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COAL MINING MATTERS

Matters so far as colliery operations go have swung into normal in Cape Breton and large outputs are being produced. These conditions cause some wonderment outside where another deadlock was expected by numbers of people following the turning down of the agreement recommended by John L. Lewis and the U.M.W. officials. The fact that the men repudiated the agreement by a large majority and then continued to work opened up a new situation previously unknown in centres noted for the giving of surprises.

Just what this may mean or portend does not seem quite certain. In some quarters it is regarded as a slap at the Provisional officers appointed for district 26 when the others were deposed. This may to a certain extent be the case. It does not, however, look as if the men really intended to break away from the United Mine Workers' Association. Such talk is sometimes heard sporadically at labor meetings but the sense and judgment of the great body of mine workers is evidently against it. While John L. Lewis no doubt would be disappointed over the referendum, he is playing the wise game in taking time to look carefully into the whole situation before making a pronouncement. That he is opposed to the so-called "Red" element has been made manifest on a number of occasions but he naturally sees that beneath the surface are matters which must in the interests of labor as a whole be handled with care and diplomacy.

The men would hardly wish to break away from the U.M.W., an organization which has given them strong support at critical times and will for the future support them when they need and deserve that support. A break away would put the cause of labor back most materially and by so doing they would play into the company's hands.

Apart from the question of miners and company are the interests of the great bulk of the public—the consumers. Until a more complete and thorough investigation than any made yet, is carried through both from company's and men's point of view, there is bound to be a recurrence of turmoil and trouble as sure as one season follows another.

THE BRITISH EXPERIMENT

Le Figaro (Paris): England, no matter who may be in power, will always be England. Her European and world policy are governed by traditions, by immovable rules, which Ramsay MacDonald has neither the power nor, in all probability, the desire to change in any respect whatsoever. There is besides something still more immovable, the Foreign Office, with its red tape and its personnel. There is also the great colonial administration, the Dominions,

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Extract from The Farmer's Advocate of February 14th, 1924:
"W. W. Baird, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Nappan, gave a very concise report of some of the experiments which have been carried on at the farm in the use of lime and fertilizers. It was very encouraging to note that the Slag produced at Sydney, N. S., had given as good, and in some cases more economical yields than were obtained from imported Slags."

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THE NATIONALITY OF THE MARRIED WOMAN

A curious anachronism in the Canadian laws governing the nationality of married women was recently discussed at a Convention of the Social Service Council of Canada. According to the present system a Canadian woman who marries an alien herself becomes an alien and remains one even after her husband's death. A young woman may be an active member of the League of Women Voters, a United Farm Women's Organization, a Local Council of Women, or the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, may devote a large proportion of her time to the study of Canadian public affairs, may contribute to the solution of national problems in a number of ways, may use the franchise with intelligence and discretion, and may be conscious of a deep attachment for Canadian traditions, Canadian customs and Canadian environment. But if she should marry a man who is an American citizen, a French citizen, or a Norwegian citizen, she is forthwith deprived of her British nationality. Moreover it is impossible for her to resume British nationality during the lifetime of her husband except in the extreme case of the outbreak of war between His Majesty and the state of which her husband is a subject. In such an event it is provided that if the wife declares her desire to resume British nationality she may be granted a certificate of naturalization provided the Secretary of State of Canada approves. But ordinarily it is impossible for her to regain her British nationality during her husband's lifetime, no matter how earnestly she may desire it. The unsatisfactory character of this law is all the more apparent when the family continues to reside in Canada, the husband refusing to become naturalized, and the wife prevented by an outdated law from exercising the rights of citizenship which were formerly hers.

The present law is patently unjust. As international communication grows easier and as travel increases there will naturally occur an increasing number of international marriages. It is therefore important that the matter of revising the law touching nationality of married women be given careful attention in Canada in a very near future. Marriage with an alien is not an offense against the state and should not continue to be penalized as at present. To deprive a woman of her British nationality under these circumstances is to classify her deliberately with "infants, idiots and imbeciles," to whom are applied the same disabilities.

It has been argued that it would be absurd to allow a husband and wife to retain distinct nationalities—that the difficulties arising from such an anomalous condition would be so great that it would be impossible to adopt any other policy than the one which is now in vogue. But it must be realized that British women have not always been deprived of their citizenship upon marriage with an alien. Until the year 187 a British national remained a British national unless he or she voluntarily abandoned that nationality. The system had prevailed for centuries in Great Britain, and prevailed also for many years in some of the British colonies, as well as in the United States. What was possible before 1874 in this regard is possible now also.

Canada made an attempt in 1919 to remedy the situation, but failed to achieve success. In that year a bill was passed which, among other things, provided that ordinarily upon marriage with an alien a woman was to assume his nationality, but that she was not to be bound inevitably to take out naturalization papers on her own account as if she were unmarried. This Act was later repealed because it conflicted with the Imperial Act.

The British Parliament has recently been considering a revision of its law in this regard, however, and the time is now apparently ripe for concerted action on the part of Great Britain and the overseas Dominions. A suggestion has been made that this question be placed upon the agenda of the next Imperial Conference. It is a matter upon which the various parts of the Empire should take action simultaneously, and this can be done if there is sufficient expression of public opinion in Canada and other Dominions to warrant the alteration of the present inadequate laws.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF CANADA

TWO COMPANIES PACK 25,000 BBS. OF APPLES

Paradise.—The Paradise Fruit Co. finished their Winter's work in their warehouse last week. They have packed and shipped 12,000 barrels of apples, besides a large quantity of potatoes.

