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**DOMINION NO LONGER TO AID THE UNEMPLOYED**

Withdrawal of federal contributions to the provinces for unemployment relief is announced in a letter from Premier King to Premier Bracken, of Manitoba, dated Feb. 20th. The Prime Minister in part stated that the policy of the Government as set out at the Dominion provincial conference was "that such assistance as had been given from the federal treasury had justification as a war-time measure to meet conditions arising out of the war and the re-establishment of returned men to civil life." Mr. King continues: "It was stated at the conference that justification for federal assistance in the matter of unemployment on this ground no longer exists. In our opinion, other circumstances have not arisen which at the present time justify contributions from federal treasury to either provinces or municipalities as assistance in dealing with the problem of unemployment."

## Are the Indians and Eskimos Starving in the Far North?

Rev. W. G. Walton, Former Missionary in the James Bay Region, Again Makes Charges. It is the Duty of the Government to Investigate at Once and Settle the Question.

Are the Indians and Eskimos of the Far North actually dying from starvation? If so, why has the Government persistently neglected to remedy conditions? If not, why does not the Government make official statement in the matter to relieve the anxiety of the public. It is a disgrace to Canada that the story should be broadcasted that Indians and Eskimos—the natives of the Far North—should starve to death in this rich country that once was theirs. It is equally a disgrace that the Dominion Government should sit back and allow a false story to be generally circulated in this matter—provided the story as to the starvation of the natives is not correct.

Rev. W. G. Walton of Toronto, but formerly a missionary in the James Bay area, where he and his wife lived for many years, is forward once more with story that Indians and Eskimos of the eastern shores of James and Hudson Bays are suffering from starvation. In a letter last week to The Toronto Globe, Rev. Mr. Walton states that there is great distress this winter through the almost entire absence of all game upon which they depend for food. Indians in desperation, are coming to the trading posts to get some sort of employment in order to obtain food for themselves and their little ones, says the letter.

According to the writer common boiled beef in tins is 75c. a pound, and flour \$14 to \$16 a bag (98 lbs.). Most of them have nothing with which to pay for them, and the Government assistance by no means meets the case.

"The people are sending in a petition to the Indian Department pleading for help, and asking that a cattle ranch be started in the James Bay region in order to provide means to prevent this almost annual suffering. "It is customary" said Rev. Mr. Walton, "for these suffering people to cut the moss on the rocks and boil it till it forms a jelly, a cupful being as much as a man can take, and which seems to stave off the cruel pangs of hunger for a while. But what of the little babies when the mothers are starving?" he asks. "Old bones are dug up and boiled for any remaining nourishment that may be extracted, and this in a district where the mean temperature for a four-year average

is away below zero."

The Eskimo are driven to eat their sealskins, which seems to help them for a while. Rev. Mr. Walton in his letter says that he has often known them to eat the carcasses of their dogs which have died from disease. During his 2 years' life among them 357 of the natives died from starvation, or through sickness as a result of such starvation, in spite of all the help he and others could render. Through the disappearance of the barren land, Caribou, in 1883, the Eskimos cannot obtain skins with which to make suitable clothing for such a climate as theirs, so cannot sit as long as formerly watching at a seal hole. They must go hungry and wait till the spring, when the seals come and lie on the ice.

With the Indians the melting of the deep snow in the spring is a particularly hard time, for then snowshoeing and hunting are particularly out of the question. Help must be found if their lives, and especially the lives of the little ones, are to be saved. The need is too great for individuals to meet. It is up to the Government to act, and act quickly.

Mr. Walton, in an interview at Ottawa with the present Premier two years ago, suggested that he appeal to the British Government, since he could not believe that that Government would permit such conditions in any one of their Dominions if they knew of it, but the Premier answered that he did not think such an appeal need be made.

The real solution, it is claimed, to this continuous food shortage in a district nearly 1,000 miles long is in the introduction of domesticated reindeer, as urged for so many years by Mr. Walton, and recommended by the Royal Commission, or musk ox and reindeer. Dr. Grenfell gave definite proof that reindeer could flourish in Newfoundland, for from his initial herd of 250 he had 1,200 in five years. "The Hudson's Bay Company were ill advised by Stefansson to try an experiment in Baffin's Land, where there is neither suitable shelter nor sufficient feed, hence the ultimate failure," said Mr. Walton.

