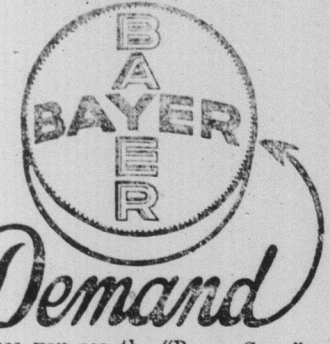


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SCHOOLS FOR RULERS

Boston Transcript: For every one genius who makes a great discovery there will be an innumerable succession of those who are not geniuses, but who are called upon to apply that discovery to the uses of mankind. So for every genius of statesmanship, who establishes great principles of government or of diplomacy, there is an unending succession of functionaries who must execute those principles and who need systematic instruction to enable them to do so. "No man," said Socrates, "undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet every man thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades—government." The need and the utility of instruction in diplomacy and other departments of statecraft are already recognized, in the establishment of colleges and universities; of courses in diplomacy, in consular duties, in public finance, and what not; the graduates of which are the preferred recruits in the entering grades of the national service.

COAL MINING IN THE U. S. THREATENED

Halt The Mines And More Than 200,000 Miners Must Go, It Is Declared

Jacksonville, Fla.—Members of the joint wage conference of miners and operators here said that thousands of soft coal miners in America face elimination from the industry, regardless of what wage agreement is signed nor can any wage agreement save hundreds of mines and little mining hamlets over the country from gradual dissolution, they declared. "Elimination has commenced," a spokesman for the operators said, "and will stop only when economic conditions require. There are seven hundred bituminous shipping mines in the country. About half of them must go, and with them more than 200,000 miners. Every delay in reaching an agreement will stave off the elimination, but only for a time. There is no escape from it."

This was the spirit evidenced by miner and operator leaders as they emerged from the session of the subcommittee entrusted with the drafting of a wage proposal for the central competitive fields. The session was spent largely in sparring for position. A great diversity of opinion, it was said, was shown by operator members, and for the sake of agreement a formal proposal was made that the miners amend their demands and ask a one year contract instead of one for four years.

The miners countered by repeating that they were persuaded that the signing of a four year contract would be a great step in restoring industrial stability in the country.

POINCARÉ'S POWER

Freeman's Journal (Dublin): So long as it is national policy to keep a tight grip on the Ruhr, it is difficult to see what other statesman could be trusted to hold it as resolutely as M. Poincaré. To reject him would be, not to throw over an individual, but, as the Frenchman views the situation, to repudiate the central principles of French foreign policy since the Armistice. His opponents are both numerous and determined, but, unless events assume a different complexion inside the next couple of months, the Prime Minister will not be easily uprooted.

60 PER CENT DUTY PORTS OF CANADA

\$18,639,254 Of Imports Under British Preference Policy In Eight Months.

Ottawa.—Of the total of \$18,639,254 of the imports into Canada from Great Britain from May 1st to December 31st, of 1923, that were affected by the extended preference of 10 per cent, instituted at the last session of Parliament by Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, \$43,639,254 of those imports were actually entered under that additional British Preference. It amounted to about 90 per cent, which is regarded by members of the Government as a convincing proof of the wisdom of the policy pursued by Mr. Fielding.

It is a notable fact that of the \$43,639,254 worth of goods imported from Great Britain in those eight months, and taking advantage of the additional 10 per cent, preference, \$28,266,809 was under the heading of textile productions. None of the other classes of commodities even remotely approached this figure. Metals totalled \$3,009,845; non-metallic minerals, \$1,081,923; miscellaneous commodities, \$1,528,863; vegetable products food, \$7,309,671; animal products, \$922,339; chemicals, \$328,564; wood and paper, \$573,572; vegetable products other than food, \$107,578.

The total imports under the entire preferential tariff for the eight months of 1923, May to December, were \$90,401,525, as compared with \$80,701,661 in the same period in 1922.

BACK-TO-THE-LAND COLONIZATION

Tom Moore Gives His Views At Ottawa.

Montreal.—Speaking on "national problems" at the People's Forum here, Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, declared that it was "more logical, just and proper, to keep our own people in Canada than to secure immigrants from Europe." He thought that the millions spent in advertising and propaganda for immigrants could have been better used at home, for the good of the people in difficult circumstances, and with a view to holding them here, instead of going to the United States. Mr. Moore pleaded for a "back-to-the-land" colonization scheme undertaken among the dwellers in Canadian cities. He considered that Canada was suffering from a lack of co-ordination. The individual laws of each Province, he thought, more and more estranged them from each other, thus forming nine separate countries, so to speak, within one.

Speaking of the miners of Nova Scotia, he thought they are being misrepresented through the daily press. He claimed that the miners had been more loyal to the Empire during the war than the workers in any Canadian industry.

BRIDGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL LOSSES TO MIDDLETON HIGH 4-0

Bridgetown High School hockey team went to defeat before the first Middleton High sextette, in a fast and exciting game Tuesday night of last week, the score being 4-0. The game was fast and clean throughout, and was the best exhibition of hockey seen in the Bridgetown rink this winter. Neither teams scored in the first period, and though Bridgetown had most of the territory and rather the better of their opponents, through hard luck they failed to score. In the second period the home boys failed to keep them down, as well as in the first period, Middleton scoring three goals. However they settled down again in the third period and only allowed one goal to be scored. Though the score was rather one sided, playing as a whole was not taken lightly, referred to the entire satisfaction of all.

Middleton—Hoyt, goal; Kelly, Parsons, defence; J. Wilson, D. Wilson, K. Baker, forwards.

Bridgetown—Henson, goal; Tupper, Mack, defence; T. Beattie, C. Anderson, C. LeBrun, forwards.

\$1,000 GIVEN AWAY IN WILD CAT BOUNTIES

Fredericton, N. B.—Over \$1,000 has been paid by the Province in wild-cat bounties since the commencement of the present fiscal year on November 1st, 1923. Already approximately 400 claims for the \$3 bounty offered for each animal have been handled by the Chief Game Warden's branch of the Department of Lands and Mines as compared with the 51 claims paid in 1923 following the bounty offer passed by legislation in that year.

BOTH PILOTS WERE FATAALLY BURNED

Lyons.—Two military airplanes, piloted by Sergts. Moreau and Robillard, collided at a height of three thousand feet while manoeuvring over the Bron Ardrome and crashed in flames. Both pilots were fatally burned.

MANSLAUGHTER IS CHARGE

Byron A. Roney, Driver of Car In Which Mrs. Warren Was Killed, Arrested Last Week.

Annapolis Royal.—Byron A. Roney, of Digby, was arrested there, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Harry Warren, who was an occupant of his Ford car which he was driving, when it was overturned near Clementsport on June 3rd, last, in a collision with a McLaughlin car owned by W. G. Clark of Bear River, and driven by Charles Wilson.

Wilson was sentenced to a term in prison for his part in the fatality, having been convicted of manslaughter last Fall. At the coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Warren, evidence was brought out suggesting carelessness in Roney's driving, and the trial judge who sentenced Wilson made a pointed reference to the possibility that Roney might be culpable in the matter.

Roney's arrest was in pursuance of instructions from the Attorney General's Department at Halifax.

Mrs. Warren was killed when Roney's car, in which she, Mrs. Roney, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Roney, were passengers, ran off the road and toppled over an embankment just as the Clark car attempted to pass from the rear, after having signalled several times for the right of way.

HAVE STRUCK OIL

Development Work To Be Undertaken At Wedgeport And Near Meteghan.

Yarmouth.—Hilaire LeBlanc, of Wedgeport, has discovered oil on the surface of the ground at Wedgeport. Mr. LeBlanc journeyed recently to New York with samples of his find and, on being submitted to chemical analysis by experts, the samples showed a high percentage of oil. Mr. LeBlanc has taken up large tracts of land at Wedgeport, in the vicinity of the oil tracts. It is his purpose to form a company and begin boring as soon as the weather permits. New York parties are willing to finance a company themselves. Local men also are interested in the development of oil deposits recently found near Meteghan.

POLITICS AND RAILWAYS

Providence Journal: The fundamental trouble with the railroads of Canada is politics, and until the Canadians take the roads out of the hands of politicians they will have deficits to pay. Canada cannot stand the losses for an indefinite period; unless there is a change the gloomy predictions of The Montreal Star may be realized. Meanwhile the taxpayers of the United States ought to note the predicament of the Canadians and profit by the experiences of the Dominion in Government control of railroads.

AN AUSTERE TEACHER

Cincinnati Times Star: Mr. MacDonald and his Ministers are using centuries-old functions of the British Government for their own purposes. And yet even more the functions of the British Government are using Mr. MacDonald and his Ministers for their purposes. There is no question that Mr. Clynnes and Mr. Snowden and Mr. Webb are going to be more affected by their contact with the British Government than the British Government is going to be affected by its contact with them.

