

PROROGATION LIKELY TONIGHT

Wants to Bring About Equilibrium in All the National Budgets

SUGGESTS BANK CONFERENCE

Would Include All the Great Banks Issuing Currency Including the American Reserve Bank—The German Reparations Issue—Russian Army Has been Discussed.

Genoa, April 12—The necessity of bringing about equilibrium in national budgets if the European situation is to be stabilized, formed the most important subject of discussion at the meeting today of the sub-commission on finance, at which Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, the chairman, proposed an international conference of the great banks issuing currency, including the American reserve banks.

The commission decided to make the London experts report the basis of its deliberations and to appoint another sub-commission to examine exchange, with a second sub-commission to study credits the commission itself devoting its labors to the question of currency.

German Reparations Issue

Dr. Andreas Hermes, the German minister of finance, created much commotion by alluding to the question of reparations. He declared that the Germans had examined the London report and were in accord on many points but wished to emphasize that Germany would find extreme difficulty in establishing equilibrium in her budget while obliged to support heavy payments externally. Germany, he promised, will bring in practical suggestions later.

A report was current in conference circles that the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, would return to Berlin within a few days, concerned over internal conditions in that country and apparently depressed over the situation at Genoa.

On the other hand, Christian Rakovsky, premier of Ukraine, depicted the Russian financial situation in rosy colors and seized the opportunity to allude to disarmament, which the Russians are contending should have a place on the agenda.

Says Russia Has Disarmed

He wanted the world to know that the Russian budget was in a very favorable condition, as six-sevenths of the expenses were covered by ordinary revenues and only the remaining seventh was met by the issue of paper currency.

After making the statement that in two years the Russian army had been decreased from 5,360,000 to 1,450,000 he said:

"Russia has already disarmed, and all will be useless until the great

RIVER NOW NINE FEET HIGHER THAN SUMMER LEVEL

Fraser Drives Out on Oromocto River—Little Lumber to be Rafted at Mitchell Boom.

The water in the St. John River is rising steadily having come up over a foot since Wednesday morning. It is now about nine feet above summer level.

Hanging the Booms.

The work of hanging the booms at Lincoln was begun Wednesday by the two tugs, Latona and Fred Glasier of the St. John River Log Driving Company. Other tugboats, the Randolph and Flushing are expected to arrive by tomorrow the latter with the drift drive outfit in tow. They will assist in hanging the booms. No booms are being placed above Fredericton this year and all rafting will be done at the Mitchell Boom at Lincoln. Only about a million and a quarter feet will be rafted this being all old lumber and not of this season's cut.

Drives Doing Well.

The drives on the various streams are doing well, ideal driving conditions prevailing owing to the rains which have been general over the province. All the drives on the Oromocto, for Fraser Companies, Ltd., are in. Those on the Nashwaak and Mactaquac are progressing favorably.

masses of gold, which really belongs to all countries shall be distributed fairly, instead of being concentrated in the hands of a few nations."

Emil Glückstadt, Danish delegate, who was a member of the commission which investigated the financial situation in Austria, urged the imperative necessity of returning rapidly to the gold standard as the real basis of world currency, and thus bring about equilibrium in the budgets. He emphasized the necessity of adopting special measures to restore credit in countries like Germany, Austria and Hungary.

Devastated Territories

The question as to which sub-commission should discuss the question of finances connected with the reconstruction of the devastated provinces of France and Belgium arose, and Chairman Horne ruled that it should be taken up by the sub-committee on credit.

Sir Robert outlined the great goal of the conference as: First to establish an agreement on the financial programmes of all governments; second, to achieve the financial equilibrium of the budgets of all states, and, third, the establishment of the gold standard as an effective monetary unit.

The Supplementary Estimates Brought Down in the House

Government to Pay Last Years' Deficit at the University of New Brunswick ---Restigouche Members to get Indemnity for Last Session --- Bill Passed to Increase the Road Tax to 40 cents.

Supplementary estimates totalling about fifteen thousand dollars, were brought down in the Legislature last evening by Hon. Dr. Hetherington and the several items were put through with very little discussion. The largest item was one of \$5,550.48, for the University of New Brunswick. The money goes to make up the deficit on last year's operations and is in keeping with a promise made last year when the university authorities approached the government for an increased grant. The item called forth speeches in praise of the college from Premier Foster and Leader Richards.

