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Fresh west to north winds generally fair today and on Thursday, not much change in temperature.  
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## YORK-SUNBURY BY ELECTION REFERRED TO IN PARLIAMENT CRERAR REPLIES TO THE PREMIER

### SAYS RELIGIOUS CRY IS BEING RAISED

Premier Denies that he Offered a Portfolio to Hon. Mr. Veniot — Agrarian Leader Declares He is in Favor of Increasing the British Preference.

Ottawa, May 17.—Hon. T. A. Crerar leader of the Progressives, today made his awaited speech on the budget. For the last couple of parliamentary days the debate has dragged along with all the monotony of the three-fold tale and, on occasion, with out even a quorum. Mr. Crerar's contribution aroused attention and filled the house. In his speech on Friday the prime minister made biting comments on the party angularly opposite—in reference to the geographical position which Progressives occupy in the house. Today Mr. Crerar retorted by referring to Mr. Meighens speech as an exhibition of cheap political vaudeville occupying two and a half hours.

Mr. Crerar's criticisms led him into some sharp passages at arms. As he was attacking the "alchemy" of mergers under protection Hon. C. C. Lalantyne minister of marine, sharply interposed the query whether Mr. Crerar was still in favor of increasing the British preference to fifty per cent and, after five years to free trade "I have no hesitation in saying," Mr. Crerar warmly replied, "that we are still in favor of increasing the British preference to fifty per cent."

**York-Sunbury Election**  
Again while referring to the York-Sunbury by-election, Mr. Crerar broke lances with the prime minister. He first said that the government candidate was appealing to religious prejudices. "Are you going to vote for the man Catholics are voting for?" Mr. Crerar quoted the candidate as saying. Mr. Meighen demanded quotations. Mr. Crerar retorted that the prime minister could secure a score of witnesses. He then accused the prime minister or his agents with having approached the "Catholic minister of public works in New Brunswick with a view of his coming into the cabinet."

"That is absolutely false as far as I am concerned," the prime minister bashed back—"or as far as anyone is concerned with my authority."

He added that the government candidate categorically denied ever having made any such appeal to prejudice.

Mr. Crerar claimed that the government had produced a surplus by charging to capital what should have been charged to revenue. The finance minister had promised to reduce the debt but had increased it. And Mr. Crerar urged a conference of provincial premiers called to discuss the co-ordination of financial policies.

During subsequent debate, Fred Pardee of West Lambton prophesied that Hon. W. S. Fielding, as Liberal minister of finance, would soon be bringing down a budget of prosperous times; John Harold of Brant urged organization of a tariff board; A. B. McCoig of Kent said that under the budget while the rich would escape the poor man would have to pay more for his oatmeal and for his bottle of liquor.

### A Light Run.

A number of local shad fishermen have been out on the river the past few nights in front of Government House drifting for shad, but so far report the catch rather light. Thomas Phillips long held the record as the champion shad fisherman of this section, but he is not likely to be on the job this season.

## M'NAIR-CROCKET WEDDING AT HOME OF BRIDE TUES.

Groom rising young Barrister of this City—Bride served Overseas with V. A. D.

A wedding of interest not only in Fredericton but throughout the province took place Tuesday evening at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. William C. Crocket, Church street, when their daughter Marion MacGregor was united in marriage with John Babbitt McNair, junior member of the firm of Winslow & McNair, barristers of Fredericton. Rev. Dr. J. S. Sutherland of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony in the presence of members of the families of the bride and groom and their near friends.

The bride was gowned in white satin with train lined with shell pink and with rose-point lace trimming, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley. Little Mary Cruikshank was flower-girl. She wore white organdie with pink wreath and veil and carried a basket of pink sweet-peas. The wedding march was played by Miss Everett, organist of St. Paul's Church.

### Out-of-Town Guests.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. MacRae of Seattle sister of the groom Mrs. J. Whidden Graham of St. Stephen and Miss Marion Magee of St. John who has served overseas with the bride with the V. A. D.

Apple blossoms, pink sweet-peas, cupids and hearts were used in the decorations of the drawing-room and dining-room and yellow daffodils and violets in the library.

The going-away costume of the bride was grey with hat to match. The honeymoon will be spent in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa the bride and groom leaving by C. N. R. last evening. Upon their return on the expiration of ten days they will take rooms at Grape Cottage, Brunswick street.

The groom is a distinguished graduate of the University of New Brunswick. He also was Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. During the war he served overseas with the artillery. The bride served with the V. A. D.

## COL. SPENCER WILL RUN IN MEDICINE HAT

Ottawa, May 16.—Writs have been issued for a by-election to choose a representative for the vacant constituency of Medicine Hat. June 27 is the date set. Great interest attaches to this contest as it is understood that the contest will be a straight one between a Farmer and government nominee. The government candidate is Col. Nelson Spencer, a provincial member, and a native of York county (N.B.)

The late Hon. A. L. Sifton, whose death opened this constituency, won the seat in 1917 by about 2,000 of a majority. He was a Liberal, entering the Union government for the term of the war. The government has passed, the war is over, and an unrepresentative fragment now governs.

