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OIL IN NEW BRUNSWICK

REMEMBER how the teacher told us about the tidal bore on New Brunswick's Petitcodiac River caused twice every 24 hours by the playful tides of the Bay of Fundy? Like many others who visit this natural curiosity we should probably be impressed and let it go at that, but not so a mining engineer who visited there a few years ago with a certain idea in the back of his head.

In 1907 a group of people from New Brunswick who had been granted oil and gas rights over a large area of the province, went to a number of Old Country capitalists to ask for aid in developing oil fields. Among these gentlemen was Dr. Henderson who was interested enough to come to Canada and not until he arrived on the scene was any real exploration work undertaken.

What caught the eye of the experienced engineer was the fact that just before the bore came in, the level of the river was lower than at any other time and left exposed outcrops of black rocks in the river bed of Stony Creek. The hair-breadth escapes from on-rushing tides and from mud, resulted in the discovery of the Stony Creek Gas and Oil Field in New Brunswick today.

Prior to this discovery, many geologists had definitely stated that oil and gas did not exist in the Maritime Provinces in any quantity worth mentioning. Dr. Henderson, however, had such faith in his own conviction, gathered from world-wide experience, that he put his own money into the venture.

The gasoline and oil from this field is sold chiefly to local industries, the government and the railways. No more than can be sold is produced although vast quantities are available. The crude oil burns without smoke or dirt and is much sought by bakeries, laundries, wall board plants and so on. Much of the gasoline is used by government road patrols.

At present the principal source of crude petroleum is the Turner Valley in Alberta. There are important fields in southern Alberta, 14 throughout Ontario and last but not least a recent discovery near Fort Norman in the Northwest Territories.

A report by the Mining Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows a total of nearly one and a half million barrels of crude petroleum produced in Canada last year. Over one million barrels of it came from Alberta, 165,000 from Ontario and 17,000 from New Brunswick.

IMAGINE HOUE AT OTTAWA

AS FORMER Conservative Leader in Quebec, if not as ex-Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Camille Houde might be expected to have some regard for political integrity. Campaigning for a Parliamentary seat in St. Henri on a "non-arms" platform is his privilege, but making statements which the Prime Minister of Canada is obliged to describe as "an entire fabrication from beginning to end" is certainly placing a low valuation on the situation he hopes to join.

Mr. Houde is running as an Independent. It was thoughtful of him thus to assume individual responsibility for his type of campaign. But it is deplorable to have opposition to an adequate defense program embittered by falsehood.

Both Mr. King and the Minister of Defense have denied unequivocally Mr. Houde's charge that a secret pact exists for sending a military quota to Great Britain in event of war. Hon. Ian Mackenzie points out that the alleged agreement refers to memoranda about which Parliament was informed, relating to reorganization of Canada's volunteer militia. They were recommendations from Canadian staff officers, of Departmental importance only, the result of which the country knows.

Mr. Houde's whole statement, said the Minister, is ridiculous and stupid on its face. It may serve a political purpose, nevertheless, in deceiving electors who hear only one side, enlarging the gap between those looking squarely at the situation and those whose disloyalty to Britain is fed on such propaganda. Mr. Houde and others like him who would capitalize misunderstanding are in a mischief-making business.

The Lethbridge by-election showed what the rural backbone of Quebec thought of the anti-defense campaign. Whether or not the Montreal constituency of St. Henri is of a different character will be made known by the ballots. If it succumbs to Mr. Houde's misrepresentations it will not speak for Quebec, but only for the noisy element of malcontents which Mr. Houde sponsors. The danger is that this element may be overvalued abroad, where signs of dissension would be welcomed by enemies of the British Empire. Would the former Conservative Leader be proud of his contribution to their gratification?

Ex-Mayor Houde would be no acquisition for Parliament. As the only other candidates in the riding are Liberals, straight or factional, there is a job to be done. Defeat of the disruptionists is more important than the triumph of an individual.

SNAP SHOTS

They say that Neville Chamberlain and de Valera are talking peace. If peace comes to Ireland the end of the world may be at hand.

"A thousand years from now women will rule the world," declares a Harvard psychologist, who we know is at least 1,040 years behind the times.

Bernard Baruch says everyone and everything is a bit to blame for conditions of unrest now existing. That view has the distinction of being at once diplomatic and indisputably true.

A star almost as large as our whole universe has just been discovered. It must be mortifying to astronomers to reflect that it was there all the time.

They say an American diplomat was badly wounded recently. He opened a Japanese apology without his gas mask.

Judging from all those reports of executions in Russia those Russians who are staying at the north pole are no fools.

