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SAYS AMERICAN SOFT COAL TRADE IS DEMORALIZED

Washington, Dec. 27—There has been an over-production of coal this year and a consequent struggle for trade, which depressed prices, is the opinion expressed today by Edward W. Parker, coal statistican for the United States Geological survey.

Mr. Parker added that there had been few more unsatisfactory years in the history of the coal mining industry, and that prices were depressed to such an extent that when the total returns for the year were footed up, the balance probably would be on the wrong side of the ledger, although the production of coal in the United States for the year was probably second only to the record year of 1910.

"The anthracite industry in 1911," he said, "probably was as firm as any other in the country. A part of the increase in production was due to the stocking of fuel in anticipation of April 1, 1912, when the wage agreements terminate. The bituminous trade, on the whole, has been demoralized and discouraging; and much of the business was conducted at a loss. The principal cause for this, particularly in the eastern states, has been the depression in the iron trade."

AT OTTAWA

Gossip in Ottawa is that the end of the Nationalist as a party is announced by the government; that Mr. Borden has arranged fat offices for Bourassa, Lavergne, and Hon. Mr. Monk, which will cause them to retire from politics and cease to give him further trouble. The civil service commission started out yesterday on a hunt for offices, which they require to be elaborately fitted. They expect to use them for several years. No man who has been appointed to a civic position during the last fifteen years feels secure, because the commission is but a head-hunting one.

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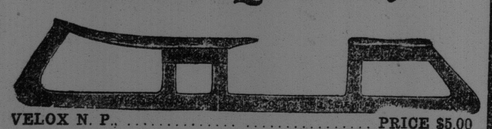

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BUILDING COLLAPSES; TWO MEN DEAD AND SEVEN INJURED

Philadelphia, Dec. 27—Two men were killed and four men, two women and a boy, were injured today when a wall of a building occupied by the R. J. Ederor Company, Frankford, collapsed. One of the injured men may die.

The dead are: Edward Mullen, 50 years old, and Fred. Hollingsworth, shipping clerk. There were about seventy-five men and women in the building when the crash came and many of them had narrow escapes from death or injury. The cause of the collapse was the failure of the wall to hold a large water tank

Royal Gazette Notes

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27—Today's Royal Gazette gives notice that Rev. Albert Clinton Berrie, of Woodstock; Rev. T. Beecher Wetmore, of Lower Millstream, Kings county; Rev. M. Latouche Thompson, of St. John; Frank Gaskill, of Hampton, Kings county, and Rev. Wilfred F. Gaetz, of St. John, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

George McSweeney, Beatrice McSweeney, John L. McSweeney, Anges McSweeney, and E. Albert Reily, all of Moncton, give notice of application under the firm name of "George McSweeney Co., Ltd.," to do general contracting and real estate business. The head office will be in Moncton, and the capital stock of the company will be $49,000.

Notice is given in today's Royal Gazette of the application for letters of incorporation of W. F. Washburn, W. J. Nagle, J. C. Earle, G. E. Logan, A. H. Washburn and Mrs. Gertrude Nagle, all of St. John, under the firm name of "Washburn, Nagle, Earle, Ltd." The company intended to carry on a general retail and wholesale millinery business in the province of New Brunswick. The head office is to be at St. John, and the capital is to be $10,000.

Della Fox Very Ill

New York, Dec. 28—The condition of Della Fox, the comedienne and singer, who was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday, continued extremely critical on Wednesday, according to her physician. Subsequent to the operation peritonitis developed.

DEFICIT OF GOVERNMENT ENORMOUS

Figures Show it is Nearer $300,000 Than Amount Admitted

REVENUE VERY GREAT

Despite This, Expenditure Was Greater and Province Has Been Plunged Further Into Debt—A. B. Copp Criticizes Financial Statement

(Daily Telegraph).

A deficit of more than $56,000 is shown in the the provincial finances for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 of this year, according to the report of the auditor general which is given below. These figures are large, the largest in the recent history of the province, but they do not begin to tell the full story. A closer examination of the report reveals the fact that the actual deficit is in the vicinity of $300,000 and, in addition to this, there is an increase in the bonded indebtedness of the province of $315,000.

Mr. Copp's Statement.

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., the newly chosen leader of the New Brunswick opposition, who arrived in the city yesterday, pointed out the actual situation in an interview granted to a Telegraph reporter.

"The very least that I can say of the report," said Mr. Copp, "is that in spite of the worst that we had feared the actual figures are not only surprising but alarming.

