

# Royal Commission to Enquire into Conditions in Nova Scotia Coal Industry

## Famous Canadian Airman Killed in Air-plane Collision--Floods in Ontario Cause Much Damage.

**ROYAL COMMISSION MAY INVESTIGATE CAPE BRETON DISPUTE.**  
**STONEY, N.S., Feb. 24.**—(Canadian Press)—In a letter addressed to J. E. Mackay, Vice-President of the British Steel Corporation and J. W. Macdonald, District 26, President of United Mine Workers of America, Premier H. H. Armstrong, of Nova Scotia, announced the intention of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission at the earliest possible date to investigate the conditions in the coal mining industry and to recommend a scale of wages to obtain for a period yet to be determined, unless in the meantime an alternative method of settling the present dispute is mutually agreed upon. Pending the findings of the commission, the Company is asked to continue the 1924 wage scale and the Company and men are invited to do an undertaking to abide by the terms reached. The terms of reference, it is indicated, will follow those set out in the Winfield Commission Board report which are stated in Premier's letter as follows: "With a view to ascertaining the actual necessary cost of mining, transporting and selling coal; the ability of the Company to pay a rate of wages satisfactory to the employees; to earn their return on the capital invested, and the bearing with the attitude and efficiency of the employees have in relation to the efficient and profitable operation of operations." Both employers and men are invited to forward their comments on the plan at the earliest possible moment.

**FLOOD LOSS.**  
**TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 24.**  
 Farms with factories and business premises along the banks of the River St. Lawrence, which broke up last evening after many days of mild weather and was contained yesterday by heavy rain, estimated that the loss from floods amounted to about \$200,000.

**AEROPLANE DISASTER.**  
**CAMP BORDEN, Ont., Feb. 24.**  
 Flight Lieut. J. L. M. White, D.F.C., of Halifax, N.S., and flying officer R. Cross, a pupil, met death here today when their machine collided in flight with another plane in the hands of flying officer A. L. Morton. The machine crashed to earth, but was able to guide his machine to the ground and escaped unhurt. The pilot belonged to Toronto. White had an official record of downing thirty-three German machines in the war, and was one of the coolest of Canadian flyers.

**SNOW STORM IN ITALY.**  
**BERGAMO, Northern Italy, Feb. 24.**  
 A violent snow storm is again raging in the mountains about here, falling to a depth of ten feet in some places. Many forest rangers have been forced to leave their posts, and of food supplies giving out, and the danger of becoming snow-bound.

**THREE KILLED IN RAILWAY COLLISION.**  
**NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 24.**  
 Three persons are reported killed and about a score injured in a collision between two trains of the Pennsylvania railroad at Manhattan transit today. According to reports one

**Searching the World for Fruits.**  
 The agricultural explorer is the name given to a scientist who is sent to little-known parts of the world by the United States Department of Agriculture in search of new fruits and plants.

**Curling Stones, Red Hone, suitable for a lady; a bargain. Also a pair of Ladies' Skating Boots, size 4-C, never worn, with skates attached; apply to MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL, 13 Hamilton Street.—Feb. 23, 21, m.w**

**KIELLEY'S DRUG STORE**

**SPECIALS:**

- Doan's Kidney Pills, \$1.10
- Doan's Thymoline, bottle, 75c
- Doan's Syrup, bottle, \$1.10
- Doan's Tooth Powder, 40c
- Doan's Tooth Paste, 40c
- English Grape Water, for children, bottle, 45c
- Liquid Tar Shampoo, 60c
- Doan's new, 40c
- Doan's Health Saline, 40c
- Doan's Ideal Tonic and Laxative for children, 30c
- Doan's English brand bottled Candy, assorted, lot, 35c
- Doan's & Flower's Hair Dressing, bottle, 75c
- Doan's & Glycerine, bottle, 40c
- Doan's Lather Kreem, large, 38c
- Doan's Violet Face Cream, 65c
- Doan's liquid, now, 65c
- Doan's Paste, large, 45c
- Doan's Glass Conditioner, 45c
- Doan's Bath Powder, a specially perfumed powder for softening the water, large box, 60c
- Doan's Roman Palm and Olive Oil Soap, each enclosed in metal soap, 45c

**Water Street**

# House of Assembly Proceedings

**TUESDAY, Feb. 24.**  
 The House met at 3 p.m. The Hon. Minister of Justice presented a petition from the people of Portugal Cove on the subject of a road. Notice of question was given by Messrs. Hickman, Randell, Scammell, Brown, Duff, Godden and Hibbs, after which the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to consider resolutions removing the duty from salt beef, pork, and kerosene oil.

**MR. HICKMAN** pointed out that prior to last session these articles were duty free. He supposed the Government felt that by removing the duties were relieving the fishermen of a burden, but he saw no reason why molasses should not also be put on the free list.

