

# GEORGE M'DADE, M.P. FOR NORTHUMBERLAND, SPEAKS ON TOURIST TRAVEL

## He Praises D. Leo Dolan, Federal Director of Tourist Travel, as a Well Qualified Man For the Position.

When Parliament had under consideration a short time ago a vote of \$200,000 for the encouragement of tourist travel, Mr. George McDade, M.P. for Northumberland, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, may I congratulate the minister upon the clear-cut and comprehensive review which he has presented to this House of the activities of the Canadian travel bureau. I recall that last year when the special committee of the Senate was set up under the chairmanship of Hon. W. H. Dennis to study the question, various witnesses from all parts of this country came before that committee to give testimony. The initial meeting of the special committee was on the second day of May, 1934. The report was submitted to the Senate on the twenty-second day of May and was approved by parliament on the third of July, and a director, Mr. Dolan, was appointed on the twenty-fourth day of July. I mention these facts, Mr. Chairman, to point out that when a man of the capacity and energy of Mr. Dennis sees fit to tackle an important project he discharges his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner. I agree with the remark of the minister that Mr. Dennis is one of our public spirited citizens. He is a man of large business interests, running, as he does, the Halifax Herald, one of the most important of the daily press of the east and indeed of the dominion.

### A Fredericton Man

Coming from the province of New Brunswick I naturally take special pleasure in congratulating the Minister of Railways upon his selection of Mr. D. Leo Dolan as director of the Canadian travel bureau. Mr. Dolan is a native of the celestial city of Fredericton, the capital city of the fair province of New Brunswick, and in

addition to other qualifications he is a convincing platform speaker. He is an outstanding organizer, a former newspaper man in the east, known in other parts of Canada, and withal he is an energetic worker. It is therefore with pardonable pride that as a former newspaper associate of Mr. Dolan in Fredericton and elsewhere, and a former official reporter of the legislative assembly of New Brunswick, I take this opportunity to make these few observations and to express my thanks to hon. gentlemen opposite for their flattering remarks with regard to the director. Of course, I appreciate the fact that the appointment is in no sense a political issue. I submit however that this is the first time in the history of this country that the various tourist activities carried on by boards of trade, railway tourist departments and other agencies have been co-ordinated under one head. It is true that in the past some work has been done by the various organizations, town councils, boards of trade and chambers of commerce, but it was only last year, under the chairmanship of the committee in the other house, that a concerted effort was made to co-ordinate these various interests, and I think it can be said that the results already achieved indicate the wisdom of the step then taken.

### Salmon Fishing

It would be perhaps unfair if, in view of the remarks we have heard this afternoon regarding the beauties of particular sections of Canada, someone from the east did not rise to stress the advantages which we enjoy in that part of the country from the tourist point of view. We have in New Brunswick some of the greatest big game hunting grounds in the world; that is admitted. We have, particularly in the Miramichi and Restigouche sections of New Brunswick, probably the best rivers for salmon in eastern Canada, ideal from the angler's point of view. And in Miramichi and Tabusintac bay we enjoy the best duck, brant and goose hunting. There are also first class hotels and splendid boarding houses. I can assure my hon. friends that a characteristic Miramichi welcome awaits the visitor, and at any time that hon. gentlemen on either side of the house wish to spend a pleasant holiday we shall be quite pleased to welcome them. I can promise them a cordial reception.

### Bird Shooting

I should not like to take my seat without making some further reference to the facilities for goose and brant shooting at Tabusintac bay. This is one of the ideal spots in the world for goose and brant shooting, and some of the wealthiest sportsmen in the United States make annual trips to that area for this form of recreation. The outfitters are well equipped to provide them with everything they require, and one of the best camps to be found anywhere is included in the ample accommodation. I hope that funds will be available to the Canadian travel bureau to extend its work to the continent of Europe, because I believe that there are possibilities there for tourist traffic to Canada. I am happy to associate myself with the previous speakers in endorsing this vote, and I am glad to have had this opportunity to say a few words regarding our striking scenic beauties, our big game hunting grounds, and the facilities for shooting and fishing in New Brunswick.