"This territory east of Hudson Bay was once the grazing land of countless thousands of caribou, till fires caused them to leave. The moss on which they live is still there; good harbors and landing places are plentiful. The wolves followed the caribou, so that there is practically none in the whole district.

"We white people," said the missionary, "who boast of the enormous wealth of Canada—a land taken from the natives—owe it to them that they are not left to perish through lack of the necessities of life. It is the only great district in the Dominion where there is not a resident doctor, Indian Agent, hospital or representative of the R.C.M.P."

A couple of years ago Rev. Mr. Walton put forward a similar charge, and last year again it was brought forward. The matter is one that should not be allowed to rest as it is. As The Advance has continued to point out: It is up to the Dominion Government to settle this question. If Mr. Walton is giving the facts of the case, the Government should take immediate action to see that Indians and Eskimos receive care and attention. If Mr. Walton is mistaken, or otherwise wrong, his claims should be dealt with so that no more credence may be given to them. The very attitude of the Government, however, seems to uphold the case as presented by Rev. Mr. Walton. Are Canadians content to let such a state of affairs exist? Surely not. The question seems to be one that should be openly taken up on the floor of the Dominion House at this session. The right man to do it is our own member Mr. J. A. Bradette, M.P. for Temiskaming North.

### HOME NOT NEEDED IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AS THERE

Blame this on The Toronto Mail and Empire:—

Newlywed, to the real estate salesman who is trying to sell her a home: "Why buy a home? I was born in a hospital ward, reared in a boarding school, educated in a college, courted in an automobile, and married in a church, get my meals at the cafeteria, live in an apartment, spend my morning playing golf, my afternoons playing bridge; in the evening we dance or go to the movies; when I'm sick I go to the hospital, and when I die I shall be buried from an undertaker's. Why should we buy a house, I ask you? All we need is a garage with a bedroom."

Christian Science Monitor:—Herschel Biekel of the New York Evening Post says the word "tip" is an abbreviation of a sign, "to insure promptness," painted on a contribution box by employees of a tavern in England over 400 years ago. In view of the extent to which the practice has been carried on in recent times, it might be an abbreviation for "to insure peace."

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Interesting Statements in Annual Report of Metropolitan Life—Company Breaks Life Insurance Record in Canada in 1927 Accomplishments

Those who have made a study of the subject state that there are five great hazards facing every human being, hazards that assume graver proportions when they directly affect that social unit called the family. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company summarizes them in its annual report, indicating what a life insurance company can do, should do and what, so far, it has been unable to do toward meeting them. In their order they are: Death, which may come early, before one's dependents have been provided for; Accident, always sudden and often causing lessened earning power; Sickness, which may cause want as well as suffering; Dependent Old Age, which must seek charity if self-support is no longer possible, and Unemployment, which may bring distress to others in addition to the

one of the five great hazards. But even today, if they will plan ahead, workers can provide for both present and future needs, so as to enjoy in years of retirement, not merely bare existence, but real comfort. According to the figures just issued, Metropolitan created in 1927 the greatest record ever made in life insurance in Canada. Insurance issued, revived and increased amounted to \$194,948,664. This figure comprised \$91,544,576 Ordinary, \$76,417,689 Industrial and \$26,986,399 Group, being an increase over 1926 of \$26,086,641. Insurance in force in Canada at the end of 1927 was \$769,114,229, an increase over 1926 of \$64,292,874, and being covered by 2,467,977 policies in force in the Dominion, a gain over last year of 118,073. It is interesting to note that Metropolitan investments in Canada have increased over fifteen millions in the past twelve months, reaching the figure of \$153,194,442. Since it has operated in Canada Metropolitan has invested here, or spent in the Dominion millions of dollars more than have been received in premiums on Canadian business. Policyholders in Canada were paid \$11,560,367 in 1927, which was \$1,481,360 more than in 1926. Metropolitan have issued a Home Budget Booklet which tells how much should be spent for necessities—food, housing, clothing, fuel—and how much should be laid aside for protection. Any reader may obtain a copy, without cost, by writing to Canadian Head Offices, in Ottawa, and mentioning this paper.



