

## PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES CONFER WITH FUEL CONTROLLER AT HALIFAX ON MARITIME SUPPLY FOR COMING WINTER

Statement Issued by Hon. C. A. Magrath and J. H. Frink  
Who Represented the New Brunswick Government at  
Conference—Prospects That Price Will Not Be Any  
Higher.

C. A. Magrath, Fuel Controller, met the mine operators, mine workers and wholesale and retail fuel dealers of Nova Scotia in the City of Halifax on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Representatives of the provincial governments and the mayors of the cities of St. John and Halifax were also present. The situation was gone into very thoroughly, and Mr. Magrath found all those engaged in the fuel business willing to do everything they could to improve existing conditions.

After the conference Mr. Magrath gave out the following statement: "The fuel controller, Mr. Magrath, accompanied by Mr. Hudson of the Mines Department, Ottawa, have been in Halifax since Thursday morning last. They left St. John Sunday night. Mr. Magrath had a meeting in Ottawa a short time ago with the fuel representatives of the Maritime Provinces, when the suggestion was made that in view of the concern that exists in the minds of many people in these provinces as to their fuel supply for the coming winter, the premiers of the three provinces should each nominate a representative to assist Mr. Magrath in his work. The Hon. R. T. Beasley of the City of Halifax acted for Nova Scotia, Dr. James H. Frink for the Province of New Brunswick, both gentlemen being with Mr. Magrath during his stay in Halifax. Unfortunately the fuel controller was unable to get in touch with the premier of Prince Edward Island in time for the meetings, however, the interest of that province have not been overlooked in the various conferences which have taken place with the operators, coal dealers and other interests in order to see what the real conditions were in the matter of coal supply, etc."

**Situation Briefly Summed Up.**  
The situation briefly may be summed up as follows: In normal times the Nova Scotia mines were turning out in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 tons a year. The estimate for the present year is about 5,000,000 tons. The shortage amounting to 1,000,000 tons is due to the loss by enlistment of about 6,000 men, replaced, it is true, to some extent by a less experienced class of labor.

Of the output of Nova Scotia in normal times, 2,000,000 tons were annually taken up by the St. Lawrence River for the Montreal and adjoining markets. The tonnage used in carrying the coal up the St. Lawrence river has practically been taken by the British Admiralty, so that even if there were no shortage of labor resulting in lessened output, it would be impossible under present conditions to give the St. Lawrence river markets the coal formerly obtained from Nova Scotia; in fact, the situation as it stands today, is that it will not be possible to take up the St. Lawrence quite 200,000 tons. The million tons of tonnage available for this market, if tonnage could be secured is going into war work in the shape of bunker coal to and in the supply of vessels with vessels which are now all examined at Halifax. Formerly this work was done at Kirkwall in Scotland. The obligation of supplying these vessels with fuel has therefore been thrown upon Nova Scotia mines. These conditions following what transpired last winter have been causing the people of these provinces some concern about their domestic supply, and naturally they wish to know that reasonable prices will prevail.

In the final interview which the fuel controller and his associates had with the operators, the latter expressed their appreciation of the necessity to produce every ton of coal that is possible at the present time, and they stated that in order to carry out this policy successfully entire co-operation and support of the men employed at the collieries is essential, which judging from their experience during the course of the war they said that the men appreciated the position in like manner with the operators, and that all forces working in unison will produce results satisfactory as between the producer and consumer as desired by the controller.

The operators have obligated themselves to supply their regular customers in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland as they did last year, and in doing so they have expressed themselves as confident that the reasonable needs of the public will be met.

No Higher Prices.  
With reference to prices of coal for

consumption within the Maritime Provinces the operators have undertaken that no increase shall be made on the current maximum prices of coal, which are as follows:

Screened coal, per net ton, f. o. b. mainland collieries, \$5.00.  
Run of mine coal, per net ton, f. o. b. mainland collieries, \$4.75.  
Run of mine coal, per net ton, f. o. b. Cape Breton collieries, \$4.50 to \$4.75. These prices to apply as long as present conditions obtain. Any change in conditions necessitating an increase in prices is to be submitted to the fuel controller for his approval before any increase becomes applicable. The operators have called attention to the special difficulty attending the mining of coal in Nova Scotia. The great bulk of the coal is won from undersea areas. Some of the seams then are a steep incline faulty and gassy. The distance from where the coal has to be drawn is greater and always increasing as the workings progress in depth and extent.

**Cost Increased.**  
During the past year substantial increases in wages have been granted and the cost of all materials entering into the production of coal has been greatly increased, in some instances being double in price. These factors of high cost as pointed out, have been aggravated by conditions arising out of the war, and the large reduction in output has further increased the cost of production and of all other overhead expenses.