## CLEAN SHOWS

Under this heading the Hamilton Spectator says:

"Standards are changing. The 'leg-shows' and mawkish romances have had a long innings, too long even for this artificial age. So it is back to decency and the homely moralities, upon which, after all, society is founded and without which it cannot endure. One fact at least has been established—the public does appreciate clean, wholesome sentiment, the 'classics' of literature can be made to pay, even when served up in the form of pictures for the entertainment of all and sundry."

There has been an improvement in the moral quality of this kind of public entertainment; that is to say the number of indecent and immoral pictures has decreased; and the number of decent pictures has increased.

We dare say the producers have been agreeably surprised. Some of them, perhaps, had persuaded themselves that decent pictures would not pay. They are paying; paying as well as ever the dirty ones paid.

For our part, we have for years been impressed with the immensity of the field which is at the disposal of the motion picture producers. The whole wide world and all in it, are at the service of those whose business it is to make pictures for the entertainment of the public.

People who live all their lives in one country are naturally curious about the countries they do not expect ever to see; and the more the other countries and their people differ from the country and the people they know, the stronger their curiosity and interest. In this there is a vast field for the production of pictures; and it is one which has been very greatly neglected. Hitherto, the usual thing was, that a few flashes on the screen, for a few minutes only, showed, very hastily, some natural scenery, or some sort of public celebration, or some other fragmentary glimpse of another country or people; and then came the real business of the evening—as the producers seemed to think—which was, in large part what has come to be called "sex stuff."

Well, there is an improvement. Will it last? Hoping that it will, we must not last. The unexpected—unexpected no las. The unexpected—unexpected by the producers—success of decent pictures, makes in favor of a permanent improvement.

But, let lovers of decency and morality relax no part of their vigilance. There are, and will be, people in the business of manufacturing motion pictures who would be glad to put the business back into the filth from which it began to emerge a year ago.

It would be a great mistake to suppose that all the motion picture producers have been converted from the error of their ways, and can be depended on to prefer decency to dirt in the future.

We have often urged that decent people ought to speak plainly to their local picture theatre proprietors when objectionable pictures are served up to them. We adhere to that advice; and there is another thing they might do: They might express to their local picture men their approval and enjoyment of these programmes of sound, decent moral pictures.

As we have said before, the only point of contact between the local patron of the theatre and the picture business, is the box office of the local theatre. The only point at which the ordinary citizen can express his views in these matters, with any hope of doing any good, is the office of the local theatre manager or owner.

If we kick, when a kick is in order, let us express satisfaction as readily when it is deserved.

So far, the cash receipts of the theatres have justified, we are told, the change of heart which struck the picture producers a year ago.

But it should not be forgotten that it was in the purse, and not in the heart, that some of them were struck.

George Hall, CBS bandleader, and Helen Fox, hostess, were engaged in conversation the other day. Their subject was Fritz Scheff, the famous prima donna. Helen is her niece, and George her former musical director.

## COMMERCIALISM

Is there any limit to commercialism? Sometimes it would appear that nothing is done without primary consideration being given to the dollars and cents value of the proposed act. We well know that money makes the mare go. But then so there are or should be other considerations in life, especially in certain lines.

A few days ago a Halifax team won the hockey championship of Canada. The aftermath was not a tribute to the physical and mental training going with the outstanding accomplishment but rather a summation of the commercial value to the city of the championship series and the subsequent participation in a world series.

The natural beauties of our fair province are not viewed so much to-day as a gift from a most bountiful Providence but rather as a source of revenue.

Men join clubs and play games to make contacts that are viewed as having monetary worth.

Men even have their wives entertain in a manner that is calculated to bring financial gain. Churches want preachers that will fill the treasury. Ministers are graded according to monetary worth. And so no thorough-out the gamut of human activities.

The above effusion is the outgrowth of reading the following letter in the Berwick Register, and the amazing thing about this letter is that "The Men About Town" is, we understand, a "wearer of the Cloth".

"In your issue of May 27th, The Men About Town makes reference to the coming of Rev. Dr. Cadman as special speaker at the Camp Meeting next summer.

