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PUBLIC WANT LIGHT.

"The Evening News," of New Glasgow, has published in full our recent article entitled "Go to the Roots," referring to the questions between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its employees, following it with an article of its own, "The News" makes some suggestions as to changes in the officering of the company, but insists very strongly that it is essential for the regulation of the company's affairs that there should be a change of government in this province. The question of a change of government is one with which "The Casket" is not concerned; as it lies outside the scope of this paper's activities and work. But we think it is a pity that a matter which so closely affects the well-being of so many people and which is at the same time one which urgently requires the application of sound principles of economics and sociology, should be made use of in a partisan spirit and should have its merits obscured by party cries and party exigencies. The carelessness with which grave questions of an economic character are likely to be handled when they are thrust into the party arena is fairly illustrated by this very editorial of "The News," which in one place complains of the price of coal and in another complains that the company is not sufficiently protected by the customs tariff. Is the company getting too much money and at the same time in need of more? That is fairly typical of what happens to an economic question when it is imported into party politics. We trust that the affairs of the British Empire Steel Corporation will not be made a party issue; for there is nothing to be expected but fog from a partisan conflict over such matters, and what the public want and ought to get, is light.—Antigonish Casket.

Press Comment

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.
Glasgow Herald.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in his comments upon the King's Speech, was surprised at the mild and friendly terms in which reference was made to Russia. It would have been more surprising if Russia had been dealt with in censorious terms. We have no interest in following provocative policies; it is our main business, indeed, to refrain from answering fools according to their folly, or to put the case not less pertinently, we offer to the present rulers of Russia an example in moderation and sobriety which would be worthy of their emulation.

THE CARE OF SOULS.
London Daily Express: The pay of clergymen in the Chichester diocese is to be established at a minimum of £300 a year. While this does not represent a large income for educated men, with heavy duties and responsibilities, it will, nevertheless, bring relief to no fewer than forty incumbents in the diocese. It would be well if similar action were taken elsewhere. The pay of our poorer clergy cries shame upon Christian England. Thousands of country vicars are pinched for the most necessities of life; their meagre incomes are swallowed up in the preservation of an appearance of respectability, essential for the proper conduct

of their work, and in the provision of education for their children.

THE MARITIME PROBLEM.

Toronto Globe: The Maritime Provinces contend that they have not obtained their fair share of the benefits of Confederation. It may be that here again geography stands in the way; but as we did not allow ourselves to be conquered by geography in our Western progress we ought to approach the Maritime problem with the same courage, and in a spirit of sympathy with the dwellers by the sea. It is good advice to tell them to rely upon themselves and develop their own resources. But we cannot stop there. We might not have made such gratifying progress ourselves if we had been compelled to rely upon our own unaided efforts. We have benefited by Confederation, and we should give a fair hearing to our less fortunate neighbors when they contend that they are entitled to a larger share of the benefit.

CONSUMED BY TAXES.

London Daily Mail: Every business man is agreed that taxation, national and local, is now on a most extravagant scale and that this is a deadly handicap to trade. It is nonsense to tell us that no relief is possible. Our whole system of administration since the war has become too complicated and too costly. Our Civil Service managed to conduct the business of administration in 1913 for £54,000,000. In the present year it is costing £227,000,000, or deducting war pensions, about £155,000,000. That is to say, the amount which it costs up has been nearly trebled, whereas our exports since the war have only increased in value about 50 per cent. The cost of local government has also risen nearly as heavily. It cannot be too often repeated that a nation of shopkeepers (and such we have to be to live) cannot afford this vast and unnecessary outlay on officialdom.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.
Springfield Republican: While the Washington conference accomplished much, it is recognized that its work was necessarily incomplete. Competition in capital ships was averted, but is now threatening to break out in other types not included in the treaty of the Pacific. The fortification of the islands of the Pacific was stopped, but the proposed great British Naval base at Singapore has become a matter of controversy. And in regard to the Far East, it was apparent at the time, and has become more manifest that no settlement could be complete and permanent in which Russia, as one of the greatest Far Eastern powers, did not participate. With Japan's recognition of the Soviet Far Eastern diplomacy takes a new turn. We may safely assume that this development will be watched vigilantly by our State Department, and not impossibly it may lead to some revision of American policy.

