

IMMIGRATION WORK IS WELL UNDER WAY

ACTIVE PROPAGANDA BEING CARRIED ON

Amendments to Immigration Act May be Made at the Coming Session.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Although economic conditions in Europe are not most favorable to all aspects of immigration, the Acting Minister of that Department, Hon. Charles Stewart and his assisting staff are putting forth every effort to obtain a very substantial influx this year. To that end it is announced offices are opened anew or re-opened at Paris, Antwerp, Dantzig, Warsaw and Bucharest. Simultaneously extensive propaganda is being initiated in the Scandinavian countries and in Holland. From the last mentioned a good-sized immigration to Canada is assured this year according to advices from governmental authorities there. In the British Isles the work is already under way.

Next week's conference here between the federal immigration authorities and representatives of the provincial governments is designed to have an important bearing upon the activities of this year. The desire of the Dominion government is to regulate the influx of immigrants proportionately to the provincial capacity to assimilate. Before asking the people to emigrate from the other side it is desired to know just how many can be absorbed where specifically they can be located and in what particular line of work they can engage with the best prospect. With this knowledge beforehand there will be no trouble in obtaining as many as can be taken care of, but there is to be no programme of "hit or miss."

Immigration contemplated this year will not be restricted to the agricultural classes and domestic workers though to them the preference will be continued. There is work for other kinds of labor and one thing that occasions it is the heavy influx of skilled artisans in 1922 to the United States where, in some of the building trades the hourly wage goes as high as \$2 with higher rates still for overtime. A compensating movement of American agriculturists is on prospect from the western states and for this plans were recently outlined at a conference in Chicago attended by Hon. Charles Stewart.

At the coming session of Parliament certain amendments to the Immigration Act are probable but in general, the programme now being initiated is a matter of elastic regulation authorized by the act as it stands.

TENANTS ARE GIVEN RESPITE

Paris, Jan. 3.—Thirty thousand families in Paris threatened with being turned out into the winter's cold the first fortnight in January by landlords who had rented their apartments to new tenants at higher figures, were given a temporary respite to-day by the Parliament. The Senate passed a bill previously adopted by the chamber giving the tenants until July to make new arrangements with the landlords or to find new lodgings.

This latter alternative still presents great difficulties, there being not enough apartments to go around, in consequence of which rentals are constantly rising.

Died At Wolfville

Rev. Dr. G. O. Gales, a well known Baptist clergyman, passed away at Millville on Monday. The deceased was a native of Amherst, N. S., and was seventy-six years of age. He was a graduate of Acadia University and had been in the ministry for nearly fifty years. For some time he was the pastor of the Germain Street, Baptist Church at St. John. The deceased was well known to the Baptists of this city and frequently occupied the pulpit of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. The funeral took place at Wolfville today.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET JANUARY 31

House Expected to Get Down to Business Without Any Delay.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—When Parliament meets on Jan. 31 it is expected that business will immediately begin, without the customary week-end holiday following the opening ceremonies. The opening falls this year on a Wednesday while the customary day is Thursday.

As a rule the House meets Thursday and hears the speech from the throne after which adjournment is made until Monday when the mover and seconder of the address in reply have started the debate. This year it is expected that the leaders of the parties will get the debate under way without the customary lull.

When the House opens five new members will make their initial bow to the Speaker. These are the members elected in the constituencies of Halifax, Gloucester, Lanark, Megantic and Jacques-Cartier. One of the parties the Progressives will face the session with a new leader in the person of Robert Forke member for Brandon who succeeds Hon. T. A. Crerar at the Progressive helm.

Two former Progressives will address the House from seats opposite to those which they occupied last session and government will come to Parliament with a majority of two instead of being actually in the minority as it was last year.

There will also be new senators to introduce to the Speaker of the red chamber. Hon. O. Turgeon former member of Parliament for Gloucester N. B., will take his place on the government benches in the Upper House for the first time at the opening of the session and there is a senator to be caused by the death of the late Senator Proudfoot.

