

The Besco Inquiry Commission Named

MONTREAL.—Dr. H. P. MacPherson, president rector of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S., and Hume Cronyn, a prominent business man of London, Ont., and member of parliament from 1917 to 1921, will under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, of London, a chairman of the advisory committee to the British Department of Mines, constitute the commission of inquiry into the coal mining industry of Nova Scotia, according to announcement by Premier E. N. Rhodes.

Sir Andrew will bring with him a technical expert of the British Mines Department, and the government of Nova Scotia will supply whatever technical and clerical assistance the commission may require, the premier stated. The date of the opening session of the commission, the premier announced, depends on the time of the arrival of Sir Andrew, but it is expected it will be sometime this month. The premier stated that the terms of reference to the commission will be very wide and provide for a thorough inquiry.—Financial Post.

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What We Know

"The most entertaining function of modern scientific discovery in the departments of applied physiology, domestic science, and the like is to find out what we ought to do, but why we do what we do," says the Lancet.

"We know now—more or less—why we should eat cabbage; we know why a man cannot run a mile as fast as he can run 100 yards and cannot hope to do so; we have a rationale for loafing in the sun.

"We do not know why we use soap to clean ourselves with, nor how to wash woolen socks without shrinking them; science has addressed itself to these problems, but has failed to find a solution satisfying to the housewife.

"No serious attention appears to have been given to the problems of why no one can eat rabbit daily, and why a white silk shirt must not be dried in the open like a cotton one for fear it will go yellow."

Beauty and the Babes

These things are immortal, said Ingersoll—"The plays of Shakespeare, the marbles of the Greeks and the music of Wagner." But Keats cried "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Under the head of Things of Beauty a leading place must be given to the Oriental Dance of The Strollers scheduled for November 19th in The Grenfell Temple. Don't miss it. For the Babes.—oct26.11

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ARTICLE No. 1

Auction is a game of contrasts. One hand will play well and the next one badly; that is, on one hand you will get all the "breaks," and on the next, everything will go wrong. It is a game of such infinite variety that no player can ever hope to master all its quirks and turns. Even the best of players lose their judgment at times and allow their own hand to influence their bidding to their disadvantage when they should realize that their partner has an unusual or freak hand. The other night, the writer noticed two examples of this failure to be on the lookout for the unusual or freak type of hand.

The dealer with the following hand:

Hearts—A, 7

Diamonds—A, Q, J, 8

Spades—A, K, 4

Clubs—none

Second hand passed

Fourth hand passed and the dealer bid two no-trump. When his partner bid three hearts, the dealer failed to realize that if his partner had a justifiable three heart bid, they had a sure game in hearts, and bid three no-trump although there was no game in no-trump.

The 100 aces were too much for his judgment and as a result he went down three tricks undoubled, a net loss of 50 points on a hand that would have scored game at hearts. His partner's hand was as follows:

Hearts—Q, J, 10, 9, 6, 4

Clubs—Q, 6, 3

Diamonds—10, 9, 7

Spades—5

Don't allow 100 aces to impair your judgment.

The same player made a similar error on the following hand:

Hearts—A, Q, 10

Clubs—none

Hearts—K, Q, 7, 6

Clubs—10, 4, 2

Diamonds—K, 9, 3

Spades—A, 6, 4

Hearts—5, 4, 3

Clubs—A, Q, 7, 5

Diamonds—6, 4

Spades—8, 7, 5, 2

Hearts—A, J, 10, 9

Clubs—K, 8, 6

Diamonds—A, 8, 5

Spades—J, 9, 3

Z, the player in question, dealt and bid no-trump. All passed and A opened the five of clubs. Z won the trick with the king and led four rounds of hearts. B discarded two diamonds on the last two rounds of hearts. Z was now in a position where he could make two odd but figured that if he could force B to make another discard, he might possibly make three odd by making three diamonds or two spades. At this five, therefore, he led the ten of clubs, forcing A to win the trick, who thereupon led three rounds of clubs. B was now forced to make another discard. He could have discarded either a spade or diamond. If he discarded a diamond, Z would have formed a diamond suit and made two spade tricks. If the latter, Z would discard a spade and make three diamond tricks. It is a perfect example of the "guessing" play. Study the play of this hand carefully for it was cleverly thought out. It is very unusual to see a game by leading your opponent's suit.

Problem No. 1

Hearts—none

Clubs—8, 5, 3

Diamonds—6, 4

Spades—Q, 8, 6

Hearts—A, 10, 9

Clubs—K, 4

Diamonds—Q, J

Spades—9

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can YZ win six of the eight tricks against any defense? Solution in the next article.

Safe-Moving Device Saves Dangerous Labor

Experience had taught John A. Wagner, of Baltimore, Md., how hard it was to load and unload safes in trucks. He lessened the danger of this moving job by inventing a device that puts rollers, block, and tackle to work instead of muscle.

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How a Business Man Gets His Orders

"It is the personal touch in business that pays. If British manufacturers would make it felt in the markets of the world there would be a revival in British overseas trade."

This statement was made by Mr. Henry J. Pratt, of Messrs. H. J. Pratt and Co., art metal manufacturers, of Birmingham, who, when his factory was suffering from a slump in business, went round the world to obtain orders, with the result that he was able to keep his works going over time till the end of the year.

