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## UNION AND CHECKUP ARE FIRST CONSIDERATIONS

U. M. W. Officials Appear Not So Anxious About Economic Conditions

N. S. Official Appointed  
Evans Makes Statement Re The Fair Wage Board

The Union recognition and a checkup for C.I.O. dues seem to be the biggest considerations rather than the economic factors of the case or the wage and working conditions of the striking miners, to judge from the statements of D. W. Morrison, U.M.W. president.

A Nova Scotian Lucian D. Currie, M.L.A. for Cape Breton in the N. S. Legislature has been appointed as the United Mine Workers counsel in the proposed investigation into the miners dispute act, it was announced at Glace Bay last night.

Discussing the interim report and recommendations of the Fair Wage Board published yesterday, D. W. Morrison, President of the U.M.W. district said last night the report of the Fair Wage Board and Fair Wage Officer on the Minto strike situation was "a step in the right direction but it does not go far enough."

"The report of the Fair Wage Board and Officer we consider a step in the right direction. Many of the matters referred to in the report are of great importance to the mine workers of the Minto district. In so far as the union is concerned we are prepared to enforce the recommendations of the board," the union president said.

"We do say, however, the report does not go far enough. We contend that unless the union has recognition the report of the Fair Wage Board and Officer is doomed to failure. While we have felt right along conditions there should be improved, we contend recognition of the union is absolutely necessary to enforce the recommendations of the Fair Wage Board and Officer."

"One of the objectionable matters is cut-throat competition between the operators of the Minto district and also underselling the operators of Nova Scotia. This has had a serious effect on the whole of Eastern Canada's coal industry. I am pleased to note this fact has been recognized by board and officers in their report."

"We are prepared to lend any assistance in eliminating cut-throat competition, for our feeling is that it has brought disaster to other coal fields."

The union head added the strike had been called "for the purpose of establishing collective bargaining which means union recognition and the check-off."

W. B. EVANS

W. B. Evans discusses the recommendations of the Fair Wage Board.



Congratulations to Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, who is 63 years old today

## U. S. Methods Are Expected To Delay Pact

Three Months at Earliest Before Details of Trade Treaty Are Available

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Publication of the details of the trade treaty between the United States and Canada may be delayed three or four months because of the procedure which the United States Government must follow as prescribed by Congress.

Because of this procedure, it may be late February or March before the Canadian people are informed of the products on which the two countries intend to barter.

The State Department at Washington on Nov. 18 gave preliminary notice of intention to bargain and the law provides that a month must elapse before formal notice of intention to negotiate may be announced. Under normal conditions this might be given on Dec. 17, but because of the Christmas season, it may be set over until the first of the year. Thereafter, a "reasonable period" must be given—usually a month or six weeks—in which United States business men may make representations to the Reciprocity Committee concerning tariffs on the proposed items.

Thus, it will be late February before the formal announcement can be made.

## The Minto Strike

PRESIDENT D. W. Morrison of the United Mine Workers has let the cat out of the bag AND HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE STRIKE AT MINTO WAS ENTIRELY OVER THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS UNION AND OF THE C.I.O. In discussing the matter, Mr. Morrison says, "We contend that unless the Union has recognition, the report of the Fair Wage Board and of its officers is doomed to failure."

Another significant statement is that referring to the competition between the mining operators at Minto and those of Nova Scotia. Mr. Morrison says, "One of the objectionable matters in the Fair Wage Board's recommendations is the cut-throat competition between the operators of the Minto district and the operators of Nova Scotia." MR. MORRISON, WHO IS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE STRIKE AT MINTO AND AN OFFICER OF THE U.M.W., IS ALSO MAYOR OF GLACE BAY, THE COAL MINING TOWN OF NOVA SCOTIA WHICH DOES BUSINESS IN COMPETITION WITH THE MINTO COAL FIELDS. THIS IS ALL THAT IS NECESSARY TO REMARK IN THIS CONNECTION.

Some weeks ago in a consultation between members of the Provincial Government and Mr. Morrison, it was stated THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE MACHINERY OF THE FAIR WAGE BOARD WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AT MINTO AND WOULD DO WHAT COULD BE DONE TO RELIEVE THE MINERS ECONOMICALLY IF IT WERE FOUND THAT GRIEVANCES EXISTED. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF ECONOMICS THAT THE UNION WAS STRIKING ABOUT. The question was one relating to recognition of the Union and a checkup, the checkup was to compel the operators to grant their demands for the checkoff 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. In this connection it might be stated that the funds received through this checkup go to a large extent to the upkeep of the C.I.O. at Washington. Fifty per cent. go to Washington, thirty per cent. to the head office of the local Union in Nova Scotia and the other twenty per cent. for the Minto people.