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DESTITUTION IN HEBRIDES

Ten Months' Rain Destroyed Crops And Ruined Industries.

New York.—A cablegram from Lord Balfour to John Stewart, of the Sulgrave Institute in this city, contained the message:

"Reported to us that 30,000 persons in the Hebrides in danger of starvation. What can Sulgrave do? If anything please advise by cable.—Balfour."

Ten months of unceasing rain which has destroyed crops, ruined the Scotch natives' thatched homes, and cut off their every means of livelihood has, according to Mr. Stewart, prompted this appeal to the United States for aid.

Not since 1846 when the "great food" visited the Scotch Hebrides and America went to the rescue with food, clothes and money, have the proud but poor inhabitants of these barren islands sought charity, he declared.

GOOD ADVERTISING

Digby Man Enthuses Over Nova Scotia Exhibits At Tampa, Florida.

Premier Armstrong has received the following letter from H. C. Warner, Digby, who is spending the winter in Florida.

"I attended the Tampa Fair, and I cannot refrain from writing you. Any words of commendation fail to express to you the appreciation felt by all the Nova Scotians down here for the efforts you put forth to help make our Canadian exhibit, at the big Florida Fair, such a success. Perhaps the greatest joy of all was to have American visitors to the Fair freely admit that this was the best exhibit on the ground.

"Much credit is due Mr. W. J. White and his associates for their painstaking and tireless endeavors to present the Nova Scotia exhibit to the best advantage. I want you to imagine the pleasure our Provincial exhibit gave to Nova Scotians like myself. I notice in one of your splendid orchard photographs, a picture of the very warehouse where my own apples are packed. Mr. White kindly gave Mrs. Warner and myself Canadian badges, and it made us feel mighty good to wear them.

"Among the Nova Scotians who visited this Fair were: Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Graves and daughter, Harry Clarke, Woodville; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Clute, Berwick; Mrs. Herbert Whitman, Lawrenceville; Mrs. Hayward, Bridgetown; Mrs. Simpson and daughter, Wolfville, and Mrs. Fawcette, Sackville, N. B.

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Halifax Chronicle.

CONTRACT FOR THREE YEARS

American Miners Sign Up At Existing Rates.—Helps To Put Industry On A Sounder Basis.

Jacksonville, Fla.—All men for both parties assured and the existing wage scale for the bituminous miners of the central competitive field was signed here by representatives of the operators and miners. The signing of the contract laid the ground work for peace in the industry and according to spokesmen for both parties assured are adequate supply of coal for at least the duration of the contract.

Michael Gallagher, speaking for the operators, said:

"As chairman of the joint continuous supply of coal for a period of at least three years, and also gives assurance that the industry itself is the best agency through which to work out the problems in connection with the proposition and distribution of coal."

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, said the negotiations of this agreement represented a mutual constructive effort of the miners and operators towards constructive policies in the industry.

"The agreement," he said, "will assure to the American people an adequate supply of coal for at least three years under conditions that will rebound to the welfare of American industry."

TO BE EXAMINED

New Jersey Votes For Inspection Of All Men Seeking Marriage Licenses.

Trenton, N. J.—The New Jersey Assembly, by a vote of 32 to 15, passed the De Lorenzo assembly bill provid-

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OUTRAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Healy spent Valentine's Day in Middleton. Miss Adelaide I. Fritz has taken over school for the remainder of the term, Miss Mailman having gone to Truro, Normal College.

Mr. Sidney Stevens and Mr. Drew, of Berwick, were recent callers of friends in this place.

Mr. William Hall, of St. Croix Cove, and Mrs. James Bragg, of North Range, spent one day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Healy.

Mr. John Balsor, of Acaville, Digby Co., who has been in this place several weeks (logging) spent the week-end at his home.

A very pleasant evening was spent by quite a number from this place at the parsonage, Port Lorne, on Monday evening, Feb. 18th.

Mrs. Joseph Hines, of Port George, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Avaré Slocum.

ing for medical examination of all males who apply for marriage licenses and for the postponement of the marriage of those afflicted with certain diseases.

Opposed by members from Hudson County who declared the measure an attempt to legislate morality into the people and who asserted the bill provided for "lawful larceny" in the charging of a fee for the medical examination proposed, the bill was strongly fettered by Miss Fort, of Essex County, who stated that many of the large women's organizations of the state favored its adoption.

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