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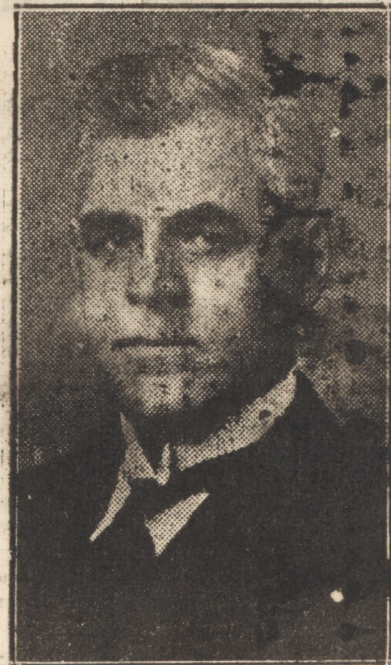
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Weather: Cloudy, milder today and tomorrow with some snow or rain.



HON. A. A. DYSART Premier of New Brunswick who denies knowledge of alliance suggested by Premier Duplessis

Dysart Denies Knowledge of An Alliance

Premier Duplessis Had No Authority to Make Statement

N. B. Not Consulted

N. S. Premier Makes Similar Statement Re His Province

(Special to The Daily Mail) HALIFAX, Dec. 16—Premier MacDonald of Nova Scotia and Premier Dysart of New Brunswick stated this morning that they knew nothing about the proposed alliance.

Premier Dysart stated that Premier Duplessis had no authority to issue a statement concerning New Brunswick. Premier MacDonald also said that Nova Scotia had not been consulted about the alliance.

The statement referred to came in a Canadian Press dispatch from Toronto, which was as follows:

TORONTO, Dec. 15—Ontario and Quebec governments are prepared to challenge the validity of Dominion legislation governing power export to the United States unless permission is granted for Ontario to export a Hydro-Electric Power Commission surplus, Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced today.

Mr. Hepburn who conferred with Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec Monday at Montreal and will meet him again in Toronto next week, said permission to export power had been refused by Prime Minister Mackenzie King. The provincial premiers were determined to have the decision changed.

"I can't see how the Federal Government can reasonably deny our request to export a surplus produce derived from the natural resources of this province," Mr. Hepburn said.

"In fact, I question the validity of the Dominion legislation under the provisions of which they exercise the power of refusing permission. However, I don't think it will be necessary to resort to the courts to gain our end."

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Minto Labor Matters

A NEW REPORT of the investigations of the Fair Wage Board into conditions in the Minto mining area, as well as recommendations regarding the same, is issued today by the Chairman of that Board. Hon. J. B. McNair, Acting Minister of Labor for the Province also issues a statement in which he explains his position in regard to the handling of the strike situation.

Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Federal Minister of Labor last evening issued a statement from Ottawa, in which he said that following the advice of the law officers of the Crown. Hon. Mr. Rogers, in making the announcement said:

"Certain questions regarding the application of the industrial disputes act in New Brunswick were raised yesterday by Attorney-General J. B. McNair," said Mr. Rogers. "These questions have been examined by the law officers of the department of justice who have advised that the federal legislation is operative in New Brunswick."

The Minto miners went on strike without applying for a board of conciliation as required by the act and when they sought a board were advised by the minister he could not establish one while they remained on strike. A board may be established by the minister, either on his own initiative or on the application of one of the parties to the dispute.

It must be borne in mind that the miners at Minto did not strike owing to grievances over working conditions or over wages, but they struck for recognition of the U.M.W. Union and the C.I.O., and the check-up which the mine operators refused to recognize. The striking miners, through their officials, have made this statement more than once.

For several weeks the New Brunswick Fair Wage Board has been making a fair and impartial investigation into conditions in and about the Minto coal mine area. The Acting Minister of Labor for New Brunswick, Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., has been doing his part, so far as the law would allow, to have both the operators and the mine workers' side of the matter investigated. The Fair Wage Board is the machinery set up by the Province to adjust labor difficulties. The mine workers blocked to a certain extent the operation of the Fair Wage Board when they listened to their officials from Washington and from other places outside the Province and went out on strike. But the Fair Wage Board recognizing that the mine workers were ill-advised, proceeded with the investigation and today's report and recommendations are the result. As the report is issued late in the day it is impossible to take up for discussion the different items and recommendations contained therein, but both the report and Hon. Mr. McNair's statement are worthy of serious consideration.

The action of Hon. Mr. Rogers, Federal Minister, is to be regretted as it may have the effect of prolonging a strike which it is the earnest desire of all to see settled. If this matter were left with the Fair Wage Board it would no doubt be settled more promptly and satisfactory to all concerned.

Hon. Mr. Rogers Action Re Minto Strike Will Prevent Early Return Of Men to Work-Is Disappointing

Hon. Mr. McNair Discusses Situation-Fair Wage Board Issues Report and Recommendations.

