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Madawaska, Me

—Mr and Mrs Herman P. Frechet be delightfully entertained for the benefit of the parish, eighteen tables and charlemagne on Sunday evening in their store.

Those present were: Rev. W. L. Queltette, Mr and Mrs Levite Rossignol, Mr and Mrs George Gardner, Mrs and Mrs Emile Vanier, Mr and Mrs Maurice Frechette, Mr and Mrs Hector J. Cyr, Mr and Mrs Désire Martin, Mr and Mrs Alexeis P. Martin, Mr and Mrs Levite Bouchard, Mr and Mrs LeRoy Dionne, Mr and Mrs Robert St-Pierre, Mr and Mrs John Lapointe, Mr and Mrs Eddy Gerard, Mr and Mrs Romeo Albert, Mr and Mrs Jos Parent, Mr and Mrs Abel Morneau, Mr and Mrs Prime Caron, Mr and Mrs Fred Pelletier, Mr and Mrs Mike Roy, Mr and Mrs Fred Gerard, Mr and Mrs Pat Martin, Mr and Mrs Denis P. Martin, Mr and Mrs Bill Hébert, Mr and Mrs Thomas DuFour, Mr and Mrs Thomas Raymond, Mr and Mrs Ernest Plourde, Mr and Mrs Emile Long, of Baker Lake, N.B. Mrs Frank Smith, Mrs Ludger Sirols, Mrs Denis Albert, Mrs Lucien Rioux, Misses Marian Dionne, Theresse Dionne, Lucie Guertie, Rose Martin, Rolande Guertie, Evelyn Pelletier, Laura Thibodeau, and Annette Daigle. Messrs Leonard Martin, Carl Cameron, Douglas Gardner, Bill Cyr, Armand Martin, Armand Vanier, and David Dionne.

First prize for bridge for the ladies, Mrs Ludger Sirols, Mrs Denis Albert, consolation. Men's Douglas Gardner 1st prize and Patrick Martin consolation.

Light refreshments were served, also music furnished by Mrs Abel Morneau and her accordion. A tap dance was given by John Lapointe.

—Edgar Bouchard of Fort Kent was the week-end guest of his brother Fred.

—Misses Claudia Cannon and Beatrice David were the week-end guests of Mr and Mrs Assad Cannon. See page 7

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J.E. MICHAUD, M.P. SAYS PURCHASING POWER MUST BE INCREASED

New Member for Restigouche-Madawaska Stresses Needs of Laboring People and their Right to a Wage. — Bernard Rose, Labor Union Official, Bases Article in "The Labor World", on Mr. Michaud's Views.

Mr J.E. Michaud, the recently elected Federal member for Restigouche-Madawaska is not afraid to frankly express his views concerning the steps to be taken to bring about recovery. He emphatically declared that the purchasing power of the masses, included the farmer must be raised.

It has been pointed out hundreds of times, since the beginning of the depression that its duration is entirely because of the purchasing power of the masses including the farmer, having undergone a very substantial decrease. A country, that is both agricultural and industrial, must do all that it can through Governmental and private agencies to maintain the purchasing power of those who produce, and who likewise constitute the majority of the consuming part of the population.

Hundreds of thousands in Canada, and millions in the United States, have been totally deprived of purchasing power and forced to maintain themselves with the grants made by public or private organizations. All the nonsense talked about depression's recurrence at intervals, and are in the natural order of events, is based upon ignorance of conditions, and a proper appreciation of the changes that have taken place necessitating a reform in our system of industrial organization, whereby the effects of the changed conditions can be met without jeopardizing the economic existence of the worker or the country's welfare.

The largest markets of the great nations today are domestic. They may export a given amount of what other nations may require, or which they produce in excess of their national requirement, but export trade is not by any means the primary essential to safeguarding the economic welfare of the workers. Nations may export, receiving in exchange either currency or goods. In the majority of cases, it is the latter, thus making available a larger quantity of products that are or can be consumed by the population of the exporting country.

