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## THE COLLIERIES SITUATION.

At time of writing the deadlock in the mining situation in the Province continues and with it an increasing amount of privation and destitution. Suggestions were made a short time ago to the effect that all the members of the local Legislature should visit Glace Bay and investigate at first hand the stories of privation which were being sent out. The person who suggested this knew anything about average conditions in colliery towns and what these must be following periods of unemployment would know that there could be nothing but a great measure of destitution. How long would the average man anywhere with a family be able to maintain himself if he passed months with only two or three days work a week on the average.

The public are gradually responding in large measure to the needs of the situation and would respond earlier and better but for the fact of the whole business being made more or less of a political football. One side tending to minimize the situation the other tending to exaggerate it. The civic rulers of Glace Bay did not rise to the situation as well as they might have done and the same could be said of the municipality. However the situation all around has got to a point where it must be treated on its merits. The first question is the matter of adequate relief but that is only dealing with purely physical conditions in a temporary manner. Investigation into the real causes of the dispute should not be longer delayed.

It should be decided without any unnecessary delay if it is really necessary that the Corporation should cut the men's wages. It should be determined what are the actual costs of mining coal and transporting it to the shipping piers. Are the methods used the most efficient and economical? Is there waste by reason of too high official pay or the presence of too many officials. Is the overhead unduly increased by paying dividends on watered stock or bonds? Is the sales department as efficient as it should be? The permanence of a settlement will have to depend upon how fair and impartial and thorough the investigation may be. It is known that mining in this Province is much more expensive than in the United States. Our miners are as efficient as any but labor under decided handicaps, a number of which we have mentioned in previous issues.

The price of coal in the main outside market Montreal is regulated by American operators, who produce coal very cheaply and whose only handicaps are a railway haul and an insufficient duty of 53 cents a ton (now reduced to 50c. with slack brought up from 14c. to 50c. per ton). The American mines are equipped to produce at least 50 per cent. more than required and there are too many miners there to ensure steady work in the collieries. Capitalization this year probably does not affect the British Empire Steel Corporation, (though it is tremendously over-capitalized) for it has not paid any dividends on either stock or bonds, but has gone in the hole two and a half millions according to its own statement. Is this the result of American competition or is it the result of mismanagement? And investigation should throw some light on this, Can

coal mining be followed with any reasonable hope of financial success or can it not in this country under present conditions? Are the men justified in refusing to accept a cut of ten per cent or are they not? That could also be shown. The amount of wages which can be given must show as a reasonable percentage of receipts from sales and no more. The men claim that the Company mismanages its affairs. A thorough investigation would also throw some light on this phase of affairs. Investigation should be carried on whether one party or both are opposed. The third, the largest and most important party, the general public is not opposed. In fact it wishes an investigation to throw some explanation on the ever recurring turmoils in the coal situation in Nova Scotia. As matters are drifting now the effect is to starve the mining population to submission and methods of that kind are not desirable nor will they ever furnish a basis for lasting peace.

## Press Comment

**WORTH THINKING OVER.**  
Sydney Bulletin: Though Canada, including its islands and icebergs, is 750,000 square miles larger than the Commonwealth, and is much more than twice as old, counting from the date of settlement, and is a much older British possession, it had only about 60 per cent. more people on last census. The figures were: Canada 3,788,483, and the Commonwealth 5,453,734. And the Commonwealth had many more inhabitants of British descent than Canada.

**THE MOTHER TONGUE.**  
Boston Globe: Spoken English is the announcement of our cultivation or lack of it. People, whether themselves cultivated or no, can tell instantly from our pronunciation and use of words whether we are schooled or ignorant, and by the inflections of our voices, whether we are shrill and loud-mouthed or quiet and well-bred. Our use of the spoken words is our business card, our letter of introduction, our invitation to dine—or it is the placard advertising our deficiencies.

**THE SECURITY OF FRANCE.**  
Manchester Guardian: It is now clearer even than before that the only guarantee, since America's abdication from Europe, which France will look at is Great Britain's. It always comes back to that in the end whatever scheme of security is under discussion—either collective guarantees under the League of Nations or limited guarantees by the nations of Western Europe. The appeal is not one which can be simply ignored. That France should not only be but should feel secure is a primary condition of tranquility in Europe.

