

MINERS BLAME LOW WAGES, TOO MANY BOSSES

Working Conditions Also Blamed for Troubles in Cape Breton

MUCH TIME IS LOST; OUTPUT IS LESSENER

Say Housing Undesirable and Petty Disputes Daily Cause Discontent

SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 13.—The Royal Commission under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia, continued its evidence taking sessions here today and when adjournment was taken at 4 o'clock this afternoon, had completed the hearing of 20 witnesses called by the United Mine Workers' Executive of District 26 since the sittings commenced Wednesday forenoon.

So far the witnesses examined have all been drawn from the various colliery districts in the Southern Cape Breton field and their testimony relates to wages, working and housing conditions in that area. Witnesses from the northern Cape Breton collieries of Florence and Sydney Mines, will be heard early next week. There are still a number of witnesses from the Southern field to testify.

EACH TELLS OWN STORY.

The policy adopted by the commission in getting the evidence of the miners, is to let each man tell his own story in his own way, subject to questions, either from the commission, the corporation officials or members of the United Mine Workers Executive. Cross-examination of witnesses by corporation legal counsel is not permitted. To date, President R. M. Wolvin, Vice-President J. E. McLaugh and General Superintendent of Mines A. H. MacNeil, have conducted the interview for the corporation and U. M. W. District President J. W. McLeod and District Secretary A. A. MacKay, for the Miners. In the main the questions submitted to witnesses from both sides are asked with a view to clarifying testimony on certain points.

PRESS BAN CONTINUES.

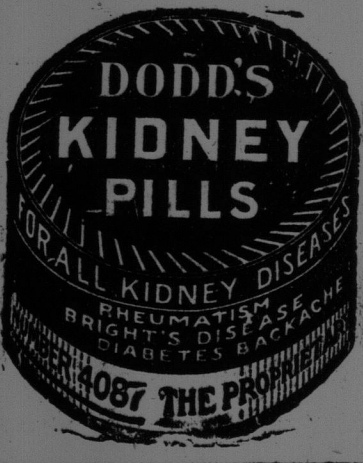
The commission's ban on press reports of the evidence is still in effect and the following official statement covering this afternoon's session was issued tonight:

"Continuing his evidence before the coal commission at the afternoon session, Clarence Kearney, of Number 16 Colliery, stated that miners should have to push boxes. This is a horse's work and the company did not supply enough animals. The shortage means that the men have to tip the boxes, weighing some 900 pounds. Roads and

GERMANY SEES PROSPERITY IN PACT WITH RUSSIA



German business men are building high hopes upon the prospects of huge commerce with Russia, opened up by signing of the trade agreement between the two countries. Germany sees Russia as a vast market for its manufactures; and the Soviets expect in turn, to be able to dispose of great quantities of raw materials in the Rhineland. Photo shows Litvinov (left), assistant commissar of foreign affairs, and Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, German ambassador, shaking hands after signing of pact, in Moscow.



boxes and had donkey engines, there were petty disputes every day, which caused discontent and bitter feeling. There were cases of men taken from their regular work at the face and put to work pulling stone, receiving lower rates of wages for that work than they had been getting.

HARMONY SUGGESTED.

"As a remedy for the recurring disputes, Mr. Wilson suggested the introduction of harmony between the company and the men. This could be done by stopping the reduction of wages, which has happened every year since 1921.

"Albert Cloake, of New Waterford, testified that he received \$3.25 daily, and gets regular employment. He believed that the men were not better off with lower wages, even though they had steady work.

MORE MONEY WANTED.

"The cause of strife here was the want of more money by the men. At present they were not at rest with the merchants to whom they were indebted, nor their wives and children who needed more food and more clothing. His children were kept from school the last three weeks, and with his present wages have meat only twice a week.

"Thomas Pearson, handpick miner, working at No. 14 Colliery in New Waterford, gave technical evidence as to the working of the rooms in that mine. He advocated the installation of an emergency steam boiler, and believed that the company and the men should become more sociable.

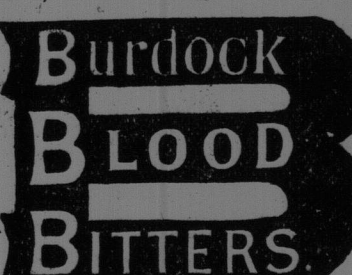
"He said that his wages averaged about \$2 daily. In order to remedy certain aspects of the problem, the witness believed that the underground manager should have all power to adjust local complaints.

FAVORITISM SEEN

"William Shelly, teamster at the same colliery testified that \$3.40 was

Dyspepsia Caused Her Agony After Every Meal

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his daily wage, but he was not getting steady work. He believed that favoritism was shown in placing the men at their different occupations and in 1924 the men averaged about three shifts a week. He had no money for sickness or for amusement, and could not put away anything for emergency. Mr. Shelly stated that since the reduction of wages took effect, the contract men can recoup themselves for the loss by extra exertion, and as a consequence the datal men have to work harder, which is a distinct unfairness, as they have to keep pace with the contract men in their work and at the same time suffer a similar reduction in wages.