**Plea for Economy.**  
There never was a time in the history of the world when men should stand shoulder to shoulder in helping their country through this abnormal situation, which will continue as long as the war lasts. The public must realize the great strain which has been thrown upon Canada in connection with this struggle and the people must be prepared to adapt themselves to the unusual circumstances that will exist until a return of normal conditions. It is imperative that all caravans of coal should be unloaded in the shortest possible time and furthermore the greatest economy should be exercised in a less experienced class of labor.

**United States Situation.**  
The situation in the United States is no better than in Canada. In every direction and in every direction transportation channels are being overworked. In that country it is not a question of increased car supply, but rather of obtaining double efficiency out of existing car supply. The effectiveness of the transportation system is governed by the capacity of the terminals and a larger car supply in fact, the situation as it stands today, is that it will not be possible to take up the St. Lawrence quite 200,000 tons. The million tons of tonnage available for this market, if tonnage could be secured is going into war work in the shape of bunker coal to and in the supply of vessels with vessels which are now all examined at Halifax. Formerly this work was done at Kirkwall in Scotland. The obligation of supplying these vessels with fuel has therefore been thrown upon Nova Scotia mines. These conditions following what transpired last winter have been causing the people of these provinces some concern about their domestic supply, and naturally they wish to know that reasonable prices will prevail.

**BAVARIANS TIRING OF  
"THE PRUSSIAN'S WAR"**  
Canadian Headquarters in France, Sunday, July 15, via London.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press).—An enemy sergeant who was captured three days ago told the correspondent today: "The chronic feeling of animosity that has always existed among the Bavarians against the Prussians is becoming more and more acute. The Bavarians are of opinion that they are being worse used than the Prussians. They get shorter periods of rest and always have to hold the worst position in the line. The Bavarians are tired of fighting the Prussians war."

**A TYPICAL HUN PLOT.**

Petrograd, July 15.—The minister of ways and communications, M. V. Krasnov, has notified all militia chiefs at the various railway stations that information has been received from the staff that the Germans have sent telegrams to assassinate government officials, with particular intentions against A. P. Kerensky, the war minister, and urging every precaution.

**TWO MEN DROWNED BY  
CAPSIZING OF BOAT**

Saturday Night Tragedy in River Opposite Chatham.  
K.—Two Men Drowned. Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., July 15.—Four young men residing at Ferryville, just opposite Chatham, came to town Saturday night in a row boat so as to be able to return after the shows as there is no return ferry after ten p.m. When they went to get their boat they found some one had stolen it, and they secured an old dory and proceeded to return home. The boat filled when near the other side and two of the men, Abraham Pettie and Bert Smith, were drowned. The other two, Walter and Andrew McIlwain, brothers, managed to save themselves, one by swimming and the other by clinging to the boat.

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## RUSSIANS SAW HUNS CHAINED TO THEIR GUNS

Fight for Possession of Kalucz  
One of Fiercest Yet Known  
on Eastern Front.

Petrograd, July 15.—The fighting resulting in the capture of Kalucz subjected the revolutionary army to the severest task, according to the Russian press, which says that the Russian cavalry entered the town at noon Wednesday and found it abandoned by the garrison. The Russians were soon attacked, however, by fresh enemy forces which were rushed from the fortresses.

After a stiff fight the Russians were compelled to fall back. Reinforced they returned and drove the Germans out. At two o'clock in the afternoon the Germans, supported by an armored train, counter-attacked and again occupied Kalucz. But they were once more expelled with heavy losses. Sanitary houses—house fighting, mostly with the bayonet, ensued until 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Germans, says the paper, used explosive bullets with their machine guns. The Russians took few prisoners. In some houses the German gunners were found chained to the guns.

## CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 15.—Saturday's noon casualty list contains the following New Brunswick men:

**Killed in Action.**  
R. E. Murphy, Bass River, N. B.  
**Died of Wounds.**  
P. J. Vautour, Burnville, N. B.  
**Wounded and Missing.**  
W. Kuehn, St. John, N. B.

**Wounded.**  
W. Stapleton, Sussex, N. B.  
A. E. Sliger, Naah's Creek, N. B.  
J. E. Jeffreys, Jeffreys' Corner, N. B.

**SATURDAY NIGHT'S LIST.**  
**Killed in Action.**  
Capt. H. P. Osborne, Fredericton, N. B.

**Wounded.**  
A. Bourque, Cocagne, N. B.  
J. A. Draper, Northampton, N. B.

**Wounded.**  
Gunner R. N. Delamere, St. John, N. B.  
**Wounded.**  
Gunner L. F. Patterson, Upper Kintore, N. B.

**Infantry.**  
Wounded and Gassed.  
W. McKay, Tatamagouche, N. B.  
Wounded.  
H. B. LeBlanc, Moncton, N. B.  
J. J. McCafferty, Bridgetown, N. B.  
J. Talley, Bathurst, N. B.

