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Argymen Give Evidence at Coal Probe

of Employment Causes Discontent and Depression Among Miners.

ST. JOHN'S, N. S., Nov. 26.—(By Can. Press)—The Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Scotia, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, man, will hold its first night on to-night. The official state-

ments follow: This morning the Coal Commission evidence by Father M. A. Mc-

Reverend Dr. MacAvoy, of Bay, and Reverend A. J. McDon-

of Dominion No. 6. Father Mc-

stated among other things that of employment, especially at No. 2 and No. 4, caused some

content and depression among the contributing causes were the feel-

ing of distrust and at times there had considerable agitation on the

of the men. The remedy for the difficulty was mutual goodwill and to fos-

ter a proper understanding between men and the Company. He felt

over the circumstances are pre-examined, the men would abide

decision. The miners, he described as an hearty generous people, who

easily moved, do not like to be best and followed wise counsel.

cost of living was high in the districts, and if the men got

employment, the wages might be so high. He saw very few copies of the

time Labor Herald, from which he thought the effect of the

was to work excitement. He stated the company should be

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was necessary. The men then he more inclined accept

any statements made to its

ity. He believes it public should be informed more

was done in the past should be into confidence with the

men.

MacAvoy, Baptist cleric of Bay, stated his impression of conflict was caused by mut-

ation, which could be removed by the men given more information

of the state of the industry. If he were convinced by it there

be no trouble.

Bad Living Condition

following official statement the evidence heard this

evening: Dr. MacAvoy, in coming to this morning he

the

Coal Commission, stated there was among the miners a general desire for peace, and they had an appreciation of facing economic facts.

"The witness, who stated that he had lived in several industrial communities, believed that living conditions on the average in Glace Bay were the worst of any place in which he had ever been. It was a result largely from a great deal of unemployment, because of the large families to be supported and insufficient wages for decent living, especially among the lower paid men."

"Of social life there was little in Glace Bay, the witness stated, and there was no apparent community spirit. Presence of such a spirit would help the citizens, he thought, which could be created and fostered by encouraging sport and musical clubs."

"While he did not think the educational laws were properly enforced, insofar as many children who should have been sent to school, Dr. MacAvoy stated, generally speaking the educational facilities in Glace Bay were good."

"He stated that previous to the 1925 strike, conditions among the men were poor and many were even then living below the pauper line."

"Dr. MacAvoy believed it was unwise for the Company to have stores, and in asserting that it was unreasonable for the company to withdraw credit from the men when the strike broke out, he stated the men would prefer to starve than starve working."

"The witness believed the issue in the last strike was clearly defined, and was whether or not the wages were to be cut. He stated there should be some form of pamphlet published which would be established by the company in conjunction with the U. M. W. officials, to keep the men informed as to all phases of the industry, including costs and the marketing of coal."

"He had found the Company prepared, through Mr. McCann, to advance the interests of sport. It had done something with the grounds at No. 2 Colliery and also in Glace Bay."

Against Stores and Houses.

"Some people had magnified the activities of any Communist there were in Glace Bay, Dr. MacAvoy testified. They did not play an important part, and they were not a cause of alarm. While the Maritime Labor Herald might have swayed a small number of the men, to the great majority, it meant nothing."

"Interrogated as to whether or not he thought the press generally treated the strike fairly, Dr. MacAvoy stated he thought it did, and he did not believe the strike was used as a political advantage for any party."

He felt that the Company should not have the houses or the stores. He stated that in his opinion every man should own his house. While the rents might be raised under private owners, the house would be placed in proper repair.

"Rev. A. J. MacDonald, of Dominion No. 6, also gave evidence at this morning's session. He stated there was much distrust and suspicion of the Company held by the men, caused in part by actions of Company, instancing the case when it stated it would effect a reduction and later, receded from that position. He felt a third party should come in with the company and the miners at any time when conflict arose."

"This afternoon Hugh Rennie, a shooter and leader of Reserve, was the first witness. Mr. Rennie placed before the Commission some local grievances, and testified to some degree concerning housing conditions and the attitude of the Company officials towards encouragement of sport among the men."

