the history of the province.

He hoped the government would lend its support to the development of the mines of the province citing the Nigadoo River mine. It was the policy of the government to encourage young men to go into the mining industry.

His department had purchased a set of diamonds for drilling, and he hoped for better equipment noting that prospecting had not been encouraged.

He was opposed to settlers being allowed to take up lands just to skim the lumber, and wanted to see proper settlers on proper soil and under proper supervision.

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