Another vote of \$3,370.24 comes out of the government House trust fund, and will go towards paying the cost of the upkeep of the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor. This money, as the Premier explained, represents the accrued interest on the proceeds of the sale of old Government House and under the law can be expended only for the purpose for which it has been voted. The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated to pay the sessional indemnity of Messrs Stewart and Diotte, the members for Restigouche, who although elected, did not take their seats last session because of a decision of the Courts on protest proceedings which had been filed against them.

A grant of \$600 appears in the estimates for the New Soldiers' Memorial Hospital recently opened at Campbellton.

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES

When the House opened in the afternoon Mr. Estabrooks moved a resolution for the encouragement of trade relations with the West Indies and recommending the appointment of trade agents for the province. The resolution was unanimously adopted after the mover and seconder and Premier Foster had spoken in its favor.

INCREASED ROAD TAX

A bill to increase the road tax from 25 cents on the \$100 to 40 cents was passed without opposition. Hon. Mr. Veniot stated that it would not go into operation until 1923.

The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up with public and private bills and before adjournment the order paper had been pretty well cleaned up. The troublesome St. John Power bill still remains and there is a bill to amend the Game Act, 1921. Prorogation will take place either tonight or early tomorrow morning.

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INTERESTING PARALLEL.

The Gallery Man Comments on Sir George Foster and Hon. William Pugsley.

The Gallery Man who has been writing a series of articles on the Legislature and allied subjects for the St. John Globe comments as follows on the careers of Sir George Foster and Hon. William Pugsley who were classmates at the University of New Brunswick:—

Glancing at the records of Sir George Foster and the Lieutenant-Governor there are certain resemblances. Foster was born in Carleton county in 1847, but removed to Kings county. Pugsley was born in Sussex in 1850. Both went to the University of New Brunswick and were graduated in the same year, 1868. Pugsley was Gold Medalist in his second year and took several scholarships: Foster won the Kings County Scholarship when he entered and various honors and medals. Pugsley stood second for the famous Gilchrist scholarship, to win which in those days was the highest scholastic honor. Foster was professor of classics in U. N. B. in 1871. Pugsley was admitted to the bar in 1882. Pugsley won his first election in 1885. And since then they have travelled along their political roads, often meeting and paying each other the usual compliments, until to-

GOOD SAMARITANS

Girl Was Broke and Among Strangers But Was Cared For and Helped on Way.

That Fredericton people have their hearts in the right place was illustrated at the C. P. R. Station Wednesday evening. A lady who had gone to the station to meet friends coming on the late train, saw a young girl sitting in the ladies' waiting room. Knowing that the last train had left, she spoke to the girl and asked her where she was going. The girl could only speak a little English but the lady found out that she had arrived at noon from Montreal, that she was going to Minto and expected to make close connections. She had her ticket to Minto, but had not one cent of money. The girl had had nothing to eat since leaving Montreal. The lady gave the girl money, another lady went out and bought her a lunch, then a gentleman offered to take her home and provide her with a bed, breakfast and put her on the Minto train in the morning.

day Sir George is in the Senate and Dr. Pugsley Governor of New Brunswick. Surely two remarkable careers for these classmates.

Compensation Act Amendments Caused Clash in the House

AFFIDAVIT ENDORSED BY MEETING

Covey's Policy re Amateur Athletics Receives Support 55 to 33—Secession in Nova Scotia.

St. John, April 13—The policy of requiring every athlete in the maritime provinces to take an affidavit attesting to his simon pure amateur status was endorsed by a vote of 55 to 33 after a lengthy discussion at a special meeting of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of Canada held here yesterday afternoon. The vote calling for an endorsement of the policy came after a lengthy discussion of the affidavit during the course of which it was urged, on the one hand, that no real amateur had any good reason for refusing to take the affidavit, and on the other hand, that the compulsory taking of the affidavit by all athletes was unfair and that only those upon whom suspicion of professional practices had alighted should be obliged to take the affidavit. Fault was found also with the wording of the document itself and it was urged that many who were in spirit amateurs would be prevented from conscientious reasons from taking the affidavit. In answer to this objection it was explained that if for any relatively unimportant reasons an athlete could not take the affidavit he might submit a statement of his particular case with the assurance that the registration committee of the association would deal generously with his case and recommend his admission to the amateur ranks providing his transgressions had been only of a minor nature.

