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Fuel Commissioner Warns Ontario of Great Seriousness of Coal Trouble Now Impending

Outlook at Present Moment Gives Cause For Grave Anxiety Says Mr. Harrington, Fuel Commissioner

At the present moment the outlook for the coming coal year gives cause for grave anxiety, and calls for prompt and efficient action if a serious shortage of fuel is to be avoided. There is only one way out of the difficulties for Ontario industry—immediate action. Do not await a rise in prices or accumulation of securities, neither will materialize. These are extracts from a statement on the coal situation issued yesterday by H. A. Harrington, Fuel Administrator for the Province of Ontario. Mr. Harrington says in his statement that there exists a shortage of bituminous coal throughout the United States of sixty million tons. The demand, he says, to make up this shortage is insistent, and when price restrictions are removed tomorrow it will be for the purchaser not a question of price, but of coal. Twenty-eight million tons of coal will be required to be transported by navigation this summer to the head of the lakes, says Mr. Harrington, and with the removal of the export embargo millions of tons must be shipped to tide water for export to Europe. The world's supply is six million tons short of bituminous coal, and though 35,000 tons should come daily, only 20,000 tons are actually

arriving. Ontario's season requirements, he estimated, will be eighteen million tons. LABOR SHORTAGE LIKELY Mr. Harrington proceeds: "The miners celebrate April 1 each year as a general holiday in commemoration of the inauguration of the eight-hour day; there is no assurance as to the number returning to work on April 2. Illinois fields producing 15 per cent of the entire output, announce an "unavoidable suspension" on and after April 1 for an unstated period. This means a curtailment of production at a time when every ton is required." Mr. Harrington says the U. S. railroads concede that the maximum car supply will be sixty per cent, requiring double the exertion of normal service to move the coal required which he says, is a task beyond human power to complete. Consequently, for Ontario, he counsels immediate action. The anthracite situation, Mr. Harrington says will develop the same features, though in a lesser degree. "The demand in the United States and Ontario consequent upon the acute depletion of stocks will be continuous. Never before has there been a greater need of the fullest co-operation between the consumer and the dealer."

School Collections for Orphanage Brings a Most Hearty Response

The Easter offering for the Orphan's Home was taken up in the various schools yesterday afternoon and as usual was responded to with great generosity. These gifts from the children to their less fortunate little brothers and sisters proved for them many a treat that they otherwise would not have had, and the Board as well as the little inmates desire to thank the youthful donors for their generosity. The following is a list of the donations:— Corn Flakes, 1 case, from the boys of the Jun. 4th class, Central School; Bushel Potatoes, Howard Kistler; Cereals, 410 pcks. as well as a quantity of bulk oatmeal and cornmeal. Soap, 68 bars and 6 pcks. of Ammonia and Old Dutch Cleanser. Canned Fruit, 132 Jars; Jam, 4 pails; Butter,

3 lbs; Eggs 38 doz; Sodas, 45 pcks. as a quantity of bulk; Raisins, 5 pcks; Tea, 3 pcks. and some bulk; Canned Milk, 3 tins; Corn Starch, 13 pcks; Oranges, 134; Cocoa, 18 tins; Macaroni, 10 pcks. and some bulk; Bread, 12 loaves; Canned Vegetables and Soups, 159; Jelly Power, 5; Custard Powder, 6; as well as a quantity of the following articles in bulk. Cakes, Cookies, Pie; Salt; Beans, Books, Marbles, Nuts, Candy, Gelatine, Split Peas, Dried Pears, Barley, Tapioca, Flavoring, Oxo, B. Powder, Sardines, Salmon, G. Sugar, C. Sugar, Rice, Currants, Carrots, Onions, Potatoes, Apples, and various kinds of Clothing, Cash \$2.666. All of which are gratefully acknowledged. E. L. Gibson, Convenor Easter Offering.

Wilson Would Force Turks From Europe

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Vigorous expression of President Wilson's opinion that "the often expressed intention of the allies that the anomaly of the Turks in Europe should cease" should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, characterized the American rejoinder to the recent Allied note transmitting information to the status of treaty negotiations. While the strength of arguments for retention of the Turks in Constantinople was recognized, the note said, the American government believes that "the arguments against it are far stronger and contain certain imperative elements which it would not seem possible to ignore." The American rejoinder was handed to the French ambassador here on March 24th for transmission to Premier Millerand and made public tonight by the state department on advices that it had been delivered.

ANNIE BALLOK AGAIN ACCUSED OF A B.O.T.A.

In police court today Annie Ballok, a Russian woman, was accused of having liquor illegally at her home. The woman said she had the liquor in her home but it was for their own use. Chief Greene said with a search warrant he went to her place and found a quart bottle of liquor hidden behind some old clothes in the kitchen. Evidence was also submitted by the chief to show the woman had previously been committed for B. O. T. A. The woman was told to come back to court tomorrow morning. Miss Emma Wilson and Miss May Ferriotti of Buffalo, who have been visiting Mrs. William McCarthy, Academy Street, returned home last night.

