FEDERAL GOVERNMENT URGED TO ACT IN DISPUTE BETWEEN N. S. MINERS AND OPERATORS

Labor Member in Parliament Warns Government It Will be Too Late to Act After "Things Begin to Happen"—Miners Desperate, He Says, and Have Reached the Limit of Endurance.

Ottawa, March 30—William Irvine, (Labor, Calgary E.) moved this afternoon that the House adjourn in order to discuss the situation prevailing in the Cape Breton coal fields.

Hon. W. S. Fielding replied that the House could not be adjourned, but that there was no objection, whatever, to Mr. Irvine discussing the matter.

The whole House must be aware, said Mr. Irvine, of the situation developing in Nova Scotia between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the miners, 12,000 in number. The difficulty began about January 1, when the company made a severe wage reduction. This reduction had brought wages in the Nova Scotian coal fields to a far lower level than wages prevailing in the Alberta fields. At the same time, the cost of living in Alberta was 17 per cent lower than in Nova Scotia.

Subsequent to the wage reduction, the Government granted a Board of Conciliation to investigate the whole matter. It was necessary for Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, to appoint the chairman of this board, "a gentleman from Toronto." It seemed that the conclusions of this board were not satisfactory to the men, and, in fact, were rejected by them Afterwards, a delegation, representing the miners, re-opened negotiations with the company in Montreal which resulted in a dntal rate of $2.85 being offered by the company. This also was rejected with the result that the present situation, commonly known as "striking on the job," developed.

The miners in Nova Scotia were not in the position to strike in the ordinary way because they had given practically all their surplus money towards the relief of their unemployed union members. Therefore, they decided they would lower the production rate to what, in their opinion, would equal the wages they were being paid. The result was that coal was not being produced. This was an economic waste. In the meantime, the country was hearing of an appalling increase in the death rate among the miners and their families; of parents being summoned to court by the educational authorities because their children were not attending school for the reason that the parents were unable to buy clothes for them. The Government was already acquainted with this. In fact, the 12,000 miners and the members of their families were facing a terrible situation, and Mr. Irvine understood, from representatives of organized labor in Cape Breton, that they had reached the limit of their endurance. A settlement of some kind must be secured. In order to secure a settlement the miners had at first worked with constitutional methods. They had appealed to the Nova Scotian Government but that Government had refused to have anything to do with them. Having failed to secure relief from this source, the miners sent a delegation consisting of the mayors of the mining towns to Ottawa. This delegation had not received satisfaction at the hands of the Federal authorities and the Government had practically refused to take action of any kind.

The Government had declined to name a Royal Commission and did not propose anything else in its place. The delegation was not an organized labor delegation, but one which represented all the mining towns and cities. The miners in Nova Scotia had applied to the authorities for relief from an unbearable position.

If the Government said it could not act, who was to act? If the men could not get relief from constitutional authorities where could they seek redress. What was to be the outcome? It would be too late to talk when things began to happen. Human nature could only stand so much, there must be some means of ensuring a square deal to both the miners and mine owners. Mr. Irvine would like to suggest that a man like Howard Ross, K. C., of Montreal, should be appointed to investigate the matters and see what could be done.

This Coal Company, Mr. Irvine went on, owned practically the whole of the Nova Scotia fields. It was paying dividends, he understood, on $19,000,000 of watered stock. In order to pay these dividends apparently it was reducing the men's wages. If had been refused a charter by the late Government, but had been given one by the Provincial Government. This was not a matter of politics, but one of public importance. The rights of the men in Nova Scotia and of the people of the whole Dominion were at stake.

OPPOSITION TO CHURCH UNION GROWS

Prominent Presbyterians Express Belief Sentiment on Church Union Has Changed

Toronto, March 30—It is said that no definite action may be taken this year to unite the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches as the Presbyterian special committee on property rights may not be able to report in time for the General Assembly to deal with the matter at its next annual session. If the committee, which is looking into the question of property rights, is unable to report to the General Assembly this summer, the Methodist General Conference cannot go any further in the matter of union in its September gathering.