**MR. WARREN** asked that the duty be taken off dories, as at present none were being built in this country. He did not ask that the duty which totalled about \$1,500, should be taken off by an amendment to the resolution, but thought the matter could be considered in the budget.

**MR. HALPYARD** said the action of the Government in taking off the duties was not unexpected. He thought that every concession to the labour class was made under pressure.

The resolutions were put and passed committee without amendment. Mr. Hickman moved an amendment that molasses should be added to the free list. The amendment lost and the resolution was given first reading.

**A Bill in relation to firearms** was read a first time.

**A Bill to provide for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of highways** was read a first time.

**A Bill to regulate travel on highways and the speed, operation and load of vehicles thereon,** was read a first time.

After replies had been given to the question on the order paper, debate on the Address in Reply began.

**MR. ASHBOURNE**, referring to the interest charged the Banks in the Outports, said he had learned that in some instances 7 per cent. was also being charged in the city. Regarding the Womans Franchise, he thought it was a wise movement on the part of the Prime Minister to introduce this Bill.

In relation to the export of pit props and pulpwood, he agreed that the export should be prohibited in the near future. He thought the Speech from the Throne was conservative and not radical as some people alleged.

**MR. HIBBS** congratulated the mover and seconder on their excellent addresses. He felt disappointed that more reference was not made to the fisheries, but he did not think that the absence of any extended notice was an index of what the Government intended to do for the fishermen. Last year the highest prices known, with the exception of war years, was obtained for fish. This, he thought, was a godsend, but he did not think that we would realize such a high price next year. He urged that something should be done to enhance the value of our product in the foreign markets.

He thought we should have salesmen and Trade Commissioners in these markets. Considering the reports of discrimination between Newfoundlanders and foreigners, he thought they had nothing to congratulate themselves on for having the Humber. He quoted a case of two Canadian and two Newfoundland painters. The former were paid 40 to 50 cents per hour and the latter were paid 65 cents per hour. The Newfoundlanders had to pay board at \$1.00 per day. (The Colonial Secretary pointed out that Mr. Hibbs and his party, when making the Humber contract, should have made provision so that such things could not happen).

The speaker, referring to Bell Island matters, congratulated the Government on the stand taken with BESCO. He was very glad to see that the Prime Minister took such a strong stand. On the matter of the Labrador Boundary, he understood that negotiations were in progress and thus he did not expect that any disclosures would be made that would interfere with negotiations. He advised the Govern-

# LAST CHANCE AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

THE GIGANTIC FILM ACHIEVEMENT



THE MIGHTY SPECTACLE OF ORIENTAL SPLENDOR  
**"CHU-CHIN-CHOW"**  
 with BETTY BLYTHE as ZAHRAH the Desert Dancer  
 and HERBERT LANGLEY as Chu-Chin-Chow of China

— THURSDAY —  
 THE GREAT WAR VETERAN STORY  
**"A COUPLE OF DOWN AND OUTS"**  
 and  
 HAROLD LLOYD, in His Latest Comedy-Drama—"NUMBER, PLEASE!"

The interest on the bonds of this undertaking he thought we should have some say in how the funds are expended. He stated that there has been mismanagement in the industry as far as the shipping end of it was concerned. Referring to repairs to the dry dock, he said they are badly needed. There is a grave need of repairs he said and he warned those in authority that there is likely to be a serious mishap there. He instanced where he saw the ground surrounding the dock moving to the motion of the sea. He thought the Government was doing right in taking steps to repair the dock. He did not agree that the dock was placed in the right location in the first instance and regretted that the basin above the Long Bridge should have been filled in. Another subject referred to was the Labrador Boundary. The speaker did not agree with the member for Fogo in urging that we get clear of it for a price. He did not think anyone as yet knows the coast line. The headlands are not properly charted. Hamilton Inlet is not properly charted and he thought the coast line we can't define where the boundary line lies. He thought that if the islands off the coast belong to Newfoundland the Canadian Government was in the wrong in having a customs collector at Fort Burwell because it is an island. He thought the Labrador was a valuable possession that should not be disposed of for a small amount. In reference to the public debt, he thought it was not a highly satisfactory state of affairs to have a tax of \$13 or \$14 per head on every man, woman and child on account of the huge sums that had been borrowed. He thought we should be careful of the legacy we are handing down to our children and not increase the burden. In connection with affairs at Bell Island, he suggested that the Government should enquire into the amount of capital invested there and how much profits were being made. If they secured information about Bell Island aside from other affiliations, he believed it would be an easy matter to decide what wages Besco could pay the miners. He had reason to suspect that they were exploiting the miners as they are doing with their workmen in Cape Breton. Speaking on the redistribution legislation he thought it would be more advantageous if the present districts were re-separated by one man each.

**260 Miles an Hour Aeroplanes**  
 In a determined effort to win back the Schneider Cup, the international trophy for air marine craft, which was won by the United States at Cowes two years ago, craft are now being constructed to represent Great Britain which, it is confidently believed, will be capable of a speed of between 260 and 270 miles an hour.


