

SYDNEY GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT

Sydney, July 11.—A convention will probably be called soon to authorize a general strike of protest against the action of the dominion government in permitting the Canadian National Railways to buy coal in West Virginia while a large percentage of the miners of Nova Scotia are walking the streets idle. This decision was reached at a mass meeting of unemployed at Sydney Mines yesterday. Another matter in which the federal government is held responsible for the present depression in the coal fields is its failure to secure the return of the collier vessels necessary to the continuation of the St. Lawrence coal trade.

Speaking of the statement made that much of the difficulty connected with the miners' problem in Nova Scotia was due to the fact that men were at present working but half time, D. A. Cameron, M.P.P., stated that certain factors are responsible for the working hour shortage which at present prevails in Cape Breton collieries.

First, the commandeering of ships by the imperial government which were formerly engaged in the St. Lawrence trade. Even if the ships are obtained for the St. Lawrence trade again, he maintained, freight rates would be prohibitive unless the pre-war charter was held to. Second, the increase of freight rates which has been made by the Canadian National Railway. The third factor, Mr. Cameron, said, is that the cost of coal at the pit mouth in Nova Scotia exceeded the cost of American coal delivered as far east as Montreal and probably Campbellton (N. B.).

Vickers' Strike Ended.

Montreal, July 11.—Seventy-three per cent of the employees of the Canadian Vickers Company voted today to resume work and call off the strike which has

been in existence during the past five weeks.

Ottawa, July 11.—Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor, stated today that he knew of no action which his department could take at present with regard to the situation at Sydney Mines where serious unrest, due to unemployment, is reported. He said that he had not received any communication from the steel workers and miners within the last day or two. The closing of the collieries was probably the result of country-wide conditions resulting in a lessening of the demand for steel.

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Train Into River In Nova Scotia; Maritime Is Wrecked; Two Killed

Amherst, N. S., July 11.—A serious accident occurred tonight about 7 o'clock on the Maritime Coal Railway and Power Company's line which operates between Macan and the town of Joggins Mines, when a mixed special train of about eleven cars of coal and one passenger car full of passengers for Macan and points on the Canadian National Railway, was passing over a bridge at Macan. The east span which is of wood structure, collapsed and engine and several cars fell to the muddy river below, about thirty-five feet of a drop. As luck would have it the tide was very low and the engine was nearing the Macan shore.

The passenger car with two or three freight cars remained on the track on the west shore. The Canadian Government Railways wrecking crane and pile driving apparatus is now making necessary repairs.

The crew on the locomotive jumped, only receiving slight injuries about the legs and arms.

Quebec, Que., July 11.—By the derailment of the eastbound Maritime Express on the C. N. R. line today at 3:35 p. m. west of La Durantaye, county of Bellefleur, two men were killed and one was slightly injured.

The victims are: Killed—Driver J. H. Pelletier and Fireman J. A. Leclerc, both of Riviere du Loup.

Injured—Mail Conductor Oscar Belanger, Bourlonsville street, Quebec.

The train, which left Montreal at 9:25 a. m., passed through Levis at 2:45 p. m. bound for Halifax, left the rails a quarter of a mile west of La Durantaye. Fire broke out amongst the wreckage and the bodies of the driver and fireman were burned in the blaze.

National Liberal Committee Called to Meet July 31

Ottawa, July 11.—The national Liberal committee is called to meet in Ottawa on July 31, to arrange the agenda of the convention which takes place here on August 5, 6 and 7. The committee is composed of Liberal premiers and leaders of the opposition in the various provinces, members of parliament and senators. On the evening of August 4, a meeting of Liberal senators and members will take place.

ST. MARTINS DID MUCH FOR THE RED CROSS

The St. Martins branch of the Red Cross Society was organized on October 15, 1914, only incorporated and a charter granted by the provincial branch in November, 1915. In addition to the St. Martins branch, auxiliary branches were formed at Great Salmon River, Greer Settlement and West Quaco.

These branches worked faithfully and well, especially in knitting socks. Since its organization the branch has forwarded to headquarters the following articles: Thirty pneumonia jackets, 729 wash cloths, 68 pairs bed socks, 9 night shirts, 180 dozen handkerchiefs, 80 dozen bandages, 88 pairs wristlets, 729 pairs knit socks, 143 pairs pyjamas, 17 bed jackets, 46 quilts, 15 feather pillows, 61 sheets, 1,182 pillow slips, 648 P. P. bags, 53 surgical shirts, 6 pairs bed socks, 2 pairs operation socks, 35 mouth wipes, 1 abdominal bandage, 6 comfort bags, 84 dusters, Serbian relief goods: Four child's night dresses, 6 child's dresses, 1 coat, 6 pairs mittens, 22 petticoats, 10 pairs drawers, 19 jackets. Sent to Halifax relief 983 articles of Red Cross supplies. Each year Christmas boxes were sent to the St. Martins boys overseas.

