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Nova Scotia Mines
Department Annual
Report Is Tabled

By JOHN LANGLOIS
HALIFAX, April 12 (CP)—Increased coal production "per man shift" with the existing equipment and layout, remains as the only answer for reduced costs and enlarged markets for Nova Scotia coal, the Mines Department said in its report tabled in the legislature today.
Noting that the shipment of 603,435 tons of coal to Quebec during 1946 marked "a start in the recovery of the Central Canadian market for Nova Scotia," the report said production per man-shift last year was 1.63 tons, an increase of .05 ton over the previous year.
Altogether 13,347 men working in and around the province's pits last year produced 5,367,701 tons of coal. In 1945 a total of 12,533 men produced 5,174,470 tons.
The report noted progress in installation of mechanical loading equipment in the mines which would do some of the work now done by the individual miner with his pan shovel.
But these changes will take time to complete, and the bulk of the production must come from present-day methods of mining for some time in the future.

Mines Minister Speaks
Tabling the report, Mines Minister Currie said with the Government position in the Maritime coal strike in which miners walked out Feb. 15 demanding higher wages and refusing an offer from operators which would have tied wages to production.
The Minister referred to as "lies" statements which he said were being circulated "in some sections of the Province" that the Provincial Government was importing or subsidizing entry of American coal into Nova Scotia.
He said the statements were "malicious" and "reprehensible."
"I am surprised that the Gloucester Gazette—a newspaper published by district 26 of the United Mine Workers—continues to publish these lies when every member of the executive board knows perfectly well that at no time has this Government imported American coal," he added.
He said the Premier, in a recent address, "made this crystal clear in words that everybody could understand."
"Without understanding that statement and others which have been made, they go on attempting to gain political capital for themselves. It is reprehensible conduct on the part of bodies of that kind and the editor of the Gazette knows better."

Mr. Currie said the Government was attacked by the same newspaper several years ago and at that time I called the then editor of the Gazette a "backpedalling lobster."
"Compared to the present editor he was a gentleman... the present editor is a squid who circulates mud and dirt in order to confuse the people," he said.



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C.P. leader Russell Cunningham said that "coming from the town of Glace Bay I feel I should clear myself that I or any member of my Party are trying to make political capital in that paper."
He said he made the statement because "I don't know what party he refers to."
"I regret very much to hear the Minister make the statement he did. We are all subject to criticism but I do not think the Minister calling the editor names and the editor calling names is going to bring better conditions in the industrial field of Nova Scotia," he added.

- ST. PETERS LAKE SCHOOL
Report for month of March.
Grade VIII — 1, Verna MacDonald; 2, Lucina MacDonald; 3, Jackie MacAdam.
Grade VII — 1, Mary MacAdam; 2, Dorothy McCormick; 3, Owen Trainor.
Grade VI — 1, Ray MacDonald; 2, George MacDonald; 3, Margery Deveaux.
Grade IV — 1, Alton Anderson; 2, Emmett Roach; 3, Frances McCormick.
Grade III — 1, Lillian MacDonald; 2, Stephen Trainor; 3, Pauline Deveaux.
Grade II — Patricia McCormick; 2, Jimmy MacDonald; 3, Evelyn Laybolt.
Grade II (Jr.) — 1, George O'Brien; 2, Lucina Trainor; 3, Basil Laybolt.
Grade I — (a) 1, Aeneas Laybolt; 2, Lucina Trainor; 3, Basil Laybolt.
Grade I — (b) 1, Thane Anderson and Frances MacDonald (equal); 2, Edward Deveaux; 3, Pauline O'Brien.
Grade I — (c) 1, Shirley Anderson; 2, Gerard MacDonald; 3, Rita Reach.
Teacher Florence Matheson.