Colonel Spencer has a good overseas record, it is said, but it is doubtful whether he can win. About one-third of the constituency is urban, five percent of the population are ranchers and the remainder are rural.

### A Pretty Sight.

Autoists who have been out on the Woodstock Road of late, declare that the orchard in that vicinity at the present time with their wealth of blossoms is a sight to behold at the present time. The Gilman orchard in particular is being very much admired.

### Fire Alarm Out of Order.

The alarm for the fire at the residence of Mayor Reid today came in wrong the system evidently being out of order.

## ACTION OF RAILWAY MEN IN GLASGOW LOOKED UPON AS IMPORTANT INCIDENT

Defied the Threats of the Mine Leaders and Refused to Strike —Departure of Mr. Thomas for the U. S. Has Caused Some Comment—Railway Companies and Employees Sign an Agreement.

(By Dominion News Service)  
London, May 17.—The action of the railwaymen in Glasgow in refusing to support the miners by striking in defiance of the threats of mine leaders is the most important incident in the situation that has arisen since the coal men walked out on April first. J. H. Thomas, who has suffered from illness for some months past is now in America. His precipitate step in leaving the country at one of the most critical periods of his federation has aroused considerable comment and there are many conjectures as to the real reason for his departure. A prominent official in the sister federation of transport workers in discussing his departure hinted broadly that Mr. Thomas was going to the United States to confer with the leaders of Union labor there. If this is a correct guess as to his motives he is probably doomed to disappointment for the one thing which labor in America does not want at this time is the chance of being drawn into an industrial struggle due to its international affiliations or out of sympathy with labor in any part of the world.

### AN AGREEMENT REACHED

Your correspondent is able to say on the highest authority that prior to Mr. Thomas' departure for the United States an agreement was reached between the railway companies and their employees obviating friction when the time of decontrol arrives next August. An agreement was signed by Messrs Thomas, Bromley and Wallden on the eve of Mr. Thomas' departure by which the unions expect to secure a permanent settlement. This agreement has been kept secret but there is no doubt that it was signed sealed and delivered three weeks ago immediately after the withdrawal of the two members of the Triple Alliance from the proposed general strike.

The statement just made by Eric Geddes regarding the financial terms between the government and the companies is generally regarded as too optimistic in railway circles. Sir Henry Thornton, one of the ablest railwaymen in this country and formerly of the Pennsylvania Railway, told your representative last night that he did not anticipate any further trouble over the original claim of the men to sit on the boards of control, but the action of the Glasgow men who are the fathers of this proposal and the most extreme men in the federation would indicate that they are satisfied with the agreement signed by their leaders.

"There are many difficulties arising out of the Government's financial proposals" said Sir Henry "But these matters are largely technical and I have no doubt that they can be smoothed over."

In answer to a question regarding his opinion on Government control Sir Henry said that the British Government had not been able to run any public service efficiently and profitably except the post office.

## KING PRESENTS ROYAL SWANS TO TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDENS

(By Dominion News Service.)

London, May 18.—The King has presented six royal swans to Mr. G. Corsan, of Toronto. They are being despatched under the charge of the Dominion Express Company by the "Empress of Britain", and on arrival in Toronto will be placed in the Botanical Gardens. Each pair of swans re being packed in crates measuring three feet square.

## BOB ROGERS WOULD BURY THE HATCHET

Ottawa, May 17.—Negotiations looking toward a reconciliation between the 'straight' Conservative element in the House and country and the National Liberal and Conservative Party have been going on for some time past, and under conditions laid down by the former an early approach is anticipated.

Hon. Robert Rogers, former Minister of Public Works in the Borden Government, who has been the head of the movement for the resuscitation of the old Liberal-Conservative party has been in Ottawa for some days past, and in frequent conference with Premier Meighen.

As a consequence, it is rumored that the former minister is willing, on certain conditions, to bury the hatchet, and join forces with the Government in an attempt to win the next election.

## MONEY WAS SQUANDERED DURING WAR

Ottawa, May 17.—Speaking on the budget late last night J. E. Sinclair (Liberal, Queens P.E.I.), read a report of Senator Robertson's speech in York-Sunbury and declared that hundreds of thousands of dollars had been misappropriated or squandered during the war.

Mr. Sinclair said that the prime minister had been unfair in his comparisons of the Liberal and Conservative parties. The premier had dealt in half truths. When the Liberal government was in power it had placed 122 articles on the free list. Comparison of Liberal and Conservative free lists on the same basis would show only eighteen items added to the list during the last ten years.

The government were forced by public sentiment to add these items to the free list. Tariff revision in

## DAME MELBA, THE GREATEST SOPRANO SINGER IN THE WORLD WILL SOON VISIT CANADA

## ST. JOHN G.W.V.A. INCORPORATED AS COMPANY

Property of Association will be taken over—New wood-working company at Bathurst.

