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Mr. Bennett's Proposals and the Mining Industry

The following editorial from The Northern Miner is particularly timely and worth reading:

"The speeches of Hon. R. B. Bennett have aroused widespread interest in Canada. So far as his revelations of plans for future action have gone there is nothing visible that should particularly startle a public which has enjoyed a ringside seat at the spectacle of United States interference in business in the past two years.

"So far the outlines of plans for Canadian action have been fairly well concentrated on domestic problems. The relations between producers and consumers, the role of the middle man, the strategic position of the manufacturer, the financial foundations of industry, the condition of the farmer are salient features that have been sketched by Mr. Bennett.

"What has been thus far ignored is the situation of the producer of goods or materials for export. It may be quite feasible for Parliament to legislate for or otherwise regulate the conditions of commerce within the borders of Canada; experience indicates that no one country can control the world market in commodities. Even attempts at international action to control price levels of metals and foodstuffs have failed ignominiously.

"What we have in mind in making these observations is that Canadian metals and minerals are sold abroad to the extent of about 85 p.c. of total production. This fact should be borne in mind by Parliament when it gets around to regulating Canadian industry. Gold, silver, copper, nickel, lead, and zinc, as well as asbestos are but slightly consumed in the country of origin and therefore are subject to the conditions which prevail in the world markets.

"Actually, we do not anticipate much, if any, regulatory action with respect to the mining industry which has not fallen into the fundamental error of reducing its workers to low scales of wages but which has, on the contrary, maintained a comparatively high level of remuneration for its workers and has successfully striven along scientific lines to increase production efficiency in order to meet world market conditions.

"If an example were needed of harmful regulation in the mining industry it could be taken from the copper situation in the United States. Under the NRA a domestic price of nine cents per pound was set for metal of domestic origin, for domestic consumption. The result has been that the rest of the world gets its copper at seven cents a pound, can manufacture copper products cheaper than the United States and that country is rapidly losing its finished copper products business, which is being garnered by Great Britain, the continental countries, and Japan.

"We conclude the Canadian mining industry has little reason to fear re-

gulation. The situation in this branch of Canadian business does not invite interference. We assume that the proposed National Economic Board will recognize a satisfactory state of affairs and the necessity to keep hands off an industry which exports 85 p.c. of its production."

Some of the "Good Deeds" of the Canadian Boy Scouts

(Canada Week by Week)
Eighty thousand children were supplied with Christmas toys through a chain of 150 toy shops operated across Canada from coast to coast by Canadian Boy Scouts. Since their inception eleven years ago Canadian Boy Scout toy shops have collected, repaired, repainted and distributed nearly two million toys to over half-a-million Canadian children.

In many centres scarcity of old toys this past year caused the Scouts to try their hand at making new ones, and wholesale quantities of new wagons, trucks, tractors, racers, doll bedroom sets and other toys to delight the childish heart were added to Santa's pack.

Thousands of family parcels of toys were sent to settlers rehabilitated in Ontario and Quebec by Government and municipal back-to-the-land schemes, and to new homesteaders in Northern Saskatchewan.

Heavy bulk shipments of toys were made by eastern Scout toy shops to assist their brother Scouts in the West to carry on the good work. In addition Scouts in the East distributed thousands of play-things among the children of their own districts who might otherwise have been overlooked.

Funeral at Ottawa of the Late William T. Buckland

The Ottawa Journal on Monday of this week had the following in reference to the funeral of the late William Thomas Buckland:—

"Final tribute was paid to the memory of William Thomas Buckland at his funeral held Friday afternoon at his residence, 128 Hopewell avenue. The service was conducted by Rev. Robert J. W. Turley, pastor of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Interment was in Hawthorne cemetery. Besides his widow, the former Mary A. Hunt, chief mourners were, three daughters and two sons by his first marriage, Mrs. John McMillan, of Baltimore, Mrs. George Conroy, of Cobalt, Mrs. A. Ross, of Prescott, Harry Buckland, of Timmins, and George Buckland, of Saskatchewan; his stepson, John Delute, of Ottawa; one brother, O. H. Buckland, of Ottawa; and his sister, Mrs. H. Neville, of Ottawa. Many floral offerings were received by the bereaved family from friends and relatives."

North Bay Nugget.—The race between Communism and Fascism in Europe seems to depend on the number of unfortunates each can stand up before a firing squad.

Satisfying Dishes in the Line of Meats

Some Meals that will Appeal to Appetites Quickened by the Crisp Weather These Days.

