

"IF A MAN IS A STRANGER IN THE WORLD, WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE WAS BORN INTO IT, NO LESS IS HE A STRANGER WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN IT."—Marcus Aurelius.

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## MINTO COAL INQUIRY REPORTS

### TO APPLY FOR IRON LUNG

#### Hospital Trustees Accept Recommendation of Medical Society at Meeting

The New Brunswick Medical Society last night recommended that the Victoria Public Hospital make application for an iron lung under provisions of the bequest by Lord Nuffield of a lung to every hospital in the British Empire. The hospital here has no such lung at present, but application will be made along lines suggested by the society.

Recommendation was made at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital last evening in the City Council Chamber.

The same slate of officers for the board was returned for another term during election of officers last night. President J. A. Reid, Vice President Luke S. Morrison and Secretary F. I. Haviland were re-elected.

President Reid occupied the chair last evening. Those present were councillor Manzer, C. A. MacVey, C. M. Boone, W. G. Clark, M.P., Dr. O. R. Morehouse, Councillor Waugh, Miss Areta Gerow, Dr. G. I. Nggent, Mayor C. Hedley Forbes, Dr. H. S. Wright, Alderman Ray T. Forbes, F. E. Haviland.

The superintendent's report was as follows: number of patients in hospital at beginning of month, 74; admitted during the month, 137; discharged during the month, 151; number at end of month, 60; medical cases admitted, 22; surgical cases admitted, 68; obstetrical cases, 20; births, 16, deaths, 8; major operations, 32; minor operations, 45; X-ray examinations, 102; X-ray treatment, 25; maximum number of patients in one day, 86; minimum in one day, 48. The daily average of patients for December, 1938, was 65.26 as compared with 57.97 for December, 1937.

During 1938, 1,664 patients were admitted for treatment, an increase of 83 patients over the previous year. The isolation section, open for part of December, is again closed.

The report expressed pleasure at seeing Dr. A. L. Gerow in regained health.

### COMEDIANS IN TOILS OF LAW

(Special To The Daily Mail) NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Two chastened comedians who were unable to see anything particularly funny in their present predicament, are in the toils of the American customs authorities.

George Burns recently indicted for smuggling jewelry through the American Customs on behalf of his wife Gracie Allen has pleaded guilty and is now awaiting sentence.

## Chamberlain Leaves To Visit Mussolini

LONDON, Jan. 10.—As Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Lord Halifax departed from London railway station today for their four day visit at Rome with Premier Mussolini, a jarring note was given to their mission by a parade of 500 jobless men who marched into the station carrying a black coffin. "The men cried out "Appease the Unemployed; never mind Mussolini." Among those present at the station to bid the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax farewell was French Ambassador Charles Corbin. It is reported that Corbin handed the two British representatives data prepared by the French Diplomatic Service in which he was charged that Germany is lay-

### BARRY LIKELY TO BE WARDEN

A new warden for York County was elected this afternoon at the opening meeting of the January session of the York County Council in the Council Chamber in the Court House. Conjecture was rife at press time as to who will occupy the warden's chair this year. Several names have been mentioned, but that of Councillor James P. Barry of Durham Bridge seems to have received more attention than others. Although Dr. B. W. Robertson's selection as Warden last year was considered a popular one, and there are no legal objections to his re-election, it is considered unlikely that he will offer for re-election in view of the general desire to spread the office over as many parishes as possible. The annual report of the county auditor was presented this afternoon and a welcome to the council was extended by the warden. The Sunbury County Council is meeting this week with Warden George White presiding. A short session of the Sunbury County body is expected.

### TWO PLOTS TO KILL KING CAROL

#### Roumanian Circles Buzz Over Reported Plots Over Week-End

(Special to The Daily Mail) BUCHAREST, Jan. 10.—Reports are circulating in Roumanian circles of two plots to assassinate King Carol over the week-end. While these reports have been officially denied it is certain that stringent police measures have been adopted for a drastic check up on all suspicious characters. An explosion in his suburban house on Saturday in the Roumanian capital is linked with the attempt on King Carol's life while on Friday an army officer and several accomplices were arrested charged with a plot against the life of the King.

