

Canada Not Depending so Much on Coal From United States as Five Years Ago

Mr. Charles Camsell Deputy Minister of Mines, Addresses Kiwanians on the Coal Situation—Other Fuels Take Place of American Product.

Mr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines, in addressing the members of the Kiwanis Club at their luncheon at the Frontenac Hotel on Monday stressed the fact that the Canadian people were not to-day depending as much on anthracite and imported coal as they were up to five years ago and they were using substitutes to considerable extent, with great success. He explained what had been accomplished by the Dominion Fuel Board in the past four years and gave his audience a resume of the avenues that had been investigated with regard to the coal supply of Ontario to avoid suffering the effects of strikes in American coal mines or other conditions that might arise to create confusion in the coal supply. The subject of his address was "The Coal Situation in Ontario."

At the outset of his remarks, the speaker declared that at this time of year people wanted to know about the coal situation and he stated that he was glad to state that at the present time it was satisfactory. There had been changes during the last four years and since the formation of the Dominion Fuel Board in 1922 there had been a continuous study of the coal situation as it affected this country. Up until that time there had been no continuous study.

"Why have we a fuel problem?" asked the speaker. He answered his own question by declaring that it was due to the fact that the coal resources were not evenly distributed over the face of the earth. The result had been a coal problem.



MR. CHARLES CAMSELL

This was the only country in the British Empire that had that problem, the speaker said. United States also had a big coal problem.

Canada's Coal.

Continuing he said, "We have nearly all the nickel of the world. No other country has it. We have no coal in Ontario of any consequence although there is evidence of it on the James Bay slope. There is some near Sydney, N.S., and some in New Brunswick. These represent only two per cent. of the reserves in Canada. Alberta has the coal fields of Canada and it has all grades of coal."

"Four years ago," stated Mr. Camsell, "we imported five million tons of coal and strikes and other troubles created hardships here in connection with the coal supply. Our domestic and industrial coal was affected. There have always been difficulties in our domestic coal supply and even bills were passed to prohibit the export of coal from the United States into Canada. The cost of production was increasing and the market in the States was enlarging."

The speaker remarked that at the present rate the supply over there would be exhausted within the century, and that the supply in Pennsylvania reserves would be exhausted within thirty or thirty-five years. He said that the situation in Canada was no different from that of the New England states during the strike periods, but the United States was generous to Canada and Canada had always received her quota. Still there was always the danger of interruption and embargo on the Canadian supply and for that reason it was necessary to make a close study of the situation to see what could be done about overcoming these conditions.

What the Fuel Board Did.

On the creation of the Fuel Board in 1922 it was the desire to see what could replace the export of coal from the United States. The idea was that anthracite from South Wales might replace the United States export. There would be time for that between April and August when the Welsh mines worked only on half-production. The producers of the mines saw the possibilities of exporting to Canada and they sent their agents here and immediately arranged for moving their coal from the mines there to Canada. There was the question of freight but the fact that there were more boats coming to Canada than going from Canada fitted nicely into the scheme and there were plenty of ships to handle the coal.

The next avenue investigated by the Fuel Board was the use of coke as a substitute for anthracite. The idea was new to a great many people. It was hard to handle and the coke production was not heavy here. At that time the only ovens were at Sydney, N.S., and there was only a limited supply available. But the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. If there were coke ovens at Montreal, the speaker said, the situation would be relieved considerably. There were all the by-products to be considered as well, gas, sulphate of ammonia, tar oils and light oils.

Alberta Coal Fields.

Mr. Camsell then discussed the Alberta coal fields. He said that there was a great variety of coal in the Alberta fields, the mines there producing six million tons a year, though they were equipped to handle twelve millions. The question was of finding an outlet which would ease the situation very considerably. The coal fields, however, are two thousand miles away from the consuming area of Ontario and the question of transportation and com-

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barto

The Little Old Lady.

The next place Saltcher Snatch went to, he made a mistake. There were no children in the house at all. As he slid down the chimney into one of the bedrooms, he knew it at once. "You can always tell," he remarked as he looked about. "Not a thing out of order—not a crooked rug, or a bit of mud, or a scratch on the wood-work, or a finger mark on the wallpaper! Humph! I don't want to stay here."

Snatch was a peculiar goblin. He liked children all to pieces, although you'd never have guessed it from the way he loved to spoil their toys. But that was the only way he knew how to play—to spoil things, and after all I know children who play that way, too!

"I'm not going to stay here," he scowled. "No fun where there aren't any children. Things are too much in order here to suit me. I'll just be going the way I came."

But suddenly he spied the dressing table with all its brushes and combs and little pots and boxes, and forgetting what he said about going, he went and looked it over.

Suddenly he had an idea. "Oh, dear, why didn't I ever think of it before," he cried. "I'm going to have a circus."

So he opened all the little boxes and pots and sitting up on the pin-cushion, he began to dab his cheeks and his eyebrows and nose with all sorts of stuff.

"Well," he said, taking a hand mirror and looking himself over, "I must say, I'm better looking with my nose powdered and my cheeks

all reddened up. Oh, say! Lookers here!"

For on opening another box he found a bunch of hair. I don't know what it was for exactly, but it was there. Maybe it was the hair Mrs. Budkins had cut off when she had her hair bobbed. Or maybe it was the hair she pinned on when she got tired of it being bobbed. But anyway it was there and the goblin found it and twisted it all around his head.

Next he found a pair of Mister Budkins' glasses and put them on. They were much too large, but as the goblin's nose was so very long, he managed to make them stick on.

"Well, well, well! If it wasn't for my clothes, you'd never know me," he chuckled. Maybe I can find something.

He began to pull open bureau drawers and cupboard doors, and after while he found a nice soft white shawl, and put it round his shoulders.

Suddenly he had a shock. For there were sounds out of the fireplace which he had entered.

"It's Johnny Sweep and the Twins! They're after me," he shivered. "Oh, dear! Where'll I go? Where can I hide?"

He hadn't much time to think, for already he could see Nick's feet coming down the flue.

Before Nancy and Nick and Johnny Sweep had quite time to scramble out of the chimney, Saltcher Snatch made a dive for the bed and pulled up the covers. Then he closed his eyes and pretended to be asleep.

"Sh! whispered Nancy. "There's nobody here but a little old lady." (To Be Continued.)

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1923 the amount of coke used was 270,000 tons, but the figure has jumped to 670,000 tons within the past two years. The increase in the use of Virginia coal has been great in the United States but not so much in Canada.

In concluding his splendid address, the speaker stated that we were getting away from depending on one source alone for a coal supply and if a strike in the Pennsylvania fields broke out now, it would not affect Canada nearly as much, if at all, as it would have done five years ago before these other means were established to replace the American anthracite to the extent of two million tons.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Kiwanian Stewart Crawford and the appreciation of the club for the splendid address was amply expressed by the president and members. The booster for the day was Kiwanian James Halliday and the winners were Kiwanians James Sowards, W. K. Macnee, Roy Boyd, R. Fair, L. W. Lockett and Frank Anglin. Each person was presented with a leather key holder. The prizes distributed were the New Edison electric lights.

The death took place on Tuesday, at North Fredericksburg, of Thomas A. Galt, aged sixty-eight years.

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