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rassing to him to tell me why I hadn't been allowed to work the day before, but I thought, and still think, I knew the answer. I could only connect the loss of a shift with my saying what I did at the meeting. The unemployed union was a shield for the unemployed. One of the best things it did was put a stop to eviction of unemployed workers. They did such a good job of that, that the authorities stopped trying evictions. If the sheriff would take stuff out, they'd take it back. They only had to do that a few times. I think it was a wonderful example, this business of stopping evictions. Then there were court cases. One I can think of right now was in Magistrate Crofton's court where an unemployed man was arrested for stealing coal. The presence of the unemployed delegation there had something to do, if not with the decision of the magistrate, with the action of the prosecutor. This man that stole the coal was fined \$10,00 and costs. The lawyer, George Morrison, told the magistrate, "In heaven's name, where do you think the man is going to get the \$10.00? I should think if he had \$10.00, he wouldn't bother stealing coal. He stole it because he didn't have any money." The magistrate, after giving it careful consideration, told him it could be \$5,00 and Morrison told him that \$5.00 was as hard for the man to get as \$10.00. He thought this was a terrible thing. He never expected that it was going to come to that. So it went down to \$3.00 and the lawyer still objected, so the magistrate settled for having the man pay the costs in court. There were things like this that made us feel at least that somebody was backing us. It was a pretty active organization as well, quite democratic, with lots of participation. We'd have good meetings. They were weekly meetings. There was a good crowd every week. Many, of course, did adjust--too well, I think--\$3.00 a week and stealing your coal. There were others, and myself as well, would feel that we deserved better than this and even thought that nothing could be much worse and if we wanted to tear things apart, then tear them apart. An assessment of the unemployed union was that it was one hell of a good movement. I would have liked to have seen it attached more in many ways to the general movement of unemployed throughout the country. It was fairly isolated but even as it was, it served a very useful purpose. It was to be thankful that things weren't even worse than they were at the time. We felt we could handle our own affairs. There wasn't even talk of co-operation with the people in Glace Bay or North Sydney. I think probably Dan MacKay, Forman Wayne and M. A. MacKenzie would have been the ones that started the unemployment movement. Forman was the most capable. He had a lot of things going for him. He could be a pretty good organizer; he had some experience with it. He was a good speaker too. That was an active organization, you know. I tell you there were some active meetings and demonstrations we had at the City Hall that a whole book could be written about. The time the Red Cross left a lot of used clothes at the unemployed hall. I don't

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