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Royal Commissions Planned for Probes

Radio, Penitentiaries and Other Matters to be Investigated for Ottawa Government.

Ottawa despatches this week say that according to indications in the Speech from the Throne last week and the announced intentions of the government, two and possibly three Royal Commissions will be getting down to work in the very near future.

Only the difficulty in obtaining qualified men in a position to devote the necessary time has delayed appointment of the Royal Commission to investigate penitentiaries. A Commission already has been appointed to investigate the textile industry, and the Throne Speech indicated an inquiry would be made into complaints of "the monopolistic control of the importation and distribution of anthracite coal."

A special committee of the House of Commons will study conditions under which radio broadcasting is carried on in Canada, and possibly recommend a new set-up to replace or reorganize the present Commission.

Minister of Justice Lapointe has been endeavouring for some weeks to complete selection of what will be either a three or five-member Commission to carry out an investigation into Canada's penal system. It will be a work of

several months involving a great deal of travel, and difficulty has been experienced in obtaining services of persons qualified to act.

It is also expected a Parliamentary committee will be appointed to investigate circumstances under which more than 100 employees of the House of Commons were given notice of dismissal before Parliament met, only to have the notices later rescinded.

This move was blamed upon Speaker Casgrain before he took office, and was the subject of an attack against him by Opposition Leader Bennett on the motion for his election to the chair. The Conservative leader gave notice he would move for an inquiry later in the session.

Progress has already been made in the selection of what will probably be a permanent Commission of seven members appointed to deal with unemployment, find work for the idle, and supervise administration of relief. The Commission will not be appointed until the necessary legislation and appropriations have been approved by Parliament.

Other appointments to administrative bodies may arise from the government's proposals with respect to the Canadian National Railways. What move is intended was not made clear, but the Speech forecast changes that would "afford a greater measure of governmental authority and responsibility to parliament."

Kincardine Review:—There will be no jealousy hereabouts of other places with lower temperature records.

Britain Expects This Skating Pair to Do Their Duty



Britain is resting her hopes for Olympic skating honours in handsome Jackie Dunn, (LEFT), and his ice partner, Cecilia Colledge. They are the skating champions of Britain and pretty Miss Colledge recently gave the supposedly unbeatable Sonja Henie a close run for the European honours.

Not Enough Funds for Relay Stations

Much Interesting Information in Annual Report of Canadian Radio Commission.

In Timmins and district there should be special interest in the annual report of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission as presented to Parliament this week. One point of interest is that the commission admits the need for government radio relay stations at strategic points, but argues that the funds at their command are not sufficient for the purpose. There are a number of other points also of special interest to local radio owners.

Report Tabled Tuesday
The annual report of the Canadian Radio Commission, tabled in the House of Commons on Tuesday, estimated 3,249,340 listeners in Canada, an increase of 855,916 on March 31 last.

The Commission noted an almost 50 per cent. increase in the number of licensed radio receiving sets in the fiscal year 1934-35, after the national broadcasting system was fairly established by the Commission.

Need for Stations
While the Commission considered that the maximum efficiency has been achieved with the broadcast facilities presently available, it was recognized that certain areas are not served by the Commission network. The need for higher-powered stations, strategically located, is even greater than previously recognized. It was held to be impracticable, however, for the Commission to provide such high-powered stations from the present parliamentary appropriation.

Expenditures of the Commission totalled \$1,394,923 in the last fiscal year made up as follows:
Salaries, \$155,828; administration, \$70,790; operation of stations, \$62,931; new construction, \$74,688; technical apparatus, \$19,276; station network, \$245,699 for lease lines and \$332,942 for wire lines, and \$432,766 for programmes.

Excellent Programme at the Cornish Social Club

The last meeting of the Cornish Social Club at the Hollinger hall was a well attended affair at which a fine musical programme was enjoyed, as well as dancing and refreshments.