Nfld. Reports
Small Surplus

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 12 (CP)—The smallest surplus since 1941 — \$106,000 — has been recorded by the Newfoundland finance commissioner, it was revealed today in a statement on revenue and expenditure placed before the national convention.
The statement was made in advance of the budget which is not expected to be released until early next week.
Public accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1946 showed all-time high revenues of \$37,247,132 and expenditures of \$37,141,138.
The \$106,000 surplus compared with surpluses of \$6,000,000 in 1941-42, \$3,000,000 in each of the following two years, \$7,300,000 in 1944-45 and \$3,138,000 in 1945-46.

CROSS ROADS SCHOOL

- Report for the month of March.
Grade X: 1, Freddy Driscoll; 2, Blakie Wood.
Grade IX: 1, Jackie Gard; 2, Ernest Mutch.
Grade VI: 1, Raymond Stewart; 2, Lloyd Mutch; 3, Sterling Stewart.
Grade V: 1, Melda Bennett; 2, Shirley Stewart.
Grade IV: 1, Myra Joan Wood; 2, Athol Jenkins; 3, Marie Stewart.
Grade III: 1, Austina Kennedy; 2, Marlene Balderston and Leon Murphy (equal).
Grade II: 1, Eva Wood; 2, Fred Carver; 3, George Carver.
Grade I (a): 1, Jean MacKinnon.
Grade I (b): 1, Dorothy Wood.
Highest Average in Senior Grades: Freddy Driscoll, 91%; Junior Grades: Austina Kennedy, 98%.
Perfect Attendance — Blakie Wood, Raymond Stewart, Shirley Stewart, Melda Bennett, Myra Joan Wood, Marie Stewart, Austina Kennedy, Fred Carver, Eva Wood and Jean MacKinnon.
Teacher, Bryer R. Jones

NEW ANNAN SCHOOL

- Grade IX.—1, Janet Dalzell; 2, Mildred MacNeill.
Grade VIII.—1, Ella MacNeill; 2, Joan MacNeill; 3, Jean Wall.
Grade VII.—1, Allison MacInnis; 2, Pauline Moase; 3, George MacInnis; 3, Irma MacNeill and Edward Wright, equal.
Grade V.—1, Eleanor Moase.
Grade IV.—1, Arthur Blanchard.
Grade III.—1, Wendall Moase; 2, Royce Manderson; 3, Freddie Gallant.
Grade II.—1, Edgar MacNeill.
Grade I, Sr.—1, Marjorie Wall; 2, Emily Gallant; 3, John MacKay.
Grade I, Jr.—1, Leonora MacNeill and Harold Wright, equal; 2, Clarence Moase; 3, Eldon MacKay.
Perfect Attendance — Edward Wright, Wendall Moase, Harold Wright and Clarence Moase.
Teacher—Theresa MacLellan.

Georgetown
And Vicinity

"Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacKinnon arrived in Georgetown on Wednesday from Charlottetown, where they have been spending the winter at the Dennox Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon have been spending their winters, for the past number of years at this hotel, returning each spring to their home here, where they reside for the summer.

Mrs. William White of Borden is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Anne Johnson in Georgetown.

Quite a number of Georgetown's enthusiastic trout fishermen travelled to their favored fishing haunts on Wednesday with varying luck. Some good catches were reported, while others were not so fortunate, but like true fishermen enjoyed themselves nevertheless.

Mr. Frank Lavandier proprietor of Kozy Hall has installed an up-to-date record playing machine and electric amplifier, which provides excellent music for patrons at his many dances. The hall recently re-decorated, presents a fine appearance.

Wednesday was payday for longshoremen who participated in the loading of the B. O. Borjesson with potatoes. The individual pay was quite large and a considerable amount of money was thus placed in circulation here in this town. Paying took place at the business establishment of Mr. S. C. Knight.

A production record for hog raisers to shoot at was made by a sow, owned by Mr. Rupert Wright of Burnt Point, when she gave birth to a litter of nineteen little porkers. One of the little fellows has since died but the remaining eighteen are reported doing nicely.