When Mr. Morrison and his Union appealed to Mr. Rogers at Ottawa and asked for the establishment of a conciliation board, Mr. Morrison recognized the fact that he must have a more substantial program to submit to the Federal authorities than the recognition of the Union and the checkoff, so his Union added the economic setup in order that they might better appeal to Hon. Mr. Rogers. This is a setup which Mr. Morrison declined to discuss some weeks ago with our Provincial authorities and by declining at that time no doubt caused the prolongation of the strike. In our opinion after reading the statement from Mr. Morrison appearing in today's press despatch Hon. Norman McL. Rogers would be well advised to withdraw from the arena and to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the New Brunswick Fair Wage Board where it belongs.

Every person is anxious to see the strike ended and to see the distressing conditions which exist at Minto today also at an end. But to our mind the unsettlement and distress will prevail if the matter is allowed to drag along through the medium of the Conciliation Board.

Recognition of the Union and the checkup to protect the C.I.O. and U.M.W. interest in the miners' dues would seem to be the big factor in the present strike, rather than the wage question and the question of better working conditions to judge by the statements made by Mr. Morrison. This has been contended all along both by the operators at Minto and even by the striking miners themselves.

## Canadian Toy Imports From Japan Decrease During the Past Year Exports of Metal from the Dominion to Japan Have Been Doubled.

HUGE LOSSES TO WESTERN NATIONS MAY RESULT FROM SOUTH DRIVE

Ottawa Figures Show That In Same Period China Has Purchased Virtually Nothing

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Canada's exports to Japan of all raw metals for the manufacture of munitions have doubled in the first ten months of this year in comparison with the same period a year ago.

The figures for the ten months' period of this year are \$12,057,153, a jump from \$6,196,496 in the 10 months of 1936. Aluminum, copper and lead exports have doubled, while nickel exports have increased four times. The huge increase is due solely to the present Sino-Japanese conflict, it is stated.

China, on the other hand, has purchased virtually nothing from Canada to help her fight the invader. The reason apparently is that Canada prohibits the exports of manufactured munitions except by special license. No manufactured munitions have been shipped to either Japan or China. Japan, however, can make her own munitions from the raw state, while China depends upon the manufactured product. Since August, 1936, when an Order-in-Council was passed prohibiting the export of munitions except by special license, only \$250,000 of such exports have been sold abroad, mostly in airplanes and parts.

A startling fact concerning exports to warring nations is that Canada's

Decline of \$18,213 In Year Shows Canadian Children Not Partial To Martial Toys

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—There may be fighting in Spain and China, the power of the sword may be impressive on young minds in dictator countries—but Canadian children still refuse to play with tin soldiers and toy cannons.

Martial toys constitute less than 1 per cent of those on display for Christmas, the Department of National Revenue estimates. By far the greatest number are mechanical toys such as trains, construction kits, planes, trucks and even miniature trailers.

In addition to toys made in Canada, the Santa Claus pack this year includes toys to the value of \$1,083,700 from the United States, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and France. This represented an increase of \$60,000 over last year.

Toys imports from the United States were valued at \$491,501, an increase of \$91,661; from Germany, \$262,552, a decrease of \$12,107; Japan, \$184,238, a decrease of \$18,213; United Kingdom \$126,607, an increase of \$323; Czechoslovakia, \$12,173, a decrease of \$514, and France, \$2,571, a decrease of \$1,676.

Canada exported toys with a value of \$279,841, an increase of \$89,698.

Shipments to Spain virtually vanished during the same period her exports to Japan spiralled upward. In 1936 we shipped goods to the value

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Mass Meeting, Held Yesterday at Tokyo, Savors Anti-British Sentiment

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—At an Osaka mass meeting jointly sponsored by the association of leading citizens and businessmen and the association of members of the Japanese House of Representatives, resolutions were adopted opposing alleged British assistance to China, Britain's "crafty" economic policy and British attempts to settle the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The Japanese navy meanwhile announced a formal salute would be given the four persons killed in the attack on the Panay.