### James P. Barry New Warden For York

James P. Barry, councillor for St. Mary's Parish, was elected Warden of the County of York at the opening session of the January Council this afternoon. He replaces Dr. B. W. Robertson, warden for the past year. Rev. C. Harry Atkinson was appointed Chaplain of the council and delivered the chaplain's address this afternoon speaking on the subject, "Be A Gentleman."

### DISTRICT OFFICERS TO MEET

A meeting of district health officers will be held here tomorrow. Dr. William Warwick, Chief Medical Officer, will preside. Others expected to attend are: Dr. W. S. Loggie, Chatham; Dr. J. E. Paulin, Tracadie; Dr. H. L. Logan, Sussex; Dr. C. W. McMillan, Saint John; Dr. A. M. Clarke, Woodstock; Dr. R. O. B. Monahan, Campbellton.

## Make Many Recommendations Including A Specialized And Unified System For Selling

### Committee Meet With Fuel Board And Subventures Group At Ottawa Today- Several Members Of Government Are Also Present

Setting forth that the New Brunswick Coal Industry has suffered greatly due to price reductions during the economic slump which has not been restored, increasing costs of labor and materials necessary to coal production, the lack of assistance on a favorable basis with Nova Scotia, and the losses which accrued the operators through the recent strike, the special committee appointed by the Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. F. W. Pirie for the investigation of conditions in the industry has presented its report to the Minister recommending ways and means of placing the New Brunswick industry on a sound economic basis comparing favorably to that of Nova Scotia and other coal producing areas in the Dominion.

The recommendations of the committee included a fully informed, specialized and unified system of sales management, a grant from the Provincial Government to help meet the additional costs resulting from this sales campaign, and that the Dominion government meet the costs of switching and freight charges on coal from the Minto area to the main branches of the two railway lines and the Grand Lake Power Plant, and that they give subventions representing the difference between the N. B. and N. S. industries as to shipment to their markets as well as subventions applied to shipments to New Brunswick seaports.

#### AT OTTAWA

The committee, under the chairmanship of H. R. Pettigrove, Provincial Fair Wage Officer, is at Ottawa today, to meet with the special committee on subventions, and the Dominion Fuel Board, concerning the position of New Brunswick in the coal industry. Other members of the committee, which was accompanied to Ottawa by Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. A. A. Dyart, Premier and Chairman of the New Brunswick Hydro Commission, and Hon. W. S. Anderson, Minister of Public Works, and A. D. Taylor, W. Benton Evans, A. D. Kins, John Henderson, and G. H. King.

The committee found that following the economic recovery the prices as affecting New Brunswick coal did not increase along with other commodities but in the reverse the average price per ton of New Brunswick coal has continued to decrease. During the same period costs have increased due to harder working conditions in mining, installation of equipment to give a better preparation of coal, and the improvement of working conditions in various ways. The committee found that the industry has shown an actual loss during the past few years without providing interest on capital.

There are, in our opinion, several causes for this condition. We will enumerate those we regard as the most important:

1. Lack of subventions and other Government assistance proportionately equal to that paid the coal industry of Nova Scotia.
2. Keen competition from strong and aggressive competitors in other fields.
3. The great handicap the district suffers by the lack of substantial, well equipped and well managed selling agencies with efficient organizations and sufficient funds at their

disposal to properly develop the markets and demand for coal from this field and properly to sell and merchandise it in competition with the coals from competing fields, as well as with the rapidly increasing competition coal is meeting from the large and powerful oil companies.

#### MANY AGENCIES

5. Today, coal from this district is being sold by more agencies than there are producers. Many of these agencies and producers engaged in the sale of coal fully realize that at times sales have been made blindly without adequate information as to cost of production and distribution of coal, the need of the consumers and the actual competition to be met. The result is that intelligent competition, both between the producers in this district and the producers in competitive districts has been destroyed and broken down. The consumers of industrial coal competing with each other, have no assurance that they are at any time able to buy coal, which, in many cases, is a material part of the cost of production of manufacturing and industrial concerns, at a price comparable to that paid by their competitors.