NEW ZEALAND STATE RAILWAYS.
Auckland Weekly News: Cleary the intention of the Government is to close a chapter in the administration of the service. It is, however, obvious that a mere change from a single manager to a board of control will not achieve that purpose. It could be conclusively demonstrated that an independent manager, with the necessary

knowledge and experience, would be the best instrument for the efficient control of the system, provided he were invested with adequate powers and actually free from external interference. It is, however, probable that Parliament would refuse to concede to a manager powers which it might be persuaded to entrust to a commission. Advocacy of management by commission does not rest upon demonstration of the superior wisdom and competence of experts in consultation, but upon the fact that only such an authority is likely to be made independent of political influence. Thus, the value and the importance of the changes now proposed does not depend wholly on the personnel of the board, but largely on the character and the extent of the powers which it is to exercise.

GOVERNMENT REACHES PERFECTION.

Kansas City Times: (The U. S. Treasury imposes a tax of \$4 a gallon on all confiscated liquor before sale as industrial alcohol. The U. S. Department of Justice has declared this tax invalid. The legal staff of the U. S. Treasury are contesting the opinion of the Department of Justice.) As matters stand, both departments have a hand on the bottle, each asserting jurisdiction, and are glaring at each other much after the fashion of Sairey Gamp and Betsy Prig on the immortal occasion when the one demanded of the other than she drink fair. It is, as we say a triumph of government, because all wheels have been stopped, no alcohol is being sold, no tax is being collected and two co-ordinate departments are standing on each other's feet. Temporarily at least, government has reached perfection. It is doing nothing. Next to going backward, that, we believe, is the goal it long has sought and grieved because it found it not.

50 YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE CELEBRATED.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Harris, Bear River, Receive Evidence of Regard on Anniversary.

Bear River.—On Candlemas day, 1875, Chipman Harris and Annie Troop were married at the old Troop Homestead on Sisson Hill, by Rev. Joseph H. Saunders. They had five children, all, except one, living: Clarence M., Supervisor of Schools, Ashland, N. H.; John C., a deacon of the Baptist church, Milton, Mass.; Miss Mabel V., of Boston; and Margaret, recently married to J. L. Warren, of H. M. Customs, Bear River. Many friends met at the home on Monday evening tender congratulations and offer tributes of respect. There were also messages of regret from those not able to be present. Deacon W. W. Clarke, on behalf of friends both present and absent, in a reminiscent address presented the one time bride and groom with a large array of tangible tokens of regard, consisting of gold, mingled with other gifts equally as useful, the whole representing a goodly sum. To this the groom responded, showing appreciation, referring to the freedom from care, owing to the kindness of their children, and because of having such a wide circle of valued friends. An original poem, written by C. M. Harris, B. A., was read by Mrs. Warren. Rev. R. S. Greig, Warden W. G. Clarke and W. E. Reade made remarks well fitted to the occasion. A solo, to her own accompaniment, by the octogenarian singer, Mrs. Bogart, entitled "Silver Threads Among the Gold," was enthusiastically received by the company. Mrs. H. R. Kinney gave a recitation, "Over the Hills to the Poor House," with "Over the Hills From the Poor House" as an encore, bringing out the pathos peculiar to Will Carleton's poems. The entertainment was brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," with the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Harris might, in health and happiness, be spared to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee.

ARGUED CASE FOR THE MARITIMES.

Hon. R. E. Finn Appeared Before Supreme Court, in Crow's Nest Nest Pass Appeal Case.

Ottawa.—Hon. R. E. Finn, M. P., Halifax, argued before the Supreme Court Thursday morning the case for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the appeal against the decision of the Railway Commission in setting aside the Crow's Nest Pass Act. Mr. Finn argued on six points, claiming: 1. That the Crow's Nest Pass Act was a special Act. 2. That it was statutory. 3. That the Act was binding up on the Board of Railway Commissioners. 4. That the Crow's Nest rates were limited in application to those points on the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1897 when the Act was effective. 5. That the provisions of the Crow's Nest Pass Act, in so far as they con-

NERVES AND FAINTING SPELLS

Sent Woman to Bed. Great Change After Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Sarnia, Ontario.—"After my girlie was born I was a wreck. My nerves were too terrible for words and I simply could not stand or walk without pains. Suffered with fainting spells until I was no longer any good for my household duties and had to take to my bed. The doctor said I should have an operation, but I was not in a fit condition at that time. My neighbor said, 'Why don't you try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?' I am sure it will do you good and will save those doctor's bills." So I was advised by my husband to try it after I told him about it. I am very thankful to say that I was soon able to take a few boarders for a while as rooms were scarce at that time. My baby is 17 months old now and I have not yet had an operation, thanks to your medicine. I have recommended the Vegetable Compound to a few people I know and have had the good effect it has done me. I know I feel and look a different woman these last few months and I certainly would not be without a bottle of your medicine in the house. You can use this letter as you see fit, as I should be only too glad for those suffering as I have to know what it has done for me."—Mrs. ROBERT G. MACGREGOR, R. R. No. 2, Sarnia, Ontario. A recent canvass of women users of the Vegetable Compound report 98 out of 100 received beneficial results. This is a remarkable proof of its merit. C

RECORDS BROKEN.

