

## DECLARES MINERS BADLY TREATED

Miss Macphail Attacks Attitude of the Governments.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Canadian Press (Dispatch).—Miss Agnes Macphail, Canada's woman, M. P., gripped the House of Commons to-night with her story of what she had seen in the mine fields of Cape Breton. By both sides of the House she was accorded a close attention rarely accorded to any but party leaders. "I met the Moderates and the Reds," said Miss Macphail, "and by the time I had spent two days in Glace Bay nobody looked red to me. I think if I lived there long I should be a lot redder than anything I saw."

She talked of the distress she had found, of how in one dilapidated house she found two families sleeping, half a

dozen to the room, half-starved and thin as sticks. She spoke of the tragedy of womanhood there—a brief youth, many children, poverty, early old age, dependency and death.

The British Empire Steel Company, charged Miss Macphail, had brought in immigration even during the worst times, dumped them down where there was work for them, and done absolutely nothing for them after getting them there.

"It did not seem difficult for the company to get protection on coal," Miss Macphail added, "but the Government gives no assurance that that protection is to go down to the worker."

**HARD TO EXPLAIN.**

It was, she went on, hard to explain the attitude of the Nova Scotia Government unless they were "afraid of this industrial monster," more anxious to "court its smile" than to save the happiness and good citizenship of many thousands of our fellow citizens.

The Dominion Government claimed that a technical difficulty prevented it from doing anything. But if it were really anxious to do something it would find a way to overcome the difficulty. Was it to be wondered at, Miss Macphail asked, that miners had come to

regard industry as heartless and politicians as rascals?

Miss Macphail's speech, while made in continuance of the budget debate, was one of the most powerful in the House. She said, while the members on both sides applauded. She proposed, said Miss Macphail, to deal with one subject, the situation in the colliery districts of Nova Scotia. The British Empire Steel Corporation, as everyone knew, was a huge merger of 14 companies, who went into the combination with a capital of \$33,000,000 and came out with one of \$102,000,000.

**FOR FOUR YEARS.**

Before visiting Cape Breton she had wondered, said the speaker, how the miners and their families could be reduced to starvation in three weeks. When she arrived there she realized that the last three weeks were merely the culmination of a long period of want. For four years the miners had not had enough work, for a year and a half they had had almost no work. As one woman said, for one and a half years they had just enough to eat. Therefore, when the strike was declared and the credit of the stores shut off, a lot of the families had nothing. Miss Macphail said that the miners thought that work had been given to them in such small quantities for some time past in order to force them to accept the 10 per cent. cut in wages which the company wished to put in effect.

The company was not Nova Scotia concern, said Miss Macphail. A number of the directors were abroad. "Three of the directors sit in the Senate, which is tremendously hard on the company," she remarked. She enumerated the places which she had visited, mentioning a meeting of 2,000 miners which she attended in the Sixty Theatre at Glace Bay.

She had found very little evidence of "Red" tendencies, said Miss Macphail.

**POVERTY EVERYWHERE.**

In simple, blunt language, Miss Macphail proceeded to describe her pilgrimage day by day through the poorer residential quarters. Through mud, which penetrated the broken footwear of the poor people, she had gone from house to house at random and found in most of them the same tale of poverty. In a dilapidated house which could not have been "home" for two years she found two families living, half a dozen to a room, cold and starving. The children of school age were given all the available clothing to enable them to continue their studies while the rest of the families remained at home without sufficient clothing to go out or keep warm.

A tubercular woman occupied one room and one bed with her husband and two children. There was not enough hospital accommodation for tubercular patients. One woman was charged 10 cents a night for milk.

Miss Macphail described case after case of this nature, giving names and details. She said, the House might think she was exaggerating.

The proffered gift of \$5,000 from sympathizers in Russia was touched on. The Cape Breton strikers had refused that offer. "It is a very dubious compliment to Canadian intelligence that the miners of Nova Scotia thought it necessary to turn down this gift in order that they might remain respectable in your eyes," said Miss Macphail.

"We must see to them a very self-righteous people."

**CALL TO DR. SEDGWICK.**

MONTREAL, March 31.—Rev. W. H. Sedgwick, D. D., Presbyterian minister, of Hamilton, Ont., whose church is said to be anti-union, has been invited by St. James Methodist Church to become its pastor as from July 1 next.

