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SAYS CANADIAN TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN COLONIES IS MAKING WONDERFUL STRIDES

PRESENT YEAR WILL BE A RECORD ONE

Canadian Firms Now Have 250 Representatives in South Africa—In Seven Years Our Trade With That Country Has Grown from \$30,000,000 to \$110,000,000.

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London, March 30.—"If Canada puts forth the same effort to secure trade in West Africa as she has done in the Commonwealth of South Africa she will do a surprising amount of business with the Crown colonies of that region." This was the prediction of J. W. Egan, Canadian Trade Commissioner in South Africa, in speaking to a representative of Cross-Atlantic on his return from a tour of investigation into the resources and trade possibilities of the rich dependencies lying north of the Gulf of Guinea.

"Few people even in Canada have any idea of the wonderful strides that have been taken in the development of trade between South Africa and Canada during the last two years," he continued. "In 1913 before the war there were fourteen representatives of Canadian firms in South Africa, while today there are more than 250. During that time the trade has grown from \$30,000,000 to \$110,000,000 with every prospect of a record year for the fiscal period that will soon close."

CREDIT AND LOVE WILL NOT MIX

St. Catharines, Ont., March 30.—John Maranko, grocery keeper fell in love with Mary, the daughter of Thomas Morris, another foreigner, and sought her hand. Father Thomas, it is alleged agreed that John should have Mary if a line of credit was given to him at John's store. John is said to have agreed and the Morris family became regular customers.

When according to John, the bill for groceries reached \$1,700 John sought a settlement in full and demanded that the wedding bells ring out. Mary, however, couldn't see John as a life mate, and told him so in a poolroom, adding for emphasis, a slap in the face. So John is suing Father Thomas for alleged broken trade agreement.

J. F. GREGORY RETURNS

Canada Further Advanced in Reconstruction—Lumber Market Flat.

That Canada is three months ahead of England in reconstruction work, was the opinion expressed by J. Fraser Gregory who arrived home this morning on the C. P. O. S. liner Minnedosa after a trip to Nice, Monte Carlo, Paris, London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter Olivia. Mr. Gregory said they had a most enjoyable tour, but his impressions on getting home were that "old St. John is good enough for him and as lively and as up-to-date as any place he had visited."

Regarding conditions he said that in Great Britain they are worse than there. "It would seem," he said, "that they were just about getting over the worst period and were looking forward for an improvement, but in Canada it looks as if we were on the up grade."

DECONTROL OF RAILWAYS IN THE OLD COUNTRY WILL COME SOON

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, March 30.—The decontrol of the railways will come sooner than is generally expected, I am informed on excellent authority. Yesterday and today there were important meetings of the Ministry of Transportation concerning railways that it is ready and willing to hand back to private ownership as soon as the companies agree to settle their claims against the country on the basis of Lord Colwyn's report. The whole plan of the grouping the railroads will be abandoned for the present and the Ministry of Transportation will dissolve. Sir Eric Geddes has already received a definite offer from a London firm at a salary of over \$50,000 a year, and this post he may accept.

FIRE PREVENTION BILL AGREED TO IN THE HOUSE; BUDGET DEBATE NOW ON

Premier Foster introduces a Bill to Provide for the Appointment of Women as Moving Picture Censors—Bill to Amend the Provincial Loans Act—Moncton May Become a Separate Municipality.

The train from St. John, which numbered among its passengers Hon. Mr. Speaker Dysart and other members from points east, was late last evening and consequently it was after nine o'clock when the Legislature resumed work after the Easter holidays. Nearly all of the members were in their places and the sitting lasted for more than two hours. Two important government bills were put through the committee stage, one being an amendment to the Provincial Loans Act and the other being an Act for the prevention of fires.

A number of important government bills were introduced, including one to amend the Judicature Act, another to amend the act relating to jurors and another to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act. The latter, among other things will provide for the appointment of members of the fair sex to the board of censors for moving pictures.

Hon. Mr. Robinson presented a petition from the City of Moncton praying for the passage of a bill to amend the act which divides the province into counties, towns and parishes. The object of the proposed legislation is to separate the City of Moncton from the County of Westmorland.

Hon. Dr. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, will deliver his first budget speech in the House this afternoon. This of course will precipitate an interesting debate, but it is not believed that it will be unduly prolonged. A number of the new members, including members of the United Farmers' party, are expected to take part.

Assembly Chamber.

March 29th, 1921.

The House met at 8.30 o'clock P. M. MR. HAYES presented the first report of the Committee on Municipalities.

MR. BAXTER said he had been requested to ask that certain documents relating to mineral rights in Albert and Westmorland Counties which had been before the Governor-in-Council, be laid upon the table of the House. He would not make any motion as he thought it would be done without the formality of an address.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that the documents referred to had been before the Governor-in-Council, and he would be pleased to lay them on the table for the information of the House.

Notice of enquiry was given for Friday next as follows:

By Mr. McManus: As to whether the Dominion Government had made any allowance to the Province for railways recently taken over; as to the amount of money and land grants contributed by the Province in aid of railways; as to what railways have had their bonds guaranteed by the Province, and as to whether the Province has been called upon to pay interest on such bonds?

A Moncton Petition.

HON. MR. ROBINSON presented the petition of the City of Moncton to amend the Act relating to the division of the Province into counties, towns and parishes. He explained that there was a movement on foot to separate the City of Moncton from the Municipality of Westmorland, and the County Council was to meet shortly to consider the question. It might be said that such a bill could only be introduced as Government legislation, but he thought it might be dealt with as in the case of other municipality bills. However, he was merely presenting the petition, and there would be ample time to decide what course to pursue.

MR. BAXTER said that the petition was all right, but in regard to the bill the matter might be one of grave concern. The bill if passed would raise the question of an additional sheriff, registrar of deeds and other officers, and it should be determined whether or not it could properly be introduced as private legislation.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said he realized that the views of the hon. member would carry weight. He had only presented the petition and it could be referred to the standing rules committee. In the past the House had allowed different localities to present bills relating to sewers and marsh lands. In fact where bills had a special local application and had been allowed as amendments to the general act. He thought the matter of introducing the Moncton bill as Government or private legislation could be looked into later.

The Judicature Act.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Judicature Act. He explained that in 1913 the Supreme Court was divided into Appeal and King's Bench Divisions. It was provided that judges of each division should reside in St. John, and a subsequent amendment it was provided that the Act should not apply to one judge of the Appeal Division. That left Judge White free to reside in his residence at Sussex. Provision had also been made where two judges of the King's Bench

Division could continue to reside at Fredericton, but no provision was made in the case of Judge Chandler. The present amendment provided that the Act would not apply to the King's Bench judges residing in Fredericton and Moncton.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Jurors' Act, 1919. He explained that under the present Act in a case where a Juror was unable to attend the County Court Judge could appoint another person to act. It had been found advisable to amend the Act so that in case of the non-attendance of the Juror the Judge or a member of the Board could appoint a substitute.

HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to Rates and Taxes. He explained that the law now allowed collectors and assessors a sum not exceeding ten per cent on the amount collected. The object of the amendment was to give Municipalities the right to increase the rate to fifteen per cent. He was introducing the bill at the request of certain Municipal Councils who desired a change.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to the sale of certain lines of railway to the Dominion of Canada. He explained that that roads to be transferred must have been in operation for twenty-one years. It was afterwards found that the York & Carleton Railway had been in operation only nineteen years and was therefore unable to hand over a proper title. Under the amendment the transfer could be made on proof being furnished to the Governor-in-Council that proper title deeds of the right-of-way were possessed by the Company.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act. He explained the representations had been made to the Government for the appointment of a woman to the Board of Moving Picture Censors, and he proposed when the bill reached the committee stage to invite a full discussion on the whole question. At the present time it was difficult for the censors to satisfy the people as to the kind of pictures which should be shown or prohibited. He thought a Board of four members was sufficient for the purpose and the amendment provided that it should be composed of two men and two women. The reduction in the number of men could be made by resignation or removal as provided by the Act.

The House then went into Committee with Mr. Hayes in the Chair, and took up consideration of a bill to amend The Provincial Loans Act.

HON. MR. FOSTER in explanation said that the Provincial Loans Act provides that the rate of interest should not exceed six per cent. During the year it had been found that issue of six per cent. sold under par. The question was raised if the issue were legal under the Act. A legal firm had been consulted and had decided that an amendment would be necessary to meet the situation. It was not prepared to say whether the legal opinion was right or not.

MR. BAXTER asked if the legal firm in question had approved of the bill.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that he did not know.

MR. BAXTER said he did not see how the provision would meet the case.

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LIBERAL LEADER STARTS WARM DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT BY AN AMENDMENT TO SUPPLY BILL

THE BUDGET IN THE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON

A Surplus of \$9,330 is Estimated for the Ensuing Year—Falling Off in Revenue Expected.

Hon. Dr. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, in his budget speech this afternoon, will forecast a revenue of \$2,895,856, for the ensuing year, against actual receipts last year of \$3,100,548. The probable expenditure for the year is estimated at \$2,886,526, which will leave a surplus of \$9,330 on the year's operations. The Provincial Secretary frankly stated that the government was faced with a situation which would call for the exercise of the strictest economy in the administration of the public services.