Ontario Gold Mines Will Have \$30,000,000 Production in 1925.

Timmins, Ont.—Preliminary figures covering the month of December show the gold mines of Northern Ontario produced more gold than any other previous month in the history of the industry. Again, all tonnage records were broken, and once more the general advice from the mines is that of outstanding progress. The aggregate income of the producing gold mines exceeded \$2,400,000 for the first time on record in this province. The figures show that while the total output for 1924 was about \$25,000,000, yet the mines are entering the year 1925 with production at a rate of close to \$30,000,000 a year.

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liet with the Railway Act, overrule the same. 6. That the Canadian Pacific Railway wrongfully interpreted the Crow's Nest Act in not extending to the Maritime Provinces the rates to points on the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1897.

REV. T. C. MELLOR MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

Nearly a serious accident befell Rev. T. C. Mellor last Sunday afternoon on his way to Perotte, which place he persists in visiting on Sundays to hold service for the benefit of a more or less appreciative people. The horse he had for the occasion, however, must have been somewhat at loggerheads with the Anglican mission, for he gave a fine shot with his off hind leg to an ice ball, striking the esteemed clergyman fairly in the right eye and causing contusions that brought the blood and narrowly escaped damaging the sight. Mr. Mellor was able to conduct service again in St. Luke's the same evening, but considerably pained and has since been wearing blue glasses. He hopes that horse is not a confirmed kicker.—(Spectator.)

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A Practical Course of Technical Instruction For Twenty-One Fishery Officers of Nova Scotia Just Completed at the Agricultural College.

Truro, N.S.—A course of technical instruction for twenty-one Fishery Officers has just been completed at the Truro Agricultural College. A similar course was given last winter to forty-four other officers. It is hoped that these courses may ultimately grow into a Fishery School. Why not? Agricultural Colleges have been carried on for many years greatly to the benefit of Agriculture in all the older Provinces of Canada, and why a college for Fishermen should not be started, it would be difficult to say. Fishing is nearly as important as farming and an improved quality of Holoistens or Southdowns, or an improved quality of grains, fruits or vegetables, is of more importance to the fisherman than to the farmer. The Government made no mistake therefore, eighteen months ago, when it decided to organize courses of instruction for fishery officers. The aim was first of all to educate the fishermen. Teachers have to be trained before it is possible to train pupils. The average school teacher could not do this special kind of work because he has been trained to teach only school children. The Fisheries Department, therefore, is undertaking two lines of work in co-operation with the Biological Board of Canada. (1) It will educate the fishery officers to take part in the education of the fishermen, and (2) it will send round expert and well trained fish curers to show fishermen how to put up boneless fish in the best way so as to command the best price. It is hoped also in the near future to build and operate a model smoke house at the new biological station on King's Wharf, Halifax. The course just completed at the Truro Agricultural College has been eminently practical. It consisted of experiments, demonstrations, and explanations, and as simple as they could possibly be made. Professors Bartheaux and Harlow each contributed separate courses in the physics and chemistry of air, water and earth. They tried to open the eyes of the fishery officers to what is going on around them and to bearing of these sciences upon fish and fisheries. Professor Cunningham also took part in the work of instruction. He emphasized the difference between fresh fish and stale fish and showed by experiments how the one changes into the other. The difference between the two he showed to be due to the action of bacteria. The longer the time elapses between the time a fish is caught and the time it is eaten the staler it becomes. In fact, the staler fish is due to bacteria getting on the fish and starting decay. Dr. Kinley, the Chairman of the Biological Board of Canada, under whose supervision the course was conducted, devoted his attention to the difference between natural waters, sea water, river water, lake water, and the waters upon mountains. These latter being very unproductive of life because of the absence of the nutritive material known as plankton. Sea water is by all odds the most productive of life: lakes upon high mountains the least productive. He also stressed the fact that before planting fry or fingerlings in lakes in which they are not known to be indigenous, a thorough examination of such lakes should be made. Altogether the men left the College very much delighted with the course and hoping that there might be a similar one offered to them each year for the next four or five years.

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