

OTHER COAL OPERATORS MAY RECOGNIZE U.M.W.

News Briefs

GOES TO DIGBY

Ewart C. Atkinson, president of the Fredericton Board of Trade, left this city by car this morning for Digby, N. S. He was accompanied by J. E. L. Papineau, this city, and is expected to return sometime Wednesday.

PREPARE TO OPEN SUBWAY

Workmen of the Richardson Construction Company, Ltd., contractors for the substructure of the new Canadian National Railways bridge here, were at work this afternoon dismantling the wooden supports for the concrete along the top of the subway in preparation to the opening of the structure to vehicular traffic.

PARTRIDGE IN CITY

A dead partridge was found on the lawn of the Parliament Building this morning by Game Warden Louis Farrell. The bird had apparently come into the city to feed on the tree buds, but had flown against telephone wires and met an untimely death. It may have been looking for the game warden's office in the Parliament building.

CONVENTION POSTPONED

The provincial convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was to have met in Marysville this week, has been postponed until further notice, because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis. It is not certain whether the convention will be held this year, according to a report some time ago.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

LeRoy Toll, who with his brother hitch-hiked around the world on the total sum of \$75 for travelling expenses, will deliver an illustrated address in the Wilmot church this evening, showing the many phases of the trip. The greatest feature of the address will be a description of the Holy Land, which address has been lauded in every city that the travelogue has been presented.

SMALL FIRE

Little damage was done in the fire which occurred yesterday afternoon at about 2.30 in a shed of the house occupied by Cecil Noble, Brunswick street. As far as is known the fire originated in a pile of rubbish through spontaneous combustion. The interior of the shed was damaged and part of the roof also destroyed. The fire was quickly extinguished by the firemen.

CARS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Slight damage was done to two cars this morning when the right rear fender of a car driven by Jack Kinch, this city, caught the front bumper of motor vehicle number 11-231 when the former was being parked in front of the Customs Building near noon today. The latter vehicle, which was parked at the time, received a slightly bent bumper, while the fender of the Kinch car was torn slightly.

SPAWNING CONDITIONS GOOD

Salmon spawning conditions along the Little Tobique River are very good, and indications point to a splendid fishing season next year, it was stated this afternoon by L. H. Parks, Federal superintendent of fisheries for this district. Mr. Parks returned from a four day inspection trip of the Tobique district late Saturday night. He was accompanied by Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick; and was met up river by E. S. Moore, superintendent of the Tobique Salmon Club, and Harry T. Rogers, Grafton.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral of Mrs. Edward Goodine of French Village, which took place this morning at St. Annes Church there. Mrs. Goodine, who passed away suddenly on Saturday evening after a lingering illness, was well known and highly respected throughout the district. She is survived by her husband.

Rev. Father H. L. Coughlan celebrated Requiem Mass at the church at 10 o'clock. Interment was made at French Village.

TO ATTEND SYNOD

Three representatives of the Fredericton Diocese of the Church of England will leave tomorrow for Saint John to attend a three day convention of the Diocesan Synod, which is being held at the Church of England Institute in that city on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday. Most Rev. Archbishop J. A. Richardson and Ven. Archdeacon Spencer C. Gray will leave for Saint John tomorrow morning, while Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead will leave in the afternoon. They are expected to return to the city on Thursday afternoon. The meeting of the Synod, which will be attended by representatives of each district in the Diocese, is expected to see between 25 and 30 delegates present.

TO SUPPORT ACTION FOR NEW ROADBED

W. G. Clark, M. P. Promises Aid in Repairing Railway Roadbed

Discussed At Ottawa

Rumor Bd. of Trade To Discuss Re-Routing of Freight

"I am willing to support any steps necessary to bring about the improvement of the Canadian National Railways' roadbed between McGivney Junction and South Devon," stated W. G. Clark, M.P., when queried this morning by The Daily Mail as to his viewpoint in connection with the situation, reported to be the subject to be considered at a special meeting at the Fredericton Board of Trade to be called shortly.



W. G. CLARK, M.P.

Mr. Clark stated that he has already discussed the matter with officials at Ottawa, but nothing had been decided as yet, it is understood.