WAS KILLED BY MOONSHINE

Shelby, O., Jan. 3.—For five minutes Philip Weiganott and Lester Elston stood at the bar of Robert Longley last week, shaken with oshs. Word ley, they gazed on the still form of Longley, who died after drinking the "moonshine" they admit they made. Police compelled Weiganott and Elston to gaze on the body as a "moral example." They are held on charges of murder.

Two other men who drank some of the same liquor are totally blind today and little hope for recovery of their sight is held. The liquor is said to have contained wood alcohol.

PRAYS FOR THE GOV.-GENERAL

Dublin, Jan. 3.—The change in Ireland's status requires minor changes in the Episcopal prayer book, as heretofore certain prayers were prescribed for the health of the Lord-Lieutenant.

The Bishop of Derry has led the way in ordering the clergy of his diocese to alter the wording to read, governor-general, which is the title now of the representative of the King both in Ulster and the Free State. The custom follows that of England, where prayers are offered for the royal family.

MARE HAS A GOOD MEMORY

London, Jan. 2.—When the Christmas circus opened in the Crystal Palace, one of the chief equine actors a fine black mare, arrived from New York only a few hours before the performance began. Yet the animal went on and played without rehearsal the part she had not played since before the war—the role of Black Bess in "Dick Turpin's ride to York."

The trainer says he believes the mare remembered the entire business all of seven years.

Little Prospect of An Agreement Being Reached by Premier's

THE OPENING DAY OF THE CONFERENCE WAS NOT CHARACTERIZED FOR HARMONY — CONFERENCE MAY BREAK UP AT THE END OF TWO DAYS—ENGLAND AND FRANCE ARE FAR APART—FRENCH, BRITISH AND ITALIAN PLANS LAID BEFORE CONFERENCE.

Paris, Jan. 2.—As the Prime Ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium, and Marquis Della Torretta, for Italy, emerged this afternoon from the first short session of Premier's council, the general impression of observers here was that the opening day of the conference had given little or no promise of an agreement being reached. Some of the members of the delegations talked tonight of the conference breaking up in two days.

The meeting of Premiers today was a continuation of the postponed London conference. It has borne little fruit thus far. Premier Bonar Law remarked that, owing to public opinion in France and Great Britain, an agreement would be most difficult, if not impossible. M. De Lasteyrie, the French Finance Minister, who was with Premier Poincare in the meeting, said, extending his arms: "England and France are as far apart as that." He immediately proceeded to Elysee Palace to consult with President Millerand, after which a cabinet council was summoned to meet tomorrow morning.

TAKE UNYIELDING POSITIONS

The Belgium and Italian delegates expressed dismay at the unyielding positions taken up by Premiers Bonar Law and Poincare, each with the meditated support of his cabinet.

The French, British and Italian plans were laid before the council. The British and French are alike in fixing German reparations at a total of 50,000,000,000 gold marks and similar also in settling up a comprehensive financial control of Germany. They are in direct opposition on the question of penalties, France being for taking so-called predictive guarantees in the Rhineland and the Ruhr, while Britain would occupy German territories beyond the present zone only upon some future default and with the unanimous consent of the Allies.

France desires to pay the European inter-Allied debts with class reparations bonds, while England insists upon the partial payments of debts due her, with the immediate taking of gold deposited by France and Italy in London for security for war advances. This gold includes 1,864,000,000 francs, or about one-third the gold reserve of the Bank of France.

The Italian plan, which is essentially the same as that offered at London conference by Premier Mussolini, follows in general terms the French idea, but relies upon persuading Germany to provide the guarantees requested without the menace of force.

Premier Theunys and Foreign Minister Jaspar, of Belgium, brought the plan of the Belgian government, which they did not submit. They did not intend to submit it today, but were reserving it as a basis of compromise should there be an opportunity to do so later.

CANDIDATE NAMED

Kentville, N. S., Jan. 2.—At a convention of the Liberal party held here tonight, James Seeley, merchant of this town was unanimously chosen to contest Kings county in the provincial by-election made necessary by the death recently of Hon. H. H. Wickwire, minister of highways.