I was surprised, as I read, his comments that he made no reference to spiritual benefits that might attend his presence among us. He spoke of the "big boost" it would be for Berwick and how people would go a long way just to look at him; how people would come here and leave money in the town of Berwick. He spoke of the advertising we would get out of his visit, but not one word in reference to the message of salvation he will bring us.

"Is our modern Christianity becoming so thoroughly commercialized that the idea of the "Big Boost" for Berwick is uppermost in our minds rather than the furthering of God's work on earth?

"If our teachers take this mercenary view to paraphrase the Scriptures what will the "ungodly and sinner" think?

"A business man was asked how he liked fishing trips. He said, very fair. His chief complaint was that there was generally some fool in the crowd that wanted to fish.

"I would not want to be a "kill-joy" at the Camp Meeting service; perhaps I had better stay away".

## SENATOR BELAND

A genial and kindly figure passed from the public life of Canada with the death in tragically sudden circumstances of Senator H. S. Beland. Quebec born and bred, his whole life, with the exception of three years' internment in a German war-prison, was spent in his native Province. Educated as a doctor, his interests lay rather in the hurly-burly of political combat. He was to be found in the thick of some of the most strenuous, hard-fought and bitter campaigns in the political history of his generation, yet no politician of his time made fewer personal enemies or did his fighting with more regard for the amenities of combat. It was perhaps this quality in him that kept him from rising higher in the command of his party, but he derived, it may be believed, more satisfaction from the public service he rendered in the interests of conservation and public health than from the more generally recognized and widely advertised "rewards" that go with party warfare. With greater leisure he gave more time to these things, in which he was most deeply interested, and only those unfortunately too few in Canada—who realise as he did the tremendous importance of maintaining and improving health standards throughout the Dominion will fully appreciate the value of the quiet work he did. His war service was worthy of the traditions of his profession, and there is little doubt that the suffering, both mental and physical, which he then

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S VOICE HEARD

LONDON, April 26—a recording on a gramophone disk of the voice of Florence Nightingale, famous nurse of Crimean War days, has just been made here from an old wax cylinder, discovered hidden away in a little forgotten cardboard box.

It was only the original soft wax cylinder, by no means in a good state after lying by for over forty years, with which Mr. Howard Flynn, the managing director of the Edison Bell Gramophone Record Company, has been working. After months of experimenting, Mr. Flynn designed an electrical pick-up which could deal with the delicate task of recording the voice for a gramophone disk.

The words spoken by "The Lady of the Lamp"—who deprecatingly speaks of herself as "hardly a memory, only a voice"—are clearly heard, and she gives the year of 1890. After alluding, with a little falter in her voice, to her old comrades of Balaklava days, she ends by saying that it is Florence Nightingale speaking.

endured, affected the whole of his later life. He served Canada well and the regret at his sudden passing will be general.

## Investigating Cause of Disappearance of Eelgrass

The importance of eelgrass in the conservation of wild fowl, as well as its value commercially in fabricating insulating material, etc., has led investigators into the cause of its marked disappearance from the Atlantic Coast of North America. A Protozoan parasite has been found in Canadian eelgrass which it is considered is responsible for the disease which has attacked the eel-grass in southern waters, although the fungus found on the Canadian material is not present in these southern waters. At present it is not possible to state which, if either, of these parasites is the primary cause of the dearth of the eel-grass. It has been found that the best growth is close to the entrance of fresh water streams. These investigations are of great importance to the Maritime Provinces which have been noted for their wild fowl shooting and where much eelgrass is gathered commercially.

In 1890 the phonograph was only in its trial stages, and was not on the market. Mr. Flynn has also found a set of cylinders with some of Tennyson's poems, including "The Charge of the Light Brigade", de-claimed by the author himself. He intends to make gramophone disks of these also.

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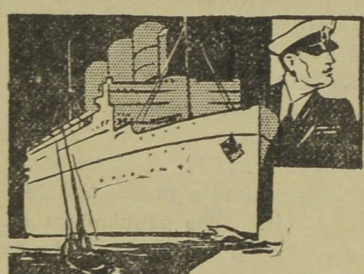
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