The following recipes are written for The Advance by an expert in the culinary arts:—

Roast of Veal

- 1 1-2 pounds veal round steak
- 1-4 cup oil
- 2 filets anchovies chopped
- 6 green olives chopped
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
- 3 cups green beans
- 6 sprigs parsley
- 6 potatoes

Have the meat cut in six pieces and pounded. Brush over with oil. Mix the anchovies, olives, egg yolk, capers, cheese, salt and pepper. Spread this mixture on the meat pieces and roll, fastening with toothpicks. Brown all over in butter in frying pan, then put into the tomatoes which should be boiling. Cook for twenty minutes. Take out the rolls, remove the toothpicks and keep hot. Have the potatoes cut in small cubes and the beans in equally small sections. Cook for twenty minutes in the same juice in which the meat was cooked. Add a little stock or boiling water if the juice becomes too thick. Put in the meat rolls again and reheat for 5 minutes. Remove from the liquid, arrange meat and vegetables on a large platter and garnish with parsley.

Stuffed Rib Chops with Apples

- 6 rib pork chops 1-2 inches thick
- 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1-4 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon fat
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 1-4 teaspoon salt
- 1-8 teaspoon savory seasoning dash pepper
- 1-8 teaspoon celery seed
- 3 tart red apples

For the stuffing cook the celery, onions, parsley in the butter for a few minutes. Add the bread crumbs and seasonings and stir until well mixed. Cut a pocket in each chop. Sprinkle the chops with salt and pepper and rub lightly with flour. Sear the chops in a heavy hot skillet, turning the fat edges down at first and then browning on both sides. Then fill each chop with stuffing and skewer the edges together with toothpicks. Lay the stuffed chops on a rack in a baking dish. On the top of each chop place cut side down, 1-2 apple which has been cored but not pared. Cover closely and bake in a moderate oven for about 45 minutes or until the meat is tender. Lift the chops and apples together from the baking dish on to a hot platter and remove toothpick skewers. Garnish with parsley and serve at once.

Pork Chops en Casserole

Slice 5 sweet potatoes crosswise, place a layer in a greased baking dish and sprinkle with salt, pepper and brown sugar. Continue until all the potatoes are used. Pour over enough heated milk to almost cover. Rub 6 pork chops with salt and pepper and place on top of the potatoes. Cover and bake in a hot oven for about 45 minutes. Remove cover and cook until chops are tender and slightly browned.

Baked Hamburg Loaf

- 1 pound hamburger steak
- 1 medium onion cut in five pieces
- 1 green pepper cut fine
- 1 egg
- 1 cup broken spaghetti
- 1-2 can tomato soup
- 1-2 cup milk
- 1 slice bread

Salt, pepper and celery salt to taste. Boil spaghetti for 10 minutes. Mix with all the above ingredients, except the bread and place in a casserole. Spread crumbs of bread over the top. Bake with cover on for half an hour, then take cover off and leave in oven until done.

Savory Pot Roast

Take a four pound piece of beef from the chuck. Make splits on each side with a sharp knife, stuff each slit with a small silver of garlic. Brown the meat on all sides and place in roasting pan with 1-2 cup of water. After the meat has cooked 1-2 hour place sliced carrots and one can of sieved tomatoes over the top. Potatoes may be placed around the roast if desired. Serve meat with vegetables arranged about the sides and thicken the liquor remaining in the pan for gravy.

Short Ribs with Vegetables

Brown 3 pounds of short ribs of beef in a little fat in a heavy kettle. Cover with hot water and add salt and pepper and simmer for 1 1-2 hours. Add the vegetables (seven of each) carrots, potatoes, onions and turnips. If there is not enough liquid to cover all of the vegetables put the onions and turnips in the liquid and let the carrots and potatoes lie on the meat. Simmer until the vegetables are tender. Remove meat and vegetables and arrange attractively on a platter. Make a gravy by thickening the liquid with browned flour. Two tablespoons flour to each cup of liquid.

Ragout of Beef

- 1 pound chuck steak cubed
- 1 large onion sliced
- 10 whole cloves
- Dash paprika
- 4 cups canned tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 bay leaf

Have the butcher cut the meat in cubes about 2 inches square. Sear the cubes in a deep kettle or a heavy frying pan, add the tomatoes, onion, garlic, cloves, salt, bay leaf and paprika. Cover and cook over the simmer burner at a very low temperature for about 2 hours or until the meat is tender. Remove the cloves of garlic and bay leaf and serve at once over hot boiled rice. If you prefer a thick sauce remove the meat when tender and reduce the liquid to about one-half.

First Meeting of Year Women's Missionary Soc'y

The first meeting in the new year of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held on Thursday afternoon last with the president Mrs. Bruce Millar in the chair.

Encouraging reports of the various committees were presented by Mrs. Charbonneau, Mrs. Monek, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Gillies. Considerable supply work has been done and it is expected that the financial allocation of \$200.00 will be met when the outstanding mite boxes are turned in.