Gravel For Sidewalks

The city is to call for tenders for five hundred yards of gravel. This material will be for making concrete sidewalks.

Installed Tuesday Night.

Officers of Islington Lodge, Sons of England, were installed with appropriate ceremony at the regular meeting of the lodge Tuesday night. Fred Barnes, District Deputy, made the installation. It was followed by an entertainment and refreshments.

Asked For Grant

Col. T. G. Loggie, president of the Board of Trustees of Victoria Hospital, has requested the usual county grant from the York Municipal Council. In his letter to the council he states that during the past year 156 patients either free or partially paid from the county of York were treated at a cost of \$5,432.42.

France contemplates taxing American divorcees. Dear, dear, there are so many ways for alimony to go.

PERSONAL

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, arrived here last night. He is on departmental business.

W. C. Milner of Ottawa is a guest at the Barker House.

T. B. Hughes of Toronto is in the city today.

Arrested at Blackville

Newcastle Advocate: Provincial Constable John Floyd arrested a man named Veniot, at Weaver's Sliding, on Thursday and brought him to Newcastle. His two daughters, aged twelve and fourteen years, make serious charges against him.

A Real Layer

Mr. Fred H. Ferguson of this city has a Plymouth Rock hen which has a record of 300 eggs to her credit. She began laying in November 7th, 1921, and is still on the job, never having taken time to moult. Yesterday she completed her score of 300 eggs. Mr. Ferguson claims that this remarkable hen has earned a profit of \$12 since she began laying.

All those pretty little stories about second crops of strawberries and trees in blossom for the second time, and so on seem to have died out.

In Europe they seem to have no closed season on assassination.

LIP READERS VIEW THE SIKI BOUT FILM

A Motion Picture of the Carpentier Bout Used to Probe Frameup.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Two deaf and dumb men, expert lip readers, today viewed slow motion pictures of the Siki-Carpentier fight to determine whether the bout was "framed."

They paid particular attention to what the fighters' managers said when they conferred in Siki's corner after the fourth round.

The lip readers were employed by the Boxing Federation which is investigating the charge that the fight was "fixed" for Carpentier to win, but that Siki refused to quit, thus double crossing the white man and knocking him out.

After the fourth round, Francois Descamps, manager of Georges, went to Siki's corner. The suspicion is that he remonstrated with the negro for not quitting as arranged.

When this part of the film was slowly unrolled, the deaf mutes leaned forward in their chairs with gaze fixed on Descamp's as they formed words. Then their attention was focused on the mouth of M. Hellers, manager of Siki, as it appeared grotesquely enlarged on the screen, and opened and closed lazily as he replied to Descamps.

After the test it was announced that moving picture lip reading was a success—the deaf mutes had been able to make out at least a part of what Descamps said to Hellers. Thus the new science takes rank with finger-printing and other modern developments of detection. However, the mutes had not been able to discern what Hellers said to Descamps.

Members of the Federation refused to divulge whether Descamp's pictured utterances were incriminating. A final report on the "frame-up" charges will be submitted in a few days.

ST. STEPHEN PRO BALLPLAYERS ARE SUSPENDED

Boston, Jan. 2.—Boston Athletic Association hockey team tonight held the crack University of Toronto team to a tie, 2 goals all. The game went two five-minute periods overtime.

Abies Won At Halifax

Halifax, Jan. 2.—The Abegweits hockey team, of Charlottetown, tonight defeated the Halifax Crescents in an exhibition game here by a score of 5 to 3. In a fast and clean game. The visitors had the better of the game from the start, their combination work puzzling the home team. Nearly 2,000 people witnessed the match.

St. Stephen Players Suspended

St. John, Jan. 3.—Several St. Stephen hockey players have been suspended by the Maritime Province Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The following bulletin (No. 14) has been issued by the organization:

"The following members of the St. Stephen Hockey Club have been suspended indefinitely pending an investigation: R. S. Vanstone, George Lewie, W. Blair Carson, Joseph R. Anderson. All amateur athletes are warned not to compete with or against these men.

(Signed) "A. W. