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BIG FALLING OFF IN COAL OUTPUT

1,296,596 Less Tons Mined in Nova Scotia in 1924 Than in 1923.

The Nova Scotia coal output for the fiscal year September 30, 1923, to September 30, 1924, was 4,973,184 tons, according to the Mines Report tabled in the Local House Monday evening by Hon. William Chisholm, Minister of Mines.

The output for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1923, was 6,179,690 tons, or a decrease in the fiscal year 1924 of 1,206,506 tons.

The coal sales for the fiscal year 1924 were 4,448,186 tons, as compared with the previous year's sales of 5,074,987, a decrease of 1,059,799 tons.

(All figures are expressed in long tons.) The quantity of coal on bank at the end of the fiscal year 1924, the report shows, was 85,147 tons, as against 153,551 tons in 1923, a decrease of 68,404 tons.

The number of men employed in the coal mines in 1924 was 12,376, compared with 12,806 in 1923.

The total number of days worked, or colliery days, in the fiscal year 1924, was 2,489,004, as compared with 3,330,204 in 1923, a decrease of 841,200 days.

The quantity of coal distributed for consumption in the province during the fiscal year under review was 1,782,413 tons, as against 2,117,478 tons in 1923, a decrease of 335,065 tons.

In the fiscal year 1924 shipments to the United States were only 5,706 tons, as compared with 278,979 tons in 1923. The 1924 shipments to the St. Lawrence market totalled 1,570,733 tons, compared with 1,604,675 tons in the previous year, a decrease of 33,942 tons.

GREENWICH

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Patterson, on "The Ride", had a little wee stranger (a son) arrive at their home on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Miss Harriet Rand, who has spent a few months here at the home of her friend, Mrs. Lilla Forsythe, recently returned to Wolfville.

Three of our girls have been asked to assist in active parts in the play being got ready by Miss E. Hemmeon, Wolfville. They consented and are attending rehearsals down there. Naturally we feel proud of our local talent and wish them success in their parts in the town play.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stirling are receiving congratulations of many friends on the arrival of their first child, a son, last Friday (6th). Mrs. Stirling and baby both are doing well at Nurse Andrew's home here.

Mr. Aleck Andrew played on Wolfville hockey team last Friday evening against the Acadia team.

A good audience attended the meeting of the G.C.L. on Friday evening and as usual enjoyed the lecture by Hon. Pres. Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, from start to finish. The subject, "Ten Commandments in Animal Life", a new or uncommon one, was well and thoroughly handled. This week is "social night", with good fun ahead in a social way.

Miss Edna Collins, who spent a few days last week at Port Williams, returned to her home here last Thursday.

Mr. Borden Fraser, assistant at the railway station, went to his home in Belleisle, Annapolis county, on Saturday, to spend the week end, returning on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, of Goldbrook, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hughes, of White Rock, spent Sunday at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Fenwick, here.

Rev. E. L. Curry, of Acadia, preached here on Sunday afternoon and gave a splendid sermon, well enjoyed. The solo by the choir leader, Mrs. W. Currie, was also much enjoyed. New members were added to the choir.

A good number went over to the service at the Baptist church, Port Williams, Sunday evening, also a few of our young people walked to Wolfville and attended service at the United church.

Mrs. Marshall and Miss Marshall, of Wolfville, were guests between trains on Monday of Mrs. T. A. Pearson.

India's demand for gold, it is said, is puzzling bankers. Why is it a banker can never understand why any one should want money?—Buffalo Express.

TO TOUR WORLD?



A London (England) newspaper has published a report that Pope Pius contemplates making a tour of the world. It is understood in Roman Catholic circles in Great Britain, says the newspaper, "that there is considerable likelihood of a concordat being shortly reached between the Pope and Premier Mussolini, in which case His Holiness proposes to make a tour of the world."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY AN ELECTRIC COMMISSION?