**THE COAL CRISIS IN BRITAIN.**  
Glasgow Herald: To put forward the Dawes scheme as a cause of depressed conditions is futile. Competition by a Europe which has to tighten its belt and make the most of its resources was inevitable. The folly of trying to counter that competition by raising prices is demonstrated by the fall that has already taken place in our coal exports. Equally foolish, as Lord Inchcape has remarked, is the notion of raising the

## AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

New York World: It has been difficult for Americans to plead that the Nation was innocent of imperialistic designs when in country after country fronting on the Caribbean it has trampled on the rights of sovereignty of weaker peoples. Events have dimmed the beauty of benevolent professions uttered at Washington. The story of Hayti and San Domingo and Nicaragua cannot be changed at this late date. The profits from these adventures may perhaps be expressed in dollars, collected and turned over to grateful creditors, but the losses are not to be reckoned so readily in book entries.

## SOCIALISTS AND OVERSEA SETTLERS.

Yorkshire Weekly Post: It is significant that the Socialists at home, with all their faith in the power of the State and their professions of a desire to promote the welfare of their class, have never lifted a finger to assist State-aided emigration. This is not the sort of State aid they admire. It involves personal effort and self respect. The State-aided emigrant is in general a man who is not only willing but eager to strike out and work for himself. The immigrant who ventures alone is even more of an individualist. Using the term in its broadest sense both are anti-Socialist.

## NOT ONLY WHITE, BUT BRITISH.

Adelaide Chronicle: Dr. Horsfall as many others do, the threatened invasion from Southern Europe as a call to vigorous action on our part. We cannot admire the spirit of enterprise and adventure that animates the incoming aliens, just as it did our own pioneers in the early days when our sturdy British stock were independent and self-reliant and did not expect to be perpetually coddled by a paternal Government. But we do not want an endless influx of foreign blood which we should find it difficult to assimilate. Australia ought to be not only white but British; a home for the excess population of the Mother Country; a source of strength and support for the British Empire. Its interests coincide with those of the Mother Country. And thus a sound basis is provided for a co-operative system of migration which would be at once Australian and Imperial.

## GROCERY STORES MAY SELL BEER.

Attorney General Nettle Announces Amendments to Ontario Temperance Act.  
Toronto—Provision for sale of beer of 44 per cent. proof spirits in standard hotels, restaurants and grocery stores, is made in amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act which were introduced into the Ontario Legislature this afternoon by Hon. W. F. Nettle, Attorney General, and given first reading. In the case of grocery stores the beverages will be sold for outside delivery only, while in hotels and restaurants the stipulation is made that service must be given at tables to avoid a reversion to the bar system which resulted in its death blow in Ontario in 1916.

Other amendments reduce the number of prescriptions to be allowed a doctor from fifty to thirty per month while the minimum fine on conviction of having liquor in possession is cut from \$200 to \$50.

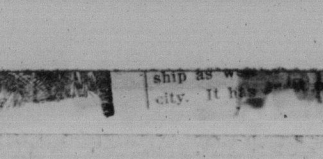
A fee for a permit to sell beer will be charged but the Attorney General made it clear that this was to be for controlling purposes and not to obtain profits.

## VIRGINIA EAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mansfield and little son Roscoe, have returned to Westfield.  
Mr. Gordon Potter is home with his father for a short time.  
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## FIGHT WITH WILD CAT.

Boy Trapper Has Fierce Battle With Whiteout and Loses Out.

Woodstock, N. B.—Holland Smith, son of F. E. Smith, while visiting his traps about five miles from town Saturday found a live wild-cat caught in one of them. He beat it with a club and thinking it was dead, threw it over his shoulder and started for home. After going about half a mile, the animal suddenly sprang from his shoulder and attacked him fiercely, trying to get at his eyes, but the lad succeeded in fending him off as he scratched. The last time he sprang at him they clinched and both fell, the lad on top. He choked the beast with every ounce of strength he had but was obliged to release his hold as it was savagely scratching the backs of both his hands. When he jumped up the cat trotted off into the woods on three legs, carrying away the trap on the other.

## WHEN LORD CURZON WAS THE VICEROY.

How a Clever Native Resented an Insult to His Countrymen.

