

REDEDICATION OF UNION CHURCH

Historical Church at Norton Reopened to the Worship of God.

Norton, Feb. 14.—On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1919, at 7.45 o'clock, a meeting of special interest, not only to the citizens of Norton and surrounding country, but to many people living in various parts of the world, took place at the River Bank Meeting House when a large number of people from Norton, Apohaqui, Millstream, Pariseville, Mever and New Settlements gathered for the purpose of re-opening the old church once more to the worship of God. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. H. Wilcox of Apohaqui, and seated with him on the platform were the following clergymen: Mr. Shanklin of Bellefleur, and Mr. LeViv of Millstream, who spoke on behalf of the Methodist church; Mr. Young of Millstream and Mr. VanWart of Norton, who spoke for the Baptists; Mr. Shevin of Sussex represented the Anglicans, while Mr. Cameron of Norton spoke for the Presbyterians, and Mr. Nicholson of Norton, a layman of the R. B. Church, spoke for that body, all giving addresses most appropriate to the occasion. Suitable music was furnished by a union choir of all the churches, Mr. Preston Wilcox presiding at the organ. A most suitable solo was well rendered by Miss Dewar of Waterford, Carleton County, N. B. The cost of repairing the building and putting it in its present splendid condition amounted to the total sum of \$21,115. Of this amount \$23,223 was used for the purpose of painting the church, and was paid by Mr. Whitfield Erb, the balance of the repairs costing \$34,983. Towards the payment of this amount \$28,950 had been collected, leaving a balance to raise of \$6,033 on the day of the reopening. The special offering taken at this meeting amounted to the goodly sum of \$73.22. This, together with \$15.00 received by the treasurer in the mail the following day from interested parties, enables the treasurer to pay all bills, and have a balance on hand of \$49.24. This amount, together with any further subscriptions which may come to hand from interested parties, will be used for further repairs on the building, and on the cemetery. Too much credit cannot be given to the committee who have had charge of the work, and who labored so faithfully for the success of the undertaking, especially Mr. A. F. Marr who collected a large amount of the funds.

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, and St. John's, listing temperature ranges and conditions.

BOLSHEVIK ACTIVE

Vladivostok, Tuesday, Feb. 11.—(By Associated Press)—Bolshevik activity is pronounced along the Amur river, with 3,000 Magyars reported to be entrenched near the Magoczi station, awaiting moderation of the weather.

AS A MAN THINKS.

You don't believe you ever had any original thoughts, but what do you do all the mean, envious spirit which courses you at times? When your thoughts are running along a wholesome channel, you wonder how it could be possible for you to consider some of the devil-suggested ideas which crop out once in a while. It is time for you to realize that where you harbor these mean thoughts, the nearer you are to putting them into execution. It is just as serious for yourself as it is for those against whom you direct these wicked thoughts. What good does it do you to wish arms to smother? You may not have been led to the point where you have carried out any of the despicable things you have conceived, but thank your stars that you have had your attention called to it in time. Drop evil thoughts at the time and place they come. Flee from them with all the force of your will. No one can tell when opportunity may prove stronger than your will to resist and you will live years to regret it.

Had Hacking Cough Couldn't Sleep Nights.

Hacking coughs are very wearing on the system. The constant coughing disturbs the rest, and keeps the lungs and bronchial tubes in an irritated and inflamed condition. Don't neglect the hacking cough. You can get rid of it with a few doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; the most prompt, pleasant and perfect cough remedy known. Miss Catherine M. McLean, Craik, Sask., writes:—"Last winter I caught a heavy cold and was laid up for some time. I had such a hacking cough, I couldn't sleep at night. I didn't think I would get over it. One day a friend dropped in to see me and was surprised to see how bad my cough was. She advised me to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. The next day I sent for a bottle, and I soon got relief, and by the time I had taken two bottles, my cough was all gone, and now I am able to do my work again. I don't think there is anything to equal it." There are plenty of "pine" preparations on the market trying to live on the reputation of "Dr. Wood's." The genuine is put up in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark, price 25c. and 50c. a bottle. Put up only by The T. Millars Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT JUDGE REGARDING PHOTOPLAY

The Grounds Upon Which Judge Crocket Decided Against the Ruling of the N. B. Board of Motion Picture Censors—Interesting Case in Which the Canadian Universal Film Company Was the Appellant.