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Dear Editor,—In your last issue, in the report of the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council held Wednesday evening, 4th inst., I see that the town auditors were re-appointed at the same salary as received last year, viz., \$175 from the Council and \$50 from the Electric Commission. I wonder if the Commission is of the opinion that the auditing of their books is worth \$50, or if they consider the Commission has any right to pay for the audit since the law requires that "the auditors shall examine and report upon all accounts affecting the town or relating to any matter under its control or within its jurisdiction". The law also says: "It shall be the duty of the auditors, if required by the town council, to examine and report upon the accounts of all expenses incurred by a municipality for the joint benefit of such municipality and town"; and I can scarcely think the municipality would pay the auditors for such service.

In the estimates of expenditures by the Town Council for 1925 the Town Clerk's salary is placed at \$1080, which means, since he receives a salary of \$1500, that \$420 is to be paid by the Commission; for an assistant to the Town Clerk the estimates have \$400 and as it is currently understood on the street that the Council figure on paying an assistant \$600, it is evident that \$200 is to be paid by the Commission. Does the Commission feel that they require an assistant? Do they not know that there would be no difficulty in having the whole of the secretarial and clerical work of the Commission performed for \$420 per year?

And this leads me to ask,—who appoints the Secretary of the Commission and its clerical help, and has the Commission a Secretary?

In placing the Electric Light Plant in the hands of a Commission I assume that such course was taken with a view to having it managed along business lines. The Commission is composed of the Mayor, as chairman, two Councilors and two property holders of the town appointed by the Council; the two citizen members of the Commission have been connected with the Electric Light department almost continuously since the plant was acquired by the town, and have given a good deal of valuable time to it, and if they are obliged to take whatever is handed out to them by the Council, I should think they would favor the abolishment of the Commission, and have the management by a committee of the Council; it is a certainty that two can never pass a motion against three.

RIFESTAT.

THE TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Dear Sir,—The item which appeared recently in the daily press announcing that Wolfville "had abandoned town management" is amply confirmed by the intelligence furnished by your correspondent last week, supported as it is by the advertisement of the town clerk. The proposition that a little town like this should pay a clerk \$1500 per annum and an assistant \$300 in addition appears on the face of it ridiculous to the limit. "But," says the advocate of the new expenditure, "half will be paid by the Electric Commission, the Council only pays \$300". It is a safe bet that if half of the cost was chargeable to the members of the Electric Commission and the Councilors themselves paid the remaining three hundred dollars there would be no talk of an assistant in the town office. No matter how the amount is apportioned every rate-payer must help to pay the bill. If they are satisfied to have their money so wasted, why should there be any kick?

F.B.P.

DONATIONS TO CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The Society desires to make special acknowledgement of another very generous donation from the Sir Robert Borden Chapter, I.O.D.E., of Wolfville, of \$300, half of which is to be applied to the ordinary running expenses and half to the Permanent Sustaining Fund. The ladies of this most worthy organization have repeatedly placed the Children's Aid Society and the constituency in whose interests its activities function under deep obligation and we desire to again express our sincere thanks.

Other friends who have contributed to the funds of the Children's Aid Society are:

Berwick Women's Institute, \$61.00
Port Williams Women's Institute, \$41.00
Miss Eva Andrews, \$5.00
C. A. PATRIQUIN,
Sec.-Treas.

ALL PICTURES SHOULD BE GOOD

"There is absolutely no excuse for a bad picture". This rather startling and dogmatic statement comes from Larry Semon, screen comedian, whose latest production is "The Girl in the Limousine", a riotous farce comedy which mingles thrills and laughter.

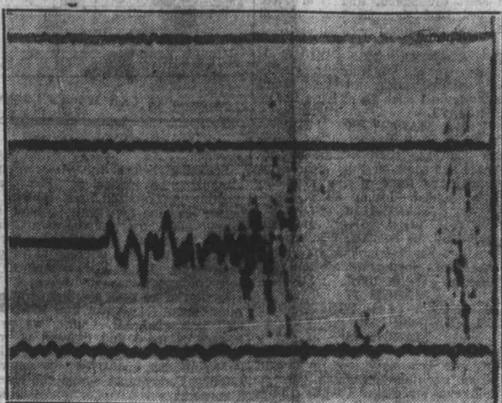
According to the comedian, the production of a good picture is due simply to careful study, foresight and planning. He believes that motion picture making has been so perfected, both along mechanical and artistic lines, that the element of chance in production has been practically removed.

