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SLACK COAL DUTY HIGHER

Increased to 50 Cents, But Screened Down to Same Figure. Budget.

The most important item for Nova Scotia in the Dominion government budget which was brought down in the House of Commons last week, by the Hon. J. A. Robb, acting finance minister, is the increase of the duty on slack coal from 14 cents per ton to 50 cents, and the reduction of the duty on screened coal from 53 cents to 50 cents, thus making all bituminous coal subject to an uniform duty of 50 cents per ton. A drawback of 59 per cent. of the duty, however, is still allowed on coal imported for making coke.

The other changes in the tariff

DEADLOCK IN WAGE DISPUTE

Apparently Nothing Doing Now to Try and Arrange Settlement. Review of Week.

During the past week there have been no new developments to indicate that there is any immediate prospect of settlement of the wage dispute between Besco and its mine workers so that the coal mines will be reopened. The expectation of a settlement of the dispute would be reached that would lead to a settlement proved unattainable. All bright hopes were dashed by the statement of Vice-President J. E. McLara of Besco on Wednesday that the corporation would not agree to a restoration of the 1924 rates. This disposition of Premier Armstrong's proposal that work be resumed on the 1924 rates with an investigation to be immediately undertaken, the agreement to run until January next.

Another factor that it was hoped would bring a settlement nearer also proved a disappointment, that is, the effort to get the government to increase the duty on slack coal.

SEALING FLEET IS DOING WELL

Total Catch to Date Over 70,000

More encouraging news has been received during the week from the Newfoundland sealing fleet, and it is now thought that owing to the earlier start the catch will exceed that of last year. The steamers operating to the northward, including the Terra Nova, Ruyter, Seal, Neptune, Prosper, and the Sigaona, are reported to have catches of from 2000 to 25,000. The Viking, the only steamer remaining in the Gulf, is reported to have over 18,000 aboard. All the fleet are getting into the thick of the seal herd, and it is expected that the next reports will show a considerable increase in their catches. The total for the whole fleet is now understood to be about 70,000. About 2,200 men are engaged in the hunt.

MR. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL

The death of Mr. Douglas Campbell, son of Mr. C. L. Campbell, Archibald avenue, occurred very suddenly last week at Webster's Corner, British Columbia. He was forty-five years of age and a native of New Campbellton, N.S., but had lived in Western Canada for more than twenty-five years. Several years ago he married Miss Lillian McDaniel, daughter of the late Captain McDaniel of Halifax, and who was at one time a telegraph operator in North Sydney. Besides his widow he is survived by his father and four sisters, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Burchell, Mrs. Frank Tozer, Toronto, and Mrs. George Scott, Edmonton. The late Mr. Campbell was buried in British Columbia.

MR. CHARLES MCCLAY

Word has been received recently in town of the marriage of Miss Isabel, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McAulay of Baddeck to Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus D. McChesney of Baddeck. The bride is a native of Boston and has been for some years in a Boston hospital. Mr. McAulay has been for a number of years connected with the Cape Breton Board, has recently been appointed a Canadian immigration officer in England.

MACMILLAN FOR ARCTIC

Explorer Will Make Another Trip to North This Year.

Capt. Donald MacMillan, who has made two trips to the Arctic in the vessel, the Bowdoin, calling at this harbor en route, is going up north again next summer. A press dispatch says that President Coolidge was told by MacMillan on Monday that the United States government should make every effort to claim additional territory near the north pole.

Denmark has a foothold in Greenland that might prove embarrassing to the United States, said Mr. MacMillan. "If landing zones for airships and airplanes are needed in the north."

He urged that either the alrhips Los Angeles or the Shenandoah be sent into the Arctic regions to make explorations with a view to claiming land not yet discovered.

Mr. MacMillan also told the president that he would set out in June on another Arctic expedition with five of his men. He believes he will discover new land.

POWER-BALDWIN

Sydney Mines.—On Tuesday evening at six o'clock the marriage of Miss Jane Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin, and Mr. George Power, both of Tank Road, Sydney Mines, was solemnized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian manse by Rev. F. Scott MacKenzie in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was Miss Anna Bushell, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Edward Power, brother of the groom, was groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride which was attended by about fifty guests. The supper table was very beautifully decorated and the bride cake was placed in the centre. Mr. and Mrs. Power received lovely gifts of silver, cut glass, silver and other articles. They will reside in Sydney Mines.

NEW W. U. CABLE N. Y. TO LONDON

Well Known Boulderderie-Man Died of Flu After Short Illness.

New York, March 28.—A new cable line having a capacity of one hundred million words annually is to be laid between London and New York, President Carlton of the Western Union Telegraph Company announced on his return here yesterday from the old country.

The contract for the laying of the line, which it is estimated will cost approximately \$5,500,000, was awarded an English concern, Mr. Carlton said.

He expected the completion by August of next year.

