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BETTER LABOR LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL McNAIR YESTERDAY

New Fair Wage Board To Be Established In New Brunswick

Bill Introduced Yesterday Afternoon by Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General

To Serve Without Remuneration

Two Labor, Two Employer Representatives and
One Disinterested Man on Board

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

A new fair wage board to be composed of two labour and two employer representatives will be established in the near future under an act introduced into the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney-General. In addition to the four representatives mentioned, one disinterested person will compose the fifth member of the board and will act as chairman.

The purpose of the Amendment of the Act introduced yesterday was to give labor a say in the fixing of wages. Under the act passed last year the authority to establish wage rates in individual industries where the fair wage officer was unable to make an adjustment was vested in the Board of Public Utilities. Under the Amendments introduced yesterday the Public Utilities Board will lose the power of determining the wage scale. The bill providing for the amendments for the Fair Wage Act includes the following provisions:

"For the purposes of this act there shall be a board authorized to establish fair rates of wages, composed of five persons, two of whom shall be representatives of employers and two of whom shall be representatives of workers with one disinterested person as chairman, who shall not belong to either class. Such board shall be appointed by the governor-in-council and known as 'the Fair Wage Board.'

"The members of the Board shall hold office during pleasure and shall serve without remuneration, but the governor-in-council may fix a per diem allowance to be payable to the members on their attendance at the meetings of the board and in transacting the business of the board and every member of the board shall be entitled to his reasonable and necessary travelling and living expenses as certified by the chairman.

"The chairman and two members

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HON. J. B. McNAIR, K.C.

Who Introduced Important Labor Legislation into the House Yesterday

KING AND QUEEN WILL ATTEND THE GRAND NATIONAL

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 18—The King and Queen will be guests of Lord Derby, when they will attend the Grand National. A large crowd gathered to see them flying away this morning, the train being especially decorated in their honor.

Swing music is making a hit in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Our Mental Deficients

HON. DR. ROBERTS, Minister of Health and Labor, struck upon several live topics in the course of his address in the Legislature yesterday afternoon. His remarks on the proper control and study of diphtheria, cancer, typhoid, etc. were well worthy of the consideration of the public.

One subject, however, which has been a live one in recent months in this city, and which was touched upon by Hon. Dr. Roberts, was that of the institutional care of mental deficients. Many of the Women's Institutes, I.O.D.E. Chapters and other organizations have brought this matter up in recent months. The Daily Mail has been extremely interested in the proposition. All the organizations mentioned have written to the Minister of Health asking that the Government provide suitable accommodation for these unfortunates of our population. Accommodation where they will be properly housed and surrounded continuously by a proper atmosphere. In such an atmosphere those of a higher class of mentality would in time be taught to care for themselves—perhaps in a large measure financially—and also be of benefit physically in working for whatever institution was looking after them.

Speaking of this matter in the House yesterday afternoon, Hon. Dr. Roberts said:

"Generally speaking, the authorities point out that centres of large population (urban centres) as a rule become responsible for the care of their own mental defectives, whereas in small towns, villages and rural areas the Province takes the lead and institutes mental clinics at which the provincially appointed psychiatrist can have certain regular appointments to supervise the work. But in both cases all authorities claim that the PIONEER WORK SHOULD BE CARRIED ON BY LAY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH NOT ONLY DO THE SPADE WORK BUT CARRY ON THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME.

"New Brunswick is to be congratulated in having such an organization that has for some years been carrying on a most suitable programme. Dr. George Trueman, President of Mount Allison University, is the President of this organization. Dr. Mabel Hanington of Saint John is Secretary. Rev. Dr. LePalme, who is President of St. Joseph's University, Dr. Peacock, Director, Department of Education of New Brunswick, Dr. Kierstead and Councillor Grannan of Saint John City government are among those who are educationally interested in the work and who, I believe, ARE ANXIOUS THAT AN INSTITUTION BE ARRANGED FOR AT AS EARLY A DATE AS POSSIBLE.

"Upon enquiry I note that the capital cost would amount to between \$200,000 and \$250,000 and that the annual maintenance cost would be in the vicinity of \$30,000. It has been suggested by Dr. Hanington that this capital expenditure might be distributed over a period of three years, that is to say, they would build an institution in units, paying for one or two the first year and so on, so as the cost would not fall too heavily upon any one year. Dr. Hanington quotes Nova Scotia experience which suggests that their institution came about in 1927 and that year \$200,000 was appropriated for the purpose.

"I think I can speak for the Government in this regard, when I say that it is sympathetic in accomplishing something that will be practical and of service. At the present moment, however, the capital expenditure involved in the matter of bringing about an institution as outlined in Dr. Hanington's brief, to say nothing of the amount that it would take annually to support it, SEEMS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT WHATEVER THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, IF THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE DECIDED UPON AS THE MOST EFFICIENT METHOD OF CARE, THIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE FOUND WANTING.

Hon. Dr. Roberts promised that his Department would, during the coming summer, make a thorough survey of what is being done in the principal centres of the United States and Canada. It is to be hoped that they can decide upon some measure that will prove to be in the very best interests of the public.

DE VALERA WANTS LIBERTY OF THE WHOLE NATION

DUBLIN, March 18 — President Eamonn De Valera in a St. Patrick's Day message broadcast to the people of Australia last night said:

"It is a fact that many friends of Ireland in Australia, Canada and New Zealand, even people of Irish blood, often have greater difficulty in understanding what Ireland is striving for than many countries not having kinship.