"The Girl with the Limousine" will show at the Orpheum next Wednesday and Thursday.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 11

TORONTO, March 8.—The first General Assembly of the United Church of Canada will be held in Toronto on June 11, and an invitation to hold this meeting in Trinity Methodist Church has been extended. This is the largest Methodist Church in Toronto, with a seating capacity of approximately 1600.

EARTHQUAKE AS RECORDED ON SEISMOGRAPH



The most interesting portion of the seismograph record of the earthquake felt in Canada and the United States, is where the tremors became so violent that the delicate instrument could not keep up with rate at which the earth was trembling. The result was as shown in the picture. The needle started to splutter and jumped a portion of the record paper. Toronto Observatory officials believe there were two earthquakes. The one which was felt in Eastern Canada and part of the United States is believed to have been caused by the movement of an earth fault known to exist near the mouth of the Saguenay River, and another somewhere in the North Pacific.

MT. ALLISON GIRLS BEATEN BY ACADIA

By Scoring 27 to 15 Victory, Wolfville Players Practically Clinched Intercollegiate Title.

SACKVILLE, N.B., March 6.—By defeating the Mount Allison Co-eds in the college gym, tonight by a score of twenty-seven to fifteen, the Acadia girls' basketball team practically clinched the Girls' Maritime Inter-collegiate title. The play was fast and interesting all through, Acadia excelling particularly in the shooting department of the game. The first period ended, Acadia 8, Mt. A. 6.

For Acadia Miss McLaughlin and Miss Doherty were good, while Miss Gertrude Thomas for Mt. Allison was probably the outstanding player on the floor.

The line-up: Acadia—J. McLaughlin, A. Doherty, P. Colbath, H. Lawson, B. Smith, C. Chipman, I. Bolger, S. Parlee and M. Curry.

Mt. Allison—G. Thomas, A. Smith, I. Rippey, M. Smith, V. Smith, M. Fawcett and Anna Gough.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

The Wolfville Baptist Sunday School will take an offering in aid of the Miners' Relief Fund next Sunday afternoon, 100 x 25 cts. plus, equals a wise suggestion by the treasurer.

On Feb. 22 Mrs. Patterson gave a very interesting talk to the Senior Philatelia class about Home Mission work in the West, its early beginnings, the first pioneers and the rapid development.

On March 1st Mrs. Gullison spoke very nicely to the Senior Philatelia and Ladies' Bible class combined about her work in India. Mrs. Gullison gave an account of the conversion of Sarma and his wife. Her talk gave us a little idea of the difficult circumstances one is placed under when he wishes to become a Christian in India.

Friday, March 6th, the teachers of the Sunday School spent a very pleasant and interesting evening at Dr. Spidle's, discussing Sunday School problems.

Saturday, March 7th, the Senior Philatelia class had its monthly business meeting at Mrs. Inghram's. After the business meeting, instead of playing games, the girls made bags to send out to Miss Bain, in India, for use at Easter time. Delicious refreshments were served.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE CONTEST

The winner of last week's Cross Word Puzzle contest was Miss Bessie L. Fraser of Greenwich, whose correct solution was the first from out of town to reach the address named by her for the next six months. Second place goes to Miss Alice M. Fuller, Avonport, whose name has been put on our mailing list for three months.

Several other solutions were received but all were wrong with the exception of that sent by Miss Helen White, Wolfville, who did not qualify as last week's contest was confined to those living out of town. This week's puzzle will be open to any one and we think our readers will find it an interesting one to solve.

For Sore Throat Use Minard's Liniment.

Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybody's Tongue

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A Rival to Moirs' Chocolates.

Recently a ton and a half of Moirs' Sultana, Plain Pound and Cherry Cake went to Montreal in one shipment and over two tons to St. John's, Nfld., this shipment also including Fruit Cake, Marble and Layer Cake.