Fair Wage Report

The Fair Wage Board interim report has been submitted to the Acting Minister of Labor as follows:

FREDERICTON, N. B., December 16, 1937. To Honourable J. B. McNair, K.C., Acting Minister of Health and Labour, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Mr. McNair:

Following an investigation of conditions in the Minto area which was begun last June by Mr. H. R. Pettigrove, Fair Wage Officer, in the course of which a study of working conditions was made in each mine in the area and contacts made with both employees and operators, and a later investigation of the financial picture of each unit of the industry by the Fair Wage Board, which provides the Board with a complete picture of the operation drawn up from original records, we beg to submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

- 1. That the Department of Health make a survey of the Housing conditions in the mining area and take whatever action is necessary to better existing conditions.
2. That the Local Mines Inspector be a permanent official and that violations of Mining Act reported by him be corrected promptly or prosecution immediately prosecuted.
3. (a) That a more accurate check of the names of all employees, including Miners' Wheelers, be made to assure that none remain in the mine as per Section 133, S. 5 of the "Mining Act."

(b) That there be a strict enforcement of Section 142 of the "Mining Act." (Continued on Page Four)

Result Of Ottawa Move May Prolong The Strike.

At one o'clock this afternoon Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney-General and Acting Minister of Labor, issued a statement in regard to the Minto situation.

Hon. Mr. McNair regrets that Hon. Mr. Rogers' action in regard to the Minto strike situation is a great disappointment to those who have been working in this Province for an early return of the Minto miners to work.

Hon. Mr. McNair alleges that the primary object of the union officials in applying to Ottawa for a board is to prolong the strike and to further cripple the coal industry in New Brunswick.

Mr. McNair reviews the history of the strike situation. His statement is as follows:—

I was very much surprised to learn that the Federal Minister of Labor at this late date is determined on his own motion to exercise the arbitrary power vested in him under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act and appoint a board to further investigate the Minto strike situation. His decision is a great disappointment to those who have been working in this Province for an early return of the men to work.

The primary object of Union officials, in applying to Ottawa for a board, is to prolong the strike and by further crippling the coal mining industry in this Province to compel the operators to grant their demands for the check-off which means the compulsory deduction of Union dues by the operators from the wages of their employees for the purpose of furnishing the C.I.O. with funds.

A conciliation board appointed by the Federal Minister of Labor has no power whatever to enforce a settlement of a strike. As he stated in his official announcement of Dec. 12, "its findings are not binding on the parties to the dispute except by mutual consent."

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Mr. Rogers' Statement

Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Federal Minister of Labor, has decided to establish a conciliation board in connection with the Minto strike. This was the word that came over the wires last night from Ottawa. Mr. Rogers claims that he is establishing this board of conciliation under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act to deal with the strike of the coal miners at Minto. Mr. Rogers announced that the board would be set up at once without waiting for a formal application from either the employees or the mining companies.

"Certain questions regarding the application of the Industrial Disputes Act in New Brunswick were raised yesterday by Attorney-General J. B. McNair," said Mr. Rogers. "These questions have been examined by the law officers of the Federal Department of Justice, who have advised that the Federal Legislation is operative in New Brunswick."

Hon. Mr. McNair, who has a statement in The Daily Mail today, claims that the union workers only made the application to Ottawa for the purposes of prolonging the strike situation and in order that the union may be recognized. It is a fact that the Minto strike was the result of the operators at Minto refusing to recognize the C.M.W., C.I.O. and the check-up. The miners themselves made the statement that the strike was not caused by working conditions, nor was it the question of wages, but it was the question solely of the recognition of the union and the check-up.

It is understood on good authority that the Fair Wage Board of this Province will continue to function and to investigate matters connected with the Minto mines, their wages, working conditions and other conditions irrespective of any action which may be taken by Norman McL. Rogers and the Federal Department of Labor.

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PUBLIC BOYCOTT BEING DISCUSSED IN WINNIPEG

(Special to The Daily Mail) WINNIPEG, Dec. 17—A public boycott on the import of Japanese goods is being advocated by a large number of citizens in the city of Winnipeg. The exports of metals and raw material to Japan is being discussed. However, nothing has been decided yet because it is thought that Dominion authority should not be infringed upon. The suggestions may be taken at a later period.

Fleet British and U. S. Ships to Enter Shanghai

(Special to The Daily Mail) SHANGHAI, Dec. 17—A combined fleet of Great Britain and United States will enter Shanghai tomorrow bearing the three dead and all the wounded of the sunboat bombing incident of last Sunday on the Yangtze River.

Meanwhile the Japanese are preparing for a triumphant entering of Nanking tomorrow. Japanese officials say that all foreigners will be safe.