When Lord Curzon was Viceroy of India he got up a sort of buy at home and encourage his industries movement, very similar to that now operating here. To help the movement the Viceroy organized a native industries show. In his address he denounced those who got their furniture and their artistic ideas from Tottenham Court Road, but the laugh was turned against him when it was pointed out that his own residence and the great Durbar had been furnished by Maple's whose business is actually in Tottenham Court Road. But India laughed even more at the discomfiture which allowed a remark which might have been a cause of serious trouble. Addressing the Bengal students of the Calcutta University convention, where were assembled intellectuals from all over India the Viceroy spoke of truth as a western virtue and more than hinted that the Orientals like the Creteans, were liars and that they were given to flattery and other sins. The British intellectuals present were amazed at the remark and a clever Hindu saved the situation and made the Viceroy ridiculous in a newspaper letter. Side by side with the offensive remark he published in the Amrita Bazar Patrika this extract from Problems of the Far East by George N. Curzon:

"Before proceeding to the Royal Audience I enjoyed an interview with the President of the Indian Foreign Office. Having been particularly warned not to admit to him that I was only thirty-three years of age, an age to which no respect attaches in Korea when he put to me the straight question (always the first in the Oriental dialogue) 'How old are you?' I unhesitatingly replied 'forty.' 'Dear me,' he said, 'you look very young for that. How do you account for it?' 'By the fact,' I replied, 'that I have been travelling for a month in the superb climate of His Majesty's dominions.' Finally he said to me 'I presume you are a near relative of Her Majesty the Queen of England?' 'No,' I replied, 'I am not.' But observing the look of disgust that passed over his countenance I was fain to add, 'I am however as yet an unmarried man,' with which unscrupulous suggestion I completely regained the old man's favor."

In telling the story A. G. Gardiner says: "India was convulsed with laughter. It almost froze the insult for the sake of the jest." Before Lord Curzon went to India practically nothing was heard of the nationalist movement now so active a force in Indian life. Many Englishmen fear it is an outcome of Lord Curzon's provocative policy.

## AN EARLY CALL.

A man was spending a night at a hotel in a small Southern town, and when going to his room for the night he told the porter that he wanted to be called early in the morning. "Say, boss," replied the porter, "I reckon you ain't familiar with dese heah modern inventions, when you wants to be called in de mornin' all yo' has to do is to press de button at de head of yo' bed. Den we comes up an' calls you."

## NEW DEFINITION OF "DRUNK" GIVEN.

London Court Finds a Stare Between Intoxication and Soberness.

A London Judge has ruled that there is a stage in which a person may be considered neither drunk nor sober. By this ruling he has made the lot of the policeman less of a happy one than it was. When a woman who had been imbibing generously enough to attract the eye of one of London's lordly "hobbies" was hailed into the Marylebone Police Court the divisional surgeon contended she either should be convicted of drunkenness or else released as being sober. But Magistrate Hay Hallett thought a person might drink without getting drunk or without staying sober. "Drunkenness," declared the Magistrate, "is failure to be able to coordinate the faculties. A person who through drink cannot walk or speak properly and cannot do something that he ordinarily can do is drunk; but there is an intermediate stage between strict sobriety and absolute drunkenness. A person through drink may be excitable or otherwise not quite normal, but he may be able to coordinate his faculties and walk and talk properly."

The police seem to think that such a viewpoint gives drinkers who can bring lawyers into court with them too much of an opportunity to get drunk and yet be adjudged innocent.

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## DESIRE INCREASED TRADE WITH CANADA.

Interesting Statement by Hance Logan, M. P.

Montreal.—In a speech here on Saturday, Hance Logan, M. P., trade commissioner to the West Indies, referring to the republic of Venezuela, emphasized the fact that last year the country consumed 128,000 barrels of Canadian flour, all shipped by way of New York, as there was no Canadian-Venezuelan steamship service. Of the colony of Jamaica were bought a large quantity of oranges last year," he said. "None of them came from Jamaica. The Jamaica orange is the best I have ever eaten. But it does not come to Canada. We buy our tropical fruit from the United States to the tune of \$100,000,000 yearly, while they slap us in the face with their tariff." He mentioned the large trade that Cuba offered for Canadian fruit and the outstanding position of Canadian banks in the Caribbean sea. He declared that the island imports 12,000,000 eggs monthly. The speaker said wherever he went he found the desire for increased trade with Canada, but everyone mentioned the need for better transportation.