In the matter of an appeal of the Canadian Universal Film Company from the decision of the Board of Censors for New Brunswick, prohibiting the exhibition of the photoplay entitled "For Husbands Only." These are the legal phrases with which Judge Crocket prefaced his judgment on this motion picture, which was the subject of an appeal recently. The history of the case is briefly this: The picture is released by the Canadian Universal Film Company, whose manager for the Maritime Provinces is G. A. Margetta. This photoplay "For Husbands Only" was censored by Dr. Bridges, and condemned by him whereupon it was reviewed by the entire Board of Censors for New Brunswick, who voted against it. T. P. Regan, as legal adviser for the Canadian Universal Film Company, appealed against the decision of the censors and Judge Crocket, at the Supreme Court, viewed the picture at Fredericton, and allowed the appeal, giving permission for "For Husbands Only" to be shown in New Brunswick.

A copy of the judgment as given by Judge Crocket, follows: In the matter of an appeal of the Canadian Universal Film Company from the decision of the Board of Censors for New Brunswick, prohibiting the exhibition of the photoplay entitled "For Husbands Only."

Judgment of Crocket. Having reviewed this picture under the authority of the Order in Council allowing an appeal to be taken from the decision of the Board of Censors thereon, I feel bound to say that I can not agree with the opinion of the Censors that the picture is replete with immoral and suggestive situations, and for that reason ought not to be allowed to be exhibited. The picture portrays the infatuation of a reputedly rich and gay young bachelor or for a pretty girl, whom he failed to win, and his continued attentions to her after her marriage to a rival. After her marriage it is largely a representation of the efforts of this young man, who possibly may be imagined to be a gay and wicked Lothario, to lure the object of his infatuation from her husband. The play undoubtedly suggests a desire and intention on his part to do so, but his whole action shows that desire and intention foisted by a wife, who though apparently frivolous and coquettish at times, was always clever and always faithful to her husband. The young man, far from attaining his object, went away in the end, humiliated as a fool. Another woman, who had become enamored of the bachelor, and whose display of affection was in turn spurned by him, is represented as having been afterwards divorced from her husband. This, of course, suggests marital infidelity as the word "divorce" itself may be said almost invariably to do; but no one, I think, would venture to stigmatize as immoral a newspaper article or a drama upon the ground that it contained a reference to a person as having been divorced, and thus suggested marital infidelity. The plot of the play may, no doubt, be said to be suggestive to the extent that one of its characters is represented as having been divorced, and that another is represented as attempting to lure a married woman from her husband, even though the tempter's every effort failed. With equal, indeed with much stronger reason may it be said that every drama which presents a villain in its cast is suggestive of villainy, but actually portrays it in some form or other, yet who is there, apart from those who condemn all drama, who would contend that the inclusion in a drama of a villain whose villainy is frustrated, of itself stamps the drama as villainous or immoral. To the extent, not only to the extent, I have indicated, can the plot of this play be said, in my judgment, to be suggestive, apart from its title, which on its face might seem to suggest an exhibition fit only for married men. The title, however, arises quite naturally out of the development of the plot, from a private theatrical exhibition, in which there is not a single objectionable feature, and which figures in the ultimate discomfort of the gay young bachelor.

As for the pictures themselves, I failed to discover, from beginning to end, a single feature, gesture or movement which presented even the remotest semblance to vulgarity or obscenity. There is nothing objectionable as to dress or costume. Indeed, as I reviewed the picture, I felt that I had seen very few, if any, photoplays publicly exhibited in New Brunswick which were less subject to criticism than this one with regard to dress, movements, gesture and appearance of all the actors taking part. The chief impression, I think, which the picture leaves is that of the beautiful settings and scenery in which, and the superb photography by which, the play is presented. I have therefore concluded that this appeal should be allowed, and the permission should be granted to the appellant company to exhibit this picture in the

CAPITAL AND LABOR IN CONFERENCE

British Government Wants Free Expression How Best to Handle Present Labor Unrest.

London, Feb. 16.—The Government has decided to convene probably within the present month, a National Conference of representatives of capital and labor to seek a settlement of the present industrial unrest. It is understood that representatives of the employers, and all the leading trade unions will be invited and that the Premier is devoting himself actively to the promotion of this conference, which will be the most important ever assembled to deal with labor problems. It is expected that there will be a sitting before the threatened miners' strike which begins in the middle of March.

Province of New Brunswick and I hereby so order. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 10, 1919. Mr. Regan received the following letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council: The Executive Council, Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7th, 1919.

T. P. Regan, Esq., St. John, N. B. Dear Sir,—I enclose certified copy of Order in Council authorizing appeal in the matter of the Canadian Universal Film Company.

Yours truly, M. B. DIXON, Clerk.

(Copy) Ordered.—That the Canadian Universal Film Company be allowed to appeal from the decision of the Board of Censors to any Judge of the Supreme or County Court under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 4, Chapter 13, of the Acts of Assembly, 1912, the costs of appeal in any event to be paid by the appellant.