A company of bluejackets was ordered to fire the salute at the spot above Nanking, where they were killed and the Panay sank.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17.—The Japanese military machine today apparently had everything in readiness for a major South China offensive which foreign observers believed would create damage to trade of Western nations similar to the huge losses in Shanghai.

The main objective is expected to be Canton, the Chinese Nationalist metropolis of South China, and observers believed the British Crown colony of Hong Kong, clearing house for commerce in a vast and profitable area, will feel the economic brunt of ensuing South China military operations.

Drain On Japan

The threatened South China offensive, while imposing a further drain on Japanese resources, is deemed vital in Tokyo to development of its

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## Canadian Pacific Railway Has Done its Bit in Relieving the Western Sufferers



HIS WORSHIP  
MAYOR G. WILLARD KITCHEN  
who was today nominated for re-election as Mayor for 1938

556 Freight Car Loads Were Transported Free of Charge

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—When a nation-wide appeal was made for aid for impoverished Canadians in the drought-stricken districts of Saskatchewan, the response was immediate and generous. Canadians everywhere, service clubs, church societies, civic groups and individuals, started collecting clothing, food and other necessary things for the needy in Saskatchewan.

The extent of what has been done is perhaps best shown by the amount of goods transported from all parts of Canada to Saskatchewan. A recent survey conducted by the C. P. Railway showed that that organization had transported 556 freight cars loaded with food and clothing, entirely free of charge, to Regina, the main distributing station.

In addition there were uncounted bales of clothing in less than carload lots moved to Saskatchewan free of charge. No count has been kept of

this because such bales were transported in whatever available space could be found, without any check being made as to the quantity carried.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has done its bit to relieve suffering in the West in still another way. Any government body buying goods for relief purposes in the drought area can have such shipments carried on Canadian Pacific lines at half the usual rate. The extent to which government agencies have taken advantage of this offer has meant another large contribution to the general weal on the part of the Canadian Pacific Company.

Germany Restricts Use of Iron and Steel

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Germany has issued another decree restricting the use of iron and steel for lamp posts and many other household articles. The reason for this further decree given is that these metals can be put to other uses more important.

## CHINESE LIEUT. PUT TO DEATH FOR COWARDICE

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17.—One of the leading lieutenants of the Chinese army has been put to death by the order of the Emperor of China. Ten years ago this lieutenant was one of the leading figures in the Chinese army. He was accused of corruption, lack of discipline and cowardice in the present campaign.

The morale of the Chinese army is greatly broken up many of the soldiers are trying to escape through the river gates.

King's Broadcast On Xmas Day 3:00 P. M.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 17.—King George and Queen Elizabeth will leave next Wednesday day for Sandringham where they will spend the Christmas season with members of their family. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will also be there. The King's empire broadcast will take place at 3:00 p.m., Christmas afternoon.



The Right Reverend Paul Fulcrand Delacour de Labilliere, bishop suffragan of Knaresborough, archdeacon of Leeds and rector of Methley, is shown leaving Westminster Abbey after his appointment as the new dean of Westminster. He succeeds the late Dr. William Foxley Norris. The new dean, who is 58, will receive a salary of \$15,000 a year

## FREEZEUP MARCONS NORTH COMMUNITIES

Enforced Holiday Enjoyed by School Pupils, Since Water Can't be Crossed Until Ice Thickens

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 17.—"Freeze-up" is here, bringing joy to the children cut off from school for days or weeks, and anxiety to their parents who have to worry about a possible shortage of food and medical help.

Many parts of the North are completely marooned each early winter while the waters of lakes or rivers are freezing. Communications with the outside world are not resumed until the ice is thick enough to bear the weight of horses, trucks or at least a man and a dog-team.

There is the case of the 600 residents of Killarney, a fishing village on the north shore of Georgian Bay, and a jumping-off place for Manitoulin Island. They have to get their food stored long before freeze-up.

In case of sickness, they'd have to telephone for an airplane from Sudbury, and have done so in the past. But after three or four nights of sub-zero weather, the Georgian Bay ice holds teams of horses, and the Killarneyites can trot the 22 miles to Little Current or MacGregor Bay on a shopping trip.

At Point au Baril, 80 miles around

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EX-ALD. C. HEDLEY FORBES  
who today was placed in nomination for Mayor