## PREMIER SHIFTS SUBSIDY POLICY

Latest Retreat Widens Reference of Matter To Committee.

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Free Press Special Correspondent.

OTTAWA, March 31.—In the Commons to-day the premier moved farther away than ever from his original position on the railway subsidy. He widened the reference to the investigating committee, so that it can now draw up recommendations for alternative schemes which may appeal to it as a means to control freight rates on the Atlantic.

Originally the prime minister had announced that the Government would stand or fall by the contract with Sir William Mackenzie. Later he retreated and appointed the special committee. Then he temporarily side-tracked the subsidy for the investigation, and now he has no change in the work of the committee that the original contract is lost in the political wilderness. It is freely stated here that Mr. King is becoming steadily less confident in his subsidy plan and would welcome its quiet elimination at the earliest possible moment.

**DEBATE PRECIPITATED.**

W. F. MacLean, of South York, precipitated the debate when Mr. King moved for his committee to-day. He reiterated the arguments that the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways, together with their steamship lines, should be fused into one company under public ownership for the purpose of fighting the North Atlantic conference. Mr. MacLean had no sooner taken his seat than a private fight broke out among the Progressives. W. C. Wood, of Brant, who is by way of being the leader of the radicals, now known as the "Gibbick 12," protested that his particular offshoot of the free thought was not represented on the committee.

It is now apparent that the Progressive group have definitely split, and that the malcontents under the unstable leadership of Mr. Good will demand a share in all the workings of Parliament. Mr. Good is not an actual leader, but confessedly is merely the voice of his comrades. They are like a Southern American army, all leaders without followers.

The struggle for representation on the ship subsidy committee took up most of the afternoon sitting. Mr. King required the intervention of the Speaker for the restoration of order. L. H. Martell, of Hants, wanted to know "in heaven's name" how many parties there were going to be, and said that if the practice kept up he would strive to add to the general confusion.

Mr. Martell was evidently more inspired by the possibilities of argument than by any desire to add to the general confusion. J. T. Shaw, of Calgary, prophesied the ultimate total destruction of the country if the government were to continue the budget debate with some asperity.

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**Alberta Woman Avoids an Operation**

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**MAY PAY THE POSTAL STRIKERS MONEY LOST**

MONTREAL, March 31.—The Gazette to-morrow will carry the following in its news columns:

"Post office employees who struck last June have received information from Ottawa indicating them to hope that before the present session ends the Government will accord them the money they lost in July and August through being reinstated for two months at minimum salary, instead of at the rate they were receiving prior to the strike."

**HERRIOT SUSTAINED**

PARIS, April 1.—By a majority of 98 votes the Chamber of Deputies early to-day voted confidence in the Government policy toward the student demonstrators of the Corbienne, who objected to the appointment of a politician to the professorship of law.

The vote followed a wrangling debate during which Premier Herriot was condemned by the Roman Catholic deputies for his treatment of the students, some of whom are in jail for their part in the demonstration.

The vote was 218 to 220.

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At another point J. T. Shaw, of West Calgary, prophesied that after the elections got a chance there would be a "sad remnant" of the Progressives left.

"I hope," warmly retorted Mr. Forke, "that the honorable gentleman is not as good a prophet as he imagines himself to be."

L. H. Martell (Lib., Hants), rising to a point of order, protested against the recognition of numerous parties in the House of Commons; first there had been the two old parties; then the third party, the Progressives, had come in, and finally the Labor party.

"Now, in the name of heaven, when are we going to stop?" asked Mr. Martell. He might not agree with his party on certain points and choose to become the leader of a group of his own.

Speaker Lemieux ruled that the point of order was not well taken. The amenities, if not the rules of the House, required that all members be given fair recognition. He would be remiss in his duty if he did not recognize those members not in the main group.

The prime minister said there seemed to be a disposition that all groups should be represented. He therefore suggested that the motion should be passed on the understanding that an arrangement be made between those members offering to retire in order that one of the group of 13 might sit on the committee.

The motion was then carried without division.

Saxaphones are not new. They are credited to Antoine Joseph Sax, who produced the first "sax horn" in 1845.