"William Brewster, who is employed on the surface at No. 12 Colliery in New Waterford, stated that lack of money and lack of confidence were the two main factors in the disputes between the company and the men. The datal men at surface and underground labor have not had a decent show, and he believed an increase of wages should be given at a flat rate for

HOUSING CONDITIONS

"The last witness today was Michael Gouthro, cutter, shoemaker and loader, also of No. 12 Colliery. Mr. Gouthro gave evidence as to housing conditions in his district. His average earnings were \$6.00 daily, but for that there was an abnormal amount of work and in some detail explained the peculiar phases of his duties. He stated that a wash house should be erected for the men in place of the one which had been burned this summer. He worked in the mines thirty-two years, before the war, was satisfied with conditions and only since 1922 did he start going in debt.

"The commission resume their sittings again at 10 o'clock tomorrow, at which time further evidence will be presented on behalf of the men."

34 ARE OFFICIALLY GAZETTED AS M. P.'S

Eligible After Taking Oath to Assume Places in Commons

OTTAWA, Nov. 13.—Thirty-four members of the House of Commons are officially gazetted in this week's Canada Gazette.

In the consociencies which these members represent the returns are now complete and after taking the oath and signing the roll, the members are eligible to assume their places in the House of Commons at the opening of the fifteenth parliament.

The following are the names published in the Canada Gazette of Nov. 14: R. G. Geary, Toronto South; A. J. Anderson, Toronto-High Park; John Edmond Bristol, Toronto North; R. L. Baker, Toronto North; S. C. Ryckman, Toronto East; J. Harris, Toronto-Scarboro; C. H. Chalm, St. Lawrence-St. George; P. A. Seguin, L'Assomption-Montclair; R. E. Ryerson, Brantford City; L. G. Bell, St. Antoine; General S. C. Newburn, Hamilton East; C. V. Bell, Hamilton West; Sir Henry Drayton, York West; W. F. McLean, York South; J. A. Denis, St. Denis; J. L. Russell, Norfolk-Elgin; R. K. Smith, Cumberland, N. S.; A. A. Heaps, Winnipeg North; George Parent, Quebec West; C. A. Poirier, Bellechasse; Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Quebec East; Gustave Evtanurel, Prescott; S. C. Robinson, Essex West; S. Charters, Peel; D. Spence, Parkdale; R. S. White, Mount Royal; A. E. Ross, Kingston; J. E. Dussault, Levis; H. A. Stuart, Leeds; A. M. Edwards, Waterloo South; Hon. Lucien Cannon, Dorchester; D. M. Sutherland, North Oxford; D. H. Wright, North Perth.

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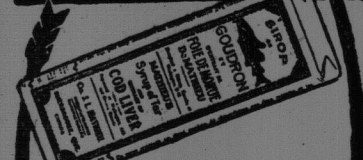


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CENTENARY CHOIR HAS TURKEY SUPPER

The full choir of Centenary church, about 45 members in all, was entertained at a turkey supper last night. The feast was a full course dinner with turkey and everything that goes with it and was tendered to the choir by some of the men of the church in appreciation of the splendid service it has given. Some of the ladies of the church served the band.

During the evening Rev. R. G. Fulton, pastor of the church, made the presentation of a purse and piece of gold to Mrs. Marshall Austin on behalf of the choir members. The gifts were an expression of the gratitude of the choir members for the many services which Mrs. Austin, as librarian, has rendered so efficiently, making the choir routine run so smoothly. Mrs. Austin replied in a pleasing manner.

CONGREGATION INCREASES.

There was a large congregation in St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Douglas avenue, last evening when the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison, preached an interesting sermon. At the close of the service 74 persons joined the church.

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POTATOES UP IN WEST MORLAND

Tuber Prices, However, Remain Stationary in Aroostook District

Lower Prices From Europe Endanger Canadian Market in Cuba

SHEBAC, Nov. 13.—The prices of potatoes paid by shippers to producers have been advanced once more in Westmorland and Kent counties today. The buyers here increased the quotation to \$3.50 a barrel. In Buctouche and other places in Kent county \$4 is being paid. Even at the advance, tubers are not moving in great quantities, numerous producers apparently waiting for developments in the market.

EUROPE NOT FEADED.

Shippers are holding quite large stocks, due in part to congestion in the Cuban and eastern American markets. Although there have been reports of declines in prices at a few shipping centres in other parts of Canada, there has been no weakening of the situation here.

European potatoes in competition are not feared this year as disease is reported in several countries across the water. Firm prices all along the line in America are expected until winter, if not until spring. There will probably be fluctuations in the opinion of some of the buyers, but no slump.

AT A STANDSTILL.

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., Nov. 13.—The potato market in Aroostook is at a complete standstill with no stock offering and no shipments. No improvement is expected until the embargo is raised on shipments and the buyers replenish their capital by turning over the European market. Growers, who have stock on hand and brokers with much stored bought at early season prices, say that they are not worried, that potatoes are bound to shoot upward again before Christmas.

