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Race Track Gambling Discussed Yesterday In House of Commons

MOTION MADE BY MR. W. C. GOOD

His Majesty's Name Was Ruled Out by the Discussion.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In an address that showed infinite care in preparation but that lacked somewhat in respect of effective delivery, W. C. Good, Progressive member for Brant, moved in the House of Commons this afternoon his resolution aimed at the suppression of legalized public betting on the race courses of Canada.

Mr. Good presented his case against race betting to a House that received his opening sentences with good humored cries of "lost" and it could not fairly be said that his forensic effort won to his cause many who might have described themselves as "on the fence."

In his condemnation of commercialized public gambling and his simple demand that racing interests be placed on a parity before the law with all other classes of citizens the member for Brant was somewhat eloquently seconded by his fellow Progressive, J. L. Brown of Lisgar, Manitoba.

One Liberal, Fernand Rinfret of St. James, Montreal, and one Conservative, Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Victoria, opposed the spirit of the resolution while the only remaining speaker, Andrew McMaster, Liberal, Brome, showed his wonted independence of mind by supporting it.

Owing to his illness, the Prime Minister was not in the House although debate upon the resolution at his request had been held over from Monday in order that he might be present. Now that it has been started, discussion of the resolution probably will be given right-of-way until it disposed of on division. The usual Wednesday early-closing prevented its completion today, and the debate was adjourned by a Progressive member, A. M. Carmichael of Kindersley.

Mr. Good quoted from pamphlets and letters in support of his contention that gambling and liquor interests were in politics, and he maintained that when the race track gambling interests entered politics it was for the good of their own pockets and not for the good of the country.

S. W. Jacobs, Liberal; George Etienne Cartier, drew the attention of Mr. Brown to the fact that His Majesty King George V. was one of the leading breeders of race horses. Mr. Brown rejoined that "up to the present I have not found it necessary to make the opinions held by George V., whatever they may be, the standard of my own."

Fernand Rinfret, Liberal, St. James said Mr. Good's resolution would introduce a new offence. He thought that when a man obeyed the Ten Commandments and kept away from the Seven Capital Sins, he was on a fair way to sanctity. "I do not care to create new sins," he added that there was too much prohibition already in Canada, and that if there was one thing he would like to prohibit, it was prohibition.

Supporting the motion, A. R. McMaster, Liberal, Brome, refuted references that had been made in the debate to the King of England. His recollection was that all the public utterances of King George had shown him to be a strong opponent of gambling.

The Speaker here intervened to rule that members must not use the name of His Majesty in debate.

Retires from Service.

Keith A. Barber, one of the most popular and best known members of the St. John customs staff, severed his connection with the department yesterday, commencing a six months' leave of absence to be followed by a superannuation at his own request. Mr. Barber has been connected with the customs department for nearly forty-seven years and has been in the same office for all of that time. He followed in the footsteps of his father, whom he used to help even before his appointment to the service.

BETTY HAS TABOOD THE COSTLY GIFTS

Royal Bride Tells Poor Folk to Give Only Humble Present.

London, Mar. 1.—Poor people in England who consider it an honor to contribute a penny or six pence toward the purchase of a wedding present for the bride of the royal family have been asked by the Duke of York's bride-elect to signify their good wishes by a less costly means.

At the time of Viscount Lascelles' wedding, millions of people, through various organizations, contributed their mites toward the purchase of presents which, in the aggregate, represented an outlay of many thousands sterling. That was more than a year ago, when times were hard and considerable criticism resulted. Today conditions are even worse, so Lady Elizabeth, through her father, the Earl of Strathmore, has told a meeting of country folk of Forfarshire: "She would dearly love to have some token on her marriage from her friends and well-wishers in Forfarshire county, but she would infinitely prefer that no money be spent on a wedding gift for her when unemployment and distress are so prevalent and when almost everyone is feeling the pinch of bad times."

The earl added his approval that "Betty" and "Bertie" will receive an illuminated booklet containing an embossed expression of felicitation instead of an expensive gift.

PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF HOUSE PROCEED

Clerk J. M. Keefe Now Issuing Invitations—Government to Meet Again on Wednesday.