Regular shipments are now made as far West as Calgary—occasional ones even to the Pacific Coast. Considering the distance, and the multitude of cake makers in Canada, this is a marvelous tribute to the goodness of Moirs' Cake.

Mr. Moffat, of Moirs' distributing organization in Toronto, visited the home office last week.

FIREMEN TENDER BANQUET TO MR. STAIRS

And Make Him Presentation of Gold Watch Suitably Engraved

The members of the Wolfville Fire Company gave a complimentary "smoker" on Thursday evening last at Parish Hall in honor of Mr. Gordon S. Stairs, who while occupying the office of town manager rendered valuable assistance in re-organizing the company. Suitable refreshments were provided and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

A feature of the occasion was the presentation of a gold watch to Mr. Stairs by Chief William Murphy in a suitable speech. Mr. Stairs, who was taken completely by surprise, fittingly responded, and Mayor Chambers also gave an appropriate address. The watch which is a handsome one, has the name of the recipient engraved on one side of the case, and "Presented by the Wolfville Fire Company" on the other. During the evening good music was rendered by a local orchestra composed of Messrs. Carl Evans, William Taylor, Edward Harrington and Val Rand. The program included stories well told by Messrs. Fred Rand and Carl Angus and other members of the company; and addresses by Coun. Coombs and Mr. A. M. Wheaton. A "square dance" in which most of the boys took part, step dances and other features enlivened the occasion which was voted a thorough success and was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

GIRL GUIDE NOTES

On the wall above their competition chart, the Wolfville Girl Guides have a box which they call a Good Turn Box. It is a very pretty blue box, with a picture of a Guide on the outside. In the top is a slot through which, on every Guide night, are dropped slips of paper describing good turns which other Guides have been known to do. Once a month this box is opened, the good turns read aloud, and the name of the Guide having the most good turns to her credit is placed on the outside of the box. This box was opened for the first time a week ago, and some of the good turns it revealed were most interesting. Maxine Williams, Leader of the Cardinal Patrol, has the honor of having her name as the first to be placed on the outside of the box.

As matters stand, only Guides report the good turns, and it is probably true that many are performed of which the other Guides have no knowledge. Consequently they are inviting all who are interested to report any good turn, large or small, which may come to their attention. These may be reported to Miss Haley, or, if written, may be sent by any Guide to be dropped into the box.

ANOTHER NOVA SCOTIA GATHERING IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. George Starr, Starr's Point, were the guests of honor recently at a delightful supper held at the home of Rev. E. D. Webber and Mrs. Webber, of Daytona, Florida, formerly of Wolfville, in honor of the birthday of Mr. Starr. The rooms were very lovely with flowers, and the guests included Nova Scotian friends: Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell, Wolfville; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, formerly of Wolfville; Miss Annie Stuart and Miss Magee, of Grand Pre. An interesting program was provided and the evening will long be remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Starr, who have spent the winter in Daytona, guests of Rev. E. D. Webber and Mrs. Webber, will return the first of April. Their visit has been a very delightful one.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1925

Barometer (sea-level):
Maximum, 30.51 ins., 2nd & 3rd.
Minimum, 29.29 ins., 13th.
Temperature:
Highest, 53.8 degrees, 12th
Lowest, -6.2 " 4th
Mean for month, 28.8 " 4th
Departure from average, 8.4 "
Precipitation:
Rain, 1.34 inches
Snow (melted), .85 "
Departure from average, -1.27 "
Clear days, 2.
Fair days, 11.
Cloudy days, 15.
Days with rain, 9.
Days with snow, 6.
Total sunshine, 97.3 hours.
Total, 7131 miles.
Greatest velocity in one hour, etc., 40 miles, SW; 27th.
Prevailing direction, etc., SW; 158 hours; 2659 miles.
H. G. PERRY,
Obersver.

MARY E. BENJAMIN

The death of Mrs. Mary E. Benjamin, widow of the late T. E. Benjamin, of Wolfville, took place at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Snell, Natick, Mass., Feb. 13, of bronchial pneumonia, aged 83 years.