"The government admits a deficit of $56,496.80 on ordinary receipts and expenditures. Besides this we must take into account the first item of the report, which shows a balance of $93,652.71, brought over from the previous year. This amount was added to their expenditures, bringing the actual deficit up to $153,122.51. In addition to this an expenditure of $102,763.36 on the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company is charged up to the capital account. It is impossible that such an amount could have been spent on permanent equipment and a large part of this amount should have been charged to current expenditures, which would have increased the deficit by that much more.

"Another important matter to be borne in mind is the fact that the accounts do not include all the expenditures for the year. In accordance with its custom, the government has held over a large number of bills which should have been paid out of this year's revenue and, judging by the experience of other years, this would add something like $100,000 to deficit. An illustration of this is shown by the charge of $448.74 on account of the expenses of the investigation into the Central Railway, which was held in 1908. Bills for this investigation have been paid every year since, and we have no assurance that there are not yet more to come.

The More Surprising.

"This tremendous deficit has been achieved in spite of the fact that the revenue of the province has increased largely. The territorial revenue is, from memory, about $30,000 larger; the new tax on motor vehicles brought in over $4,000, and the taxes on incorporated companies and other sources of revenue have also increased. It must also be taken into consideration that the income of the province has been increased by the amount of $130,000 in the form of the addition to the dominion subsidy.

"An effort is made to excuse the deficit on the grounds that it was caused by the heavy expenditures on public works. This expenditure might not be open to criticism if all the money had gone to improve the roads and bridges but, judging from this government's record in other years a large proportion of it went to line the pockets of officials and others. It is also commonly known that much of the money was spent at the time of the federal elections for the purpose of aiding the Conservative candidates, a repetition of the tactics adopted by the new government in 1908.

"The territorial revenue has been increased, but this has been at the expense of the natural resources of the country. The stumpage collections have grown because the government reduced the size of saw logs, which the operators are allowed to cut. Apparently it considers the size of the collections more important than the preservation of the forests.

Startling Expenditures.

"Although the expenditures have grown so rapidly, what department can show the benefits of the increase in the amount of money spent? None that I can see. It is to be regretted that the department of agriculture did not share more largely in larger disbursements. While the amount spent in this department is somewhat larger it is not nearly so large as the increase in the revenue of the province would warrant.

"Altogether the showing made by the government is far from creditable. Its greatest achievement has been to roll up a deficit of such tremendous proportions as to completely dwarf any deficit of any previous government."

The statement of receipts and expenditures, taken from the auditor general's report, follows:

Receipts.

Balance from 1910	$ 96,652.71
Dominion subsidy	621,360.96
Territorial revenue	528,439.04
Territorial revenue N. B. Railway settlement lands	1,221.50
Fees Provincial Secretary's office	19,820.99
Taxes, incorporated companies	48,278.03
Private and local bills	2,270.00
Succession duties	5,730.60
King's printer	2,434.19
School books	16,209.05
Liquor licenses	46,631.97
Probate fee fund	15,027.51
Supreme court fee fund	1,995.13
Provincial Hospital	25,089.63
Sales agricultural live stock	1,402.00
Potato warehouses	1,402.80
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, sale of furniture	1,584.38
Motor vehicles	4,016.00
Miscellaneous receipts	3,881.26
Total ordinary revenue	1,347,077.55
Special loan from Bank of N. B. for St. John Valley survey	8,816.01
Loan from Bank B. N. A	475,804.17
Loan from Bank of Montreal	310,221.18
Contractors' deposits	6,909.62
Commuted pensions deposited	3,782.74
Supreme court chancery division deposits	33,643.59
Probate court deposits	2,859.23

Expenditures.

Administration of justice	$ 18,568.91
Agriculture	46,624.04
Auditor General's office	2,800.00
Boys' Industrial Home	1,500.00
Campbellton relief	5,000.00
Colonization roads	939.25
Coronation expenses	2,500.00
Contingencies, Departments and Legislature	19,326.71
Exhibitions	2,334.87
Executive Government	40,086.65
Education	270,635.73
Elections	1,211.26
Factory Inspector	1,162.50
Free grants	791.03
Fish, Forest and Game	30,353.61
Guarantee bonds Government officials	899.90
Interest	245,193.33
Immigration	9,566.49
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	3,008.75
Legislative Assemvly	28,876.25
Legislative library	708.40
Liquor license fund	28,257.01
Mining	1,848.39
N. B. Coal and Railway investigation	448.74
Natural History Societies	650.00
N. B. Historical Society	125.00
N. B. Rifle Association	300.00
Puvlic health and smallpox	5,694.21
Hospitals	9,700.00
Salaries and expenses	2,532.69
Probate fee fund	13,063.03
Printing	13,789.92
Provincial Hospital maintenance	83,942.33
Pensions, teachers	3,674.41
Public works	415,761.49
Public works, motor vehicle law	503.82
Refunds	1,542.32
Revisors	1,832.64
Roads, settlement lands	255.79
Surveys and inspections	4,682.14
Stumpage collection	30,855.62
Succession duties collection	277.56
School books	18,853.31
Sinking funds	25,306.50
Superannuation, etc	2,450.00
Tourist associations	2,000.00
Tuberculosis commission	66.25
Utilities commission (secretary's salary)	600.00
Unforeseen expenses	2,417.16
Expenditure chargeable to ordinary revenue	1,493,546.85
Wharves and grain elevator, St. John	2,500.00
International Railway subsidy	56,300.00
Permanent bridges	156,028.20
N. B. Coal and Railway	102,763.36
Total	317,591.56
St. John Valley survey	8,816.01
Contractors' deposits refunded	8,161.38
Commuted pensions withdrawn	7,775.61
Debentures 4 p. c. and 6 p. c. redeemed	87,500.00
Bank of B. N. A. loan, 1910 repaid	286,314.26
Balance	184,061.61
Total	$2,285,766.39