One of the racing craft now being built secretly is the development of a type which, during "hush, hush" trials last autumn, attained a speed of 215 miles an hour with the throttle not fully open.

With a very small span, and streamlined so that there are no "bumps" in the fuselage, this racer, which will be equipped with floats for landing on

**Quick Relief for Rheumatism**  
 Mrs. Bert Young of Fitch Bay, Que., writes as follows:  
 "I could not turn over in bed at night. I tried doctors and sent off for medicines which did me no good, but after using three bottles of Minard's my rheumatism left me entirely, and I have never felt it since."  
 Always keep Minard's handy.  
**Minard's Liniment**

# Little Jack Rabbit

by David Cory



Did I say that the little rabbit would hop into this story, Little Reader? Well, he has; that is, I mean I shall tell you what he did after I finished yesterday's story.

So here we go, my typewriter and I, to explain that as soon as Little Jack Rabbit had hopped out of Photographer Crane's picture parlor, where the bunny's boy's picture had just been taken, that nimble little rabbit hopped off home-as fast as he could go.

By and by he came to the Farmyard where his feathered friends were scratching about in the straw at the foot of the Big Hay Stack. Mr. Merry Sun was still shining from the sky and although Mr. North Wind was blowing, it was warm and pleasant on the sheltered side.

"Just had my picture taken," shouted the bunny boy, as Henny Jenny looked up on hearing the pitter-patter of his feet.

"When warm weather comes again, and it's bright and clear, I'll telephone for Mr. Crane To photograph me here."

sang the Weathercock from his perch on the Big Red Barn.

"We'll all have our pictures taken when summer comes," Henny Jenny had had none since she laid her first egg," crowed Cocky Doodle, clapping his wings.

Just then Old Sic'em, the Kind Farmer's Dog, looked out of his kennel house to enquire what all the noise was about.

"Hello, bunny boy," he barked, crawling all the way so he could wag his tail "glad to see you. How are all the folks at home?"

"Mother's well, but she'll be happier when she sees my photograph," cried the little rabbit, hopping over to pat the old dog. "I've just come from Photographer Crane's pretty studio. I held a bouquet cabbage in the picture."

"You don't mean it!" exclaimed the old dog. "How pretty that will be,

Well, well, well. Wish I were a pun again. I'd have a tmytpe taken, sure as Monday follows Sunday."

Then off hopped the little rabbit, clipperty, clipp, clipperty lip to the dear Old Bramble Patch. He couldn't wait to tell Lady Love all about his picture. Dear me, won't she smile when he explains about the cabbage bouquet!

Pretty soon the bunny boy came to the old log that served as a bridge across the Bubbling Brook, now frozen over with a thick coating of ice. "I wonder," thought the little bunny, "how many pond qu se' p'p'ng listen to the murmur of the water underneath the ice, 'if the tiny fresh water crab is very cold." Then on he hopped, down the Old Crow Path, till he reached the little gate in the picket fence outside the Bramble patch.

It was growing dark, and Mr. Merry Sun had gone to bed behind the purple hills. But the white snow made it light enough for the bunny boy not to stub his tippy toe and in a few minutes he hopped up on the little back porch and opened the kitchen door.

"I had my picture taken," he cried as Lady Love pressed him close to her pretty calico apron, and in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

water, will look like a flying bullet as it goes hurtling through the air.

One of the secrets of its speed will be the specially constructed engine, let into the fuselage to minimize wind resistance.

This is a development of the Napier Lion engine, but the new type will develop nearly 600 h.p., and by the

introduction of a direct drive weight will be reduced by nearly 25 per cent.

The sleeves of dresses of ensemble suits are invariably short to the point of negligence.

Gent's good English Spats, at SMALLWOOD'S.—Jan. 23, 1925.

By Bud Fisher

**MUTT AND JEFF**

**JEFF PLUNGES A BIT IN THE TAMPA LION TAMERS' CLUB.**



WHAT A HAPPY IDEA, MUTT! MISTER ROCKEFELLER'S BALD AND WE'VE GOT THE MOST WONDERFUL HAIR RESTORER IN THE WORLD! NUUF SED!

THE IDEA IS WORTH A FORTUNE!

MISTER ROCKEFELLER, WE HAVE HERE THE MOST MARVELOUS HAIR RESTORER THAT EVER RESTORED HAIR. NOW YOU CAN THROW AWAY YOUR TOWEL!

FINE!

AIN'T A HEAD OF HAIR WORTH A SNUG FORTUNE TO YOU, JOHN?

BUT LISTEN! IF THAT RESTORER IS SO GOOD HOW'S IT COME YOU ARE BALD? ANSWER ME THAT!

AHEM! I REPRESENT BEFORE USING!

QUITE SO, AND I REPRESENT AFTER USING!

I HOPE I'M AS UGROUS WHEN I'M EIGHTY FIVE AS JOHN D. IS!

SAME HERE!