It is believed by some prominent Presbyterians in this city that there has been a change recently on the question of church union, the opposition to it being on the increase. Rev. John G. Inkster, of Knox Church, is quoted by an evening paper as holding this view. On the other hand, Rev. Dr. J. H. Turnbull, of High Park Presbyterian Church, is said by the same paper to have stated his belief that union is growing in favor among Presbyterians.

IMPOSSIBLE TO AVERT MINERS' STRIKE

President Lewis Says Time is Too Short to Head Off Strike Tonight.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 30—International President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, declared here, tonight, that the time is now too short for a "satisfactory agreement" being reached between miners and operators that would avert a suspension of work by the union men at midnight tomorrow. However, he added that the Union is still willing to meet the operators. With the statement of the union leader, the last apparent hope of averting a shutdown in the coal industry disappeared after having been brought forward by an eleventh hour effort by the House Labor Committee. The proposal considered in the committee was that President Harding issued an invitation for a conference tomorrow of the operators and miners.

SUCCESS FOLLOWING NFLD. SEALING FLEET

Total of 85,200 Seals Have Been Taken Thus Far, Exclusive of Diana's Cargo.

Sydney, N. S., March 30—The Newfoundland sealing fleet has so far done very well, compared with captures in recent years, according to wireless reports received here.

A total of 85,200 seals have been taken, exclusive of the pelts saved from the Diana which was crushed by the ice and sank taking most of her captures down with her. Catches reported to date are:

Terra Nova, 16,500; Thetis, 15,000; Viking, 14,300; Neptune, 13,200; Eagle 13,000; Ranger, 3,700; Seal 1,000.

While the indications are that the sealing fleet will have a successful season, there is little likelihood that, even with the co-operation of the airmen who claim to have located the main herd, any approach will be made to the records established in the old days when sailing vessels prosecuted the hunt. According to old-timers, the record kill of 686,836 seals was made in the spring of 1831, when steamers were endeavoring to prove their utility in far less hazardous occupations.

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WANTS FEDERAL GOV'T TO KEEP HANDS OFF

Member of N. S. Legislature Thinks Local Gov't Can Handle Its Own Affairs.

Halifax, N. S., March 30—In the House of Assembly today, R. H. Graham, Liberal member for Pictou, protested against the Federal Government assuming too much oversight over the coal fields of Nova Scotia, and declared that if a Royal Commission were appointed to investigate the dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the miners, it should be appointed by the Nova Scotia Government. He said the Provincial Department of Mines should have adequate information as to whether the miners were receiving a proper wage and one bearing a proper relation to the price of coal.

Speaking of Furniture

Bride—I want to buy an easy chair for my husband.

Salesman—Morris?

Bride—No, Clarence.

RUSSIA REAL ISSUE BEFORE THE BRITISH

Conservatives Hope to Drop Lloyd George on His Proposed Recognition of Soviets.

London, March 28.—Russia loomed large today on Great Britain's hazy political horizon and for the time being became the most important of a galaxy of conflicting influences working to save or to destroy Lloyd George.

His opponents threaten to make the proposed vote of confidence in the Commons a test of strength on whether the Government wishes to recognize the Soviet Russian government in view of its proposal that the Soviets shall sit at the Genoa conference table.

"What we hope to do," said one of Lloyd George's influential opponents to your correspondent, 'is to place Premier Lloyd George in the position of standing before the Commons April 3 with an uninviting pill labelled 'Russian recognition,' held in his outstretched hand and asking the Commons to swallow it.

"That will place the Conservatives who have followed his banner in an awkward position and we believe enough of them will abstain from voting to weaken the Premier to the extent that he will be impotent at Genoa."