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Sutherland, of Dorchester street, received yesterday from Toronto, the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Chestnut, widow of Rev. J. W. Chestnut. Mrs. Chestnut was formerly Miss Jessie K. Leishman, of Richibucto. Two daughters, Misses Jean and Effie survive her.

Mrs. Margaret McKean, widow of Samuel McKean, died at her home in Toronto yesterday. She was a former resident of Moncton and was seventy-four years of age.

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A. B. COPP IS NEW LEADER

Liberals in Convention Place Him At Head of Provincial Opposition

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING

Hon. Mr. Robinson Resigns and First Lieutenant is Chosen to Succeed Him — Tributes By Prominent Men of Party

The resignation of Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the provincial opposition, the selection of A. B. Copp, M.P.P., as his successor and the announcement that

THE NEW LEADER

a convention of the Liberal party and others opposed to the local government will be held at an early date, marked the meeting of prominent Liberals of the province, which was held here yesterday.

The meeting which was called at the request of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, was held in Keith's Assembly rooms yesterday afternoon and evening, and was attended by the Liberal senators and members of the federal and provincial houses and the Liberal candidates defeated in the last elections, with a representation from the executive of the St. John Liberal Association.

James Lowell, who acted as chairman, referred to the fact that the resignation of Hon. Mr. Robinson as leader had been in their hands for some time, but expressed a hope that he might yet withdraw it. Mr. Robinson explained that this was impossible, but assured the gathering of his continued support and assistance.

The resignation was formally accepted, with many expressions of regret, and it was moved by Hon C. H. LaBillois, and seconded by James Byrne, M.P.P., that Mr. Copp be tendered the leadership. Hon. Dr. Pugsley, F. B. Carvell, M.P., Hon. H. R. Emmerson and Hon. C. J. Osman spoke warmly of the qualifications of Mr. Copp for the position, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

A resolution expressing regret at the retirement of Mr. Robinson and the hearty appreciation of his services was also adopted unanimously.

In thanking the conference for the honor done him and accepting the position, Mr. Copp spoke briefly but with all his usual eloquence and force. In its way the leadership of the opposition was quite as important a position as that of the leader of the government, for an opposition was just as necessary as a government for the guarding the affairs of the country. He expressed the keenest regret at Mr. Robinson's retirement, and would have been content to remain upon the firing line and given any other choice his hearty assistance. Since he had been chosen, he thanked them heartily for the great honor and would do all in his power to deserve it.

A resolution was moved by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, seconded by Mr. Copp, and unanimously carried, expressing the keenest appreciation of the services of Hon. Mr. Robinson as leader of the party while premier and in opposition and regret at his retirement.

It was decided that a convention of the Liberal party and those opposed to the local government should be held in the near future on a date to be fixed by the new leader.

Those present included: Hon. William Pugsley, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, F. B. Carvell, M. P.; W. S. Loggie, M. P.; Colonel H. H. McLean, M. P.; O. Turgeon, M. P.; W. P. Todd, August Leger, Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, M. P. P.; Hon. C. H. LaBillois, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, C. M. Legere, M. P. P.; A. T. Bentley, M. P. P.; James Lowell, James Burgess, M. P. P.; Senator Domville, Senator G. G. King, Senator McSweeney, D. J. Purdy, A. O. Skinner, W. E. Foster, John Keeffe, F. J. G. Knowlton, Jas. L. McAvity, C. J. Osman, S. S. Ryan, Henry Gilbert, Geo. Byron, N. Marks Mills, W. J. Mahoney, E. W. McCready, E. S. Carter and Messrs. Jamieson and Amland.