Contributed \$10 to the Duchess of Cornwall hospital fund, \$50 for a bed in the Duchess of Cornwall hospital, and \$25 to the British Red Cross. The total receipts of the society were \$1,244, expenditures \$1,884.05, leaving a balance of \$160.85 on hand, and Red Cross supplies valued at \$50, also a sewing machine.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. J. S. Lynch, who has acted as president ever since the formation of the branch. It is not too much to say that to her energy and devotion the credit of the good work done is largely due. At the annual meeting held on October 10, 1916, she was made a life member of the society as a token of appreciation of her services and her untiring efforts on behalf of the society. W. B. Bentley was also made a life member at the annual meeting held in December, 1918, in appreciation of his assistance given to the society. We are also much indebted to Councillor J. A. Howard, who in May 1917, secured a grant of \$500 from the municipal council.

Our chief income for 1918 was derived from the Red Cross dinner given on August 7, the day the St. Martins Shipbuilding Company launched their first schooner. Owing to the assistance given us by the shipbuilding company and the generosity and hard work of the members and volunteer workers the sum of \$229.45 was cleared.

We desire to place on record the society's thanks to those who, unable to attend our meetings, worked so faithfully at home for the cause.

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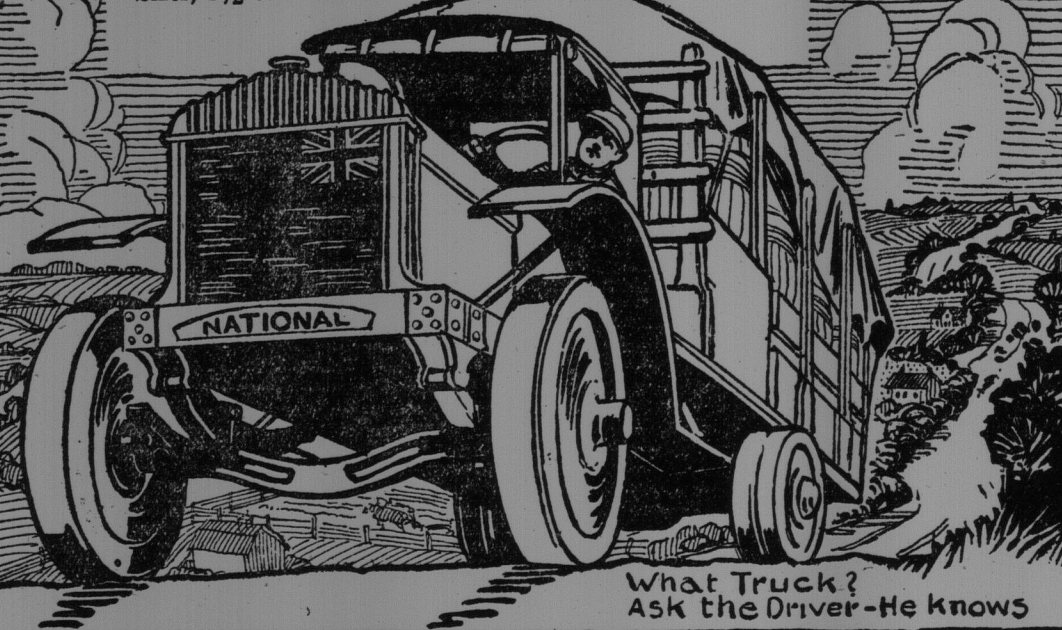
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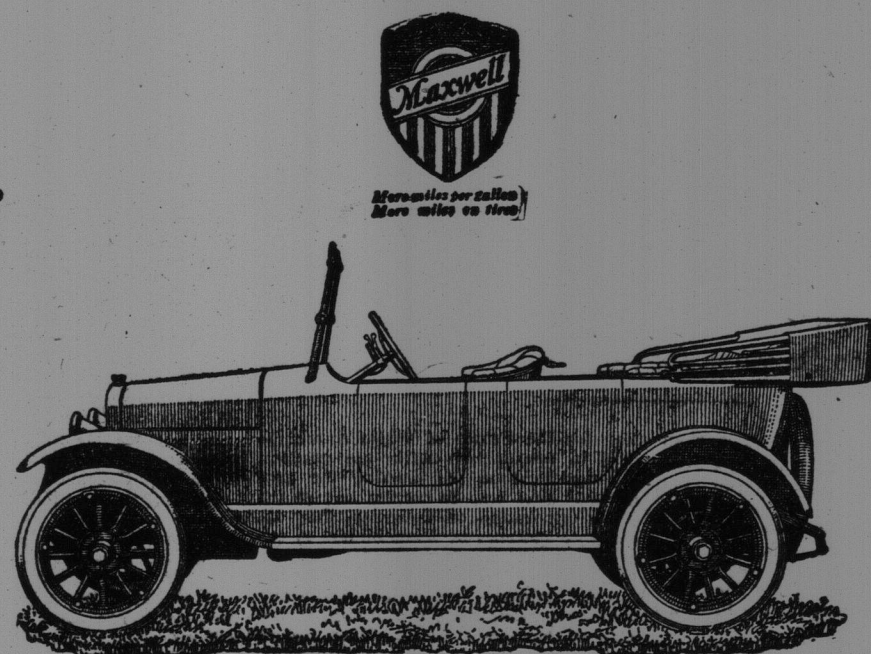
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