A revolving disc from which eight operators pick up words from their respective segments and allowing the transmission of several messages at one time, is to be experimented with on the new cable periodically. The president is certain that the success of this new device, which he believes will revolutionize cable transmission, is already assured.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. H. N. Lingley, traveling agent of the Canadian National Express Company with headquarters at Toronto, N.S., was in North Sydney on Monday and left for Sydney Tuesday being on a business visit.

Police activities were quiet over the week-end and only one man was placed in the local jail. A number of suspected places were visited by Inspector Powell and police officers but nothing was found as the lid was on tight everywhere.

Inspector John Powell was struck in the face by a man last week while the inspector was searching for liquor in a local cafe and a warrant has been issued for his arrest on a charge of assault. The man will likely appear before Stipendiary Archibald this week to answer to the charge.

After a run of seventeen days from this port the schooner Inez G. 58 tons, Captain Joe Vatcher, has arrived at Baddeck en route to Miramichi. The schooner will probably be overhauled at Baddeck before proceeding on her way.

Mr. F. C. Barnes, engineer of the Newfoundland government steamer Kyle, has gone to St. John's, Newfoundland, whence he will sail for Schiedam, Holland, to supervise the installation of the engines in the new steamer being built for the North Sydney port aux Jacques route. He will join Captain Stevenson, who has been at Schiedam during the winter months. The new steamer which is to be named "Carlton" will be 265 feet long, 15 feet beam, and will have accommodations for 120 first class and 150 second class passengers. A full description of her has already been published in the North Sydney Herald.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION SOUGHT

The executive of the Union of N.S. Municipalities waited on the provincial government last week and requested the passing of certain legislation. One request is the result of a movement originally started by the North Sydney board of trade—that streets thru towns forming connecting links of the provincial highway system be regarded as part of that system and built and maintained by the Highway Board. Another resolution presented favored the legislation the government plans to bring down at this session of the Legislature, putting a tax on excise and lowering the license fee for automobiles.

Other suggested amendments related to the franchise and assessment acts, the former outlining the voters list were revised every three years instead of yearly as at present, the latter having to do with the supplying of the procedure for the sale of lands for arrears of taxes. Another resolution requested that in view of the many complaints in respect to the quality of provincial constables, that these officials be appointed for a three year term rather than for life.

CHURCH UNION VOTING

By a vote of 116 to 62, Whyteochmagh, the largest congregation in the presbytery of Inverness, has decided to enter the United Church of Canada. The vote has been tested by the constituents who intended to take objection proceedings in the courts. Their contention is that under the congregation's act of incorporation adherents have the right to vote, but that they were prevented doing so in the recent balloting.

The Broughton, C.B., congregation has voted against going into the union.

FLANDER-GRANDY

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Grandy, formerly of Grand Bank, Newfoundland, and now of North Sydney, to Mr. Ernest Flander of this town, was quietly solemnized last week at the home of Mrs. William Rose, Minto street. Rev. W. R. Seeley performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Flander will reside in North Sydney.

TAKES NEW POSITION

On Wednesday Mr. Henry Dooley begins his duties with Kelly's Limited as ship's runner, succeeding the late Dennis Lamie. Mr. Dooley is familiar with the business, and last fall resigned from a similar position with the Sydney Foundry & Machine Co. He will no doubt make a success of his work.

ROD. MCLEOD 'PASSES AWAY'

Well Known Boulderderie-Man Died of Flu After Short Illness.

Many friends throughout Cape Breton will greatly regret to hear of the death of Mr. Roderick McLeod, of the Glen Farm, Boulderderie, which occurred on Monday of this week at his home. The cause of death was the "flu", and Mr. McLeod had only been sick four or five days.

The deceased, who was 36 years old and highly esteemed by all who knew him, was a member of one of the best known families of this part of Cape Breton. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick McLeod of the Glen Farm, and their hospitable home, were known far and wide.

The father died about a year ago and the mother about two years ago. The deceased is survived by his wife and two children, besides three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Angus and John at home and Murdoch of Sydney Mines. The sisters are Miss Tena at home and Mrs. Robert Morrison of St. Peter's, C.B.

The funeral will probably take place Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. P. B. Barrie of Florence officiating.

High School Examinations

Editor North Sydney Herald. A short time ago the Principal of Regent Street School issued a statement criticizing the work of the pupils. Lack of application on the children's part and indifference of parents to home studies was given as cause for the poor marks at half yearly examinations.

As parents and pupils were given such a public advertisement in the Herald, Post and Chronicle, I would like to make a few remarks on same.

I wish it understood that I am not defending the pupils or condoning their poor work, as they deserve the most severe criticism and censure for their carelessness and lack of application.

Some of the parents may also be indifferent about home studies, but others are very much concerned about the poor work done.

The examination show that the school studies were just as far behind as the home lessons, and some parents at least are not able to give help with these, however much they might wish to do so.

The examination papers are the only way the parents have of knowing just what kind of work the pupils have been doing, and as it has not been the habit to let them take home the papers are more or less in the dark.

