

AMENDMENTS TO THE FACTORIES ACT

An amendment to the act for the "Protection of Persons in Factories" passed at the last session of the Legislature is of importance to persons owning, leasing or operating mills. It is as follows:

1. Section 1 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"1. This Act shall be known as 'The New Brunswick Factories Act, 1920.'"

2. Section 19 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto as Sub-section (1), the following:

(1) Every owner, lessee, proprietor or operator of any portable saw mill or lath mill, shall within one week from the time operations have commenced, notify the factory inspector, in writing, stating in such notice the location of the mill or mills, the number of persons employed therein, the names of the person in charge and operating the steam plant, and the number and date of his license. Any person, whose duty it is to give the required notice, failing to observe the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine, for each offence, of not less than twenty five or more than one hundred dollars, together with costs of prosecution and in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment in the common goal of the penitentiary for a term not exceeding three months:

Anex-Prince Working In A New York Bank

New York, August 20—"Good morning, Mr. Dimitri" is the greeting a quiet unassuming young man receives each morning as he enters the National American Bank, where he is employed as a clerk in the foreign exchange department.

But a few short years ago this same young man was addressed as "Your Royal Highness" and was surrounded by a small army of servants who waited at his beck and call.

Then he was the Prince Dimitri son of Grand Duke Alexander and Grand Princess Xenia, nephew of the Czar and cousin of the Prince of Wales whom he has often visited at Buckingham Palace.

The war came and the upheaval of Russia, which resulted in the termination of the rule of the Romanoffs and scattered the royal family throughout Europe.

Prince Dimitri escaped to France with his father and mother, where he made his home with them in Paris until seven months ago, when he came to America.

He is the only member of his family in the United States where he refuses to take any advantage his birth might bring him.

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Canadian Business Conditions

Despatches to Dun's Review from branch officers of the K.G. Dun & Co. in leading cities indicate little change in Canadian business conditions and state that none is anticipated until the termination of the vacation period. There is a fairly steady call at retail for seasonable commodities, and some orders are being placed for fall and winter delivery, but in wholesale departments quietness prevails generally. Pessimistic crop reports from the West cause some uneasiness but this is largely offset by more favorable conditions in the Eastern provinces and the practical certainty that exceptionally high prices will be received for the more important farm products and a feeling of confidence in the future of the manufacturing and commercial circles.

Business in most departments is quiet at Montreal, as many people are absent from the city, but the outlook, as a whole, is regarded as encouraging, an early resumption of activity being confidently predicted. Collections are fairly satisfactory.

There has been no change of moment in business conditions at Quebec, mid-summer quiet prevailing in almost all departments of trade, but the principal crops in the territory tributary to this centre reported to be turning out well and a good fall and winter movement of the principal commodities is anticipated. Collections are slow to fairly prompt.

Retail distribution is holding up well for this period at Toronto and a fair run of orders in small amounts for fall delivery is being received, but no great stimulation of activity is looked for until the many persons, now away on their annual vacations return to their duties.

ORIGIN OF "RED TAPE"
Every old custom in legal and Government offices was to tie up parcels of official papers with red or pink tape. The packets had, of course to be tied with something, and tape is easier to untie than string.

The color showed the official nature of the contents, distinguishing them from any private papers any one of the staff might have—which would naturally be tied with ordinary tape.

So in time red tape became a sort of symbol of such offices. And since official procedure, with its docketing of documents, its filing, and its indexing, is popularly supposed to involve endless delay, "red tape" became the expression for routine carried to an absurd extreme.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY EARNINGS
The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending August 14, 1924 were \$4,069,974.00 being a decrease of \$858,518.78 over the corresponding week of 1923.
The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways from Jan. 1 to August 14, 1924 have been \$143,927,702.00 being a decrease of \$3,463,349.96 over the corresponding period of 1923.

FINDS BRITISH RACE ON UPWARD TREND

Speaking on the development of the British race, from the physical standpoint, Dr. Shrubbsall, president of the Anthropological Section of the British Association at Toronto last week, feels that there is no cause for pessimism but that there is good cause for confidence and the assurance that the best is yet to come. In speaking confidently of 'advance' mental, mental and otherwise, Dr. Shrubbsall based his optimism on the following grounds:

The stature and weight of the British are at least not less than in the days of Agincourt and Waterloo.