Archibald E. Chapman, Stewart Chapman and John MacIntosh of the Parish of Bathurst have been incorporated as Northern Woodworkers, Limited, with head office at Bathurst and total capital stock of twenty-four thousand dollars. The company is authorized to take over the wood-working factory of Archibald E. Chapman and to conduct a woodworking business and other activities.

### St. John G. W. V. A.

W. J. Brown, G. G. Corbett, O. J. Lawson, G. E. Logan, S. C. Tippet, N. P. McLeod, J. G. Dryden, William Vassie, J. F. Ashe, J. S. Williamson, J. A. McDonald, R. Y. Ganong, H. W. Ivers and R. J. Harrington all of the city of St. John have been incorporated as The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, St. John. N. B. Branch with head office at St. John. The company is to take over the property, rights assets and liabilities of the G. W. V. A. of St. John and to carry on an organization to perpetuate the close and kindly ties and mutual services of the Great War.

## AUNTS BUSY IN LONDON

London, May 17.—There is a growing demand for "aunts" to escort schoolboys and schoolgirls who are passing through London on their way to and from school for vacations. American visitors are also keen on securing the services of "aunts" for sight-seeing and shopping expeditions. This has led to the formation of an association called "Universal Aunts," composed of about seventy cultured women experienced in travel and having linguistic ability.

Their sphere of usefulness is not confined to the chaperoning of boys, girls and American visitors, as many of the "aunts" are experts in designing dresses and decorating houses.

### Valley Railway.

Matters concerning the Valley Railway will be taken up at Montreal and Ottawa this week by W. P. Jones, solicitor, and E. S. Carter. Mr. Carter left Tuesday for Montreal, where he will meet Mr. Jones. One of the matters scheduled for consideration is the petition of the province for a settlement with the Prudential Trust Company and the appointment of new trustees. The agreement with the C. P. R. for running rights for the valley line on the Westfield-St. John section of the C. P. R., has been approved by the C. N. R. and was executed at Woodstock by Mr. Jones and at St. John by Mr. Carter.

### No Details Announced.

The Conservative committee rooms today would make no announcement concerning the joint debate which is to take place tonight between William Irvine representing the Progressive party and a speaker on behalf of the Meighen Government. It was stated that two speakers were available for the Government side but that the choice would not be made until the meeting.

### Federal Appointment.

Miss Marie McNair has been appointed clerk-stenographer in the federal department of agriculture, Fredericton. This is a civil service appointment.

Canada could not wait for action at Washington. Any attempt to place a retaliatory tariff would only hurt the Canadian consumer without helping the Canadian producer. There should be no restrictions against the sale of Canadian farm products in the States.

Mr. Sinclair said the present high freight rates were hampering the farmers and others in his constituency. The Prince Edward Island legislature had passed a resolution urging reduced freight rates.

### TO ATTEND RACES IN MONTREAL

Hopes to Make a Two Months Singing Tour in This Country in the Fall of 1922—Declares that She Loves Canada with All Her Heart—Appreciates the Hospitality Shown Her.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

London, May 18.—Dame Nellie Melba, the greatest living soprano in the world today will start for Canada in a few weeks to make a silent tour of the Dominion.

"As my visit will be in the summer, people won't want to attend concerts to hear me sing," she told a representative of the Dominion News Service today.

Madame Melba is due to arrive in Montreal on June 12 on a purely pleasure trip. Discussing her plans she said that she intends to stay in Montreal for a few days attending the races at Blue Bonnets and renewing acquaintances with her large circle of friends in the city. From Montreal she will proceed to Lake Louise where she will stay for about a month with friends proceeding thence to Vancouver where she is due to arrive about June 20th for a stay of a little less than three weeks. On July 7th, she will embark for Australia to make an extended trip through her native lands.

"I hope to visit Canada in September 1922" she said to your representative "and to make a two months singing tour extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I love Canada with all my heart and I have received countless kindness from the hospitable people of that great Dominion."

## MAY TAKE VOTE WEDNESDAY

Ottawa, May 16.—The vote on the budget in the House of Commons is expected to take place about Wednesday next. It is understood that the Prime Minister has expressed desire to have the debate ended before Thursday and the government speakers will be regulated accordingly. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Opposition, and Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the ar-rarians, have yet to take part in the debate, however, and there are said to be seventeen other speakers on the opposition side who have made known their intention of taking part. If the vote on the budget comes on Wednesday or Thursday, prorogation is expected within about two weeks thereafter.

## HEAVY FROST IN ONTARIO

Hamilton, Ont., May 17.—A heavy frost during the night caused considerable damage in this district. Throughout the Burlington market gardening district, the early potatoes and tomatoes were entirely destroyed. Beans and asparagus also suffered. Some fear is also entertained for strawberries, which are all in flower. The fruit trees in the Niagara valley escaped.

The season has been two weeks ahead of normal planting time.

## CHOIR SINGER IS SCORED

Toronto, May 17.—"You sing in a church choir and yet come to the court and tell so many lies that I wonder Almighty God does not choke you," said County Magistrate Brunton, today, to Fred Cameron, who was before him on a charge of not supporting his wife. The accused was allowed to go with a warning that if he did not support his wife he would be sent to jail.