Unless New Brunswick potato dealers can reduce their prices to meet competition that may be created by the importation into Cuba of potatoes from the European markets, the potato trade between Saint John and Havana will diminish to a considerable extent in the opinion of Manuel Felipe Y. Peros, of Peros & Co., Havana, Cuba, and special representative of the Canadian-American Trading Company on a mission to investigate conditions here. Mr. Peros arrived in the city last evening from Charlottetown where he has been looking over the situation.

GIVES FIGURES.

"Naturally, it is a question of dollars and cents with the Cuban people," said Mr. Peros last night, "and I must say we have little complaint regarding the New Brunswick potato. But when European dealers quote us around \$3 for a 160-pound bag and our Canadian dealers much higher, we can only take advantage of the best bargain offering. In this matter also, our government keeps a very watchful eye. During the last season, the companies represented, took between 600,000 and 700,000 bags from New Brunswick, so you can see it is a profitable trade."

GOING TO WOODSTOCK.

"I was delighted with the quality of the Prince Edward Island potato but the price they quoted me was around \$4.50," Mr. Peros said he expected to leave this morning for Woodstock to interview the chief exporters in that district about shipments this winter from there to Cuba. He said it suitable arrangements could be completed, some heavy shipments would be made.

BAN ON IN CUBA.

Mr. Peros was here last week in conference with several of the dealers. He expects to leave for home about the middle of next week. While in the city Mr. Peros conferred with the Cuban consul here, Rudolfo G. Betancourt.

There is a ban at present on the importation of European potatoes into Cuba but when he left Havana, Mr. Peros said, it looked as though this embargo would be lifted. He said he expected to leave this morning for Woodstock to interview the chief exporters in that district about shipments this winter from there to Cuba. He said it suitable arrangements could be completed, some heavy shipments would be made.

CONGESTION RELIEVED.

Canadian Press Despatch. CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Nov. 13.—The arrival of a number of box cars from the Canadian National Railways yesterday relieved the potato situation, which was causing shippers considerable alarm, owing to the approaching frosty weather. Water shipments also will relieve the congestion. One steamer will sail today for New York, with 40,000 bushels, and the steamer Oakild is due today, from Montreal, to load 60,000 bushels of seed for Long Island.

UKE CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Uke Club was entertained last evening at the home of Miss Maude Reed, Market Place, West Saint John, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. There was a good attendance of members and musical selections were much appreciated. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Hazel McLean. The club will meet next week at the home of Miss D. Craft, Harrison street.



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13 Socialists Lose Ears On Unlucky Day

VIENNA, Nov. 14.—Friday, the thirteenth, was the unluckiest day in the lives of 13 Socialist political agitators, according to a dispatch from the village of Delva.

Slovakian villagers, resenting the Socialist propaganda, seized the 13 agitators and cut off their ears.

Camsell To Offer Coal Information

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 12.—Charles Camsell, Federal Deputy Minister of Mines, Ottawa, who arrived here last night and spent today conferring with Hon. Gordon S. Harrington, Provincial Minister of Mines, and T. J. Brown, Deputy Minister, will proceed to Cape Breton tomorrow and there call on the Royal Commission, which, under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, is investigating the Nova Scotia coal industry, and offer to make available information bearing on matters at issue, in possession of the department at Ottawa.

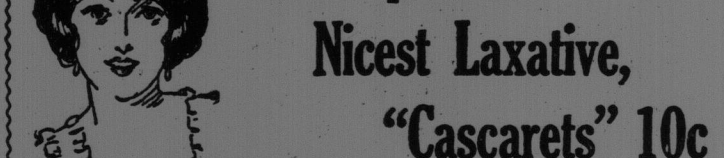
PROBING DISMISSAL OF PRISON OFFICER

John J. Kane Says He Was Retired For Political Reasons

DORCHESTER, Nov. 13.—James McQueen, of Shediac, is conducting an inquiry into the retirement of John J. Kane, chief trade instructor, from the staff of the Dorchester Penitentiary in the Westmorland Probate Court room. Mr. Kane demanded the investigation, contending he was retired for political reasons and not for any failure in the discharge of his duties. Among the witnesses that have been

AUTO THEFT SENTENCED.

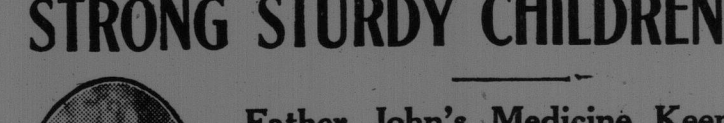
KENTVILLE, N.S., Nov. 13.—James Burgess, of Massachusetts, found guilty of stealing an automobile here several months ago, was today sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary.



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"O H, I'm nearly dead. I never felt so fagged out in all my life."

"Are you sick?"

"Not exactly sick, perhaps, but I have not felt right for weeks. I can never get rested."

"Your health must be run-down."

"Yes, I suppose it is. Mother has been warning me that I am living too fast these days. 'Burning the candle at both ends,' as she says."

"Perhaps it's your nerves."

"Yes, I suppose it is. You know I am working every day at the office and I have been on the gad nearly every night until I can't stand it any longer."

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