General health is vastly improved and the expectation of life longer. The Great War revealed powers of resistance to the physical adversity that were never equalled. The same qualities disclosed a wonderful versatility of inventive powers everywhere.

The dangers and disadvantages arising from the growth of industrialism are being offset by effective co-operative measures.

The advances of education and the benefits of school medical inspection are guarantees of the future intelligence and the physical well-being of future generations.

There is no evidence to support the fear that mental defects are increasing in number. The evidence points in the opposite direction.

Though statistics show that the average size of families is decreasing this is offset by the lessened mortality of children due to better housing, better feeding, better care and better environment.

While emigration from some parts of the British Isles of the 'Nordic' and 'Prospector' groups may make a serious drain on the best physical types and lead to some deterioration, the gain to the Greater Britain beyond the seas, counterbalances these advantages.

The growth of England's population is the measure of her fertility and her grip on health and physique. There is no symptom of decadence in these facts.

In the 14th century it is estimated that the population of England and Wales was about 3 million. At the beginning of the 18th century it was 9 million. In 1841 it had reached 16 million. In 1881 it was 26 million and in 1921 the population was 38 million. Inside of 125 years it had increased from 9 to 38 million besides sending out untold millions to settle other parts of the earth.

TUBERCULOSIS TO DISAPPEAR WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

"Within 25 years there will be no more tuberculosis" declared Sir Leonard Rogers, C.I.E.E. one of the foremost physicians of England at the International Conference on Tropical Diseases held in Kingston, Jamaica from July 21 to August 3. Sir Leonard, who has spent most of his life combatting diseases in the British colonies pigs his faith to sodium morrhuate, a tuberculosis remedy which he discovered and subsequently applied with astonishing success.

The remedy, a sodium salt obtained from the codfish, was first used by the English physician in treating leprosy patients in the tropics. His results, Sir Leonard said were even more successful than those of the much lauded chaulmoogra oil. The doctor noticed, in the case of leprosy that an intravenous injection of sodium morrhuate destroyed the leprosy bacillus in the body, causing a clearing up of all symptoms.

MORE FISH SOLD IN THE DOMINION

Fish valued at \$42,565,545 was marketed from Canada's fisheries and canneries in 1923, an official government return announces. This is an increase of \$765,335 over 1922.

British Columbia produced nearly one half or \$20,795,914, which is an increase in that province of two million over 1922 and of seven millions over 1921.

Fisheries production by provinces next to British Columbia is valued as follows:

Nova Scotia \$8,448,385; New Brunswick \$4,548,535; Ontario \$3,159,427; Quebec \$2,100,412; Prince Edward Island \$1,754,989; Manitoba \$1,029,555; Alberta \$433,737; Saskatchewan \$283,641; and Yukon 11,375.

The amount of capital represented in the vessels, traps, piers, wharves etc. employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish in 1923 was \$23,643,316 a drop of two millions from 1922 and of three millions from 1921. There is also a slight decrease in the number of men employed which in 1923 was 53,517.

Suggested For Chairmanship

Hon. J. Bureau, Minister of Customs, has been suggested for the chairmanship of the Board of Railway Commissioners according to the *Western Mail*. Mr. Bureau has had considerable experience as legal advisor in railway matters, and was solicitor general in the Laurier Cabinet. It has been general gossip for some time that Mr. Bureau would welcome a change of post. Nothing definite could be learned as to the accuracy of the newspaper story. Official comment was withheld.

C. N. R. MAY USE OIL FOR FUEL

Wainwright Development Said to be Responsible for Idea.

Vancouver, B.C., Aug 17—Completion of a new well at Wainwright, Alberta, which will produce more than 500 barrels of oil a day was announced by Newton W. Emmens, superintendent of the British Petroleum, Limited, at last night's annual meeting of the company held here: "In Mr. Emmens' report to shareholders it was stated that Sir Henry Thornton had advised the company that the Canadian National Railways lines were prepared to take Wainwright oil for locomotive fuel if quality and production are satisfactory.

When the company completed its first 200 barrel well at Wainwright last fall the Canadian National Rail way switched from long term to short term contracts for coal. Developments in the Wainwright field this summer are expected to result in a definite decision by the railway to change its locomotives in Western Canada from coal to oil burners.

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