The following is a copy of Dr. Bridges' letter to the manager of the Canadian Universal Film Exchange: No. 1 Hazen Ave., St. John, N. B.

G. A. Margetta, Esq., Manager Canadian Universal Film Exchange, St. John, N. B. Dear Mr. Margetta,—The Board of Censors for New Brunswick, after reviewing the photoplay entitled "For Husbands Only," decided that it could not be shown in New Brunswick.

Although the photograph of this picture is superb, I think, which the picture leaves is that of the beautiful settings and scenery in which, and the superb photography by which, the play is presented. I have therefore concluded that this appeal should be allowed, and the permission should be granted to the appellant company to exhibit this picture in the

ACADIA COAL CO. CLOSES SHAFT

The Closing of Industries Requiring Coal Makes it Necessary for Company to Curtail Expenses.

New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 15.—The Allan Mine of Acadia Coal Co., Ltd., has been shut down temporarily, owing to the demand for coal falling off considerably. The following notice, which the company has posted, sets forth the facts of the situation: Notice to Employees at Allan Shaft: "The Acadia Coal Co., Ltd., regrets that owing to the partial or complete closing of several industries throughout the province who obtain their coal supplies from this company, and also the climatic conditions existing during the winter, which have largely reduced the quantity of coal required for both domestic and steam purposes, and also the largely reduced quantity required for the railways, they have decided to suspend all operations at the Allan Shaft, until such time as improved conditions of trade will warrant them to again resume work at that mine.

"As many of the coal cutters as is possible to find room for, will be provided with work at the other mines, but all other employees had better seek work elsewhere, as, unfortunately, under such conditions the company at present are not in a position to name any date when they are likely again to resume operations at the Allan Shaft."

Assistant General Manager George Gray stated that the above notice set forth the facts of the situation. The future is uncertain, and the reopening of the mine depends upon the length of time it will take for trade to brisk

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AT NEW GLASGOW

Foreigner Held up by Two Men and Relieved of Over a Hundred Dollars.

New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 15.—Last night about 8 o'clock, a hold-up and highway robbery was enacted on the Alblon road, St. John's, when a Belgian named John Vermeulen, was robbed of \$110.00. The scene of the robbery was at a point near where the road to the Alblon mines turns off the road to Westville. Vermeulen, who only arrived here on Wednesday from Vancouver, was proceeding along the road alone to his boarding house when a tall man with a revolver demanded that he put up his hands. A shorter man, with a handkerchief across his face, searched the stranger's pockets and took out his pocketbook, removed \$110 in bills therefrom, and handed back the empty pocketbook. Vermeulen was then allowed to proceed on his way. The alarm was soon given and Chief Waters sent for who interviewed the man who was robbed. Being a stranger he was not able to give a very clear description of the highwaymen. This hold-up together with the recent robbery of the Alblon office, when \$700 was gathered in, requires the earnest efforts of the Sleuths to clean up the gang.

Mr. Gray says the Acadia Coal Co. have been producing 2,000 tons of coal per day, of which some 400 per day was from the Allan mine. The company hope to be able to market the output of 1,600 tons daily, and to keep the McGregor, Alblon, New Mine and Therburn mines in steady operation.

NO MORE STAGED PROSECUTIONS

New Regulations Issued to Handle Deserters or Absentees Without Leave.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 15.—New regulations, to offset any attempts at "staged" prosecutions of Military Service defaulters, will be issued within a few days. The regulations will provide that the offence of desertion, or absence without leave, shall remain cognizable as a military offence by military tribunals, and any offence of being taken before a court of summary jurisdiction, may be deferred into military custody by any competent police officers as defined in the authority of the Dominion Police Act. The Northwest Mounted Police, such members of any provincial municipal unit or local force of police or peace officer as shall have been authorized by the chief commissioner, or by the Commissioner of the Dominion Police, or by the Commissioner of Northwest Mounted Police.

"It shall be incompetent," the regulations continue, "to any court of summary jurisdiction, or to any other civil court or tribunal, to proceed to the hearing or disposition of any charge, or any offence of desertion or absence without leave from the C. E. F., unless the person charged be in the custody of, or brought before the court or tribunal by a police officer or constable authorized as aforesaid."

He Who Hesitates is Lost.—Order that Remington today. The Typewriter that never failed anybody. A. Miles Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr. 37 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for OVIDO HABANA cigars, featuring an image of a cigar box and the text "The Utmost in Cigars".

Large advertisement for St. John Retail Merchants' Bargain Dollar Day, Thursday, February 20. Lists various stores and their locations, including Central, North End, and West End.