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THE GOVERNMENT MAY APPOINT A CANADIAN MINISTER TO THE U. S.

THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION

Mr. Macdonald of Pictou, N. S. Urges More Direct Method of Communication Between Canadian and American Governments — International Fishermen's Races Discussed.

Ottawa, May 3—Appointment of a Canadian representative at Washington is now receiving consideration at the hands of the dominion government. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King announced in the house today. The prime minister's statement was made in reply to urgent pleas by E. M. Macdonald (Liberal Pictou) that a Canadian minister should be appointed to Washington.

Mr. Macdonald brought up the question on a motion for production of documents "relative to the petition of the Eastern Labrador Transportation Co. and others to the secretary of state for external affairs," and replies thereto from the United States government.

The case at issue said Mr. Macdonald was that a Nova Scotia ship sunk by an American vessel off Rhode Island. The fault lay with the American vessel, but the Canadian owners under United States law could not sue through the courts. They had to act through the secretary for external affairs.

"There should be a more direct method of communication between Canadian and United States governments than the present one of going through the British embassy at Washington," Mr. Macdonald declared.

There were continually matters arising between the two countries and it was absolutely necessary that there should be a Canadian minister or other official at Washington who would be able to take these matters up direct.

"It is advisable" moved William Duff (Liberal Lunenburg) today "that every possible assistance be given to the promotion and maintenance of international deep sea racing between Canadian deep set racing fishing vessels and deep set fishing vessels of other nations."

The house cheered when Mr. Duff spoke of the Canadian victory in the international races last year. This year he said the fishermen of Nova Scotia had built two more boats for the elimination contests. The Americans also had another two boats ready. It had become an international matter now, the interest having far exceeded the local or provincial sphere.

Hon. Earnest Lapointe minister of Marine said it had appealed to his sporting and national spirit to know that Canadians were holding their own against Americans and other foreign competitors. If a small grant would help the fishing and ship-building industries he was of the opinion that it was deserved; but he did not feel free to say in the terms of the resolution that the race should be given every possible assistance. He promised to give the matter careful consideration and for this purpose moved adjournment of the debate. This was accepted at once by Mr. Duff and carried without opposition.

In a passing reference to the debate on the flag flapping in the house the other day, Mr. Duff said that when the fishing fleet set out for the banks they put the flag topmast as a symbol "We do not believe in flag-flapping," he said. "We do not hoist it every day and let it get ragged. But it is a symbol to the wives and sweaters on shore and we use it only for special occasions."

Mr. Duff asserted that to make a small grant to the expenses of the Canadian boats in this international contest would be a stimulus to ship building and to the fishing industry.

LIBERALS AT OTTAWA HELD A CAUCUS

Ottawa, May 3—Militia, estimates and other matters on the order paper as well as general government policy were discussed at today's caucus of Liberal members and senators which was underway for two and a half hours. As a result of the free discussion which took place it is understood that the government was promised solid Liberal support in the measures which it has brought before the house and which are now proposed. The bonus question civil service commission and return to patronage were not discussed in any way most of the business of the meeting being being devoted to bringing the members all into harmony on such matters as the militia estimates.

At the close of the caucus it was announced officially that there had been a full and harmonious discussion on the matters brought up and that the members had given their unanimous support to the government might decide upon.

The effect of this morning's caucus on C. G. Power's motion to reduce the annual training item by over \$1,000,000 is yet uncertain but it is believed that the government's stand against the proposed reduction will be accepted by the party.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Fort Lawrence, N. S. May 3—A lightning bolt struck Mrs. and Mr. Howard Thompson of this place as they were driving home late last evening. Mrs. Thompson, who was the first to regain consciousness found herself lying under the head of the senseless horse. Struggling free, she saw the carriage upside down and by the side of her husband lying unconscious. After considerable effort she aroused Mr. Thompson and then they managed to bring the horse from its stupor.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were still dazed.

HUNS DENY AGREEMENT

London, May 4—It is learned that official assurances have been given by the German Government to Lord Abernethy, British Ambassador at Berlin that no military agreement had been concluded between the Soviet Government and Germany. Nevertheless the British Government is watching the situation with a good deal of anxiety as it feels the mere suggestion of such a pact is almost as dangerous in the present condition of Europe as its actual signature.

Exhibition For Moncton. Moncton Transcript: Should Moncton have an exhibition? That was the subject of a meeting of several prominent gentlemen, held in the city hall on Monday evening. The feeling that there should be something put on to take advantage of and advertise Moncton's central position and her right to the name of the "Hub" has long been prevalent and a yearly exhibition has been suggested.