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Third Vice-President and Chief Agent for Canada, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

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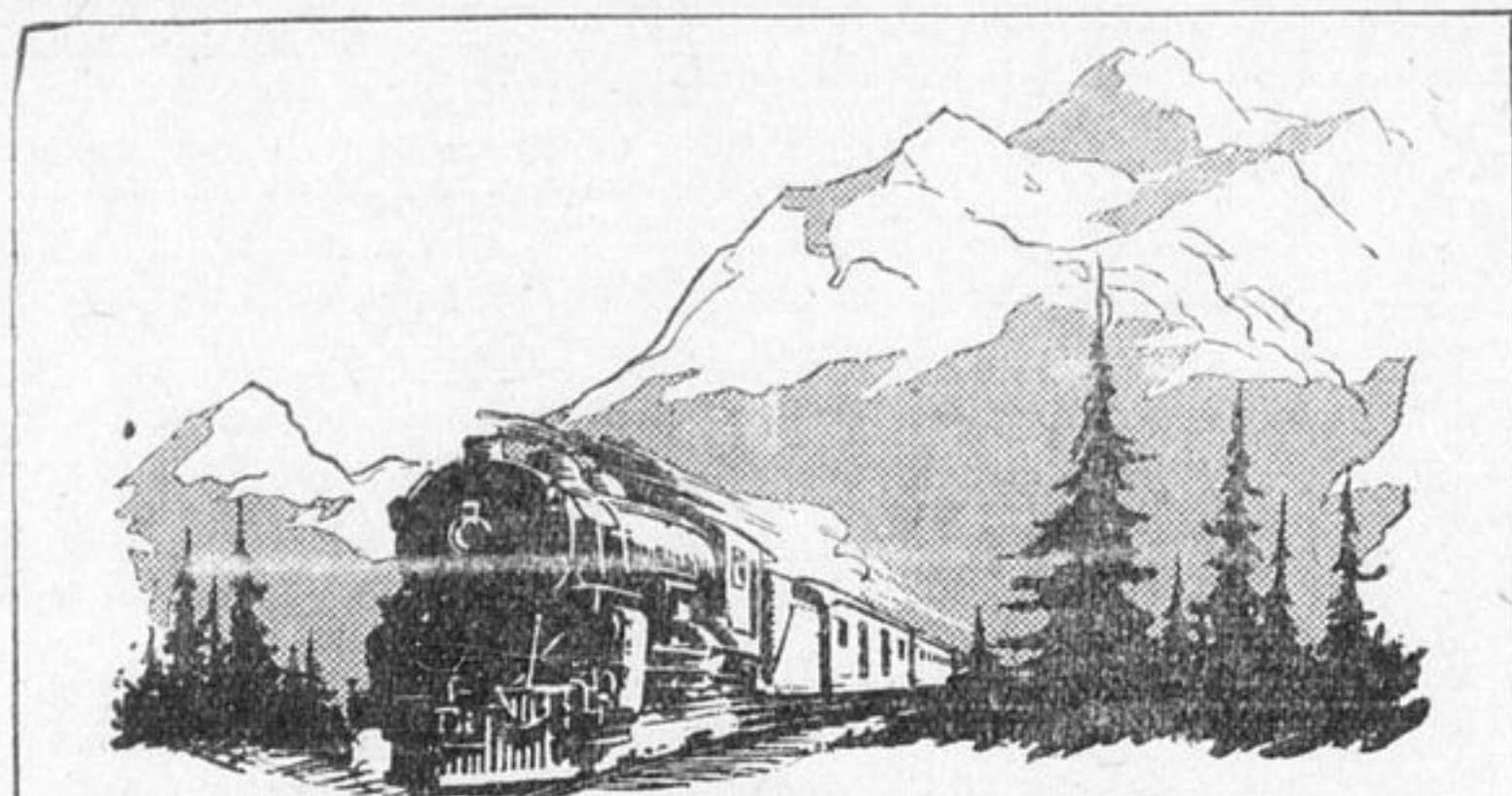
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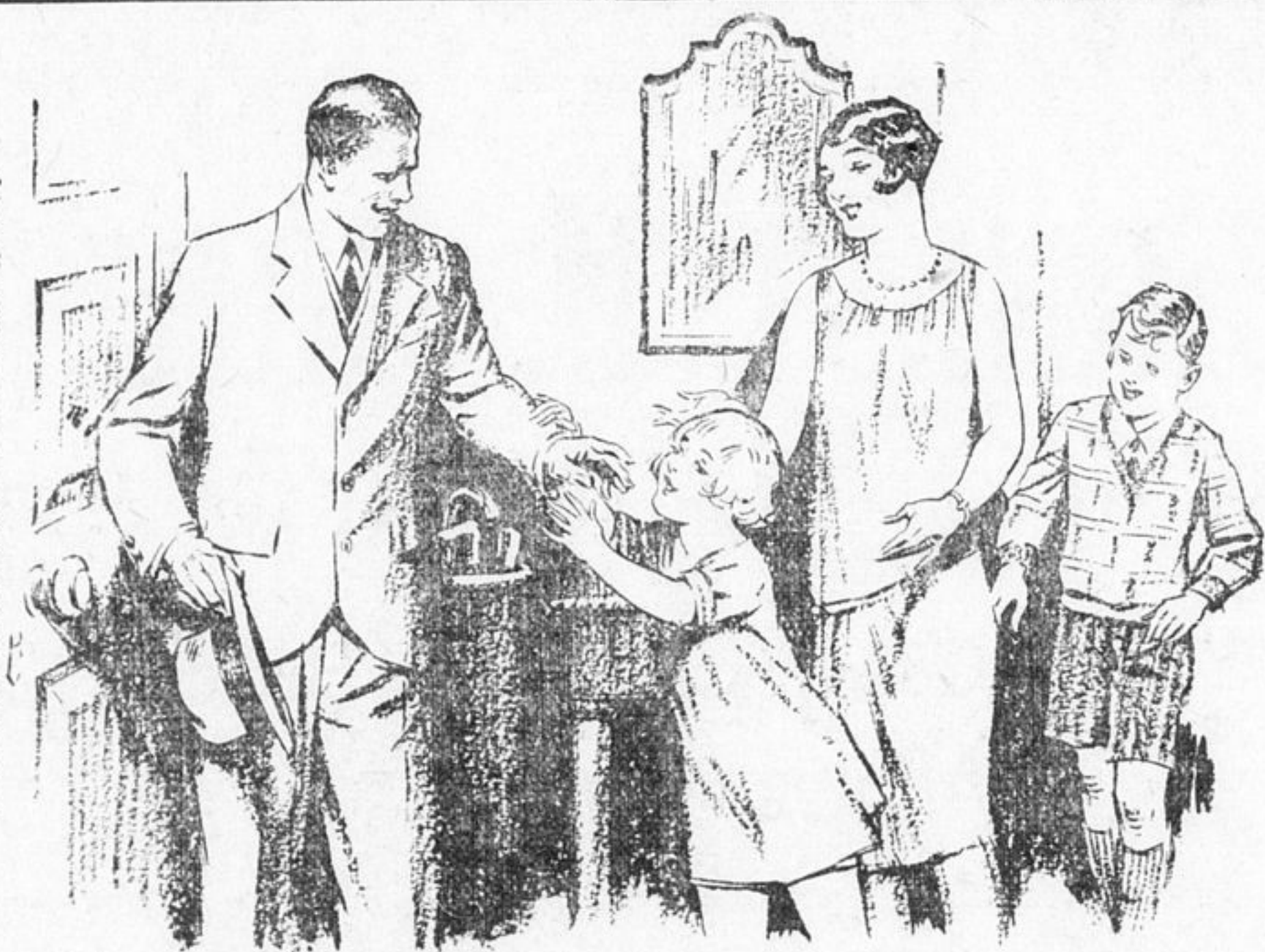
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