"The reason lies in the peculiar relationship of the United Kingdom to

HON. JOHN BUCHAN SAILS FOR ENGLAND ON C. P. LINER

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 18—The Canadian Pacific liner Montclare sails from Saint John, N. B., Friday and Halifax, N. S., Saturday with many passengers for Glasgow and Belfast. Among those booked for this sailing are: The Hon. John Buchan, son of Lord Tweedsmuir, Miss B. Spencer Smith, Lieut. E. C. Mayhew, Mrs. A. R. Roy, Ottawa; H. W. Drink, Mrs. W. Matthews and Mrs. Fred Lawrence of Saint John, N. B.

CONCESSION TO MARITIMES IN TRANSPORT CASE

Debate on Third Reading
in the Senate
Yesterday

The Maritimes won a concession when the Senate yesterday passed the amendment excluding from federal authority through shipping to and from Atlantic and Pacific coasts to St. Lawrence and Great Lakes ports. An amendment similar to this had been voted down by a majority of one at the last meeting of the committee.

The question whether the transport bill would impose an added burden on Western Canadian producers formed the basis of debate on the

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LABOR RECEIVED 55 CENTS OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 18—Increased traffic carried by the railways last year furnished work for a large number of additional roadworkers. This is indicated by figures released in the annual report of the Canadian National Railways during 1936 the average number of employees on the payroll of the national system was 78,863 an increase of 3,783 over the average number of employees during 1935. These figures include railway, express and telegraph employees. The total payroll of the national system last year was \$111,221,129 an increase of \$6,359,609 over the payroll of the previous year. The percentage of increase in the number of employees was 5.04 while the increase in payroll was 6.06 p. c.

During last year labour received the largest share of the Canadian National dollar out of every dollar of operating revenue nearly 55 cents went to the workers of the system.

MANY INJURED IN RIOT IN PALESTINE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PALESTINE, March 18—Twenty-four were injured today in bombing riots. One Arab was fatally injured and a curfew was established. The bombing occurred in an Arab Cafe.

Worst Street Fighting in Paris Since Stavinski Riots, Threat to Public Safety

SPECIAL RATES FOR EASTER GREETINGS BY C. P. AND C. N.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, March 17—The early arrival of spring this year is definitely indicated by the large number of pre-Easter telegraph orders being handled by both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Telegraphs both telegraph companies have made preparations to handle the largest Easter file in the history of the Canadian telegraph because of the many enquiries received at their offices relative to the forwarding of greeting telegrams and cablegrams. In addition to Easter greetings by telegraph and cable it is expected that a large volume of flowers by wire to all parts of the world will herald the opening of the spring season.

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Mental and Labor Problems Discussed By Hon. Dr. Roberts

Wholesale Sterilization Not Warranted---Selected
Cases Would Be God-Send

Mental Cases Dealt With

Home For Feeble-Minded Cannot Be Established
at Present

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor continued the debate on the Budget yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Roberts dwelt at some length on the importance of health as an asset of citizenship. He pointed out that health and education go hand in hand as one is crippled without the other.

He spoke in an interesting way on the subject of the mental deficient, the idiots, the imbeciles, the morons. This subject has been a live one in this city and throughout the province in recent months. He spoke on sterilization and contended that wholesale sterilization was not warranted.

"In selected cases sterilization would be a Godsend, particularly as related to married girls who have not sufficient intelligence to undertake the complicated task of rearing a family—but wholesale sterilization as it is now practised in some countries is hardly warranted, I say, in the light of existing knowledge."

He contended that "lower grade conditions such as idiocy and imbecility as a rule have been proven not to be due to bad heredity" although "50 per cent. of higher grade type morons come from inferior family stock."

He gave the House striking statistics on the magnitude of the problem of the insane and the feeble-minded. On a basis of past experience, he said it was estimated that four children out of every 100 born in this country would eventually enter mental hospitals as patients—almost as many as would graduate from Canadian universities. Two out of every 100 born would be mentally deficient or feeble-minded.

After dealing with what could be done in the way of training the feeble

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HON. DR. W. F. ROBERTS
Minister of Health and Labor

Leaders of Canadian Railway Union Confer In Montreal Today

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 18—Leaders of 18 Canadian Railway Unions are meeting in Montreal this afternoon to discuss the problem of whether or not to strike for the return of the ten per cent. wage cut which was given to the railway employees a few years ago.

The Home Fleet left Gibraltar today and sailed for England, where it will be at the time of the Coronation. The Governor took the salute as the fleet passed by.

LISTING CANADIAN FOODS ON HOTEL MENUS URGED BY PUBLICITY DIRECTOR



D. LEO DOLAN
Director Canadian Travel Bureau
Who Boosts Canadian Foodstuffs

TORONTO, March 18—Greater use by Canadian hotels and restaurants of Canadian foodstuffs and listing on menus of these products and their sources, was urged by D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Travel Bureau, Ottawa, guest speaker at the recent opening luncheon of the Ontario Hotels Association's convention.

Instead of Connecticut oysters and Dakota potatoes and other food products from the United States, Canadian menus should carry the names of Canadian sources, such as Prince Edward Island potatoes, and Ontario cheese, Mr. Dolan said. Tourists visit Canada and enjoy a Canadian atmosphere. They don't get it, he said, if hotels and restaurants continue to place their native products before them.

A big exhibit by firms serving the hotel industry was largely attended, with wares ranging from fire extinguishers and meat slicers, to beds.

JAPANESE PRINCE, PRINCESS LEAVE FOR CORONATION

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TOKYO, March 18—Prince and Princess Chichibu left Japan today on their way to the Coronation. They will visit officially in Ottawa on their way and will be guests of the Canadian Government.

Thames River Four Feet Above Normal

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 18—Flood waters are continuing to rise in England. The Thames river is now four feet above normal and is still rising. It is still necessary to close the railway between Folkestone and Dover at night.