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## COAL STRIKE IS OVER

Miners Have Voted to Return to Their Work.

Glace Bay Meeting Decides That Steel Collieries Will Open at Once and Peace Returns to Sydney—Complete Defeat of Group of Men Who Have Been Preaching Communism.

SYDNEY, N.S., July 28. — Nova Scotia's coal strike is over, not actually, but virtually.

All the British Empire Steel Company collieries may not be operating for several days yet, but the vote of a mass meeting of miners at Glace Bay on Saturday night to return to work Tuesday morning signalled the strike's end.

Saturday's meeting has no official standing, but it was representative of the miners of the Glace Bay sub-district, and since this district has been the stronghold of the radical element among the miners of the province, the surrender there means there is no doubt the strikers elsewhere will vote to go back to their pits.

Any local that votes in the negative or fails to take a vote forthwith will lose its charter under the United Mine Workers' Union, according to an official statement issued on Saturday by Silby Barrett, the provisional president named by International headquarters to succeed the deposed Dan Livingstone.

The termination of the strike of steel workers at Sydney may be expected to follow quickly upon the coal miners' strike. Whether or not the steel plant will be able to find work for all the men who were on the payroll when the steel men's strike began is another question, for orders have been lost as a result of the tie-up. It is still another matter whether the plant management will give employment again to men who were to the fore in the violent tactics employed in the early days of the trouble. It is unlikely.

The strike at the Steel plant began on June 28th. Most of the miners who quit work were out on July 4th.

The Pictou district did not strike until several days later, and the men at Springhill refused to down tools. An authoritative estimate puts the daily loss in wages during the greater part of the strike at \$80,000. The loss to the coal mining subsidiaries of the British Empire Steel Corporation in coal tonnage is estimated at about 300,000 tons.

The end of the miners' strike marks the complete defeat for James B. MacLachlan, Dan Livingstone and other leaders of Communist sympathies, and their elimination as the dominating influences in the Nova Scotia labor field.

These men have been the heads of the extreme radical movement in Nova Scotia, with MacLachlan the most dangerous because the most capable. They have been openly in accord with the program of the Red Internationale of labor unions at Moscow, and were responsible for the attempt by District 26 to affiliate with that organization last year.

MacLachlan has had correspondence with the red bodies at Moscow, and the Maritime Labor Herald, which has been the mouthpiece for the MacLachlan-Livingstone group, has been persistent in praise of the Soviet Government and communism, as well as advocating, on occasions, the employment of force against capital in Canada.

The strike of the steel workers here and the miners' strike were the climax, as the result of the radical propaganda and scheming of the past couple of years with delegates of the Workers' Party of Canada among the prime agents in the Red undertakings. The avowed objects of the steel workers' strike are to obtain a 20 per cent. increase in wages, and the adoption of the check-off system at the Sydney plant. When attacks by strikers upon persons and property at the plant led to the despatch of troops and the provincial police to Sydney, the miners struck to enforce their demands that the soldiers and police be withdrawn. It was this challenge to constituted authority and the attempt to establish the governing power of one group, not any question of miners' wages or working conditions, that was the issue in the strike in the mines, a strike begun and continued in defiance of the orders of International President Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Livingstone and MacLachlan and their official associates in District 26 are still members of the U. M. W., though deposed from office by Lewis, but it is believed quite probable that some of them at least will be expelled. At present, of course, criminal charges are pending against Livingstone and MacLachlan, because of the statement they are alleged to have circulated falsely accusing the provincial police officers of brutality.

The arrest of John Macdonald of Toronto, one of the emissaries of the Workers' Party of Canada, on a charge of seditious utterances, was one of the week-end developments. Macdonald is charged with having spoken profanely of the Canadian flag when he and MacLachlan and other radical leaders addressed a mass meeting of miners at Sydney Mines last Thursday night, urging them to maintain the solidarity of their ranks. The information against him was laid by A. C. McCormick, who was formerly Mayor of Sydney Mines.

Macdonald, locally known as "Moscow Jack," was the man sent to Russia last year to carry out plans for the affiliation of District 26 of the U. M. W. with the Red Internationale of trade unions, in accordance with the program adopted by the miners' district convention under the domination of the MacLachlan-Livingstone faction, and despite the opposition of Barrett, Robert Baxter and other moderate

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men men required for farm help on the assurance that it would be forthcoming, and only 12 men had been supplied. "It is my purpose and intention to go at that problem right away," he Minister added, amid loud and prolonged cheering.

In concluding Hon. Mr. Martin reminded his fellow-townsmen and farmers that he was a "beginner." But he assured them that he planned "to give myself whole-heartedly and to the best of my ability to the tasks that await me in the position to which I have been called. I repeat," he added, "that I feel it to be a great opportunity, and I have a sincere desire to be of real service. All I can promise you, and this I do promise, is my best." (Prolonged cheers).

Prior to his address the new Minister of Agriculture was presented with a life membership in the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association, while addresses were delivered by Frank Reid, Simcoe; Senator J. H. Fisher, Paris; John L. Stansell, M.P., East Elgin; William Welch, M.P.P., South Waterloo; Dr. R. N. Berry, M.P.P., North Waterloo; N. N. Berry, M.P.P., Haldimand; Z. A. Hall, ex-M.P.P., North Waterloo; N. W. Trewartha, M.P.P., South Huron; Senator Alex McCall, Simcoe; Sam Squires, Toronto; Gordon Wilson, M.P., Wentworth; and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Guelph.

## Here and There

Over a thousand million fish eggs of various species were collected by the hatcheries branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries during 1921.

Inbound ships from the United Kingdom are averaging 4500 tons of freight for discharge at Vancouver. Outbound they take about 4,000 tons per vessel. Last year the average outward tonnage was practically the same while the inbound was only about one tenth of what it now is.

Announcement has been made that a Government wireless station is to be erected on St. Paul's Island, which stands in the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the most north-easterly point of Nova Scotia. Two Government wireless engineers have arrived there and are making arrangements for the erection of the station.

One hundred and forty thousand Canadian school boys have been banded into an army of guards to watch for and prevent forest fires in the Dominion this year, according to an announcement made by the Canadian Forestry Association. The new organization, which is known as the Young Canadians' Forest League, will, it is expected, save several million dollars' worth of timber from fire ravages.

That "prospects for increased immigration into Canada are excellent" was one of the most important statements made by E. W. Beatty, K.C., upon his return from an extended tour of England and European capitals. The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway believes Canada is progressing in the matter of immigration, but intensified efforts are essential, he considers, to offset erroneous impressions abroad that Canada does not require new settlers.

A record run between Winnipeg and Quebec was recently made by a special Canadian Pacific train when passengers from the Orient were, through delay caused by landslide, in danger of missing their connection with the C.P.S.S. "Empress of Scotland" at the eastern port. The train covered the 1,579 miles in a little over 36 hours, whereas the schedule time for trains between these two cities is 53 hours. The passengers had crossed the Pacific on the C.P.S.S. "Empress of Russia" and were taking advantage of the 21 day Orient-to-Europe service of the Company.

The United States has invested in Canada \$2,500,000,000, according to the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, which has just completed a survey of Canadian industry and the amount of United States capital invested. Of the total sum invested, \$1,200,000,000 is in bonds, and the remainder in farms, mortgages, small businesses, industrial enterprises, banking and private loans. It is computed that more than 200 branch factories were opened in Canada by United States concerns in 1919, and a great number in 1920 and 1921, and that late in 1922 the number of these came to 700.

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