SEA VIEW SCHOOL

- Report for March.
Grade VIII: 1, Joyce MacKay; 2, George Donald, Shirley Stewart and Clayton Adams (equal); 3, Thane Adams.
Grade VII: 1, Marlon Duggan; 2, Pauline Adams; 3, Keith Adams.
Grade VI: 1, Lyman Adams.
Grade V (Sr.): 1, Bloyce Adams; 2, Grace Campbell and Ina Murphy, (equal); 3, Sheldon Adams.
Grade V (Jr.): 1, Carl Murphy; 2, Clifford Donald; 3, Robert Adams.
Grade IV: 1, Ethel Adams; 2, David Adams; 3, Elton Murphy.
Grade III: 1, Enid Donald; 2, Rita Murphy; 3, Eleanor Campbell.
Grade II: 1, Ethel Adams and Joan Duggan (equal).
Grade I (Sr.): 1, Marjorie Adams.
Grade I (Jr.): 1, Clayton Coulson and Donnie Adams (equal); 2, Walter Stewart; 3, Lois Murphy.
Mrs. Lillian Hiltz, Teacher.

Broaden Workings
Of Veterans Land Act

OTTAWA, April 14 (CP)—Veterans Minister MacKenzie tabled in the Commons today an order-in-council broadening the Veterans Land Act as it applies to groups of veterans working together.
It allows grants up to \$1,200 to be made to any veteran in a group of not more than 10 "who propose conducting joint operations in farming or forestry, for the purchase of machinery essential to farming or forestry and equipment essential to forestry."

The move is aimed at aiding groups of veterans "in the development and operation of provincial lands made available under agreements between Dominion and Provincial Governments."
It provides that "any grant to a veteran under section 35 of the act may be made by the purchase and delivery by the director (of V.L.A.) to him of specified chattels, conditional upon the veteran complying for a period of 10 consecutive years with the terms of his agreement for the purchase, lease, use or grant of the provincial lands on which he settles."
It also provides that the veteran on default shall deliver possession of his chattels to the director on demand and that the right to them shall remain with the director until the veteran has complied with the agreement for 10 years.

SCIENTIST'S DEATH
CAUSED BY X-RAYS

GRIMBY, England, April 16 (REUTERS)—J. V. Doley, who died here after a lengthy illness contracted while carrying out radiography research was an "X-ray hero," said F. N. Robinson, chairman of the management committee of the hospital where Doley died.
Doley carried out his work even after dermatitis caused by constant exposure to x-rays led to the amputation of several fingers in 1937. For 18 months he was bedridden in the hospital where he had worked and of his final illness Robinson said:
"In his affliction he was one of the bravest persons I have ever known."

CON MAN'S TRICKS
REVEALED BY RADIO

LONDON, April 16 (REUTERS)—The BBC is broadcasting a series of programs—entitled: "It's Your Money They're After"—to acquaint the public with devices used by confidence men.
"It's surprising how the same old tricksters go on finding victims year after year with the same old tricks," said Sir Harold Scott, Commissioner of London's police force, introducing the series. "It is by no means always the young and inexperienced who get taken in."
If police were to control swindlers, public co-operation was necessary. Police should always be advised if a fraud were perpetrated.

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Fear Terrorism In Heart Of London
LONDON, April 16 (AP)—Tight precautions against the long-threatened wave of Palestine terrorism in the heart of London were taken tonight after discovery of a home-made bomb in a branch of the Colonial Office and a telephone threat to blow up the War Office.
Military and civilian police conducted a search for the person—possibly a woman—who left the bomb in the Colonial Office with the mechanism set to explode at 1 A.M. about the time Dov Bela Gruner and three other convicted terrorists were hanged in Palestine.
The fuse of the bomb had been burned, indicating that it was only by accident that a large part of four-storey Dover House, 200 yards from the Prime Minister's residence, was not wrecked. Normally about 200 persons occupy the building.
Police said the powerful but crudely-made bomb contained 24 sticks of a French-made explosive resembling gellignite.
Colonial officials said it was "not a coincidence" that the bomb attempt was made on Gruner's execution day. One authority described the attempt as "part of the Jewish terrorist activities against this country."

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