The preparations for the opening of the Legislature are proceeding rapidly. The Queen Hotel which constituted government headquarters during so many sessions is expected to be open early next week and to be in full readiness for the opening on Thursday.

Invitations Going Out

J. M. Keefe, Clerk of the House, and his staff are busily engaged in issuing invitations for the opening ceremony. As usual about one thousand invitations will go out.

Government Meetings

The Provincial Government was in session last night immediately after the ceremonial of taking the oath of office upon the change in Lieutenant governors. The sitting was brief and was devoted to considering estimates of the N. B. Power Commission and to the subject matter of the Address. The Government will meet again here next Wednesday morning the day before the opening of the session, and then will attend to last-minute details.

Hon. P. J. Veniot who has been attending to work in his own Department of Public Works will leave Friday morning by C. N. R. for Amherst where he will attend the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade called to protest concerning matters affecting the C. N. R. Other members of the government left for their homes this morning.

TO BE CHRISTENED.

London, March 1.—Princess Mary's baby will be christened at Goldsbrough Church in Yorkshire on March 25, it was semi-officially announced to-day.

Courage consists not in hazzarding without fear but in being resolutely minded in a just cause.

DALHOUSIE IS IN FAVOR OF FEDERATION

IS FAVORABLE TO THE CHANGE

The First of the Maritime Colleges to Agree to the Proposal.

Halifax, Feb. 28.—Dalhousie University was placed on record here to-night as willing and desirous of entering a federation of the universities of the Maritime Provinces at Halifax, as outlined in the tentative scheme reported by a conference of representatives of the universities and governments of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. The Carnegie Foundation of New York have agreed to subscribe \$3,000,000 towards the carrying out of the federation. The Board of Governors of Dalhousie made their decision in resolution form, expressing its "willingness and desire" that Dalhousie should enter the federation contemplated.

Dalhousie is the first of the Maritime universities to agree to federation as proposed. University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, has definitely declared her unwillingness to enter but it is pointed out that the New Brunswick institution was not essential to the plan drawn up. St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, did not enter into the later negotiations for federation, but the Catholic archdiocese of Halifax expressed desire that the federation if accomplished should include a Catholic college. The Board of Governors of Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., recently declared against that college entering federation, but final decision for Acadia rests with the United Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces, which will meet in Wolfville next summer. Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., and King's College, Windsor, N. S., have made no official declarations.

It is understood that if the present federation plan fails of success, a modified plan will be proposed.

Following the meeting tonight G. S. Campbell, chairman of the board, when asked for a statement, said:

"The matter of the federation of all colleges and universities in Nova Scotia is not a new subject for discussion by the Dalhousie board. Several times within the last hundred years the matter has been considered and Dalhousie has always been ready and willing to go into a federation."

"The present board has given most careful consideration to the proposals made during the last two years, and is strongly of opinion that the best interests of the people of these provinces and of higher education demand that some form of federation should take place which will have the united support of all sections of our people behind a university at Halifax surrounded by constituent colleges, adequate to the needs of our youth."

HON. MR. VENIOT'S SUGGESTION GOOD

(St. John Globe)

Premier Veniot's suggestion of a conference at Moncton between the Board of Management of the Canadian National Railways and representatives of the Maritime Provinces outlines a practical plan for a consideration of serious questions. The governments of the Maritime Provinces the Boards of Trade and business interests generally are or should be deeply concerned over the outlined plans, both for the Eastern Division of the road and for the transfer to Montreal to many Maritime Province officials. This letter is a detail of management threatening a serious population loss to the city of Moncton and therefore a matter of concern. The creation of an eastern district much smaller than either the central or western division presents a problem which the Maritime Provinces cannot afford to accept as final without a full understanding of the why and wherefore and without assurances that their interests are not prejudiced by a scheme which on its face bears the appearance of very greatly prejudicing those interests.

TWO SISTERS GET HUNDREDS OF PROPOSALS

HAVE RECENTLY BECOME HEIRESSES

Their Father Writes the Replies and All Have a Good Laugh.