The meeting of the Board of Trade, which, rumor had it, will be called within the next few days, will be for the purpose of discussing ways and means of re-routing transcontinental freight traffic on the shorter route from McGivney Junction, through Fredericton to Saint John, instead of to Moncton and then to Saint John.

Only Obstacle

It is felt that since the Moncton route is considerably longer than the Valley Route, and since the latter route will be capable of handling the traffic when the new and stronger C.N.R. bridge here is finished, every effort should be concentrated on having the route changed. The only obstacle to the scheme is the fact that the roadbed between Devon and McGivney will need considerable repair in order to handle the increased heavy traffic.

As was pointed out in the front page editorial of The Daily Mail of Oct. 14, without the repair to the connecting link of the transcontinental railroad between McGivney and Devon, the shorter route could not be used, the bridge will be to a large extent useless, and the large amount of money which was voted to bring the new bridge up to a standard necessary for the handling of transcontinental traffic will be wasted.

It is understood that not only the added advantage to the cities of Fredericton and Saint John will be pointed out to the railway officials by the Board of Trade, but also the great saving to the railway which the shorter route would bring about.

Ewart C. Atkinson, president of the Board of Trade, could not be reached today to learn his views on the matter, he having left the city early this morning for Digby, N. S.

Many Rotarians Going To Houlton Wednesday Attend Meeting There

A large representative of the local Rotary Club will motor to Houlton on Wednesday afternoon to attend a dinner meeting there as guests of the Houlton Club. Thirty-two members are already on the list, and it is expected that several more members will also make the trip. The party will assemble in front of the City Hall at 4 o'clock sharp, and the several cars will leave from that point in a body.

The present list of those who will be present is as follows: C. Hedley

M'Dougal and Rothwell Mines Re-open Today

Anti-Strike Propaganda Useless in Undermining Morale of the Strikers, States W. S. Walker; Only 33 Report to Work at Rothwell Mine

Persistent rumors that one and possibly two other operators are seriously considering following the lead of the John MacDougal mine in recognizing the Union of the United Mine Workers of America, and granting the demands of the striking miners, and the opening of the Rothwell Mine this morning with only 33 workers present instead of the 52 who yesterday balloted in favour of returning to work, were recognized as further victories for the strikers in firmly establishing the union in the Minto district. It is believed that the MacDougal mine, which resumed operations this morning, will have a telling effect in bringing other operators to meet the demands around which the strike centres.

Anti-Strike Propaganda

Successive statements by various operators who claim that if the situation doesn't change, and the men do not return to work within the next few days, they will have to take up rails and pumps and dismantle the mines forever, were branded today in a statement to The Daily Mail, as mere anti-strike propaganda by W. S. Walker, member of the Minto strike board.

Mr. Walker stated that in every strike these statements have been used by operators in attempts to undermine the morale of the strikers with the fear that their former means of livelihood would be taken from them forever. He added that these statements, the actions of the few men who returned to the Evans mine and the claims of Communism being behind the union, were having no effect on the strikers, and that the morale was remaining high.

Await Relief

High hopes were held in the district today that the relief promised to the miners by the international headquarters of the union would be available within the next few days. Strike officials wired to district headquarters today concerning the matter Mr. Walker stated, and this afternoon were awaiting a reply.

Although the strike board intends securing the relief as early a date as possible, Mr. Walker stated that the men are not in serious circumstances, and there is no danger of conditions in this regard forcing the men to give up their fight. In most cases credit is available for food and other necessities, and conditions have been no worse nor give indications of becoming acute, should the siege last for some time, it was said.

Mr. Walker also debunked the stories that there is an acute shortage of fuel. He stated that fuel conditions are not serious, and added that even though a shortage of coal resulted, there is plenty of woodland in the district. "If we can't get coal," he stated, "we'll start cutting wood."

Meeting This Afternoon

Union officials and the striking men met at 2.30 this afternoon to discuss the situation. It was not expected that any operators would be present, unless the two operators who are rumored considering the recognition of the union were present to discuss this matter with the board.