Retail dealers distributing coal are unable to know either the quality of the coal being offered them or whether or not the prices at which it is being offered from day to day are prices at which they can safely store coal to supply their domestic customers. The buyers of coal as well as the sellers are demoralized, and reasonable competition is being destroyed for both the producer and the consumer.

6. The difficulty of operators acting individually getting proper adjustment of unfair transportation charges. It is generally appreciated by all producers in this district that in practically every market reached by New Brunswick coal, such coal must reach the market in competition with coal having freight rate advantages varying from five cents to one dollar a ton.

7. Competition between operators in this district in an endeavor to increase their own tonnage by reducing prices, which tends to lower the whole price structure.

8. The competitive disadvantage at which the operators in some sections of the field are placed by being burdened with higher local transportation costs than other operators reduces their net realization per ton on a large percentage of their tonnage, particularly that received from the largest purchaser the district has ends to make them quote lower prices on all other business, thus lowering the whole price structure.

Reasons in Favor of a Central Selling Agency

1. The success of Central Selling

2. The Minto-Chipman coal field forming as it does a compact district can, from a transportation standpoint, well be served by a single selling agency. Partially all this coal goes into the same markets and can be shipped on identical freight rates by putting in effect a needed elimination of local charges.

3. The coal originating in the different sections of this field is of similar quality, and with standardization of grades, sizes and preparation would, from a commercial marketing standpoint, be suitable for the same consumer and the same purposes.

4. It is, however, essential in order to maintain a place for New Brunswick coal in the competitive markets against coals of comparable quality that can be produced at approximately the same or a lower cost, that the most intelligent and continuous sales effort be made by those in charge of this work. The experience of the past few years proves that this is not possible by a group of comparatively small producers acting independently.

5. The operators did for several years meet in an informal way to discuss marketing problems in an endeavor to cooperate in obtaining higher prices. Three years ago a further step was taken by organizing the New Brunswick Coal Producers' Association which has some accomplishments to its credit, getting increases in price and other favorable conditions in marketing.

#### PROVED WEAKNESS

6. This Association has not, however, accomplished all hoped for it. The fact that the coal was still sold through several offices, and that it was not possible to compel any one operator to act in agreement with the expressed opinion of the majority, proved to be a weakness that could bring to naught all that might be attempted. There seeming to be no remedy for this under that type of organization, the selling of all coal through one agency has been discussed from time to time and the opinion has been growing that this was the only method by which uniform and adequate prices could be obtained.

7. The Fair Wage Board which, acting under the direction of Honourable J. B. McNair, last year made a thorough investigation of the whole industry, recommended that a Central Selling Agency to market all New Brunswick mined coal was essential for the prosperity of the industry and should be set up.

8. The Conciliation Board established by Honourable Norman McL. Rogers, Federal Minister of Labor after taking evidence and carrying on an investigation of the industry for several weeks concurred in the recommendation of the Fair Wage Board.

9. Such a selling agency should

### JAP AIRPLANE PURCHASES DONE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Japan's purchases of military aircraft from the United States have practically been shut off by moral sanctions invoked by the state department against countries bombing civilians. Congress heard yesterday.

The annual report of the National Munitions Control Board stated the system of munitions export licenses now in effect gave the government complete and current information on the exact quantities of arms, ammunition and war implements which leave the country, the destination and the identity of the sender.

All manufacturers and exporters were asked to report full details of any contracts with foreign governments.

### STRING WIRE ALONG BORDER

BUDAPEST, Jan. 10.—Barbed wire was strung across fields along the Hungarian edge of the Carpatho-Ukrainian border yesterday. Although brisk military movements were reported along both sides of the border, no loss of life was reported. The Hungarian minister remained in Hungary rather than return to Prague. This was taken as a strong hint that Hungary considered the border clashes as endangering relations between the Czechoslovak and Hungarian governments.

#### EXAGGERATED

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Lying and exaggerated propaganda were expressions used by the war office last night in a long statement scoring charges of British military atrocities in Palestine. The propaganda was broadcast by persons and organizations unfriendly to Great Britain, the statement said. The statement contained a description of methods used to cope with armed rebellion in progress in Palestine as well as an explanation of difficulties encountered by British forces.

### Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1.30 p.m.)  
New York

American Locomotive	28 1/2
American Radiator	16 1/2
American Smelters	50
American Tel. & Tel.	151
Anacosta	—
Bendix Aviation	33 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	26 3/4
Boeing Aircraft	76
Briggs Manufacturing	—
Chrysler Corp.	80
Columbia Gas & Electric	7 1/4
Consolidated Edison	31 3/4
Curtiss Wright	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	25 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	71 1/2
General Electric	41 3/4
General Motors	48 1/2
Goodyear T. & R.	—
International Paper and Power	13 1/2
International Pap. & Pow. Pfd.	48
Kennecott Copper	41
Montgomery Ward	49 1/4
Nash Kelvinator	8 1/2
National Cash Register	25 1/4
New York Central	20 1/2
North American Aviation	—
Pennsylvania Railroad	22 3/4
Public Service, N. J.	32 1/2
Radio Corp.	7 1/2
Republic Steel Corp.	23 1/2
Socony Vacuum	13
United Aircraft	38 1/2
United Corporation	3 1/2
United States Steel Com.	67 1/2
Vanadium Corp.	28 1/2
Western Union	23 1/2
Westinghouse	114 1/2
Yellow Cab	20 1/2
Electric Bond & Share	11 1/2
Montreal	—
Algoma Steel	13 1/2
Batastar "A"	—
Bell Telephone	157 1/2
Brazilian	9
Canada Car	15 1/2
Canada Car Pfd.	34

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### TOWN COUNCIL OF MARYSVILLE HOLDS MEETING

#### Road Committee Falls To Criticism

The roads committee of the Marysville Town Council came in for severe criticism at the meeting last evening when Deputy-Mayor Gregory branded it the "most slipshod committee that ever sat in council," and blamed poor manipulation of business on the part of the committee for the overdraft of the town this year. "It could have been avoided," he declared, "by the careful manipulation of the committee."

The council moved last night to investigate a plan for providing employment for the town's unemployed by putting them to work cutting wood on a municipal wood-lot. Aldermen Cecil Daley, Irvine Gregory and Louis Titus were appointed a committee to study and report on the feasibility of the scheme. The plan outlined would necessitate the town's acquisition of a wood lot. The relatively few residents of the community who are without work would be engaged to cut wood, and the town would pay them by the cord. The town would sell the wood partly to reimburse itself.

Marysville will have an overdraft of \$326.26 for 1938, as compared with a \$1,537.39 surplus for 1937, according to the annual financial statement. At the meeting various reports were heard, and Councillor Rowley Manzer was recommended for re-appointment to the Municipal Home Board.

Heated discussion centered around the condition of the roads, it being alleged that although contract had been made for plowing and sanding of the streets, the road committee had never authorized the contractor to go ahead with the work. A motion that the contractor be given authority to do the work as he saw fit was defeated and it was decided to leave the winter road work to the judgment and authority of the road commissioner.

Returning officers were appointed for the civic election which will be held on Jan. 23. Nomination day at Marysville is Jan. 21.

### SAY GOVERNMENT FORCES TO ATTACK

(Special to The Daily Mail) HENDAYE, Jan. 10.—In spite of rumors that Spanish Government forces are reported to be massing for a great counter offensive on the northern flank of the Catalan front rebel communiques state that their forces are still making headway having encircled the strong Government town of Falsette and are now only twenty miles from Terragona second largest Catalonia seaport. Tarragona is about fifty miles distant from Barcelona.

### TO MAKE ITALY'S DEMANDS KNOWN

ROME, Jan. 10.—What Italy wants from France will be told Prime Minister Chamberlain by Mussolini in talks beginning at Rome Wednesday. Italy's desires will be told in the hope that Chamberlain will help Italy achieve her ambitions in eventual negotiations.

Mr. Chamberlain will be expected to pave the way for Italian ambitions by putting in a good word with France, in the eyes of the Italians, in spite of assertions by both British and French spokesmen that Great Britain would not mediate the French-Italian dispute.