The government, as already announced by Premier Foster, will not launch any new enterprises during the coming year, and will not put into effect any new taxes which would impose additional burdens on the people of the province.

It is expected that the anticipated drop in revenue will be in the Department of Lands and Mines, because of the condition of the lumber market. The reduced lumber cut would have meant a largely decreased revenue, but for the action of the government in increasing the rate of stumpage last year to \$5 per thousand.

Receipts from the motor vehicle tax have grown from \$15,000 in 1915 to \$200,000 in 1920, and for this year the amount estimated is \$275,000.

The actual increase in the public debt last year was \$1,499,931, the chief items being \$780,000 for highway construction under Federal aid, \$500,000 for bridges and \$100,000 on account of the Valley Railway.

The territorial revenue for the ensuing year is estimated at \$1,320,500, as compared with \$1,589,539 last year. The revenue from prohibition is estimated at \$60,000, against receipts of \$79,500 last year. Succession duties are expected to produce \$100,000, as against \$90,500 last year.

The appropriation for agriculture will be reduced from \$83,243 to \$66,000, and bonuses to officials will be cut down from \$10,700 to \$4,825. The estimated expenditure for education is \$361,200, against \$318,697 paid out for the service last year.

Estimates on public works call for an expenditure of \$562,294, against an actual expenditure of \$811,810 last year. Exclusive of St. John Valley interest payments, the Provincial Secretary says the province had a surplus of nearly \$100,000 last year.

MORE BANKS GO UNDER

San Francisco, March 30.—The California National Bank of Modesto has closed its doors and its affairs are in the hands of the comptroller of currency. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve Board and has deposits of more than \$1,000,000. The cause of the failure is over loans to agricultural interests.

Breckenridge, Texas, March 30.—The Guaranty State Bank of Breckenridge

WANTS THE WRITS FOR BY-ELECTIONS ISSUED

Declares That There is No Parallel in History for the Attitude of the Government—Prime Minister Puts Up a Lame Defence—Motion of Liberal Leader Voted Down.

Ottawa, March 29.—In a tense house tonight the opposition sprang a surprise. Many members had not yet returned from the Easter vacation. The attendance was moderate, but accusation, sarcasm and irony were flung from side to side and the atmosphere became more and more heated.

It was shortly after the opening of the evening sitting that the surprise came. There was a motion before the house to go into supply. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, moved an amendment declaring "that representation in parliament being a fundamental right of the people, writs should be issued at once to fill the existing vacancies in the house of commons, and that polls should be held at the earliest possible time so as to ensure representation to all constituencies during the present session of parliament."

"There is no parallel in history to the government's attitude," heatedly declared Mr. King, as he again pressed for information on the circumstances concerning the resignation of Sir Herbert Ames as member for St. Antoine.

The prime minister warmly charged the opposition with seeking snap verdicts and the glory that lay behind them. He complained that the opposition had not shown him the courtesy of proper notice of the amendment. It was not till 2.20 in the afternoon, forty minutes before the house opened, that he had received word of it.

Ernest Lapointe (Quebec East) said that the notice of the amendment was sent at one o'clock. Furthermore at noon the prime minister, had notified Mr. King that the same afternoon the minister of marine would make his annual statement on the government mercantile marine. "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," Mr. Lapointe exclaimed. "There is a great difference," Mr. Meighen said back, "between a statement to be placed on Hansard and a challenge to the government."

Dr. Michael Clark (Red Deer) opposed the amendment on several grounds.

Hon. W. S. Fielding said that in times past, Hon. Mr. Meighen had held different views from those he had announced today. Day was a poor argument when the electors were seeking representation.

It was midnight before a division occurred, the King amendment being defeated by a vote of fifty-eight to eighty-nine, a majority of thirty-one for the government.

did not open its doors for business today. A notice posted on the doors said that the bank was in the hands of the state insurance and banking department. The institution has a capital of \$350,000 and did an extensive business. The deposits exceed \$1,000,000.

Des Moines, Ia., March 30.—The Rome Savings Bank was closed yesterday by the state banking department. There had been a heavy run on the institution.

Mrs. Harold McMurray and daughter, Marjory are spending the week in St. John.

SIXTH REUNION OF YPRES LEAGUE TO BE HELD IN LONDON APRIL 23

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, March 30.—An invitation has been sent to Canada today asking the Dominion to send two or three representatives to the reunion of the Ypres League, which will take place on April 23 next, the sixth anniversary of the second battle. The Ypres League was formed recently and all men of the Empire who served in the salient are entitled to membership. There is nothing but sentiment in the idea of the Ypres League, and the membership fee nominal. It commemorates the 200,000 men that fell in that region and nites those who took part in the comradeship of a common idea and a common suffering.