

REAL MARITIME UNION

The outstanding features of Wednesday's meetings of the Maritime Board of Trade and Wednesday evening's banquet in connection with that important and largely attended conference, were the unanimous expressions of opinion that the Maritime Provinces, their rights under Confederation, and the declaration that the Canadian parliament of today does not give even a courteous hearing to Maritime men, discussing Maritime problems. The gathering was a representative one. Included among those present were active and prominent business men from all three provinces, no less than six members of parliament, one a cabinet minister, the Premier and a fellow member of the New Brunswick cabinet and several Boards of Trade presidents. No more truly representative Maritime Province gathering was unanimous in its expressions of opinion that the time has come for close Maritime co-operation as a pure matter of self-protection.

Liberals and Conservatives were in complete agreement in their declarations that the Maritimes are not to-day receiving the treatment promised them by the Confederation pact. They were in complete agreement that the use of the railway line to Portland as a competitor of Maritime ports by the Canadian National Railway system would lead inevitably to greater and more serious dissatisfaction. Nobody talked disunion. Everybody talked union, but it was a union of defence against a policy which if pursued must lead to greater dissatisfaction, and greater dissatisfaction than was so unanimously voiced by so important a gathering as the Maritime Board of Trade would not be a good thing. All Canada today knows there is a deep



and growing unrest and anxiety in the Maritime Provinces over federal relations. Is that unrest and anxiety to be forced to give expression to its views in parliament through a Maritime Province party, acting along lines which the Irish parliamentary party found so effective in imperial affairs? There can be no other course, unless Canadian public men of all three political parties come to realize that these provinces are an integral part of Canada, entitled to share equally with every other part in all that makes for Canadian national development. Flint and tinder are very close together today—St. John Globe.

BASE BALL TOMORROW, 3.30 CHATHAM AT NEWCASTLE.

Mr. Ford And Coal Profiteers

If Henry Ford carries out his intention of fighting the coal profiteers he may perform a public service of paramount importance. Apparently the famous manufacturer is on sure ground, for he speaks of investigations by his representatives into the alleged shortage of coal, and of the "holdup" tactics of the coal brokers. And if there is profiteering in coal it will probably be due to the manipulations of these brokers who in the past have not hesitated to make exorbitant gains out of the combination of a scarcity of fuel and a big public demand.

It would be unwise to say that the coal brokers have enormous supplies on hand, as Mr. Ford does, before more evidence is forthcoming; nor would it be fair to say that profiteering is going on. But in the summer of 1920, the coal brokers' methods were exposed and their huge profits revealed. By securing in some mysterious way car-loads of coal at the mines, the coal speculators would send them towards ports or cities where a shortage was being experienced and announced that they had "spot" coal for sale. To keep their plants going, many firms had to submit to the brokers and buy the spot cargoes or go without. As may be guessed the prices were by the time anywhere from 100 to 300 per cent. greater than the regular price at the mine.

In October two years ago, a United States Senate Committee investigating reconstruction and production placed the profit of coal speculators in New England alone at not less than \$312,000,000. At that time the coal contracted for by industrial firms in the spring normally cost from \$3.75 to \$4.50 a ton. Most producers had sold the whole output at an average of \$4.25, and at this figure the cost to the consumer at tidewater should have been between \$6 and \$7.50 per ton. But testimony showed that only a small proportion of the contract coal had been delivered, which compelled consumers to go out and secure "spot" coal, or close down their factories.

By this means the speculators netted from \$10 to \$23 a ton, the average price being \$17. It is to be hoped that no such anti-social price manipulating will be conducted again. If it is, and Mr. Ford shows convincing evidence of its existence, he should receive the widest public support, in Canada as well as in the United States. The time has come when unscrupulous speculators should be treated as criminals, when so vital a necessity as fuel is concerned.

NEW TWENTY CENT SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP
The forthcoming issue of a new 20 cent special delivery stamp printed in red is announced by the post office department. It will be issued to post masters as their present stock become exhausted.