"There is a great opening for trade if only manufacturers would make it their business to get it," said Mr. Pratt to the Westminster Gazette. "They must do as I did—get into personal touch with customers. They must see people instead of writing to them. Then they can not only sell what they want to sell, but discover what their customers want to buy. Let their customers look upon their visit as a favour."

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Mr. John J. Luby, who heads the trio, is an ex-member of the American Expeditionary Force; a "buddy" who went overseas, and in the heavy fighting around the Argonne sector was badly wounded. His injuries, however, have not affected his voice, and he can sing all the popular ballads, as well as tell some timely stories in an original way.

George S. MacDonald was a gallant little sniper with the Canadians and he merrily marched along until his Division reached Arras, where a German shell carried his legs away; but that does not deprive him of his cheerfulness, and to see him at the piano, and listen to his jazz music, with an occasional humorous monologue, and hear him sing, you would never imagine he was once the kid they carried away on a stretcher, "somewhere in France."

Great interest, however, centres in Walter O'Toole, the big, vigorous strong man, who, at 145 pounds, is one of the finest in his line. He trained thousands of recruits for the Canadian Forces, and he gives an exhibition of strength, skill and lifting power, that is all the more interesting and entertaining, because it is done unassumingly, without lecturing or suggesting, and he has the goods.

The trio have played at Grand Falls, Corner Brook and Bell Island with great success, and have attracted capacity audiences, who have been highly pleased. Last week they were at Wabana, and Capt. Leo Murphy, of Gaiety Theatre, writes us to say that their act is a refreshing novelty, and that the audiences were unanimously pleased with the variety and quality of their performance. See them at the popular Star to-night.

As a contrast to his bad bidding, the player whose bids have just been criticized played the following hand very cleverly:

Hearts—K, Q, 7, 6

Clubs—10, 4, 2

Diamonds—K, 9, 3

Spades—A, 6, 4

Hearts—8, 2

Clubs—J, 9, 3

Diamonds—Q, J, 10, 7, 2

Spades—K, Q, 10

Hearts—A, J, 10, 9

Clubs—K, 8, 6

Diamonds—A, 8, 5

Spades—J, 9, 3

Hearts—K, 8

Clubs—J, 9, 3

Diamonds—K

Spades—5, 3, 2

Hearts—K, 8

Clubs—J, 9, 3

Diamonds—K

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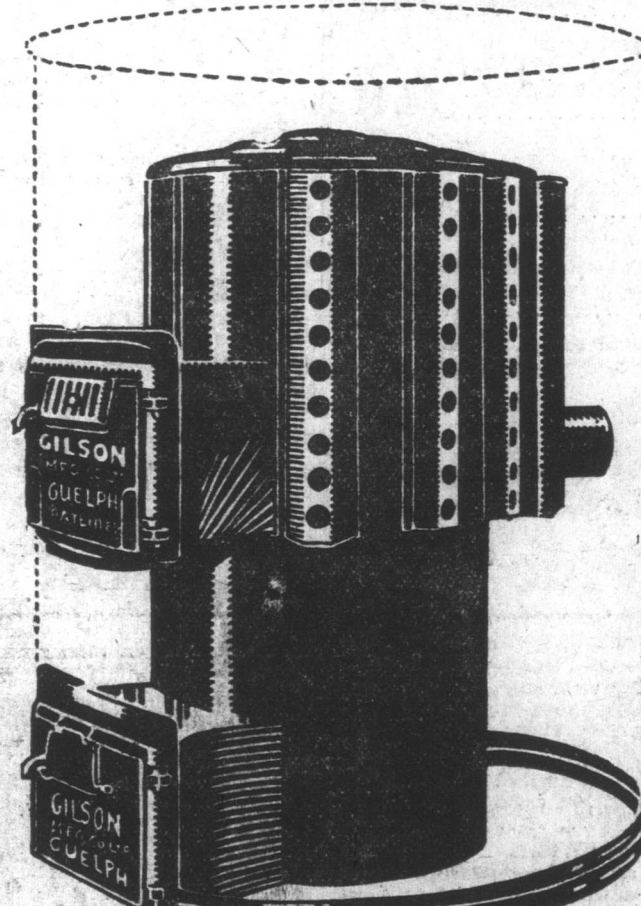
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Taxing Cats

London, Eng., Oct. (Canadian Press Despatch).—People who are not fond of cats repeatedly declare they ought to be "taxed even as dogs, or rather their owners, are taxed. Edinburgh City Council has a strong anti-feline spirit, and there is a proposal stout for a system of cat-licenses. Perhaps it would be more just to the Town-Council to suggest

they are moved by humanitarian than anti-feline considerations, for apparently their proposed action is prompted by the fact that the Scottish Society, or the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dealt last year with nearly five thousand unwanted, friendless, homeless pussies, most of them moreover being diseased.

One shilling is the proposed license fee. It is also proposed that the police shall be empowered to seize a license to be held by cat-keepers.

stray cats. How a corpulent member of the Force is to secure a lean and hungry and presumably agile cat has not so far been disclosed. However, the Chief Sanitary Inspector is to draw up a general scheme. Meanwhile the Prevention of Cruelty Society employs two uniformed women to collect stray cats in the streets and backyards.

Any such proposal for demanding police shall be empowered to seize a license to be held by cat-keepers.

would presumably have to receive the sanction of the Secretary for Scotland.

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