Clubs affiliated with the M. P. B. A. A. U. in several parts of all three of the maritime provinces were represented either by delegates or by proxy at the meeting. Altogether there were more than forty in attendance. With but two exceptions the clubs objecting to adopting of the affidavit policy were Nova Scotia clubs, and discussion of the result, after the meeting indicated that there is a possibility of a secession movement arising in Nova Scotia as a consequence of today's meeting. Such a movement apparently would be concerned chiefly with baseball and hockey and would contemplate the formation of an independent organization that would seek affiliation with some athletic body of wider jurisdiction than the M. P. B. A. A. of Canada.

OPPOSITION LEADER RAISED OBJECTION

Attorney General Byrne Explained That Amending Act Would Become Effective Only on Order-in-Council—Opportunity to Protest Before Govt. Would be Given.

The Legislature in a morning session today listened to a protest from C. D. Richards against the bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. The leader of the Opposition said that sufficient opportunity to discuss the bill had not been permitted and also that the chief object was the legislate the Bathurst Lumber Company out of the courts where it now has a case.

Attorney General Byrne replying to Mr. Richards said that the Government intended to bring the act into effect only on an order by His Honor the Lieut. Governor-in-Council and that before such an order would be issued the Bathurst Lumber Company and any other company or person interested in the Act could appear before the Government and present its case.

Assembly Chamber, April 13, 1922.

The House met at eleven o'clock. HON. MR. BYRNE introduced a bill to amend the Act Respecting Sewers and Marshlands. He explained that the purpose was for the drainage of the Great Marsh Road, the commissioners should cooperate with the Department of Public Works, and that the commissioners should obtain the consent of at least half the owners of the land before taking action. Another provision was to increase the pay of commissioners from two dollars per day to four dollars. A more drastic penalty for the depositing of ashes or other rubbish in streams also was provided.

The House went into committee with Mr. Hayes in the chair and took up consideration of the bill to amend the Act to establish Electoral Districts and Sub-districts in the Province.

MR. BURLOCK said that as far as Carleton county was concerned the Bill was satisfactory but he thought there might be confusion in regard to the numbering of districts.

HON. MR. BYRNE said that no confusion from the numbering was anticipated.

The Bill was agreed to.

The Committee agreed to a Bill to amend the Fire Prevention Act, 1921, and took up consideration of a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

MR. RICHARDS said that this Bill had been distributed only the day before and this was the last day of the session. The Bill affected one of the most important services under the government. The cursory glance which he had been able to give it made it appear that some serious changes in procedure under the Compensation Act.

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IT TAKES THE MODEST MURPHY TO UNIONIZE MARITIME PARTISANS

Ottawa, April 10—The "homely spud" occupied the time of the House of Commons tonight. Down in New Brunswick the potato is one of the main sources of revenue. T. W. Caldwell (Progressive, Carleton-Victoria) asked the Government to consider the establishment of proper terminal facilities at St. John for potato shipment. He was backed by every man from his Province, regardless of party. When New Brunswick comes to consider the "spud" party differences are forgotten. Members pointed out that the United States tariff had hit the industry badly, but no worse than the high freight rates which had stopped shipments into Montreal and Ontario. Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, assured the members that the Government was already investigating, and, if it was at all possible, the New Brunswick potato would get the assistance which it needed to place it on the world's tables in even competition with potatoes from other countries. With this the Prime Minister agreed, and the resolution was withdrawn without any opposition at all.

MAY HAVE DAIRY STANDARDS ACT FOR THE WHOLE DOMINION

Ottawa, April 12—The establishment of dairy standards, not only for Ontario, but for the whole of Canada, is forecasted by a resolution introduced in the House of Commons by J. W. Kennedy, member for Stormont and Glengarry. This resolution calls upon the House to recommend that standards be established for Canadian dairy produce, both for export and home trade, and asserts that such action would be in the best interests of the dairy industry. The same influences which are opposing the Ontario Standards Act will no doubt be brought to bear upon this resolution as well.