One Brother Dead, Second Found Dying

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 31.—James Courtney was found dead in bed and his twin brother, John Courtney, seriously ill with pneumonia, yesterday morning in their hermit-like quarters in the rear of their brick block on Niagara Street, between Third and Fourth Streets. Both of the Courtneys are well over 70 years old and came here from Toronto about 50 years ago. The two men had been ill for several days, and this morning John himself barely able to crawl over the floor, found that James was dead. He managed to attract the attention of neighbors, and Dr. W. H. Hodge, was summoned and said that James had been dead for several hours. John's condition is such that little hope is held out for his recovery. The brothers for a number of years ran a shoe store on Falls St. but a few years ago sold out and built the block on Niagara St. where they have since lived in two small rooms in the rear. They had few callers, and lived the life of recluses, although it was known that they had plenty of money. Coroner Harry R. Emsie is investigating the death of James.

15 Children For Adoption At Shelter

The Children's Aid Society held a meeting last night in the court house and received reports from Agent Boyle and the secretary. They expect to be able to use part of the new wing of the shelter within two or three weeks. There are at present 18 children in the Shelter, 15 of whom are wards of the Society and are candidates for adoption in good homes. Three other children are there merely as boarders.

MACASSA IS THE FIRST BOAT IN AT TORONTO HARBOR

When the S. S. Macassa of the Canada Steamship Lines put out of her dock on the east side of Yonge street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with her Canadian ensign at the stern, whipping in a very stiff southwest breeze, "Toronto's" waterfront yawned and showed signs of awakening from the long winter's sleep. In charge of Captain Corson many times winner of the Harbor-master's hat, awarded for first bringing in his boat to Toronto harbor in the spring, and loaded with fifty tons of freight collected yesterday and today the Macassa headed for the Eastern Channel. She could not take the Western Channel, as this is not to be opened until May 23rd. Bounding the eastern channel, the Macassa headed for Hamilton, after awakening the slumbering waterfront with row long blast from her siren.

Firemen Say They Were Promised 25 P. C. Increase

As stated by The Journal yesterday the firemen are by no means satisfied with their wage increase as granted by the City Council last Monday night. They say that at the secret session held in the fire hall, Ald. Graves, chairman of the finance committee distinctly promised them that the increase would be 25 per cent anyway.

Deputation to Toronto Assured of Highway Hamilton to Queenston

The deputation from the city and county which waited on the Minister of Highways yesterday at Toronto, were given assurance that their request that the Q. and G. road be made part of the proposed provincial highway, would be granted and that permanent pavement of some sort would be used on it.

Hon. Mr. Riggs told the deputation that the part of the highway from Hamilton to the Niagara River, was one of the most important of his whole. The road will run on Queenston, and there may or may not be a branch to Niagara Falls.

Public Library Board Does Routine Work

A special meeting of the library board was held last night with the following members present, A. M. Watts, E. C. Nicholson, W. J. Robertson, C. A. Hesson, D. C. Hetherington and Mayor Lovelace. A deputation from Knox Church interviewed the board regarding repairs to the fence at the rear of the library property and after some discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Grounds Committee to deal with. The secretary, W. Briden, submitted to the board a copy of the program of the meeting of the Ontario Library Association in Toronto, on April 5th and 6th. On motion of Messrs. Hetherington and Nicholson, the Librarians W. Briden and Mrs. Cameron, were appointed delegates to attend the meeting. A communication was read from James Bertram, Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, asking for a report as to the income, expenditure number of books, circulation, etc., of the Library for the years 1918 and 1919. Mr. Watts presented the report of the Finance Committee recommending payment of salaries and accounts to the amount of \$744.79 and the report was adopted. On motion of C. A. Hesson seconded by D. C. Hetherington, a resolution was passed appointing A. M. Watts as chairman during the absence of the chairman, W. Erskine.

Commission Orders Trunk For Waterworks

At a meeting of the Water Commission last night a petition of property owners on Woodburn Avenue and Stuart Avenue for extensions of mains was granted and the superintendent was authorized to construct a 4 inch main on Woodburn Avenue from Queenston Street to Hydraulic Raceway and a 6 inch main on Stuart Avenue from Lake Street to Bruce Avenue with a fire hydrant on each if requested by the City Council. The superintendent was ordered to buy 108 service boxes and 12 valve valve boxes. The tender of the Canada Brass Co. of Galt, for brass goods was accepted. Tenders for motor trucks from local firms were received and the superintendent and chairman were authorized to examine and purchase the truck most suitable. Accounts amounting to \$28,524 were passed.