The management of the Welton mine, one of the smaller operators in the Newcastle Creek area, declared that they will close the mine tomorrow and begin dismantling the machinery. Two of the larger operators, A. D. Taylor and W. Benton Evans, are still determined not to yield to the union demands. Evans is quoted as saying that he is willing to recognize an independent union formed by the employees and not affiliated with the U.M.W., but will never recognize the present union or give "check-off." Mr. Taylor, the largest operator in the district, is of the opinion that if the strike persists, the plight of the miners during the coming winter will be most serious. "Anything that can be done by the operators to save the miners from this plight will be welcomed by the operators," he stated—"except recognition of the U.M.W."

In rebuttal to the recent statement by D. W. Morrison, president, district 26, U.M.W., Glace Bay, N.S., of the terrible living conditions in the district Mr. Taylor stated that Minto was the only municipality in Canada which weathered the depression with out direct relief. "Let Morrison look at conditions in his own district at Glace Bay, which in many instances are much worse than in Minto," he asserted.

Forbes, E. Allison MacKay, J. D. MacKay, Whitman A. Haines, Frank C. Cooper, Dr. Ray, MacGibbon, John A. Reid, John B. Kinghorn, Rev. George Telford, Dr. A. S. MacFarlane, Alderman Ivan McKnight, Dr. Arthur Van Wart, Dr. William Warwick, W. K. Tibert, S. C. Young, Thomas Berry, W. W. O. Fenety, Stanley Wood, George L. Clark, George Armstrong, Minot Brewer, Harold Colwell, A. S. Thompson, D. W. Wallace, M. F. and Mrs. Hedley Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Luke S. Morrison.

TO CONVERT C. N. R. STATION INTO OFFICES

Progress on Construction Station, Roundhouse at S. Devon

Ready In December

Seven Engine Roundhouse Can Be Enlarged At Any Time

Preparations will be commenced in the near future for the conversion of the Canadian National Railways station at the foot of Queen St. into an office building to accommodate the offices of the district superintendent, roadmasters and other railway officials, it was stated this morning by R. B. Graham, district superintendent. It was also stated that the building will not be elevated to the level of the railway grade, but will be left on the present foundation.

Progress on the new roundhouse and station at South Devon is advancing rapidly, it was stated. The station will be completed and occupied by December 1. Mr. Graham stated, and it is hoped that the roundhouse will be completed between the 15th and 31st of December.

The turntable which is being constructed in connection with roundhouse will be completed in a short time, it is believed. The contractors are rushing all phases of the work in order to have the services ready at the earliest possible date.

The roundhouse, which will accommodate seven engines, is being constructed so that an enlargement can be made at any time the circumstances necessitate. It is situated west of Barker Street. Rail entrance to the roundhouse will be at Marysville Road, while entrance to the station will be from Barker Street.

CONDITION LITTLE IMPROVED

The condition of John Coveny, 13-year-old son of Mrs. C. J. Coveny, Saunders Street, who lost the sight of one eye when struck by a "BB" shot from an air rifle some time ago, is little improved today, it was stated. He will return to Saint John Saturday for further treatment.

FISH WEEK

General observance of Fish Week, October 18th to 23rd, opens today. Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries for Canada, urges the public to encourage the country's 72,000 commercial fishermen and others employed in the fisheries industry by using more fish.

Arrives Wednesday To Confer With Premier Dysart

Chief Justice Newton W. Rowell, of the Ontario Supreme Court, chairman of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, is expected in the city on Wednesday to confer with Hon. A. A. Dysart, K.C., Premier and Minister of Public Works for New Brunswick, and other members of the provincial cabinet.



Newton W. Rowell

Although it is expected that the commission will not be ready to sit in Fredericton until early in 1938, preparatory plans will be discussed at the meeting. As far as is known, Chief Justice Rowell will not be accompanied by any other members of the commission. Dr. R. A. MacKay, professor of political science at Dalhousie University, Halifax, and the Maritime member of the commission was in the city about a month ago, discussing the New Brunswick sitting of the commission with Premier Dysart.

The commission, which has recently been meeting at Regina, is expected to meet in all the capitals of the western provinces before coming to the Maritimes. When it meets at Fredericton, a brief outlining the position of New Brunswick will be prepared by experts of the Attorney General's Department and presented to the commission.

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