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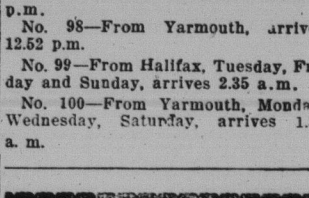
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AVOID IMITATIONS

## BUNGALOW CAMPS IN PICTOU COUNTY HAVE BUSINESS BOOKED.

Pictou Dr. E. D. Farrell, President of the Bungalow Camps Company, of Nova Scotia, returned to Pictou Friday from the Southern States, where he was booking business for the camps now being built at Pictou. Dr. Farrell was accompanied by A. H. Lindsay, Publicity Agent of the C. N. R., Atlantic Region. They visited the site of the camps Saturday and were very much impressed by the progress made by contractor John Johnson, of New Glasgow, in the erection of the buildings.

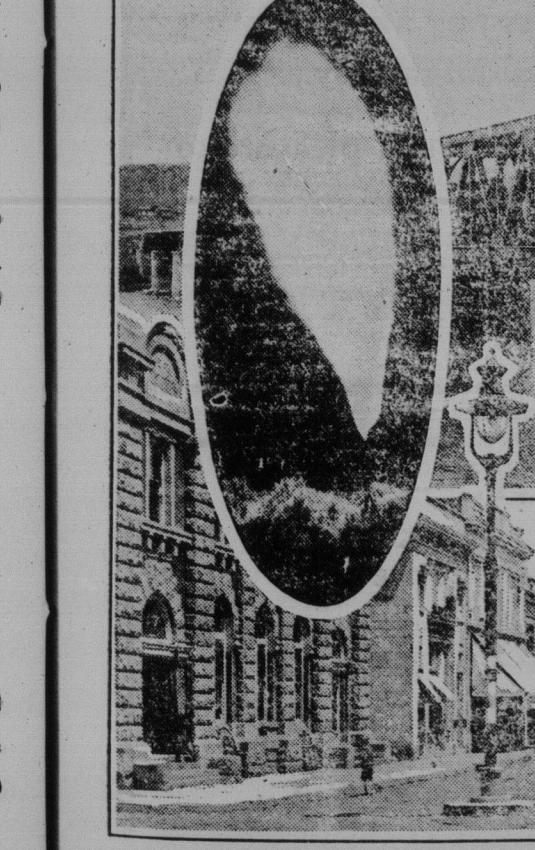
The main building which is to be 160 by 85 feet, is rapidly nearing completion, and rapid progress is also being made with the bungalows.

Calvinia claims its population most since the census of giving assurance ready to accommodate June 15th.

Russell J. Hard pointed manager of camps at Pictou, Manager of Shoppington, and is now at Pictou, Manager of the camps. He was for some time at Pictou. He was for some time at Pictou.

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IN AND AROUND MEDICINE HAT, second strike. The inset is a photograph taken of the Big Chief natural gas well at Medicine Hat, July 26th, 1907. There was a discharge of 850 lbs. and an open flow of 1,000,000 cubic feet per day, an equivalent to 151 tons of coal.

JUST thirty-nine years ago, in July, 1885, to be exact, a small crew of men in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway, unloaded a portable water-well drilling machine at a point near where what is now the village of Allison, Alberta, thirty-five miles west of Medicine Hat, on the main line of the company. The crew had been sent to this spot to drill for water and set to work. Little did these men realize that they were about to make a find that was to be the beginning of a wide-spread industry. Perhaps they were disappointed when, instead of the water they were seeking, gas appeared in their well, but if they could have looked into the future they would have seen that this first gas well was to be the cause of the expenditure of millions of dollars, the employment, directly and indirectly, of thousands of men, and the opening up of an enormous area stretching from the Peace River in the north to the international boundary in the south, and from the Rocky Mountains in the west to the Alberta-Saskatchewan line in the east.

So much interest was immediately aroused over the discovery of natural gas in this well that others were drilled in Medicine Hat, but the results were not gratifying until the year 1890, when gas was discovered in considerable quantity while drilling was being conducted in search of coal, and it was then found that it could be obtained in commercial quantities in what is now known as the Medicine Hat sand, at a depth of about one thousand feet. In 1896 the first deep well was sunk and a splendid flow of gas was encountered, from which the city of Medicine Hat has enjoyed the benefits of natural gas up to the present time, with the farther prospect of a long-continued supply.

After this the Canadian Pacific Railway drilled a number of wells for its own use, and other concerns entered the field. The wells at Pincher Creek were drilled for oil, which was produced for a time, gas being insignificant quantities being also encountered, but

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