C. P. R. Meeting A meeting of officers and employees of the C. P. R., N. B. district, was held at McAdam on Tuesday afternoon, the 39 men present representing the several services of all the divisions of the district. Discussion was carried on with a view to establishing greater economy of operation. The meeting in this district is preliminary to a general meeting to be held in Montreal soon.

S. W. Stevenson of Montreal is in the city today.

Severe Fighting is Reported in China Kuan is Captured

CHANG TSO-LIN SECURING HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS FOR HIS TROOPS—SUPPLY OF ARTILLERY AMMUNITION HAS BEEN REDUCED BY HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS AND MACHINE GUNS ARE NOW BEING USED.

Peking, May 3—General Wu Pei-Fu, commander of the Chi Li forces, was reported this evening to have arrived near Machang, on the railroad south of Tientsin, to take personal command of the operations.

Late reports are to the effect that Chang Tso-Lin is heavily reinforcing his troops in that region. General Wu, if he actually takes command there will have facing him the twenty-five-year-old son of Chang Tso-Lin.

Foreign military observers with the Chi Lin forces report that Wu Pei-Fu recently has been directing the operation at Changsintien.

KUAN RECAPTURED

He is endeavoring to get results out of General Tsao Kun's poor troops, pending the arrival of General Feng Yut Siang's forces, which began to reach Pao Tinfu, on the railway south of Peking, Tuesday. The reports are to the effect that Wu Pei-Fu's own troops have not participated in the fighting at Changsintien.

The heavy bombardment that has been in progress at various points has depleted the stores of big gun ammunition and the fighting is now mainly with machine guns and rifles.

On the middle of the front the troops of Chang Tso-Lin have recaptured Kuan. Wounded men from that region say the fighting was heavy during the past few days, often at close quarters. The tide of battle was continually changing until the arrival of Chang's reinforcements turned the scales.

FIGHTING ALONG HUN

A despatch received here from Tientsin says reinforcements for Chang's army near Machang detrained midway between Peking and Machang and marched southward toward the Hun river, where fighting took place on the western bank of the stream. The cabinet here announces that it has received a message from the governor of Shantung saying that 20,000 Manchurian soldiers had landed in Shantung, having been transported from Manchuria by sea.

Admiral Joseph Strauss, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, visited the front in the foothills west of Peking today. The artillery was observable in a few miles to the southward. Columns of smoke were rising from the town of Changsintien, in consequence of an airplane bombardment this morning.

Artillery firing is reported to have opened on a long wide front at Machang, south of Eien Tsin on the Pukow railroad, where large forces of General Chang's forces are concentrated.

ADHERENCE TO PROVISIONS OF PRAYER-BOOK IN MATTER MARRIAGES RECOMMENDED

Publication of Banns and Solemnization of Marriage in Churches Receives Support—Committee on Bishop's Charge Reported to Synod This Morning—Amalgamation of Colleges Endorsed.

The chief item of business at this morning's session of the fifty-third Diocesan Synod was the report of the Standing Committee on the charge which His Lordship had delivered to the Synod.

Following the reading of the minutes the order of business was suspended and Rev. E. S. C. Powell, foreign missionary from Japan was welcomed to the floor of the Synod.

The regular order of business being resumed, the Standing Committee brought in its report on the Bishop's charge to the Synod. This is as follows:

"To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton. The Standing Committee having considered your Lordships charge beg to report as follows:

"We feel that we are expressing the joy of the whole church in the Province when we acknowledge our deep gratitude to Almighty God for his mercies vouchsafed to your Lordship in your recent recovery from the very serious operation which you underwent last year.

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FOREST FIRES IN NEW ENGLAND ARE CAUSING CONSIDERABLE LOSS

FRANCE MAY ABOLISH TAX ON TOURISTS

Paris, May 4—A vigorous fight is being waged against the taxe de sejour for foreign visitors, which probably will result in abrogation of the law. This tax, though comparatively small, is considered by hotel and business interests here as destined to prevent the maximum of arrivals from the United States and other countries, where the value of the franc held profit from a purchasing standpoint.

Two hundred Deputies have assured their constituents they will work for the cancellation of this charge, relying upon that proof of their willingness to cut down tourists' expenditures to create a better feeling in the United States. Simultaneously comes the innovation that the syndicate of French hotel-keepers has decided to publish the maximum and minimum charges of every French hotel, promising legal action in all cases of proved extortion.