The Truro boys won the hockey championship of Nova Scotia when they defeated the Windsor team at Windsor on Tuesday night by the score of 3 to 1. Truro won their home game on Friday night, by the score of 4 to 1.

MORE THAN 20,000 MOTOR VEHICLES

Registered in Nova Scotia Last Year—Revenue of Provincial Secretary's Department

Substantial increases in the revenue of the Provincial Secretary's Department were shown by the report of that department tabled in the House of Assembly by Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Provincial Secretary, last week. There was an increase of \$252,013.39 in the revenue of the office over that of last year. The total revenue for the year was \$1,495,998.40.

Motor vehicles are registered under this department, and the report showed that there were 20,569 cars registered in Nova Scotia last year, an increase of 2,476 over the same period for 1923, and the total registration represents one car to every twenty-five of the population of the province. Registration of cars has more than doubled in the past five years. Since the Act was passed in 1907 there have been 28,843 cars registered in Nova Scotia. The total revenue for motor vehicles in initial and annual registration fees for the last year was \$325,033.50 with an additional \$7,184.10 for chauffeurs.

Of the increase in the cars 2,215 of them were passenger cars, and 261 of them were commercial motors. There are now sixteen routes in the Province over which motor carriers are operated and authorized to travel.

The revenue of the Provincial Secretary's department is secured from the incorporation and registration fees of companies and the provincial revenue tax on various companies, such as insurance companies, banks, public utility companies, railways and incorporated companies in general, and from motor vehicles. There are 1,309 companies registered as doing business in Nova Scotia last year, an increase of 30 over the previous year. There were also nine additional rural telephone companies incorporated during the year.

The departmental revenue showed a very substantial increase over any previous year, and was only a few thousand dollars short of the estimated revenue. The increase was contributed by increases in companies annual registration fees collected of \$52,700.05 and in the increase of motor fees of \$51,878.22; and in the fees of incorporated companies there was an increase of \$47,526.92.

The departmental revenue has increased more than a million dollars since 1914. In that year the Provincial Secretary's department collected \$114,302.05. There was gradual increase for several years, when in 1921 it jumped for the first time above the million dollar mark, and has now attained almost a million and half dollars toward the revenues of the Province.

GRAND PRE INSTITUTE ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday evening, March 6, the members of the Grand Pre Women's Institute were "At Home" to the men of the community, at the home of Mrs. S. A. Bower.

After a short business session at which the correspondence was read and reports of committees received, the following program was rendered:

Address of welcome—Mrs. L. P. Denison; reading—Miss Laura Trenholm; piano solos—Miss Gladys Lang; a short play—"No Men Wanted"—Mrs. Ayrton Johnson, Mrs. Leslie Trenholm and Miss Edith Trenholm. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

After the meeting a general good time was enjoyed by all, and last, but by no means least, delicious refreshments were served.

Rev. W. A. Burbidge, on behalf of our guests, addressed the Institute and moved a vote of thanks.

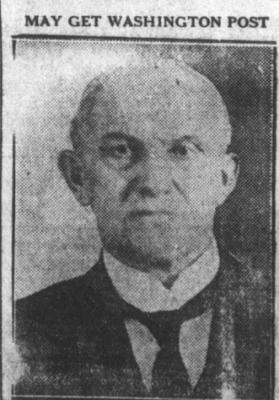
The April meeting will be held at the home of Miss Vaughn.

WOLFVILLE BOYS WIN FROM CANNING

The junior hockey team from St. Andrew's United church played a game at Canning last Friday afternoon with the Canning school team, winning by the score of 2 to 1, in a fast and exciting contest. The teams were as follows: Canning—W. Meek, goal; L. Blenkhorn and "Skipper" Blenkhorn, defence; E. Curtis, centre; C. Goose and I. Blenkhorn, wings; E. Eaton, sub. Wolfville—Shaw, goal; H. West and Smith, defence; Baird, centre; Murphy and Mitchell, wings; A. Miller, sub.

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MAY GET WASHINGTON POST



Hon. Charles W. Murphy, Post-Master General, who is rumored, has intimated to Premier King his willingness to accept the post of Canadian representative in Washington.