Those who contributed to the evening's entertainment, which was under the direction of Mrs. Jilbert, included Miss Hale, who rendered vocal numbers; little Miss Grace Larcher, who was recalled to the stage three times; Miss Helen Crewes, who played piano solos; Miss Barbara May, vocalist; and the Harris sisters, a piano and violin duet.

Music for dancing was supplied by Mr. Garroway.

Pleasing Story of St. Valentine's Day

Happy Account of the Life of the Saint Whose Birthday is Observed To-morrow.

To-morrow (Friday) is St. Valentine's Day, and there will be special interest in the story of the occasion. There have been many accounts given of St. Valentine and the way the day received its significance. A writer in The Northland Post, however, gives about as pleasing an account as could be presented, as follows:—

Funeral at North Bay of Mrs. S. G. Barker

The funeral service for Mrs. Stanley Grant Barker, who died in St. Mary's hospital here on Saturday following a two-day illness from blood poisoning, was held from her former home in North Bay on Tuesday. Requiem high mass was sung in St. Mary's Cathedral at nine o'clock. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Barker was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, of North Bay, had been married to Stanley Barker there in 1924. For the past three years they have been living at the Centaurium. In addition to her parents, her husband and four children, Patsy, Grant, Billy and Joan; a sister, Helen, of North Bay, and a brother, Frederick Miller, of Schumacher, survive her.

Pall bearers at the funeral were Charles Beattie, Colenzo Redington, John White, Everett O'Neil, Giles Tackel and Leslie G. Barker.

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Commissioner Meets Dome Mine Brownies

Interesting Regular Meeting of First Dome Mine Brownies in Dome Community Hall.

Dome Mines, Ont., Feb. 12th, 1936. Special to The Advance.

First Dome Mine Brownie Pack held their usual weekly meeting in the Community hall.

Fairy Ring with the ceremonial of "Awakening Brown Owl" opened the meeting. After the Six Songs were sung, Mrs. Tomney, District Commissioner was welcomed into the ring, by the Brownies. Mrs. Tomney spoke a few minutes to the Pack. Each Six went to their Corner Homes where the Sixer recited attendance and Fairy Gold. Twenty-four Brownies were present. Mrs. Tomney visited each Six in their corner, and inspected their Six Box. She was very pleased at the contents of each.

A lively singing game followed. Test work was taken up, and a Brownie rice pudding made, toward Golden Hand Test.

Another game, and then Pow-wow, with gleaming camp fire and Jungle Moon and Brownies in the circle. Mrs. Tomney told of her visit to the "Baden-Powell rally" in Toronto last May and the part the Brownies took in it. She then told stories in her own inimitable way. As a gesture of appreciation and love for the Commissioner all Brownies promised to fold their clothes neatly each night.

Tawny Owl closed the meeting with the "Brownie Squeeze."

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New Producers of Gold Showing Steady Increase

The year 1935 was outstanding in the matter of new gold output, but 1936 already gives indications that the record of last year may be surpassed. Newly installed milling plants have auspiciously joined the list of gold producers, and there are more to come. The Lake of the Woods area, one of the oldest mining districts in the province, was given another producer recently with the commencement of operations by the Wendigo mill, and another old-time region, the Larder Lake camp, where development was under way a quarter of a century ago, is at last in a position to deliver the precious metal through the medium of the Omega mine and mill.

Red Lake Gold Shore is another prospective producer, the company having announced its decision to instal a 125-ton mill, with the aim of bringing it into production next summer. Bousquet Gold Mines in the West River area also has a plant under way, and expects to be in a position to pour its first brick of gold by next May.

Several other embryo mines are calculated to be due for the producing stage before the end of the year, and capital is being found for the exploration and development of others which show good prospects. Every indication at present is that gold mining will experience the greatest year in its history in 1936. It is obvious that in the 40 or more separate and distinct mining camps scattered throughout Canada, where activity is rampant, a number of sources of new wealth must be developed.