Sanitary Conditions Poor.

Dr. D. J. Hartigan, who practised at New Waterford since 1913, stated that sanitary conditions there, were not good, and that as a remedy a sewerage system should be installed at once. The open drains in the town were a menace to the public health.

"The New Waterford hospital was built at a cost of \$30,000, of which \$35,000 was contributed by the Company, the upkeep being looked after by the Province, the County, the Town and the Company and the men."

"The people now were impoverished, and before the strike some had found it hard to struggle along, though as a general rule they could not be described as impoverished."

"During this year the health conditions were fairly good. Poor health conditions had something to do with the feeling of unrest which prevailed in his town. Some actions of the Compensation Board were contributory factors to that feeling. As far as he knew there were no Communists in New Waterford."

Dr. Sullivan, Health Officer of the town of Glace Bay, stated the death rate there this year was 110 per 1,000 persons. The rate of Canada was 27 per 1,000. Housing conditions and the absence of sewers were two factors which demanded remedy immediately. The houses were small and congested, and the witness suggested there should be a toilet and bath added to all of them. The death rate was abnormal this year owing to the warm summer, the stagnant water, and a very bad supply of milk. He stated also that the men should own the houses in which they live."

"Dr. Kendall, recalled to-day, was proceeding to give a review of events leading to the formation of the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, when the Commission adjourned to sit this evening at 7.30."

"It is expected that all other witnesses called by the men will be heard to-morrow."

Viscount Rothermere

ON BRINGING THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY BACK TO CONSERVATISM.

"Although the Conservative Party won the last General Election, we have not a Conservative Government in office," says Viscount Rothermere in the Daily Mail. He cites the Pensioners Tax, the Coal Subsidy, and other decisions of the Government in proof of this statement, and goes on to assert:

"For my part, I should much prefer a Government of frank, avowed Socialists. Mr. MacDonald, Lord Haldane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snowden, and Mr. Hodges to this Government of underhand Socialism. And I am sure that this is the opinion of the British electorate."

"The fact is becoming almost daily clearer that, unless the Conservative Party can be brought back to Conservatism, there will soon be no Conservative Party."

"It is to survive as an effective power of the party must be brought back to the principles which guided the great leaders of the past. This can be done by the local associations. Every local association ought to ascertain for itself what are the exact views of its local member or candidate."

"If they neglect their duty in this matter all indications go to show that their financial resources will rapidly disappear and their organization dwindle to vanishing point."

"The responsibility for the state of alarm and confusion which now prevails within the Conservative Party rests with no one but the present Government. They were placed in office to fulfil a well-defined mandate. The message from the country was unmistakable. It was to combat Socialism; to restore British industry; to lighten the burden of taxation by a ruthless reduction of national expenditure, and to do away with all dangerous and costly over-sea commitments."

"For these plain purposes the country furnished them with a majority so overwhelming that the Government needed nothing more than ordinary diligence and devotion to discharge their task."

"Instead, they set to work, almost

render to the miners; instead of getting out of Mosul, they continue to expose us there to the risk of needless and costly war; instead of relieving our over-taxed industries, they have added to their load."

"It was a bitter but a true remark of a well-known politician the other day that, judged by their performances, the professions by which Conservative leaders won the last general election were the greatest confidence trick in history."

"One thing is certain—that if the present Conservative Cabinet, tainted as it is by Socialist sympathies and influences, were to go to the country on its public record, it would meet with a defeat far transcending the defeat of Mr. Lloyd George in 1922 or that of Mr. Asquith in 1916."

"Let those who are not prepared to follow the old, safe road of Conservative tradition frankly forsake the ranks of the party and join Lord Parmoor and Mr. Oswald Mosley in the ranks of Socialists."

"What Conservatives throughout the land expect from the Ministers they have put in power is that they shall suspend the operation of the Pensioners Act, which our enterprising industries cannot stand; that they should concentrate on the Communist danger; purge themselves of spendthrifts and underhand Socialists, and, by stern public economy, reduce the taxation that is crushing our trade."