Plans were discussed for the coming year, which is the tenth since the union of the three churches. It is hoped that the year will be specially marked by a large increase in interest and membership, the meetings being held in the church the second Thursday of each month.

A chapter of the study book "Builders of the Indian Church" was vividly reviewed by Mrs. Jackson.

Rev. Mr. Millar installed the officers with a brief but impressive ceremony.

Miss Smith, deaconess, the special worker who is provided for this district by the W.M.S. reported a special need just now for children's clothing, so it was decided to make the collection of children's clothing the project for the month of January.

Changes are Forecast in Ontario Timber Policy

According to despatches from Toronto, with complete authority over all timber policy now vested in him by the Hepburn Government, Frederic Noad, deputy minister of forestry at Queen's Park, is reported to be planning radical departures from long-established custom.

Although the department of Hon. Peter Heenan, under which Mr. Noad is operating, refuses to discuss any of the new official's plans, it is rumoured that consideration is now being given to a possible redistribution of the limits of the various newsprint concerns. Cancellation of contracts, transfers of holdings from one company to another, and straight swapping of limits are all rumoured to be part of a programme which the government may, if it wants to exercise its authority, put into effect on Mr. Noad's recommendations.

There is no doubt that the latter's closely-guarded plans have Northern Ontario Legislature members very much "in the air." It is definitely known that certain influential men are opposing determinedly some angles of the proposed new policy, and that if any attempt is made to redistribute limits without any prior pronouncement from the government as a whole the whole situation may be aired in the press.

Hon. Mr. Heenan is said to be not so enamored himself of the programme which Mr. Noad contemplates, but reported pressure from other sections of the Cabinet may hold him in line with his deputy's attitude.

North Bay's relief bill for 1934 amounted to \$193,683.74, according to the annual report of the relief officer issued a few days ago. This is more than the Timmins amount for relief, but North Bay's share paid was only \$30,000 in which case they escaped much easier than Timmins did.

Some Miners Object to Women in Mines

Many Sudbury Miners Admit to Belief in Old Superstition About Women Being "Bad Luck," Under-ground.

On several occasions The Advance has discussed superstitions formerly held by miners but more recently disappearing from general knowledge. One of the most common of these superstitions is that women visiting underground in a mine bring bad luck.

One local miner once told The Advance that he firmly believed that the visit of a woman to a mine invariably was followed by an accident. As accidents are liable to occur in a mine whether women ever see the mine or not, it is easy to see how the superstition could be upheld.

It is a fact that the mines of the Porcupine rarely take a woman underground but this is not because of any belief in the superstition but for more practical reasons. With strangers underground there is always a danger of an accident of one kind or another and if there is anything that miners want to avoid it is any sort of an accident. The average mine manager is ready to do anything lawful to avoid an accident.

He would, indeed, be prepared to believe in a superstition of any kind if that would avoid danger of accidents. The truth is that visitors underground are not generally desired. They interfere with the smooth running of affairs; they cause at least some waste of time; and they do in a measure even under the best of circumstances, increase the chance of accidents, even though it be only minor accidents.

In Timmins none of the mine managers or higher officials are ready to admit belief in the superstition that women underground are unlucky. Most of the men underground take the same stand. "Nothing to it!" they say. Yet some of them admit that they do not like to see women underground. There are also a few who are quite frank in saying that miners, like sailors, should avoid having women underground as it does not mean good fortune.

In Sudbury the miners appear to have more or less belief in the superstition about women being unlucky in a mine. Here is an article from The Sudbury Star last week on the matter:—

Many Sudbury Miners Shudder at Thought of Women in Mine

"Ancient mine superstitions are slow to die out, and though the modern generation of miners is inclined to scoff, there are still many old timers working in Nickel district mines who firmly believe that a woman underground brings bad luck.

"The bad luck is multiplied a hundred-fold if the woman speaks to the miner, and in the olden days in Sudbury it was common for a miner to down tools and mount to the surface after a gay bevy of school teachers had visited the pit.

"It is difficult to gauge how widespread the belief is in Sudbury to-day, because women are never permitted underground in International Nickel Company mines, though at Falconbridge the fair sex are welcomed.

"Lots of miners are afraid of a woman underground but they won't admit it," declares Jimmy Kearney, machine runner at the Frood. Mr. Kearney is one who admits his superstition and is unafraid of ridicule.

"If I knew there was a woman underground on the same level as I was working on, I would take the next cage to surface," he affirms. "The same thing applies to ships," he continued. "I sailed for five years. The fifth year there was a woman aboard and we ran into the worst storm I ever saw in my life. A stoker was washed overboard and we never saw him again."

Three Accidents in Row

"Peter Bobbie, 125 King St., who mined at the old Murray Mine 10 years ago, states that years ago the traditions of other generations were respected by their companions.