MAPS OF EUROPE

The new maps depicting Europe as it emerged from the war are expected to arrive in the city soon, to be distributed free among the schools. As the new Ontario geography will not be ready till September of next year, 40,000 copies of the new maps will be sent to the schools of the province. Educators are awaiting with much interest the arrival of these maps, none of which have reached here as yet. Copies will be sent direct to the principals of the collegiate institute, while the school inspectors will take care of the supply for the public and separate schools.

GOOD FRIDAY MAIL

On Good Friday there will be no delivery by letter carrier. The general delivery wicket and registry wicket will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. The office for box holders will be open from 7.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. All mail for despatch closes at 12 noon.

Canadian National Railways Operated at a Loss of Just \$14,000,000 During Past Year

OTTAWA, March 31.—The Canadian National Railways operated at a loss of \$47,000,000 during the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1919, according to the first annual budget submitted to the house of commons today by Dr. Reid, minister of railways. The budget shows the loss divided as follows: Canadian Northern, \$6,500,000, and International Railway and Transcontinental, \$7,500,000. In addition there were fixed charges of \$19,000,000 to be met. Operating loss on G. T. P. \$5,500,000. Fixed charges on G. T. P. \$3,500,000. Out of every dollar earned by the roads, Dr. Reid said, 78 cents went in wages to the employees. Operating expenses increased from \$84,000,000

virtually to \$108,000,000. These advances were due largely to increases in wages under the McAdoo award, he explained. Construction during the present year, he said will be limited to the completion of the lines in the West. No more work will be done for the present on the Hudson Bay Railroad. An increase of 25 per cent based on last year's earnings and favored by the board of management, would approximate \$80,000,000. Dr. Reid stated. Any such increase for government roads also would have to be granted the Canadian Pacific, he said. He declined to decide as minister of railways, whether a general increase should be granted to show a surplus for the government lines, saying he would leave the question to the house and people of the Dominion.

Assistant District Attorney Exonerated of Bribery; Free to Start Inquiry

NEW YORK, March 31.—The extraordinary grand jury, investigating the conduct of three assistant district attorneys filed a presentment in the state supreme court late yesterday afternoon exonerating Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith charged with alleged bribery contained in a case found in Mayor Hylan's files. The grand jury reported that the charges of which Assistant District Attorney Smith was exonerated originated in a letter, sent by Mayor Hylan to the Police Commissioner, Enright on March 12, 1919. The letter said in part: "There seems to be a common report around town that Rothstein, the gambler, gave \$20,000 to a lawyer who was formerly a magistrate which the report goes, was divided up equally between an assistant district attorney and a magistrate. However, the case against Rothstein was dismissed." "Testimony taken by us," the presentment said "has clearly identified

the case referred to as that of Arnold Rothstein, arraigned on a charge of felonious assault on January 23, 1919 in the seventh district magistrate's court and discharged by the presiding magistrate on January 28, 1919. The other persons referred to are Emil Fuchs, formerly a city magistrate; James E. Smith, an assistant district attorney; and Francis X. McQuade, a city magistrate. "In the investigation of this charge," the grand jury added, "we have exhausted all sources of information available to us and we have not found that the common report described in the above extract from the mayor's letter has any foundation whatever in fact." This presentment exonerating Mr. Smith of the only charge officially against him before the extraordinary grand jury, it was explained, gives him a clean bill of health and will permit him to proceed immediately before the regular grand jury with his investigation of alleged police department irregularities.

Teamsters Working for Gov't on Q. and T. Road Asking \$1.50 an Hour

The teamsters who are employed on the Q. and G. road, which has been taken over by the Government are asking a raise in pay. They want a dollar an hour for the team, and 50 cents an hour for the driver. Their request has been made through Frank Greenlaw, M. P. P. Hon. Mr. Biggs said the demands would not be granted as it was excessive and sooner than pay out the province's money that way he would order the work stopped at once.

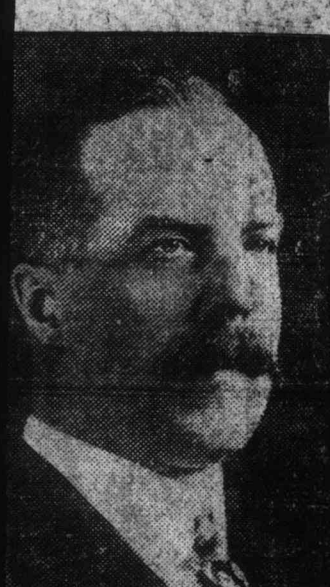
BIGGEST SUMMER HOTEL IN CANADA

On a 1200 acre island in the Lake of Bays, "Highlands of Ontario," has just been completed the "Bigwin Inn" with accommodation for 600 guests. It will open for reception of guests, on June 26th, 1920. Unexcelled boating, bathing, fishing, dancing, golf. Hay fever unknown. 145 miles north of Toronto. Write any agent Grand Trunk for free literature or apply to

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