Hepburn and Duplessis Plan to Fight Taxation Changes Suggested to Probe by Manitoba

Ontario Will Back Sister Province Against Any Infringement of Rights Under Constitution.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16—Any recommendations from the Rowell Commission for radical overhauling of the British North America Act will be fought to the last ditch by the Ontario and Quebec Governments. It was unanimously decided here today at a far-reaching conference between Premiers Hepburn and Duplessis and members of their respective Cabinets. Persistently and particularly jealous of her minority rights, Quebec proposes, it is understood, to stand pat on her present constitutional position should any alterations, to the act that might be viewed as arbitrary be suggested. In that attitude, she will have the pledged support of Mr. Hepburn and her neighbor Province, it is reported. Thus is defined an alliance of sorts which, no matter how vague it appears at the present time, may, in the near future, be for clearly established recognition.

Neither Ontario nor Quebec will under any circumstances abandon the succession duties and income taxation to the Dominion. Western Provinces, especially Manitoba, at grips as they are with mountainous relief problems, may be prone to cede their taxation rights to the Federal field in return for some form of guaranteed subsidizing, but the two central Provinces, according to rumors issuing from today's Montreal parley, will have no part in such policy.

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PITY POOR POLITICIAN, PLEADS PESTERED ONE

Wilfrid Heighington, From Safety of Polls Defeat, Saddened at Thought of Picayune Partisanship.

TORONTO, Dec. 16—A poignant plea for less pitiless pillorying of poor politicians was made by Wilfrid Heighington, former M.L.A., before the Board of Trade Club at the King Edward Hotel Monday night.

From the comparative safety of a defeat at the polls in the last Provincial election, Mr. Heighington presented in humorous vein some of the harassments the average member of "the political zoo" underwent once he left the peace of private life to champion causes on platforms.

"If you play cards, you are automatically a gambler," he said. "If you don't, you're a piker. If you go to church, you are looking for votes. If you don't, you are not the right type of man to represent your constituency."

Saskatchewan Will Be Three Million Behind

(Special to The Daily Mail)

REGINA, Dec. 16—Saskatchewan will be three million dollars short this year, even if the relief is taken over by the National Relief Committee.

"If you stand up in Parliament to say what you think, you're a young man, and it isn't fitting that you should talk, and if you observe in silence, you are not properly representing your electors."

In fact he declared, Dale Carnegie should run a special school for politicians.

As a matter of fact, he contended, politicians were no better, or worse than the average run-of-business or professional men. Partisan politics "carried too far" the habit of probing everything and constant investigation by Royal Commissions were factors which had played a part in throwing a cloud over political life.

"The one safe rule is—never go to a bazaar," he advised. "Once you pop your head inside, you will find ten or twelve, or more of your best female supporters putting the bee on you, and if you don't buy from every booth..."

More seriously, he declared, there were too many investigations by Royal Commissions which should be conducted by the high court of Parliament. And there should be no change in the British North America Act unless "you know what you have to substitute for it."



HON. J. B. MCNAIR Acting Minister of Labor issues statement re Minto labor matter

JAP CHIEF HAS BEEN FIRED FOLLOWING BOMBING

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TOKIO, Dec. 16—The Japanese air chief who is held responsible for the bombing of the United States and British ships has been recalled to Tokyo and has been relieved from office.

In Great Britain's note to Japan she says that adequate punishment must be given to those responsible for such atrocities in order to assure a non-reoccurrence.

CHINESE HAVE 300,000 M E N, STILL SPUNKY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17—General Chiang Kai Shek says that China will resist the Japanese and that the Japanese will receive greater resistance from the smaller towns than they have from the larger cities. He stated that China had lost over 300,000 men and that they lost over 70,000 men at Nanking. China must depend entirely upon their own forces and cannot expect to receive help from outside. They said that the Japanese power will eventually lessen.

AIRPORT SITE IS PURCHASED IN LONDON

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 17—One thousand acres of land have been purchased for the new London airport. The site is twelve miles from the city and cost over six hundred thousand pounds.

ATTEND MEETING

Scout officials and those interested in scouting activities who attended the annual meeting at Saint John of the Boy Scouts' Association of New Brunswick as representatives of this district are: Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton; Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan; Professor Robert W. B. Pugh, assistant provincial commissioner; and G. Alvah Good, district commissioner.

ESKIMO HAS CANCER; MEDICAL HOPES DASHED

Belief That Natives Might Be Immune and Provide Secret Responsible Not Upheld By Ottawa Report.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16—The hope of the medical world that there was one race immune from cancer, the Eskimos at Lake Harbour. They were transferred to hospital at Pangnirtung, on the east coast of Baffin Island, where Dr. T. J. Orford, assisted by Dr. McEuen, removed a growth from one of the natives, specimens from which were brought back to Montreal by Dr. McEuen.

The Pathological Institute of the Royal Victoria Hospital has reported to the department the native had cancer. However, the opinion of officials here is that the disease is very rare among Eskimos.

Many scientists have gone into the Arctic in the belief the Eskimos never contracted cancer, and therefore something in their diet—almost entirely of meat and fish—or manner of living made them immune. This year Dr. C. Stuart McEuen of