But the same situation is seen from a very different pole by the Premier's followers who say if such is the result the vote of several factions in Commons will be so fully split that Premier Lloyd George will have an opportunity of organizing the new Centre party. The strength he expected from the organization of a national Liberal party has never developed and he is still without a party organization which he so much desires as he sees the days of the coalition drawing rapidly to a close.

The Russian phase of the situation was given further emphasis when it was reported the international experts sitting here to prepare the agenda for Genoa had agreed, over the protest of the French delegation, to put Russian recognition in the subject matter in arranging for the full conference. That is about all the experts have done, however, after a week's work in which they discussed many questions, but as far as reported from their secret sessions, they have decided on very little.

It is predicted today it will be impossible for the experts to complete their work without turning it over to special committee, before the conference itself meets. What the experts prepare, however, is not attracting the British public, but it is intensely interested in what they Russian problem and Genoa may do for Lloyd George.

The running of one of England's turf classics gave several cartoonists the idea of putting the Premier on a horse called Genoa and having him ride to victory. Preparations for the Premier's trip with a hundred or more of his staff are proceeding as if nothing were happening at home. For the first time Mrs. Lloyd George will accompany the Premier, to guard his health, she says.

SURROUND COLLERIES WITH BARRICADES

Operators Not Satisfied That Coal Strike Will be Carried on Peacefully.

New York, March 30—Disappointed over failure to avert the general coal strike set for tomorrow midnight, the anthracite miners' and operators' committee on wage contract negotiations adjourned today Union scale committee men and mine officials prepare to leave at once for the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania to insure that the evacuation would be without violence or damage to property. They will reassemble in New York, Monday, to continue the discussion of wages upon which the outcome of the strike will depend.

Although the district union leaders here were emphatic in declaring that "the anthracite strike will be a hundred per cent peaceful, and without violence of any sort," they announced that practically every colliery was being surrounded with barbed wire barricades, at the orders of the operators.

Twelve per cent. of the anthracite mine crews are non-union district officials said. They asserted, however, that these non-union men are so scattered among the 152,000 organized workers as to be a negligible factor in the suspension.

FORDNEY TARIFF INVITES RETALIATION

C. M. A. Takes Step to Have Excise Tax or Royalty on Quebec Asbestos.

Montreal, March 30—Steps are being taken by the Canadian Manufacturer's Association to urge the provincial government to adopt legislation by way of excise tax or royalty, to prevent the United States, through the Fordney tariff, taking Quebec's supply of raw asbestos for its own manufacturing purposes and refusing admission of Canadian manufactured asbestos by imposing a prohibitive tariff.

Premier Taschereau, of Quebec, has already been interviewed in this connection and has promised that the provincial government will give the matter close attention.

No Others

North—Has Alice any of the old-fashioned virtues?

West—I suppose so—most of them are.

Italy's Carnival Cabinet Regarded As Comic Opera

Facta Organization Debated Eleven Hours Over Under Secretaries — Odd Assortment.

Rome, March 28.—The Facta Cabinet was created during the most hilarious days of the Carnival. Perhaps that explains why, instead of gaining fervent support or encountering furious opposition, it has continued to arouse so much uproarious laughter in Rome.

The curtain rose on an act worthy of Gilbert and Sullivan. The scene was laid at the Quirinal, the palace of the King. The new ministers were assembling to be sworn in. They all wore silk hats, except, curiously enough, Signor Giovanni Bertone, the new minister of finance. He distinguished himself by wearing a democratic derby and by coming to the palace in a public hack. When he alighted at the gate he discovered that he didn't have even a paper lira with which to pay the hack driver. In vain he told his debtor of his office, while the onlookers tittered. As the cabby would not extend credit for 25 cents to the minister of finance, he was forced to borrow money from the minister of agriculture, who happened to arrive at that moment.

Squabble for Beginning.