Also, one question and half of another in the Algebra of Grade XI in the half yearly exams are incorrect. Can't be done, asked to prove equal what are not equal. These questions are Nos. 2(a) and 9.

Thanking You for space, I am Yours, etc. A PARENT. North Sydney, March 19, 1925

BANK THEFT CASE

The preliminary hearing of the charge against Justin Bennett, formerly teller in the Royal Bank, place Bay, of stealing from the bank, was begun before Stipendiary J. A. Nicolson in place Bay on Saturday and adjourned for a week after some evidence had been taken. The information against Bennett was amended so as to charge him with stealing while employed as a bank clerk, which under the criminal code is subject to a heavier penalty than ordinary stealing. The information gives \$819,994.47 as the amount stolen. The accountant, Mr. Hunter, gave evidence that that amount was missing when the safe was opened after Bennett disappeared. Devision, who was at first thought to have gone with Bennett, gave evidence that he had not seen him from January 19, the date of the theft until he saw him in court that day, and that he had been drinking with Bennett the night of the 19th and did not remember clearly his movements for the next two or three days. Guad Doran, a taxi driver, swore that he had not driven Bennett anywhere on or about Jan. 19, but had driven Devision to the hospital on the 25th.

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A FIERY EVANGELIST OF THE OLDEN DAYS

Sketch of the Life of the Rev. Peter McLean, Who Came Out From Scotland and by His Preaching Electrified Inverness County, Cape Breton.

The following sketch of the life of the Rev. Peter McLean, taken from a Stornoway, Scotland, paper, will be of interest to many of the older Presbyterian people of Inverness county. As stated in the sketch, in the 50's of last century, Rev. Mr. McLean was for a time in Cape Breton, being pastor of the Little Narrows and Whyteochmagh congregations. To this day the old people speak of the fervor and inspiration of Mr. McLean's preaching, and his irresistible influence on men and women, urging them to a better life and expanding the truths of the Gospel.

The sketch follows: Peter Maclean was known as the "son of the Lewis." It was his fearlessness and bravery that entitled him. He feared God and none else did he ever fear. Besides being the "son of the Lewis," he was also the preacher-Evangelist of the island. His father was a crofter of Crowlsta village in Uig, where Peter, the younger of two sons, was born in May 1800. He came to Stornoway to serve his apprenticeship behind a shop-counter. He afterwards set up as the merchant of his native village. The great revival under the Rev. Alexander Macleod plunged him into deep conviction. He closed his shop and took to the hills. There he passed an entire week. The villagers became anxious and talked of a search party. One midnight, out in the wilds, the light broke upon his sorely troubled soul, and it came in a glorious rush. He hastened home knocked up the sleeping villagers

and called them up out to a praise service. His chief on the hills was that those of Muckle Kate in the bleak solitudes of Lochearon. The interesting tract that gives the story of that, once godless and now pious sinner was written by the Rev. Thomas MacKenzie Fraser, who was a minister in Australia. He was the nephew of the famous Lachlan MacKenzie of Lochearon under whose preaching "Muckle Kate" was so deeply awakened. Peter Maclean was not like Muckle Kate, a reckless waster of life. He was upright and sincere and self-righteous, like St. Paul in his unconverted days. Though only 25 years of age, Peter was the respected leader in his village, and the people responded at once to his midnight call. He moved their hearts by the unusual announcement that, as a thank-offering to God for redeeming him, he now wiped out of his books all the debts which all his customers owed him. That announcement soon spread through the whole parish, and it made Peter Maclean's conversation sparkle as one of the glories of Uig. Soon after, it was reported to his minister that Peter had preached at Valtos. The Rev. Mr. Macleod sent for him, asked about the sermon, and strongly advised him to aim at the ministry. He set resolutely to educating himself, and in 1828 he entered the Grammar School of Aberdeen. He passed on to King's College, where he took one session. From there he came to Edinburgh for the rest

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GRAND LODGES MEET

The annual meetings of the Grand Orange Lodge, the Grand Black Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of the L.O.B.A., for the province of Nova Scotia, are being held in place Bay this week. The sessions of the Grand Orange Lodge and the Black Chapter began on Tuesday and those of the Grand Lodge of the L.O.B.A. on Wednesday. The meetings will continue for two or three days in each case. That of the L.O.B.A. being the last to close, on Friday. This is the 87th annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge, the 19th of the Chapter, and the second of the Grand Lodge of the L.O.B.A. A large number of delegates from all over the province will attend the sessions, including a number from North Sydney and Sydney Mines.

Dominion Coal Company steamer Lochlena, Capt. Kenny, arrived at Halifax last week from St. John, and will lay up for a while.

Down Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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Congratulations

Moir's Ltd. associate themselves with the people of Halifax, Dartmouth and a dozen other communities in felicitating Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Hale on the Golden Anniversary of their wedding.

Presentations, speeches,

showers of confetti and a three decker wedding cake, frosted in gold, were features of the celebration held in honor of the event last week.

And meanwhile Moirs are receiving inquiries for June wedding cakes, thus linking the present with the past.