Weehawken, N. J., March 1.—Pretty Celestina Fasola to whom \$700,000 was left by her grandmother and her sister Marie heiress to one-fifteenth of the grandmother's estate are having a lot of fun these days with importunate suitors.

And so is father, Dr. Ferdinand Fasola, wealthy importer.

In fact, father is having more fun than anybody.

He's answering more than 400 letters, all in the negative, sent to Celestina and Marie from aspiring Romeos. The girls are his secretaries.

In their spacious library at Weehawken they re-read the letters and 400 good laughs and indited discouraging replies full of advice and all that sort of thing.

Just as soon as the world discovered that the girls had become wealthy the world's little brothers took pen in hand and proposed.

The list of letter writers ranges from a Scotch peer, more than a half-century old, to a Montana rancher. The writers are all alike in one respect—they are poor.

The Scotch peer who proved to be all he announced was answered in part this way:

"I am 52 but I will never think of marrying a girl of 16 for all the money of the Rockefeller. You do not keep up the standard of English pounds nor English noblesse."

The Montana rancher frankly wanted money with which to stock his farm. Dr. Fasola wrote:

"I do not know how much stock you have at present. But I do know there is one jackass on the place."

Another letter purporting to be from a kinsman of man for whom a popular automobile is named, had every other word misspelled. It was addressed to the richer of the two girls.

Still another apologized exactly six times for addressing the lady at all.

"It was real joy when we came to a letter from a little girl of Port Chester, N. Y."

He quoted from this letter: "By gingo, I'm an Italian, too and my name is Celestina, like yours and I hope when I'm 21 I'll get a fortune like you did."

And the girls themselves? Marie said:

"Oh, we're not thinking of marrying yet. Anyway much of our money we're putting into the care of consumptives. We may not have any left when it's time to marry."

ELECTION IN NORTH ESSEX

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 28.—Electors of North Essex go to the polls tomorrow in the by-election to fill the House of Commons vacancy caused by the death of Hon. W. C. Kennedy minister of railways. Supporters of A. F. Healy, the government candidate, and Col. S. C. Robinson, the Conservative candidate, today made their eleventh hour campaigning confidence in the prospects of success is expressed by both sides.

On behalf of the government candidate Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, was given a big ovation last night in this city.

SIGN TRUCE WITH POLES

Warsaw, March 1.—War between Lithuania and Poland in which the sinister influence of Soviet Russia is seen behind the former ended temporarily at least, to-day when a truce was declared and commissioners met and arranged pourparlers regarding the border dispute.

Poland, while negotiating with the Lithuanians has again asked the Allies to help enforce the border decree of the League of Nations. Lithuania's refusal to recognize this line precipitated war.

France and Russia Reported to be Having Secret Trade Parleys

SLEUTH GOT THE EVIDENCE AND DIVORCE

Paris is Laughing Over the Marriage of Countess to Detective.

Paris, Feb. 28.—French society is laughing over the recent marriage of the young Countess "X" popular in Paris, to a detective whom her husband had assigned to shadow her footsteps to get evidence for a divorce. The Count himself is considered one of the most modern of French gallants, but the plain clothes man brought about an unexpected denouement in the titled couple's marital affairs.

Convinced that the Countess was too intimate with certain well known leaders in the social life of the French capital the Count hired the detective to obtain the necessary evidence; promised him a handsome fee and provided him with expense money necessary to move in the circles the task required.

The detective succeeded—at least he furnished testimony on which the Count was granted a divorce. Meanwhile the detective, who had become accustomed to wearing dinner jackets and top hats, had made such good friends among her intimates that he obtained an introduction to the Countess. After a few weeks of assiduous courtship she consented—though by that time he had confessed his connection with her divorce—to share her family fortune with him on the condition that he cease being a detective and accompany her to her lonely villa in the midst of the Corsican hills. From there the Countess writes to friends that they have found real happiness and that she does not desire to reappear in the social glare.

Apparently the Count is the only sufferer, as he is said to be convinced that the detective faked the report with the intention of winning the Countess for himself, discreet inquiries having shown him that his former wife's many friendships were absolutely innocent.