The second act began the next day. The Cabinet held its first meeting at 5 o'clock. The question was how to select, without wrecking the Cabinet, nineteen under-secretaries from the hundred-odd deputies who were applying. The meeting ended at midnight—without the list completed. But the Facta Cabinet had established a record. Never even during the world war, had an Italian Cabinet meeting lated seven hours.

The following day the cabinet argued four hours more and then gave out the list of under-secretaries. There were more jokes in that list than in most humorous magazines.

Enter, the Vatican.

Then the staid old Osservatoire Romano, the organ of the Vatican, which rarely records its opinions of Italian politics, came upon the stage with a leading editorial declaring that during the long crisis "various persons" had come to the Vatican and promised that if the Holy See would make the Catholic Popular Party suspend its veto against Giolitti's candidacy for premier, Giolittiang would renounce their financial programme—the exact appraisal for purposes of taxation of all individual and corporate wealth—against which the Church and the Catholic Party strenuously objected. If the Holy See refused to oblige, it would go hard with it. In this vague menace many saw a threat to send the Banca di Roma, the Vatican bank, to join the unfortunate Banca di Sconto.

The Giolitti newspapers had somehow missed this edition, except the Tribuna, which said that it was in a position to deny vigorously that Giolitti had ever come in person to the Vatican or had ever sent Cardinal Gasparri any statement in his own handwriting.

A Carnival Cabinet.

The Osservatore had begun by openly admitting the Vatican's hostility to Giolitti's financial policy. It ended by blandly disclaiming any intention of intervening in the internal politics of Italy. That gave Giolitti's supporters their little laugh, after they had recovered from their momentary chagrin and had remembered that the man who controls the Catholic party is not one of its parliamentary leaders, but its extremely able secretary, Don Sturzo, a Sicilian priest, subject to the discipline of the church.

The public, however, is wondering who will be the butt of the next guffaw. For another one is clearly coming. It should not be concluded, however, that the general situation in Italy is as bad as it makes it appear. Italy, despite all the politicians can do, is steadily, if slowly, returning to the pre-war form.

According to a Constantinople report, the Nationalist Turks have executed some eighty notables of Samsun and the neighborhood.

Spring Weather Hard On Baby

The Canadian spring weather—one day mild and bright; the next raw and blustery is extremely hard on the baby. Conditions are such that the mother cannot take the little one out for the fresh air so much to be desired. He is confined to the house which is so often over-heated and badly ventilated. He catches cold: his little stomach and bowels become disordered and the mother soon has a sick baby to look after. To prevent this an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets should be given They regulate the stomach and bowels, thus preventing or banishing colds, simple fevers, colic or any other of the many minor ailments of childhood. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CHARLES VERY ILL.

London, March 30—A despatch to the London Times from Funchal, Madeira, says that former Emperor Charles has developed double pneumonia and that his condition is very grave.

LOST ON A FOUL.

London, March 30.—Soldier Horace Jones, the Canadian heavyweight champion, lost his 20 round bout with Albert Lloyd, the Australian, here tonight, on a foul in the tenth round just as he had the Australian practically out.

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Sixty-Sixth Report Presented

Commissioner Jones Presented Water and Sewerage Report Covering Operations for Past Year.

Commissioner Jones yesterday presented the sixty-sixth report of the Water and Sewerage Department covering the operations of the year 1921. The report said in part:

The most important work carried on during the year was the 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe from South Bay road to Spruce Lake, a distance of 21,604 feet. Besides the laying of the pipe, Venturi meters were placed and the service pipes along the line were renewed. The total expenditure to date on account of this work is $329,535.14. There still remains unpaid the sum of $33,843.51 withheld from the contractors until acceptance by the city after satisfactory tests are made.

Much yet, however, remained to be done before it will be possible to get the full benefit from the expenditure already incurred. It will be necessary to lay a 24-inch pipe from Barnhill's corner to the reservoir and a smaller pipe from there along Prince street to Watson street, as originally planned. This would complete the renewal of all the cement lined sheet iron pipe which cannot be depended upon much longer, and give West Side practically a new system.