Huntingdon, Gleaner:—Two days after his car was stolen at Arkansas City, Kan., Roy Scott noticed his car coming down the street. He hailed the driver in hitch-hiker style and got a ride. Once in the car, Scott forced the driver to go around to the police station where he not only recovered his car but turned over the thief all in one move.

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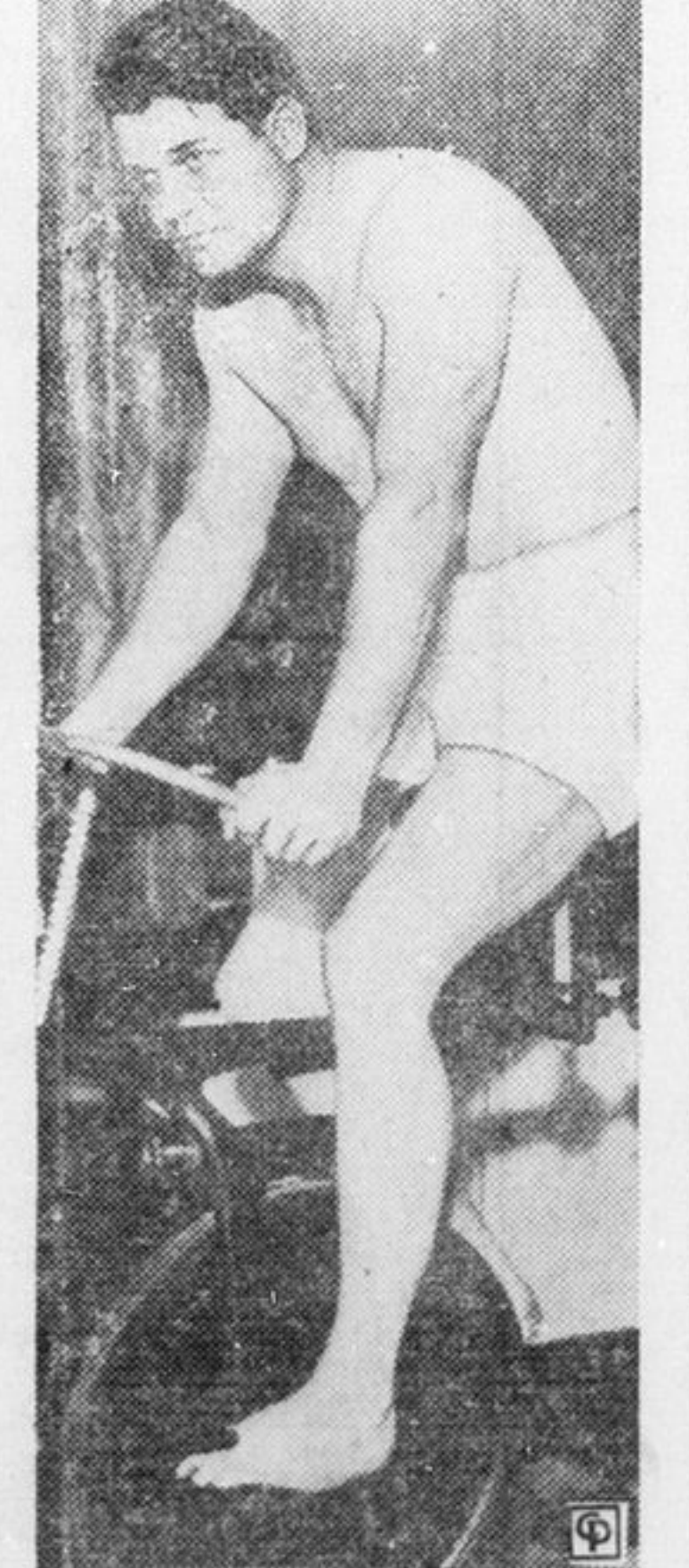
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