**Unofficially prisoner of war.**  
M. J. Steeves, Hillsdale, N. B.  
**Artillery.**  
**Wounded.**  
Gunner D. R. Bishop, River de Chute, N. B.

## THE GERMAN EMPIRE TOTTERING TO ITS FALL

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AUSTRIA ABOUT READY TO QUIT.

Zurich, July 15.—The Austrian Reichsrat was thrown into an uproar on Saturday when the former Czech minister, Herr Praschak, declared the hate of the entire world was not directed against Austria but against Germany, and that Austria should detach herself from her ally, says a Vienna despatch.

"How are we to obtain peace," demanded Herr Praschak, "if we cling to the German side? Must we continue to sacrifice our interests to the expansion of Germany? Must we continue to submit to the German militarism that has drawn us into this war?"

The speaker declared that Czech deputies had been imprisoned for attempting to bring about an alliance of Austria with Russia and France, and added that if they were to be stigmatized as traitors then all Czechs who believed similarly should be so stigmatized.

Major D. A. McKinnon, D. S. O., Charlottetown, P. E. I., Services.

**Wounded.**  
Sapper F. Ellis, Fredericton, N. B.  
**Wounded.**  
H. A. Taylor, Sallabury, N. B.

## ITALIANS PROGRESS IN HEAVY FIGHTING

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Rome, via London, July 15.—British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Between Lake Garda and Lenno numerous enemy patrols were repulsed by our snipers."

"East of Gorizia enemy parties which were attempting to approach our positions on Hill 133 were driven back by means of hand grenades. The artillery activity, which was generally moderate along the whole front, became very intense for short intervals between Dosso Pail and Castagnavizza."

"There has been considerable aerial activity in Carnia and on the first line of the Julian front. An enemy machine which was downed in an aerial combat fell in flames east of Castagnavizza."

## BRITISH OPERATIONS ON THE BELGIAN FRONT

London, July 15.—Today's official announcement on operations along the Franco-Belgian front reads: "The advantage occurred during the night southeast of Havrincourt. Successful raids were carried out by us in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and Gavrelle and south of Armentieres. North-east of Armentieres a German raiding party was repulsed."

## SUCCESS BETHMAN-HOLWEG.

London, July 14.—Dr. George Michalis, Prussian under-secretary of finance and food commissioner, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Von Bethman-Holweg, as chancellor.

**THE REICHSTAG DISOLVED.**  
Amsterdam, July 14.—A Berlin despatch received here today stated that the sitting of the Reichstag after some unimportant discussion was dissolved. The president, Dr. Johannes Kaempf, was authorized to summon the Reichstag "as soon as circumstances allow."

**HOW LONDON POLICE  
WARN OF AIR RAIDS**

London, July 15.—A new police air raid warning was given in London shortly after seven o'clock last evening says the "Weekly Despatch" when police on bicycles appeared in the streets carrying placards inscribed: "Police notices. Take cover."

"The people acted immediately diving for the nearest shelter, chiefly the tube stations, but in a few minutes the message, 'All clear' came through, and the streets were promptly refilled. There have been no reports of any panic."

The friends of Evelyn Greeley, the beautiful and talented leading actress of World-Pictures Brady-Made, had a hard time dissuading that intrepid young woman from donating her high power automobile to the government for ambulance service in France and enlisting to drive it in person. Even now they are not sure they have won the argument, for Miss Greeley has a will of her own, reflecting the old saying that "when a woman will, she will, and there's an end on't."

Fredericton, July 15.—Relative of Joseph Francis, the Kingsclear Indian, whose body was found in the St. John river opposite this city on July 2, are not satisfied with the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury, to the effect that the cause of death could not be assigned, as no post mortem examination of the body had been made. It is reported that the department of the Attorney General will be asked to look into the matter.

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M. H. Hammell, secretary Military Hospitals' Commissions of Ottawa and Chas. Robinson, secretary Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission of St. John, are in Halifax on official business.

London, July 15.—British airmen have been victorious in the most severe aerial fighting since the beginning of the war. On the front in France on Thursday fourteen German airplanes were brought down and sixteen driven down out of control, says the official statement from British headquarters in France tonight. Nine British machines are reported to have been lost in the fighting.

Petrograd, July 15.—The Finnish diet has passed the second reading of a bill virtually establishing Finnish independence. The introduction of the bill has created a serious crisis here and N. C. Fehde, president of the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates, has gone to Helsinki for an effort to settle the differences.

The premier and other ministers have longed to the cabinet party refuse to allow Finland to determine her relations with Russia, insisting she must wait until the meeting of the constituent assembly.

The comment of the newspapers in Petrograd is sharp. The Reich declares it is impossible for Russia to tolerate Finland's move.

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