The other works done under bond issue during the year were as follows: Douglas avenue service pipes, etc., $6,714.42; Winter street twelve-inch main renewal, $5,436.37; Celebration street twelve-inch renewal, $3,376.10; Harrison street ten-inch main renewal, $8,301.77; Prince William street sixteen-inch main renewal, $4,594.40; Tower street six-inch main renewal, $1,724.98; Old Adelaide road eight-inch extension, $1,927.47.

At the close of 1920 we reported a surplus of $63,000. This amount was by order of Common Council voted to reduce the general city assessment and was therefore not available for the purposes of the Water Department.

In January the Common Council ordered that instead of assessing for sewerage and fire hydrant maintenance, that the expenditures for these services, estimated at $30,000, be a charge upon the water revenue.

Our estimated revenue was placed at $233,000, a decrease of $13,000 from previous year. After providing $118,300 for interests and sinking fund ($7,000 more than in 1920) and $30,000 for sewerage and fire hydrant maintenance, the sum of $84,700 was left for the maintenance of the Water Department, the cost of which in 1920 was $102,400.

With the loyal co-operation of both inside and outside staffs and without reducing wages or the efficiency of the services we reduced the general water maintenance expenditure from $102,400 to $92,113, making possible a surplus of $32,131.03 from water revenue. After paying $28,564.39 expenditure on sewerage maintenance and fire hydrants, the sum of $3,566.64 was available for general city purposes.

Receipts.

Assessment, 1921	$153,168.23
Assessment, arrears	11,342.70
Meters and agreements	53,583.49
Steamship supply	9,084.45
Sale of material and labor	1,278.54
West Side Fisheries	2,331.55
Sale of horses	269.55
Sale of junk	639.75
Rents	544.00
Sundries	304.46
	$232,546.72

Expenditures.

Labor and salaries	$ 52,139.55
Touring car	880.00
Meters	1,022.27
Workmen's Compensation Board	2,000.00
Street repairs	892.83
County taxes	1,662.41
Sundry expenses	12,763.69
Sundry supplies	10,752.53
Interest and sinking fund	118,302.12
Prince William street sewer	1,019.23
Sewerage maintenance	20,741.38
Fire hydrants	6,803.78
Balance	3,566.64
	$232,546.72

Water Assessment. Summary for 1921

North	$ 51,827.75
East	97,586.85
Simonds	478.05
West	14,481.90
Lancaster	11,607.60
	$176,282.15
Discount	7,888.18
Net total	$168,393.97

On this assessment $153,168.23 was paid prior to the close of the year. $15,240.74 remaining unpaid, about 8 1-2 per cent. of the total. There was also received from arrears $11,342.70, making total receipts from water assessment $164,510.93, an increase of $1,865.60.

The receipts from the sale of water by meters and agreements, including steamships supplied, were $62,668.94, against $72,854.54, a decrease of $10,185.60.

Twenty-five meters were installed and thirteen taken out.

Water Maintenance Expenditure.

Leading mains	$ 6,191.33
Distribution mains	8,907.35
Service pipes	17,688.33
General	49,321.57
Interest and sinking fund	118,302.12
Prince Wm. street sewer	1,019.23
Sewerage maintenance	20,741.38
Fire hydrants	6,803.78
Balance	3,566.64
	$232,546.72

The contract for deepening Newman brook and for building concrete arch was completed last summer at a cost of $18,832.93, and at the present time the Department of Public Works is filling in over the arch preparatory to the removal of the highway bridge crossing Adelaide street, thereby making possible a continuous street and the drainage of many acres of land, and also serve as a outfall for the sewerage of Portland Place and of the Shamrock grounds, now owned by the city, through which two streets running north and south are protected. Metcalf, Victoria and Newman streets can also be extended from Adelaide street to the proposed streets and sewered via Newman Brook culvert. Besides, new streets can be laid out on the eastern side hills and Military road, Somerset street and Cranston avenue can be sewered.