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BOARD OF TRADE ASSURES COMPANY OF CO-OPERATION

Community of Bear River Ready to Support New Pulp Concern in Its Development Plans.

Bear River.—A special meeting of the Bear River Board of Trade was called by the President, Dr. Wm. J. Wright, in response to a request made by Col. E. C. Phinney, Attorney for the Bear River Pulp Company, in order that Mr. Rantoul, the manager, and he might bring before the Board some matters pertaining to the operations of the new pulp company.

The meeting was called to meet at the Board rooms in the Masonic building, but the members were present in such large numbers that it was found necessary to adjourn to Oakdene Hall.

The speaker, Mr. Rantoul and Mr. Phinney, met a very gracious reception, and were given an attentive hearing.

K. H. Smith, engineer of the N. S. Power Commission, was present, and at the request of the chairman made some interesting remarks, stating among other things that the splendid water powers of this locality afforded ample water for all industrial and power purposes, for present and future needs.

A resolution was submitted to the meeting, assuring the company of the hearty co-operation of the Board of Trade in the development and furtherance of their plans. The resolution was moved by Rev. C. M. Mack and seconded by Geo. T. Tupper and spoken to by Rev. A. W. L. Smith and carried unanimously. Eighty-seven members of the Board of Trade were present.

A petition is being circulated embodying the spirit of the resolution which will be extensively signed.

The whole community is strongly back of the new company, and Mr. Rantoul, in their efforts to become firmly established in their operations.

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Lunenburg.—A large number of Newfoundlanders have arrived to man Lunenburg fishing vessels, as local skippers find it hard to get crews, not because there is any lack of men, but chiefly on account of those who have been in them say when they are approached: "We do not think we will go fishing this year. We think we will go rum running." And of course, they fishing skippers do not want to wait until the last and then get no crews. If this sort of thing continues, it looks—if the industry is to go on at all—as if the human side will have to be furnished by strangers.

Sometimes what is really indolence is mistaken for wisdom.

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ORIGINAL RED CAP IN SEIGE OF PARIS

First of force on Continent is still at work in Canadian Pacific Windsor Station

Remains Patriotic Frenchman

BEHIND all great transportation companies must always exist the human factor. Many of these human factors are visible, but there are many thousand individuals who are not seen at all, and others who are seldom seen, yet all of them vitally necessary in maintaining the smooth running of the system.

Of the visible aids are the baggagemen, but it is probable that the travelling public seldom give them a second thought after receiving a check, unless it is to protest against being charged excessively. The baggagemen form an important link in the chain and are a searcher in the hunt for interesting individuals who is permitted to explore in a somewhat certain to be rewarded in his efforts.

It was on such a voyage of discovery at Windsor street (Montreal) station of the Canadian Pacific Railway, that Monsieur Louis Dupart entered the horizon of the reporter, and added to the general knowledge of one individual.

Louis Dupart has several claims to fame. One is that he is the only man of that name in Canada—that is his own statement—another is that he is the original "Red Cap," having been the actual Number One on the American Continent, and witness what an army has developed from the original private in the ranks.

It might be thought from this that Mr. Dupart is a colored man, but make no mistake about that score; he is not, and further, is a native of one of the most delightful cities of the world, Paris. In his birthplace Mr. Dupart touches history. While yet a lad he witnessed some of the scenes of the siege in 1871 and remembers the hunger that was one sad feature of those stirring times. Mr. Dupart remains the patriotic Frenchman, and by virtue of his service is always allowed to abstain himself on July 14th, the French national festival.

"Paris was terrible then," commented Mr. Dupart, "and not like the city it was to be afterwards. The 'Agent' there had but little difficulty in persuading my parents to make their way across the Atlantic. The 'Agent' promised wages of three to four dollars a day, but when we came we found them only eighty cents, and, with great satisfaction afterwards to learn that he had been sent to jail. We sailed on the Scandinavian of the old Allan line."

Dupart, senior, set up a forge in Duke street, Montreal, and it was in that sturdy neighborhood that Louis grew up until at the age of fifteen a Mr. Cook, then superintendent of the Y.M.C.A., used his influence to have him placed at work in Bonaventure station. There was some difficulty in finding work for Louis, but eventually he was given a badge and told to help the passengers with their hand baggage, and this became the original Red Cap.

In 1887, Mr. Dupart joined the service of the Canadian Pacific and was assigned to the Atlantic street, now the uptown shopping district of Montreal. In himself he has changed only to the extent of becoming more philosophical, which has enabled him to appreciate that even a baggageman may prove a world of boundless interest.

TRAGEDY IN CHICAGO AUTO

Motor Salesman Found Dead, and Cabaret Singer Arrested.

Chicago.—Mrs. Belle Overbeck Gaerther, former cabaret singer and divorced by William Gaerther, wealthy instrument manufacturer, was arrested last week after policeman found the body of Robert Law, 32, automobile salesman, abandoned in her motor car on a street near her home. Law had been shot through the head. A discharged automatic pistol, of which the police said Mrs. Gaerther admitted ownership, was found on the floor of the automobile, along with a bottle of gin.

Mrs. Gaerther hysterical was pacing the floor when the police arrived at her home, they said, and her statements at first were incoherent. She was quoted as saying that Law and she had been driving when upon nearing her home she heard a shot and Law dropped over the steering wheel. She said she had given her pistol to Law so that he might protect them. The police said none of the windows of the closed car had been broken by a bullet.

Mr. Gaerther's suit for divorce nearly four years ago received much publicity. Both parties to the suit testified they had employed detectives in the guise of servants until their house was nearly filled.

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