DELEGATION WILL GO BEFORE BOARD, MARCH 9

School Board Names Date for Hearing re Dr. B. C. Foster's Dismissal—Other Business Also.

Friday, March 9th, has been set by the Fredericton School Board as the day upon which to receive the delegation which is to present a petition from parents of students of the High School, praying for reconsideration of the dismissal of Dr. B. C. Foster as principal of the High School.

The Board was in regular session on Wednesday afternoon but had such a press of business that adjournment to March 9th was necessary. In addition to hearing the delegation named the bills for month and routine business will be considered.

The hearing of the delegation with regard to the dismissal of Dr. Foster will occupy some time it is expected as a considerable number of persons will be on it and several will express their views.

Egg Laying Contest

The hens taking part in the New Brunswick egg laying contest produced 436 eggs last week, which brings the total up to 6990. The Experimental Station Barred Rock pen led with 50 eggs, making the splendid total of 783. Other totals for the week were: N. W. Eveleigh, Sussex, 31; Mrs. Crisp, Central Blissville, 29; Carter Point Poultry Club, 29; Harry Webb, Woodstock, 28; Mt. Pleasant Poultry Yards, 26; D. Mersereau, Rustagornish, 25; E. Monahan, Elmville, 25; W. E. B. Tait, Dorchester, 23; Mrs. Geo. Danby, North Devon, 18.

OFFICIAL DENIALS MADE IN PARIS

Delegate of Soviets at Paris in Communication with Business Men.

Paris, Mar. 1.—Despite official denials that France is holding secret pourparlers with Russia, events occurring in Paris these days reveal extraordinary activity in quarters advocating a renewal of the Franco-Russian alliance, which was broken in the midst of the World War.

Political discussions between Premier Poincare, Andre Tardieu and President Millerand, which are being aired in the newspapers, gave only surface indications of greater political movements stirring in Europe.

Since the voyage of Edouard Herriot, Socialist mayor of Lyons, to Moscow to talk of a new alliance, recognition of the soviet government has been a favorite subject among the more liberal politicians, and it is plain that it is the menace of a German-Russian alliance which has brought the question to an issue.

Tchitcherlin Worries World

Furthermore recent pronouncements by Tchitcherlin to the effect that no European peace settlement would be effective without the signature of Russia have set many statesmen thinking, not only in France but in the vitally interested buffer states, Poland and Rumania.

The Polish minister in Paris, M. Zamoiski, has been urging France to recognize Russia, if only for the good influence which such an alliance would have on the relations between Russia and Poland. Minister Antonesco of Rumania virtually is supporting the same policy, in the hope that France might act as an arbitrator in the question of Bessarabia, in which Rumania recognizes she would be helpless if involved alone in a struggle with Russia.

Big Deals Completed

It is significant that M. Skobelev, a commercial delegate of Soviet Russia, who is living in Paris, has been in constant communication with the French business men and even with personages higher up who are acting as intermediaries. Skobelev has been active in Paris for more than a year and has been agent for several big business deals which have been arranged directly between the Russians and French industrialists. It is reported that these transactions already amount to millions of francs.

In these meetings, which have taken place at various dinners given at well known private hotels, Herriot has invariably been present as a go-between, although the Quai d'Orsay denounces the idea that Herriot was acting in any official capacity.

French Overtures Due

It is pointed out in Paris that the psychological time has come for French overtures to Russia and that Germany long ago was convinced she would realize little benefit from the notorious alliance of Rapallo. This is substantiated in Paris by the publication of a report of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's statement in Berlin that Russian troops could never be of serious aid to Germany because Russian soldiers lack the spirit of the warrior and that the distance of the Russian base and transportation problems could not be overcome so as to make the alliance useful.

TO ECONOMIZE ON BREAD

Paris, March 1.—Parisian owners of wireless telephone equipment a few days ago heard these words broadcast: "To economize on bread is to serve France." The speaker was the Minister of Agriculture, M. Cheron who was taking this up to date method of spreading good advice.

Two days later the radio fans received this anonymous communication: "To economize on bread, eat cake." The Minister who does not care for practical jokes, has ordered an investigation hoping to discover the culprit.