It is recommended that a thirty-six-inch sewer be laid this summer from the end of the present culvert to Lansdowne avenue.

Other expenditures chargeable to sewerage construction was as follows: Douglas avenue, $4,211.68; Clarence street, west, $646.45; Germain street, west, $448.38; Water street, west, $481.48; old Adelaide road, $839.92.

Sewerage Maintenance.

Catch basins	$8,700.14
Main sewers	6,785.49
General	5,789.19
Fire hydrants	7,360.52

After due consideration and with a view of centralizing the work of the department, the office of the commissioner and staff was removed in July to the departmental building on Carmarthen street. The change has proved to be beneficial, inasmuch as a closer supervision and better co-operation has been possible. It also relieves the crowded condition of City Hall.

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Bills Submitted To Legislature

Assembly Chambers, Fredericton, N. B., March 30—The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Hayes submitted the report of the committee on municipalities

Hon. Mr. Michaud submitted the report of the committee on standing rules.

Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to authorize the municipality to make a temporary loan.

Mr. Curren introduced a bill to enable the School Trustees of the Parish of Lancaster to issue debentures.

Hon. Mr. Stewart introduced a bill to authorize the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chatham to borrow $15,000 and mortgage certain lands in the Parish of Colborne, Restigouche.

Hon. Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to amend the Act incorporating the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses.

CREW OF SCHOONER VIKING MUTINIED

Demanded That Captain Abandon Voyage and Return to St. Johns.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 30—The crew of the Schooner Viking, operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, mutinied yesterday, according to reports received here today by the owners of the vessel.

The crew demanded that the captain abandon the voyage and return to St. Johns, owing to the apparent impossibility of loading the ship. The Viking at present has but half a cargo of skins.

The owners have instructed the captain to continue operations unless his men compel him to stop hunting and abandon his ship. Fear is expressed here that the crews of other vessels of the sealing fleet now o ffthe Grand Banks will take similar action.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH BLOIS RETIRES

Has Seen Twenty-One Years of Service on Ships of Marine Dept.

Halifax, March 30.—Captain Joseph Blois, of the Canadian Government steamer Stanley, will retire tomorrow after twenty-one years of service on ships of the marine and fisheries department. He has followed the sea for fifty-one years. Captain Walter Rowe will succeed him as master of the Stanley.

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THE POLICE COURT

Only two drunks faced the magistrate in the police court yesterday morning, and they pleaded guilty and were remanded to jail. The remainder of the day was occupied with city court cases. Several owners of horses and drivers of teams have been notified to appear in court this morning, to answer the charge of allowing their horses to stand unattended and without the foot-strap required by law.

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Died

FLOOD—At Ottawa on March 29, Ella E., wife of George Herbert Flood, formerly of St. John, leaving beside her husband, an only son, Carson H. Flood, of Montreal.

Funeral from Trinity church at 2.30 p. m., on Friday, March 31.

SORES SPREAD ALL OVER FACES AND BODIES

Mrs. Howard Houlette, Wadstemam, Sask., writes:—"I wish to tell you of the benefit we have received by using your valuable medicine Burdock Blood Bitters.

My children started to break out on their faces in small white pimples which kept getting larger each day. Pus would form under the scabs and they would come off, and each time the sores would be larger; some were as large as a twenty-five cent piece and would spread all over their bodies. I was nearly in despair and sent to the village for a bottle of good blood medicine. The druggist sent me a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters which I commenced giving them at once.

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AMATEURISM AND ... ISM CHIEF ATHL...

Subject Needs Careful Con... davit Plan—Athletes W... Have Given Up All Rig...

