

## Federal Affairs Ministry Needed At Present Time

Provincial Rights Must Be Maintained Under the Constitution.

The setting up of a department of federal relations by the New Brunswick Legislature met with some opposition in the House when the bill was being considered. Opposition members voiced criticism but the Government supporters pointed out that this was a measure promised to the people and it was necessary that the Province's relations with the Dominion should be in the hands of a minister, versed in these matters.

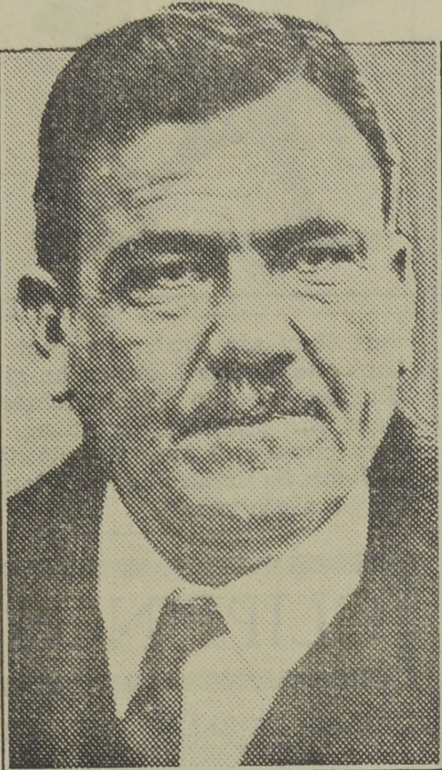
While some few people in New Brunswick from lack of knowledge may be opposed to such a department, those who have studied federal affairs will realize that the Provinces must ever be on guard to protect their interests in the Confederation. It has been said that the Premier of the Province should look after this business, it has been found that the Premier is required in the Province practically all the time and he would not be in a position to put aside his other duties in order to present the case of the Province in Ottawa. So it has been decided that a minister of federal relations will be needed. It is intended also that this minister will handle matters of municipal relations and also education.

Many of the present day problems of New Brunswick have been caused by lack of attention to the Confederation agreement. Had there been a minister of federal relations during the last 67 years, the terms of the contract would have been better known and so many of them would not have been ignored. The New Brunswick Government was put in power to see that the Province gets a square deal in its relation with the other Provinces and the Government at Ottawa. The minister of federal affairs will be in a position to watch closely all federal legislation and when necessary make representations which will see to the protection of the provincial rights.

If the Dominion of Canada is eventually to become a nation, the different units must be well versed in the terms of the con-

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### Exiled



Former President CALLES of Mexico, who has been forced into exile by the Leftist Government. Calles, whose eleven-year rule of turbulent Mexican politics once won him the title of "strong man" was placed aboard a Texas-bound aeroplane with three of his followers.

## Industry Program Could Be Duty Of Fair Wage Officer

Investigation of Industrial Possibilities Needed in New Brunswick.

The fair wage officer, whose appointment is being provided for in a bill introduced in the New Brunswick Legislature, might well combine with his other duties the investigation of prospects for new industries.

The bill provides for machinery to investigate wages, hours and conditions prevailing in any trade and to establish fair wages. It was presented to the House by the Attorney-General, Hon. J. B. McNair, on behalf of Hon. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor.

The fair wage officer is to be appointed by the governor-in-council and will be under the direction of the Minister of Health and Labor. He will have authority to hear complaints and to conduct such investigations as he

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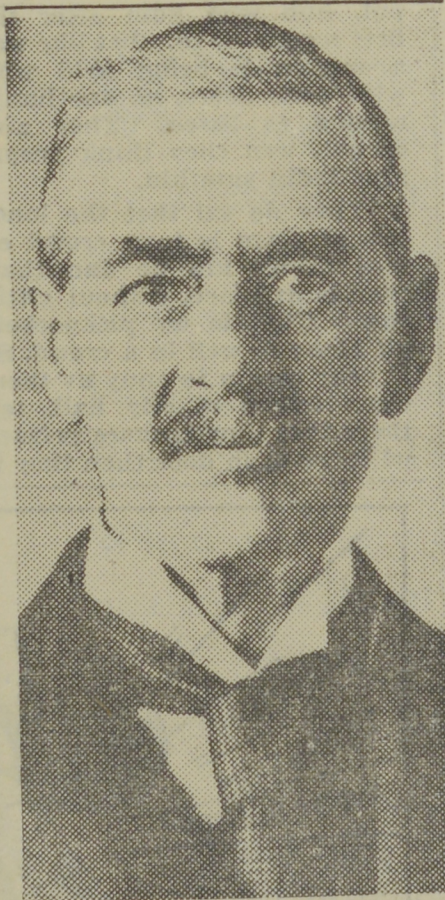
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## DENIES "RETIREMENT" RUMOR



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may deem necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the wages, hours or conditions prevailing in any trade and the fairness and adequacy thereof.

The fair wage officer will be in close touch with industry in all parts of the Province and it might be well to extend his powers so that he could investigate possibilities of establishing new industries. If his powers were so extended he would be of inestimable value to the investing public for his reports could be taken as authentic and he could be given power to make the investigations that would tend to prove

the feasibility of any proposed industry. Had New Brunswick had such an investigator in the past the people would have saved a lot of money, which could have gone into worthwhile industries, which would have benefitted the whole province, and would not have been lost in wild-cat schemes.

An officer with such powers would soon be in touch with the different parts of the Province, would know their potential natural resources and would be in a position to provide the Government with an industrial program, which would be of inestimable value in building up the Province.

## Wider Powers Are Given To Board Of Public Utilities

Authority To Investigate Business and Marketing Conditions.

Investigation and control of trade practices in New Brunswick are to be vested in the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities, when the bill now before the Legislature becomes law. The bill provides that the board shall have power to investigate the commercial practices and marketing conditions in any trade or industry and if in its opinion any such practices are unfair or unreasonable or any such conditions are resulting in a wasteful and demoralizing competition, the board shall have power, with the approval of the governor-in-council to prohibit such practices and to prescribe such marketing conditions as it deems to be in the interest of such trade or industry and the general public.

The chairman of the board is to be a full time official and will be the guiding figure in the organization. The members of the board are to be appointed at the will and pleasure of the governor-in-council.

For a long time it has been felt that there should be government control over business as a protection to the public. The move of the Legislature in this direction is in conformity with what is being done in other parts of the Dominion and follows along the lines of some of the Dominion legislation.

### NEARLY KILLED FOR FIFTY CENTS

London.—A 70-year-old Poplar shopkeeper, Samuel Newton, was nearly beaten to death by two youthful thugs, who beat him on the head with a piece of lead pipe and stole two shillings (50 cents) in pennies.

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