Russia shot sixteen merchants the other day for offenses that included "stocking a store with useless buttons." This would seem to indicate that after twenty years of Soviet government the zipper has triumphed.

A matador in Mexico killed a bull while an earthquake shook the ring without diverting the attention of the spectators from the entertainment. It is not recorded that the bull paid any attention to the tremor, either.

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Find Farmer Pays Too Much

Conclusions of the committee were that the farmer was paying too much for farm implements and that tariff and other action should be taken by the Government to bring the price level down.

It was estimated that through the depression farmers had gone about \$2,000,000 behind in their farm implement requirements. The normal needs were estimated at \$51,700,000 annually, with the Prairie Provinces absorbing about two-thirds of the total.

Already some Western Province members have expressed anxiety as to what the Government proposes to do with this problem, and at least one member has announced his intention of bringing the matter forward, with a suggestion that the Government subsidize co-operative distribution agencies to handle farm implements.

Recommend Tariff Cuts

Among other things, the committee recommended cream separators be put on the free list in the tariff schedule; that manufacturing companies should be allowed a customs drawback on materials imported for use in the manufacture of farm implements, and that every effort should be made to see that the savings thus effected be passed along to the farmers.

The committee, in its conclusions, declared a study of financial returns proved that from 1891 to 1936 the price of farm implements had been maintained at too high a level.

Owing to the brevity of the last session of Parliament, the committee did not bring in as definite or conclusive a report as would have been possible if there had been more time. It was intimated further studies would be made this year.

DIED

PATTERSON.—Passed away at Fredericton, N. B., Sunday, Jan. 16, 1938, James Alexander Patterson, aged 93. Funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon, with service at the home, 55 Saunders street, at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. N. A. McNeill will officiate. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery extension.

SAUNDERSON.—Passed away at Tracy, N. B., Jan. 15, 1938, John James Sanderson, aged 76 years. Funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon, with service at the late home at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Harland will officiate in the service. Interment will be made at Tracy.

Twenty 'Y' Teams In Hockey Battles On Saturday Morning

The Arctic Rink was the scene of another series of enthusiastic hockey games on Saturday morning when 20 'Y' teams battled for honors in their respective leagues.

In Division 1 of the School League, Provocational who were in the cellar upset the dope by beating the League leading Marysville squad by a score of 3-1. Marker's Pt. moved into a tie for second place in this division by beating Devon 3-2.

In Division 2 Smythe and St. Dunstan's played to a one one draw, while 'A' League the Blue Bombers moved into undisputed position of 1st place by their victory over Gas Alley. The Canadiens defeated the Bruisers, and moved from the 3rd place in the standing to second.

In 'B' League the Roughriders and Rangers won the games, and are now tied for first place in the league with 3 points apiece. The Beavers' win over the Bruins in 'C' League ties them up for first place, and 'D' League the Elephants strengthened their hold on first place by giving the Maroons a 6-0 drubbing.

The Hawks and the Devonites in 'E' League split the points this morning when they played full time without either team getting a score. The Devonites point put them in first place and the Hawks point took them out of the cellar into 3rd place. Detailed results of the games are as follows:

Provocational 3—L. Draper, O. Moore, D. Belmore, S. Manuel, P. Yexxa, R. Cornell, P. Olsen, E. Weed, R. Smith.

Marysville 1—G. MacPherson, H. Vye, L. Coy, A. Arnold, F. Grey, R. Tait, D. Peterson, C. Gorman.

Devon 2—L. Hughes, B. Jewett, W. Smith, E. McEvoy, R. Howe, C. Bowen, Ward, J. Taylor, W. Galloway, R. Savage.

Barker's Point 3—J. Crouse, A. Fletcher, D. Dunbar, K. Savage, R. Dunbar, R. Rickard, R. McIntyre, K. Scott.

Scoring: Provocational: D. Belmore, R. Cornell 2; Marysville: G. MacPherson; Devon: L. Hughes, R. Howe; Barker's Point: R. Dunbar, R. McIntyre 2.

School League (Division 2)—St. Dunstan's 1—G. Cormier, M. Lynch, A. Porier, T. Flanagan, C. Swift, V. Olive, E. Hashey, Scoring: G. Cormier, Smythe 1—J. Coveney, H. Smith, C. MacDiarmid, G. Beatty, I. Forbes, G. Hood, R. Thorpe, G. Burden, R. Brewer, J. Reid, Scoring: C. MacDiarmid.