There appears to be a war raged o... A. W. Covey and his affidavit progra... in certain towns in the Maritime Pr... vinces, and in some sources ever... thing possible is being done to mak... the position of President Covey u... popular while he is doing his leve... best to keep amateurism and profe... sionalism two separate bodies as the... surely are; some sport writers are s... parently against the affidavit and gi... weak excuses why it should not ha... been introduced. Leaving Presiden... Covey out of the matter; all true lo... ers of good clean sport know that a... athlete who receives money for h... services other than legitimate e... penses is an out and out professiona... and any person who upholds such a... athlete as an amateur is entire... wrong. Athletes who at present refu... to make an affidavit as to their am... teur standing are either making wea... excuses for not doing so, or perha... might feel guilty of the fact that th... have no real right to be registered a... an amateur. It is needless to try a... tell the athlete of today what the d... ference is between a professional a... an amateur, for they all know it o... too well, if they would rather acce... money for their work in the athlet... field and at the same time posing... an amateur they are fully aware th... they are not doing the right thing... far as amateurism is concerned, a... they should not be championed for d... ing something that is wrong. A... amateur who wishes to keep this pa... of the sport clean should not be d... pleased if he is requested to make... affidavit as to his standing, but shou... he feel that he has been playing f... Dr. Jeykill and Mr. Hyde game th... he should retire gracefully with t... understanding that he is an hon... sport and state his position clear...

It is an understood fact that so... athletes who have been seen in pu... lic during the past few years as am... teurs have been receiving money oth... than for legitimate expenses, they a... perfectly aware that they have n... been doing the right thing. There a... many hundreds of true amateurs... the Maritime Provinces who ne... protection and the only manner th... such protection can be afforded is... call a spade a spade and ask all... make affidavits as to their standi... If any real amateur feels that... would like this class of athletics... be continued on the amateur lines... is surely no hardship for him to... truthful and come to the front w... an affidavit showing that he is wo... ing clean, but on the other hand... he has been working as an amate... while in his heart he is fully aw... he is a professional, then he will... perjure himself by signing an affida... stating that he is an amateur... take the chance of being prosecute...

It is not a case of Covey or... other officials of amateur associati... that this article is being compiled,... it is for the sake of good clean sp... and if rumors and statements h... been made as to the standing of... tain athletes, then the affidavit... tem appears to be the only manne... which the said athlete can make h... self clear as to his standing. No... amateur should be ashamed to a... his standing under oath, and sh... he care to leave the amateur ra... and become a professional he sh... say so, and he will have the res... of all good lovers of clean sport. ... amateur rules at present are m... wide than in former years, for an a... lete is allowed a large sum for e... penses, but should these expenses... suit the athlete and he calls for m... than is allowed, and receives the s... he surely realizes what he is do... The chief topic that is being disc... ed at present in athletic circles is... of amateurs and professions, an... is one that deserves timely tho... and careful consideration.

St. John, with other sections of... Brunswick has this year enjoyed... greatest boom in amateur athle... and there is only one thing that... ever give it a set back and event... put it on the rack, and that is to... professionalism with it.

From what can be learned... has been during the past few yea... feeling abroad that quite a large... ber of athletes, especially in ho... and baseball, have been rece... money for their services, while t... a member of an amateur team,... taken for granted that the aff... who is most needed on a team a... aware of that fact, is the fellow... will hold out for the money, and... haps unfortunately for the athlete... the honor of good true sport, the... ials of the said team will hand... to the said player a certain am... of money, not given as legitimat... penses, but perhaps as salary.

Of course those who are susp... as having received cash for thei... vices are the very persons who... better clear of the amateur r... Once an athlete receives m... for his services while in compe... he immediately becomes a profes... al, and any person who plays o... same team, or against the said... is liable to suspension, and if... proven that he had been aware... he had been playing with a p... sional, then he is barred from al... ticipation in any more amateur... tests.

Professionalism and amate... don't mix any better than oil an... ter, for there is an old and true... ing: "Once a professional, alw...