"Bring the Conservative Party back to Conservatism—to its old principles, to its old ideals and beliefs. True to itself and efficiently led, its triumph over the foe of aggressive Socialism is certain. Unless it rejects false doctrines and false teachers, it will be swept out of existence at the next election by a disgusted and disillusioned people."

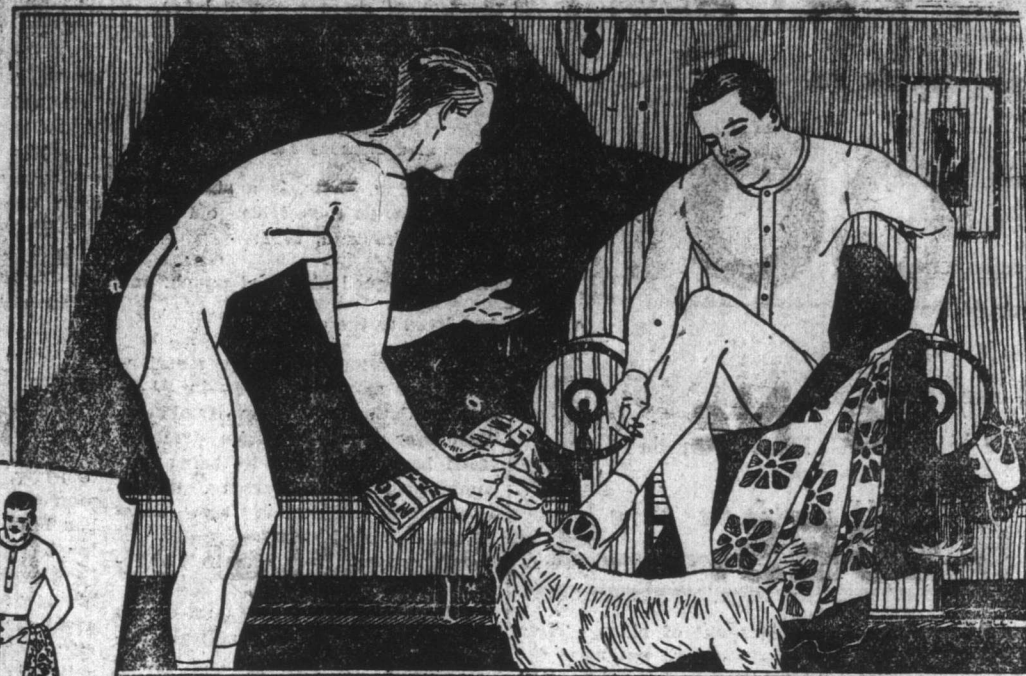
As the Daily Mail offers to supply copies of Lord Rothermere's articles for distribution by chairmen, officers and members of Conservative associations on application to the Daily Mail, Carmelite House, London, E.C.4, it looks as if the campaign in this direction will continue. It is an interesting political story of the times.

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Storm and Stress in the Arctic Hudson Bay

VESSEL'S TRYING EXPERIENCE.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Nov. 26.—Fog, mirages, faulty soundings and stormy weather played cruel tricks with the Hudson's Bay Company trading vessel Baychimo during its long voyage in the Arctic, and it was only through a strange turn of fate that she was able to reach here safely after being imprisoned for twenty-nine days in the ice off Herschell Island.

After being caught in the ice late in August, twelve attempts were made to buck the heavy fields without success. The strongest gales roaring down out of the North, failed to break up or shift the huge pack, and the Baychimo was helpless in its grip. Several times the vessel worked its way clear of the fies only to be held



82 P.C. Attendance in B.C. Schools

VANCOUVER, B.C., Nov. 17.—British Columbia has more than 98,000 children in her schools, with an average daily attendance of 82 per cent. This proportion has been growing from 56 per cent, when British Columbia joined Confederation. There were only about 1000 pupils in 1871.

The cost to the Provincial Government of its department of education is a little over \$3,000,000 annually covering 760 school districts.

Cities of the first class, such as Vancouver, now receive \$400 from the department for each teacher employed; those of the second class get \$250; of the third class \$165, and in rural municipalities and organized rural schools, the grant is \$50 for each teacher.

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