"A" League—Blue Bombers 4—G. Markey, H. Lawrence, B. Burgess, J. Swift, A. MacDonald, W. Peacock, McNutt, Olive, Scoring: G. Markey, W. Peacock, McNutt 2.

Gas Alley 1—D. Dixon, D. Elgee, J. Millar, E. Wade, J. MacCarthy, McLeell, McNulty, Scoring: D. Dixon.

Canadiens 2—M. Draper, R. Dean, G. Fox, D. Grant, B. Clark, G. Barry, G. Scott, B. Adamson, R. Pugh, B. Larlee, Scoring: G. Scott, R. Pugh.

Bruisers 0—R. Burgess, B. Brewer, Bonnell, Hanlon, G. Fisher, D. Milligan, McSorley, White, McNaughton.

"B" League—Roughriders 7—E. Anderson, K. Burgess, F. Beatty, B. Clark, G. Kimmons, R. McNutt, A. Beatty, J. Hood, E. Lemond, M. Beatty, Scoring: E. Anderson, K. Burgess 2, B. Clark, R. McNutt, M. Beatty 2.

Eagles 0—R. Bishop, B. Nason, L. Harrison, A. Fraser, T. Kapatrick, G. Tapley.

Rangers 11—J. Scammel, L. Bonnar, F. Cuming, R. Stevenson, K. Scott, A. Cuming, R. Kenny, G. Corey, A. Hamil, Scoring: F. Cuming 3, K. Scott 3, A. Cuming, A. Hamil 3, D. Stevenson.

Jr. Capitals 0—S. Chase, R. Chase, R. McLaughlin, D. Tims, H. Liphshetz, MacDiarmid, Ferris.

"C" League—Bruins 1. F. Dunphy, W. Mazerall, K. Lofstrom, J. Lofstrom, I. Endall, M. McMaster, A. Hale, G. Estey, Scoring: M. McMaster.

Beavers 6—D. Wilson, E. McNaughton, L. Banks, D. Mitchell, N. Sewell, G. McNaughton, G. Booker, Lechman, Scoring: E. McNaughton 2, L. Banks 3, G. McNaughton.

"D" League—Maroons 0—R. Baird, K. Cornell, P. Tweedie, E. Allen, R. Scofield, J. Smith, B. Craig, W. Gough, R. Prime, J. Stewart.

Elephants 6—C. Hay, A. Donovan, A. Rice, C. Hughes, R. Corbett, J. Dunbar, C. Douglas, M. Yeoman, B. Clark, D. Sharkey, Scoring: C. Hay 3, A. Donovan 2, M. Yeoman.

"E" League—Devonites 0—G. Matthews, C. Smith, R. Forbes, R. Barry, R. Voe, E. Coy, B. Logan, R. Miles, R. Gill, A. Manzer.

Hawks 0—W. Wolfe, P. Lawrence, W. Davis, O'Rea, F. Ryan, N. Lynch, Wade.

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robored entirely the advance information supplied in this column.

Now, thoughtful circles on Parliament Hill in Ottawa realize that there will be much opposition to any loss of trade by Canada through the efforts of this Dominion to bring about a union of forces of the United States and Great Britain, and it is even rumored that a change of plans will be made to cause the whole scheme to signify that it is an effort to unite the great republic to the south with the whole Empire and not with the United Kingdom only. It has caused an unexpected delay in completing final arrangements for the actual signing of the Anglo-American Treaty until every section of the Empire has had the opportunity to discuss and put in order all details pertaining to the trade between that particular section of the Empire and the United States or Great Britain. Consequently, anyone who is acquainted with such matters realizes how much work is involved and how many unusual problems must be solved in quick time.

But this new development is especially important to Canada because any good or bad effects of any trade agreement between the United States and Great Britain or any part of the British Empire is certain to be felt quickly in this country.

Canada's trade with the United States has been increasing rapidly on account of the Reciprocity Treaty now existing between the two countries. It is a matter of official record in the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa that this trade has jumped up to a remarkable extent, with the United States now holding a position as chief customer of this country, having dislodged Great Britain from this post. At least 45 per cent of the export trade of Canada goes to the United States and the actual increase for the past year 1937, will be about \$75,000,000. The main reason for this rise is due to the increased shipments of newsprint, hay, cream, cattle, wood and wood products, nickel, artificial abrasives, asbestos, etc. On the other hand, the American exports to Canada are also going up, having increased about 33.6 per cent during 1937, though the balance of trade stands heavily in favor of the Dominion of Canada.

Canada's sales to the United Kingdom have been advancing, particularly since the Ottawa Agreements of 1932. Prior to that year, the total

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