VISIBLE A MILE AWAY

New York May 4—The American summer girl this year will be a riot of colors according to one of the best-known authorities on dress.

"A dozen rainbows fore or less will have nothing on the American summer girl," says the current Dry Goods Economist. "It is now definitely settled that she will be visible a mile away from a given point of observation."

"Each of the primary colors—red, yellow and blue and the secondaries—green, orange and violet representing the strongest hues possible to dye will be a leader. Not infrequently they will be worn with white."

FOUND LETTER FOR HER FATHER

Rodosto, Asia Minor, May 3—While distributing old clothes among refugee farmers of Armenia last week Miss Margaret Caldwell of Bristol, Tenn., a Near East relief worker came across two bundles of clothing from her home town. In one of these she found a pair of trousers which looked familiar. Feeling something in one of the pockets she investigated and found a letter addressed to her father.

VICTORIA DAY OPENING

Three games on Victoria Day, morning, afternoon and night, are suggested for the opening of the baseball season as far as the semi-pro game is concerned. The trouble will be to decide which team is to play the one game and which two teams the two games. C. K. Palmer was elected chairman and A. E. Crowley secretary treasurer of the Fredericton Baseball Club last night. They will have control of finances and will sign and release the players.

Opposed to a Cut

New Glasgow Chronicle: Town Clerk Donkin of Amherst has filed a petition in the County Court to prevent reduction of his salary as resolved by the Town Council. He has been Clerk of Amherst for 32 years, and his salary is \$1,350 a year. This was reduced ten per cent by the Council in keeping with the salaries of all other officials of the town. The Act appointing Town Clerks provides against the reduction of pay of long time employees, and under this clause Town Clerk Donkin has petitioned the Court to stay the cut. Judge Patterson has the matter under advisement.

MORE THAN 2000 FIRES REPORTED

Every Available State and Town Agency Has Been Mobilized to Meet the Situation—No Rain Has Fallen in Several Weeks—Two Children Burned to Death.

Boston, May 3—Seriousness of the forest fire situation in Massachusetts was emphasized by William J. A. L. Bazeley commissioner of conservation, who announced more than 2,000 fires had been reported, two lives lost in fighting them and not less than fifty buildings destroyed. There has been only one inch of rain since April 1. Fires are burning in a score of communities and many others are smouldering on ground that had recently been burned over. Every available state and town agency was mobilized to meet conditions which were described as the worst in years. The counties affected are Barnstable, Middlesex, Worcester, Hampden and Berkshire.

Commissioner Bazeley said that carelessness on the part of the public has caused ninety-five per cent of the fires. He added that persons found guilty of violating the forest fire laws would be vigorously prosecuted.

"The fact that no rain has fallen for several weeks," he continued, "supplemented by the fact that as a result of the November ice storm the ground is covered with broken branches from trees, makes the fire hazard exceptionally serious. The state forester has caused the issuing of fire permits by town forest wardens to be discontinued, as well as the revocation of those already issued."

"We have in Massachusetts thousands of acres of growth from five to fifteen years of age, which are considered by many people practically valueless, but it should be borne in mind that if this is allowed to grow only a few years longer it will become valuable wood and timber."

A Child Burned

Wood River Junction, R. I., May 3—The death of a child, the burning of a barn and the beginning of one of the worst brush fires the Pawcatuck valley has seen in years were caused by two children playing with matches yesterday.

The two small sons of William Perkins were playing in the barn when their mother saw smoke coming from the roof. She rushed out and found the barn in flames, but was in time to save the younger child, three years old. William, four years old, was burned to death.

The fire consumed the barn, swept across the highway and up the Pawcatuck valley, levelling several hundred acres of timber.

Child Burned to Death

Livermore Falls, Me., May 3—Arthur Nadeau, a seven-month-old child, was fatally burned in a fire which destroyed two sets of farm buildings at Fayette yesterday. One set of buildings was owned by Thos. Gurney and the other by H. C. Whittemore. Flames later spread to the wood lot of Dexter Gordon, burning over a large territory before they were extinguished.

BALFOUR'S TITLE

London, May 3—It was announced that Sir Arthur Balfour's full title is Earl of Balfour and Viscount Thrapston of Wittinghame. Balfour is a small place in Fife, the original home of the Balfours. Wittinghame is the Earl of Balfour's Scottish home and place of birth in East Lothian.

MADE BIG HAULS

Belfast, May 3—More than £40,000 have been taken by Irish Republican army irregulars in raids on various branches of the Bank of Ireland in the South it was reported in Belfast today.