"Those who did not believe in these 'superstitions,' did not think it odd if others among their fellow-workers exhibited nervousness over the presence of women underground," Mr. Bobbie reminisced. "Often also after an accident a man might suddenly be seized with a desire to see the sky above and quit work for the day. The others understood."

"The belief that mine accidents came three is one revered for its antiquity, says George O'Malley, Frood Mine stop boss. "I do not believe in it myself," Mr. O'Malley said, "but I have often heard the men talk about it and say that they believed in it."

"A Creighton Mine stop boss, Wilfred Moore, explained the superstition from the psychological angle. "After an accident on a shift occurs the men are indifferent workers for the rest of the day," he stated. "People in all walks of life are affected by accidents. Their nerves are keyed up to a high pitch which makes them easy prey for the next accident that happens along. This explains why one accident is so often followed by another or more."

Believes in Series
"For this reason I hold the belief that one accident is the forerunner of a series of three accidents, a belief that is shared by hundreds of miners."

"As far as women in mines are concerned I am against it, as most of the time I work underground only semi-clothed," Mr. Moore smiled. "I am not modest perhaps but I am not a nudist."

"Harry Flynn, timberman at the Frood when asked what views he held toward the presence of women in mines, states that he is all for it. "I would be a swell mine," Mr. Flynn said with a far-away look in his eyes.

"The motion was seconded by George Bentley, stop boss at Creighton. "Far from being superstitious about having women underground, I think it would be a great idea to have the ladies visit

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us at our labours at every opportunity," Mr. Bentley agreed.

"The way I understand it," said Wilfred Wilson, 26 Albinson St., "is that a man was as good as doomed if a woman came underground and spoke to a miner at his work. On one occasion about 100 school teachers from Ontario public schools were allowed to visit the mine. Two Cornishmen on my shift quit work for the day because one of the ladies spoke to them while they were carrying steel. The Cornishmen the next day told me of an instance where a woman spoke to a chum of theirs underground and 10 minutes later the man was lying dead with a ton of loose rock on top of him."

Says Only Coincidence

"The accident and others were only coincidences as far as Mr. Wilson is concerned.

"The superstition was a common belief amongst the older generation of miners," says J. Cullen, 265 Edmund St., Frood shift boss. "Scotch miners have often told me of the superstitions held by miners in Scotland. As for myself I do not see how any man with the full use of his reasoning powers can be superstitious. Scotchmen have told me that in some places in the old country that a miner on his way to work saw a red-headed or bare-footed woman, he would turn back."

"This is absolutely true," agrees Jack Jardine, 446 McKim St., Frood timberman, who has worked in coal mines in Ayrshire, Scotland. "Ninety-nine per cent of the miners in the coal mine where I worked would not go to work if they happened to meet a red-headed or bare-footed woman on their way to the mine. I saw one instance where a woman was put out of the village of Whittles, Ayrshire, Scotland, because she persisted in going out early in the morning in her bare feet while the men were on their way to work."

Was Not Affected

"Mr. Jardine was among the one per cent who were not affected by the lady who tripped lightly over the heather with dewy and naked footsteps.

"In most mines in the old country the men will all quit work for the day when an accident occurs," Mr. Jardine added.

"Charles Lively, mine captain at Creighton, states that although he has often heard miners mention their su-

perstitions, he never investigated them as he is not superstitious himself.

"Reports from Noranda indicate that recently the mine there had to forbid women from going underground, as it so affected many of their miners that they were either unable to work, or quit for the day. The same is said to be true at the Hollinger Mine in Timmins, in which women used to be frequent guests—but are welcomed no longer.


"However, it is said that many miners in this district have never heard of the old superstitions. They are probably the first of their generation to work underground.

"Another reason why such beliefs do not appear on the surface at least is that regulations are stricter to-day than they were a quarter of a century ago. Then if a man knocked off work for the day because of an accident, mine officials understood and laughed. But to-day when a man insists on going to the surface when he should be working he is fired. So they swallow their fears and stay underground."

Chinese Province Big Importer Canadian Goods

Kwantung, in China, takes from Canada lumber, which accounts for 46 per cent of the total lumber imports into the Kwantung leased territory. Lead, cobalt oxide, rye whiskey, biscuits, cheese, rolled oats, chocolate coatings, chocolates, rubber gloves, automobile batteries, canned goods, ice skates, macaroni, butter and beer. In return, Canada takes ground nuts, which represent 99 per cent of the total exports to Canada. Imports from Canada increased from 1,577,094 yen for the first six months of 1933 to 2,470,795 yen the same period 1934, an increase of 56.6 per cent, while exports to Canada for the same period increased 191.04 per cent, amounting to 510,656 yen for the 1934 period, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways.

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