



**PERFECT HARMONY HERE**

Opponents on the floor of the Legislature, Premier A. W. Matheson and Dr. L. G. Dewar of O'Leary seem quite reconciled to each other as they chat over matters pertaining to the National Hospital Insurance Plan. Dr. Dewar was among the guests who attended a reception held by Premier Matheson and Mrs. Matheson Friday evening for members of the Canadian Medical Association and their wives.

**Unemployment Figures Given**

OTTAWA (CP)—Active claims for unemployment insurance totalled 550,959 at the end of May, a drop from 727,252 a month earlier, acting Labor Minister Fairclough told the Commons Wednesday.

She said, however, she was unable to obtain figures of those actually receiving insurance benefits at that date.

The figures by Mrs. Fairclough, through not representing actual unemployment, were the most recent to indicate a decline in the numbers of jobless.

The most recent government estimate of unemployment was issued May 21 covering the situation at mid-April. It was estimated that 516,000 were without jobs and seeking work at April 19, compared with 590,000 a month earlier and 306,000 in April, 1957.

Mrs. Fairclough said the report for mid-May is expected to be issued around June 20.

Of the 550,959 active claims for unemployment insurance at May 31, Mrs. Fairclough said 367,942 were claims for regular insurance benefits and 183,017 were for seasonal benefits.

That compared with 495,382 claims for regular benefits April 30 and 226,870 claims for seasonal benefits.

**Alberta Area Is Excited By Gold Find Prospects**

MCMURRAY, Alta (CP)—Residents of this northeastern Alberta community, 250 miles north of Edmonton, are excited over the prospect of a gold strike along the Athabasca River 40 miles to the north.

An estimated 70 claims have been staked so far, although fewer than 20 have been recorded. There is talk of a drilling program in the near future to determine if there is enough gold to bring large development.

The flurry of interest was started by three prospectors from the United States, who came here last month with information gained from a report on a well drilled for oil in 1910 or 1911. They obtained the report from the driller and it said a rich vein was found about 900 feet below the ground surface.

The prospectors, Charles Widener, Oscar Lama and C. G. Lama of Canton, Ohio, staked their claim on the site of the old well, which after 48 years still is flowing sulphur water over a steep bank beside the Athabasca.

They were guided to the spot by Edward Clausen, pioneer trapper who was at the site soon after the drillers discovered the gold.

Further evidence to support the claims was shown by Milt McDougall, McMurray businessman, prospector and veteran bush pilot, who took samples of the tailings around the well. He panned the material and said he is satisfied there is enough gold present to warrant further investigation.

"When the gold is visible, that means it's good," he said. Mr. McDougall has staked 12 claims, some of them adjoining the original one.

Mr. Clausen said he was at the wellsite in 1911 when the crew was just about finished the hole. "One of the mule drivers with the drilling crew told me about it, and he said it was quite rich. He added it took the drillers three days to go through the gold-bearing quartz and at the rate of five feet a day this would mean 15 feet of formation."

Mr. Clausen said drilling activity ceased when the First World War started and the country was too remote and inaccessible then to bother developing the gold strike. All members of the drilling crew now are dead, he said, except one 92-year-old man living in the U.S.

He apparently gave the information to the three prospectors, but couldn't remember which of three wells had struck gold. Mr. Clausen said he remembered it

well and took the three men to the exact spot.

"I'm sure the gold is there," he said, "but it will take money to prove it."

Meanwhile, citizens who have staked claims are hoping someone with the money will become interested enough to start drilling.

Drilled for oil Reports circulating here say the well was drilled for oil in

**Power Blackout In N.B. Friday**

FREDERICTON (CP)—Most of New Brunswick had a power blackout lasting more than two hours in some sections early Friday night as a result of transmission line trouble.

R. E. Tweeddale, chief engineer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, said the failure started at 6:05 p.m. ADT and was ended in all the affected districts by 8:20 p.m.

He attributed it to a "voltage surge" on a high voltage line between the Beechwood and Grand Lake stations. Lightning was suspected as the cause, which is under investigation.

This knocked out the generating system in northern New Brunswick, including the new Beechwood hydro plant on the St. John River in Carleton County and the Tobique station.

At the time, Mr. Tweeddale said, these plants were carrying 75,000 kilowatts of a 93,000 provincial load. When they were knocked out, steam plants in other areas could not adjust fast enough and failed similarly.

Part of Saint John was powerless from 6:27 to 7:57. Fredericton until 8:13, Moncton 7:45 and Bathurst 6:47.

During the failure power was obtained from Maine, the Bathurst Power and Paper Company and the New Brunswick International Paper Company at Dalhousie.

**LONG-LIVED POET**  
Agnes Maul Machar, Canadian poet and novelist, was 90 years old at her death in Kingston, Ont., in 1927.

**Sees Recession Hitting N.S. Harder Than Other Provinces**

HALIFAX, (CP)—There are signs the current business recession is hitting Nova Scotia harder than any other part of Canada. Liberal Leader Henry Hicks said Wednesday.

At a press conference he said several important industries have closed down, "a disturbing number" of firms have gone bankrupt, others have laid off men and home-building in this Province has not kept pace with the rate elsewhere.

He said plans to build a new steel plant at Montreal "are bound to make us feel a little uncertain" about the future of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation's mill at Sydney.

He accused Conservative Governments in Ottawa and here of "a sense of false security" resulting from the party's overwhelming victory in the March Federal election.

"One cannot help but wonder," he said, "whether the government of this Province and the appropriate departments of the Government at Ottawa are fully informed of and in touch with the implications of the Dosco proposal—to start a large primary steel industry in the Province of Quebec."

"Everything possible should be done to preserve and develop a steel industry at Sydney."

He called for Government study of Maritime freight rates with a view to relieving maritime industry of high shipping costs.

"It is my belief that relatively modest changes in freight rates on primary steel products might change the whole balance of the steel industry in favor of Nova Scotia as compared with plants in Central Canada."

He said proposals of Acadia Atlantic Sugar Refineries Limited to build a plant in Ontario may end all hope that the company will eventually re-open its plant at Dartmouth, N. S., closed during the last war.

Of Industrial Estates Limited, a Nova Scotia crown company set up to attract new industry he said:

"On the basis of its present achievements, if I were Premier I would decide if I was not necessary. Its functions could just as well be performed by the Provincial Trade and Industry Department."

"Apart from plans for the relocation of one or two well-established industries with in the province, we have heard very little of any tangible achievements and instead all too much of the discord and disharmony within the management of Industrial Estates Limited itself."

**ON ROADS AND RAILS**

KENTVILLE, N. S., (CP)—General manager J. C. McCuaig of the Dominion Atlantic Railway has a new private car to travel the roads as well as the rails. The vehicle, known as a hi-rail station wagon, carries nine passengers.

**Want Lobster Hatchery In N.S.**

OTTAWA (CP)—Establishment of a lobster hatchery in Nova Scotia to arrest an "alarming depletion" of the East Coast lobster fishery was urged Wednesday in the Senate.

Senator Joseph W. Comeau (L-Nova Scotia), a fish dealer,

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Monday, June 16—9:00—10:00—Central Royalty  
11:00—11:30—East Royalty  
Tuesday, June 17—9:00—10:00—Parkdale  
Wednesday, June 18—9:30—10:00—Winsloe  
10:30—11:00—West Royalty

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