What the aim should and must be, of those called upon to direct industry, as well as Government, is guaranteeing the worker an income that will enable him to at all times purchase the first necessities of life. Comforts and luxuries can be bought when the worker fully employed can afford them, but, in times when business is not very good, he is entitled to a wage or grant permitting him to buy what he requires to sustain himself and his family. Reducing salaries, while in some instances, a regrettable necessity, has become a practice with a great many concerns that, without making any undue sacrifice, could have continued paying their workers or employees the salary they had been receiving. The heads of companies that reduce the salaries or wages of their employees, without just cause, are directly responsible for prolonging the depression. They may not personally suffer since they continue receiving substantial salaries, and can spend them to better advantage in view of the decreased prices due to the depression. Where the worker is in receipt of a decent wage or salary, he can purchase what he requires not only for his needs, but additional articles or commodities which he does without when his wages will

not permit their being purchased.

No worker can live decently, who is forced because of low wages to merely buy what he must, to satisfy pressing needs. The wages earned and salaries received by those who are employed, constitute the bulk of the purchasing power of a country that is predominantly industrial. What is produced by industry makes for wealth, and it is the fair distribution of this wealth in the shape of wages and salaries, that makes for individual contentment and general prosperity.

Mr Michaud properly pointed out the worker today has got to meet obligations contracted in the boom years, when the purchasing power of the dollar was much less than it is today. His smaller wages therefore suffer a still further reduction, when he has to meet obligations maturing during the depression years; this is particularly exemplified, where money was borrowed on mortgage.

The situation has become an extremely difficult one for the wage earner and debtor while Mr Michaud did not, according to the report of the interview published in the press, suggest a solution, he did point to the attempt that is being made by President Roosevelt, to grapple with the extremely serious unemployment situation. Purchasing power will only be maintained and be fairly apportioned, when the workers participate in a greater degree than they do today, in the management of industry. When they learn how industry is conducted, and share some of its responsibilities, they will be able to suggest such needed changes, as will safeguard their interests, without in any way imperiling the welfare of the industry to which they belong, and from which they obtain their livelihood.

With thousands of our railroad employees laid off, and as many thousands again in the building industry unemployed for longer or shorter periods, and thousands of others still employed receiving wages ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty five per cent less than they were a year or more ago, and a great many others in fear of being dismissed at any time purchasing power has contracted to a degree, that makes all optimistic predictions concerning speedy recovery seem pious hopes than likely facts.

Men and women, who depend upon their labor or skill for a livelihood, must be put to work! They must be given fair wages! Provision must be made that they be continuously employed! With fair wages and continuous employment, purchasing power will immediately increase, with the resultant larger consumption of goods and use of services. Whatever the difficulties are that have to be overcome, in order to restore conditions to normal or near normal, they are certainly by no means insuperable. If the Government refuses to suggest what might be done or the steps to be taken to reabsorb the discouraged workers, enabling them to earn a livelihood, instead of depending upon relief, it behooves the industrial leaders of the country and those who are interested in the welfare of their fellow workers, to take steps to call a national conference, in order to discuss what measures can be promptly taken, and of a nature that will make it possible to quickly provide employment.

PERSONALS

—Aubrey Smith, James Miller, and Albert Richter, have returned to Fredericton, to resume their studies at U.N.B.

—Mr and Mrs L.M. Sherwood entertained at a delightful Dinner Bridge on Saturday, when the guests included Mr and Mrs K.S. MacLachlan (Montreal), Mr and Mrs T.M. Barry, Mr and Mrs G.P. Genberg, Mr and Mrs O.E. Horton, Mr and Mrs Walter R. Clarke, Mr and Mrs F.O. White, and H.C. No seworthy. Prizes were won by Mrs K.S. MacLachlan and Mr W.R. Clarke.

—Ralph Davenport of Fredericton was a week-end visitor in town.

—I.B. Deason of Campbellton has been in town for the past week.

—Mr and Mrs D.R. Bishop entertained at a double bridge of three tables on Saturday evening. Those present were Mr and Mrs Walter B. Morton, Mr and Mrs R.S. White, Mr and Mrs C.C. Atkinson and Mr and Mrs J.W.D. Hierlihy. Prizes were won by Mrs R.S. White, and Mr J.W.D. Hierlihy.

—Burns Hay left on Monday morning for Antigonish, to resume his studies at St-Francois Xavier College.

—Mr and Mrs Gerald E. McCabe returned to Montreal on Saturday after a pleasant visit with Mr and Mrs R.V. McCabe.

—Miss Della MacFarlane has returned to Toronto, to resume her studies at the Margaret Eaton School.