BUILDING AND CROP IMPROVEMENTS

Construction Contracts awarded in Canada for the month of July amounted to 2526 with a valuation of \$26,653,500 against \$17,741,400 in July 1921. Business buildings amounted to 30.5 per cent of the total, Industrial buildings 5.3 percent, Public Works and Utilities 28.9 percent and Residential 35.3 percent. The Grand Total for the year to date is far in excess of a year ago. (Maclean Building Ltd. Reporter) Crops—Preliminary estimates of yields of our crops, compare very favorably with the final returns for 1921. All wheat shows an increase of 20,110,000 bushels over last year and \$4,943,000 bushels over the 5 years average. Oats, Barley, Rye, Hay and Clover all show increases over last year and the 5 year average.—Brookwise Economic.

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Greater Caution In Safeguarding His Majesty's Mails

Warning Issued to Postmasters Throughout the Dominion

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—A warning to postmasters throughout the Dominion to exercise greater caution in safeguarding mails, was issued today by the Post Office Department. The department states that investigation into cases of lost and stolen mails have shown many irregularities on the part of the postmaster in either delivery or receipt of the mail which has been the subject of the inquiry. Postmasters are therefore warned that mails to and from an office must pass directly, from the postmaster to the courier or vice versa, no matter at what hour of the day or night the receipt of delivery takes place. This duty may be assigned by a postmaster to a duly sworn assistant but full responsibility for the mails remains with the postmaster.



OMAR ROBERTS CONFESSES GUILT

YARMOUTH, N. S. Sept. 5.—Omar Roberts has confessed to the murder of Flora Grey. The aged guide and trapper admitted, as early as Thursday of last week, that, following the attempted assault of his nineteen year old housekeeper at his hunting lodge in Kemptville, a week ago last Monday night, he sprinkled her bed and room with gasoline and then set them afire. His first statements were made to Arthur Sims, the keeper of the county jail. This morning the crown prosecutor, R. S. McKay, and the Sheriff of the county and Roberts were closeted together for several hours, and the law officers of the crown obtained at this interview a full statement of the crime.

Coal Miner Is Severely Crushed

Springhill, N. S. Sept. 5.—Baker Brown, aged 30, an employee of the Dominion Coal Company, is in a serious condition and has both legs broken following an accident in number 2 mine today, when a train of coal boxes jumped the track and threw a boom against him. The bones of Brown's legs came out through the flesh and the jagged ends tore gashes six inches long.

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Backache is the outstanding symptom of kidney disease. Women often make the mistake of attributing other causes and overlook the derangement of the kidneys until serious developments have made it difficult to obtain permanent relief.

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"I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for the past two months, having been afflicted with kidney trouble. I used two doctors' medicine previous to this, without any good results. A friend told me to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and the second box made me feel a good deal better. I have now used about six or eight boxes, and am completely relieved."

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To Holders of Five Year 5 1/2 per cent Canada's Victory Bonds

Issued in 1917 and Maturing 1st December, 1922.

CONVERSION PROPOSALS

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE offers to holders of these bonds who desire to continue their investment in Dominion of Canada securities the privilege of exchanging the maturing bonds for new bonds bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest, payable half yearly, of either of the following classes:—

(a) Five year bonds, dated 1st November, 1922, to mature 1st November, 1927.

(b) Ten year bonds, dated 1st November, 1922, to mature 1st November, 1932.

While the maturing bonds will carry interest to 1st December, 1922, the new bonds will commence to earn interest from 1st November, 1922, GIVING A BONUS OF A FULL MONTH'S INTEREST TO THOSE AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

This offer is made to holders of the maturing bonds and is not open to other investors. The bonds to be issued under this proposal will be substantially of the same character as those which are maturing, except that the exemption from taxation does not apply to the new issue.

The surrendered bonds will be forwarded by banks to the Minister of Finance at Ottawa, where they will be exchanged for bonds of the new issue, in fully registered, or coupon registered or coupon bearer form carrying interest payable 1st May and 1st November of each year of the duration of the loan, the first interest payment accruing and payable 1st May, 1923. Bonds of the new issue will be sent to the banks for delivery immediately after the receipt of the surrendered bonds.

The bonds of the maturing issue which are not converted under this proposal will be paid off in cash on the 1st December, 1922.

W. S. FIELDING,
Minister of Finance.

Dated at Ottawa, 8th August, 1922.