During the day letters of regret from Senator Gilmor, Hon. O. J. LeBlanc and Isaac W. Carpenter were read and J. F. Tweedale, M. P. P., through his colleague Mr. Burgess explained how impossible it was for him to attend because of an important engagement.

WITH THE SOCIETIES

Carleton Union Lodge, 8 F. and A. M., installed officers last evening. Past Grand Master J. V. Ellis officiated, assisted by Right Worshipful Brother D. C. Clarke. The officers were installed as follows: Norman P. McLeod, W. M.; George M. Baillie, S. W.; J. Firth Brittain, J. W.; Uriah Drake, treasurer; Percy W. Wetmore, secretary; D. C. Clarke, chaplain; Frank Stewart, S. D.; W. L. McDiarmid, J. D.; T. G. Allen, S. S.; Samuel Irons, J. S.; S. D. Wilson, D. of C.; W. L. Stewart, I. G.; George A. Clarke, organist; Frederick McIntyre, tyler.

After the installation ceremonies the officers served refreshments. Carleton Union has had a very successtul year, and it is expected that the coming year will surpass any year in the history of the lodge.

Past Grand Master Thomas Walker, assisted by Worshipful Brother F. F. Burpee as grand director of ceremonies, installed the officers in Albion Lodge, F. and A. M., last night, as follows: Dr. W. S. Morrison, W. M.; Dr. L. A. Langstroth (P. M.), J. P. M.; E. H. Cairns, S. W.; N. L. Brenan, J. W.; F. F. Burpee, chaplain; Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer; Dr. Frank A. Godsoe, secretary; J. A. L. MacMurray, S. D.; R. S. Orchard, J. D.; R. L. Hunter, S. S.; Dr. D. C. Malcolm, J. S.; Dr. J. G. Leonard, organist; Dr. J. S. Bentley, D. of C.; J. J. Donovan, I. G.; Robert Clarke, tyler.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 27—(Special)—Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., as usual on St. John's day installed its officers tonight. E. L. Hagerman, D. D. G. M., was the installing officer. A banquet was given the members after the exercises. Following are the officers for the coming year:

R. M. Gabel, I. P. M.; A. G. Fields, W. M.; E. K. Connell, S. W.; J. A. Lindsay, J. W.; Williamson Fisher, treasurer; Donald Munro, secretary; H. A. Seely, chaplain; D. W. Kyle, D. O. S.; W. S. Skillen, S. D.; F. L. Atherton, J. D.; Thos. Gabel, S. S.; Jack Dibblee, J. S.; Frank Woolverton, I. G.; G. A. E. Howard, organist; E. L. Hagerman, tyler.

Stephen, N. B., Dec. 27—The following are the officers of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, F. and A. M. They were installed this evening by Deputy Grand Master Dr. M. L. Young: Albert Chester Gregory, W. M.; L. B. Mitchell, S. W.; Dr. J. D. Lawson, J. W.; Ven. O. S. Munham (P. M.), chaplain; Clare Goodill, organist; F. M. Murchie, treasurer; James Vroom (P. M.), secretary; Stanley D. Budd, S. D.; C. G. Main, M. D., J. W.; J Wells Fraser, S. S.; W. B. Hawthorne, J. S.; R. W. Grimmed (P. M.), D. of C.; E. W Smythe, J. G.; Harry P. Webber, tyler.

MORNING LOCALS

The annual Christmas entertainment of the St. John Presbyterian church Sunday school took place last evening. The programme consisted of recitations by Florence McDonald, Agnes Pearson, Vivian McKinney and Walter Peltie; solos by Elsie Secord, Jennie Storm and Donald Young. The Christmas tree was covered with a large supply of candy, nuts and other Christmas cheer. An offering was taken for the Protestant Orphan's Home.

At a business meeting in the Germain street Baptist church last evening Dr. G. U. Hay and H. H. Reid were appointed deacons to fill vacancies recently created.

The Public Utilities Commission yesterday adjourned until January 18, when they will meet in Fredericton to hear the application of the Fredericton Gas Light Co.

Arnold J. Smith, assistant engineer of the U. S. S. New Jersey, is in the city visiting relatives. His grandfather was formerly a hotel proprietor in the Ben Lomond district.

At a special meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon, a report from a committee in the matter of alterations in the new quarters of the board was received. They reported a deficiency of $710 on account of the failure of one of the sub-contractors. The board ordered the amount paid.

Rev. G. H. Cobbledick of the Methodist church in Quebec, has declined the call to become pastor of Centenary church here. Rev. C. R. Flanders will go to Charlottetown in the spring.

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