—E.W. Ross of Montreal spent several days in town recently. —Mrs Robert England entertained the members of her bridge Club on Friday afternoon, with C.M. Rideout, Mrs R.S. White, Mrs O.E. Horton, and Mrs Walter B. Morton as extra guests. The prize was won by Mrs R.S. White.

—Mrs K.S. MacLachlan (Montreal) entertained at a delightful Afternoon Tea at the Madawaska Inn on Thursday, when the guests included Mrs C.C. Atkinson, Mrs R.V. McCabe, Mrs Gerald E. McCabe (Montreal) Mrs John F. Cade Mrs O.E. Horton, Mrs G.P. Genberg, Mrs T.J. Scott, Mrs F. Gibson, Merritt, Mrs C.E. Cole, Mrs Aubrey Crabtree, Mrs E.A. Wade, Mrs R.G. MacFarlane, Mrs L.M. Sherwood, Mrs W.R. Clarke, Mrs Hugh Kennedy, Mrs D.A. Fraser, Mrs Robert England, Mrs Thadée Hébert, Mrs John F. MacKenzie, Mrs H.H. Henderson, Mrs R.S. White, Mrs V.H. Emory, Mrs T.M. Barry

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—The Contractors' met with Mrs W.R. Clarke on Friday evening, when Mrs R.S. White was the prize-winner.

—An enjoyable sleigh ride was held on the evening of January 8th by Miss Germaine Hébert and Irene Albert of Edmundston.

The guests were Miss Alfreda Cyr Miss Vivian Michaud, Miss Marthe Hébert, Miss Bibian Albert, Miss Annette Nadeau, Miss Sadie Picaud, Miss Isabelle Albert, Miss Céline Hébert, Miss Irène Hébert, Miss Germaine Hébert and Messrs Cople Leblanc, Len Leblanc, Claude Verret, Ralph Perusse, Louis Beaulieu, Gustave Langlais, Paul Roy, Léon Malenfant and Albénie Pelletier.

During the evening the party indulged in skating on the St-Hilaire rink afterwards repaired to the home of Mr and Mrs Emile Albert where a merry and social evening was spent. Vocal and musical selections formed part of the entertainment. Towards midnight a buffet luncheon was served and shortly afterwards the guests withdrew and were loud in their appreciation of the sleigh ride which had been such a success.

—Mr and Mrs D.H. Vanward and Mr and Mrs B.M. Berry entertained a number of friends at a Skating Party on Tuesday evening. Following skating, a Buffet Luncheon was served at the home of Mr and Mrs Vanward, after which bridge was played at five tables, and prizes were won by Mrs R.S. White, and Mrs J.W.D. Hierlihy. The guests included Mr and Mrs J.W.D. Hierlihy, Mr and Mrs R.S. White, Mr and Mrs E.E. Stevenson, Mr and Mrs C.C. Atkinson, Mr and Mrs T.J. Scott, Mr and Mrs L.M. Sherwood, Mr and Mrs D.A. Fraser, Mr and Mrs D.A. McAlary, Mrs R.G. MacFarlane, Mrs R.B. Anderson Mrs W.R. Clarke, and H.C. Noesworthy.

—Mrs Dan Philbrick was a pleasant hostess at Bridge and Rook on Friday evening, when prizes were won by Mrs Donald Blakney and Mrs Robert Flewelling for Bridge, and Mrs Fred Trafton and Mrs G.W. McElroy for Rook. The guests included Mrs Fred Pyne, Mrs Norma Auld, Mrs Donald Blakney, Mrs Sylvio Morel, Mrs James Whitehouse, Mrs Emile Rossignol, Mrs William Birnie, Jr., Mrs Robert Flewelling, Mrs George Birnie, Sr., Mrs G.W. McElroy, and Mrs Fred Trafton.

—Mrs C.A. Estey, who has been visiting her son, Byram Estey, and Mrs Estey, has returned to her home in Grand Falls.

—On Wednesday evening, Mrs L.R. Smith entertained the Bridge Club of which she is a member. Prizes were won by Mrs James Whitehouse and Mrs Douglas Dunbar. Those present were Mrs Fred Pyne Mrs Edward Ethier, Mrs James Jes sop, Mrs Sylvio Morel, Mrs Donald Blakney, Mrs James Whitehouse, Mrs Douglas Dunbar, and Mrs Norma Auld.

—Miss Emma Martin and Miss Evelyn Woods of Grand Falls, are guests of Mr and Mrs Sylvio Morel.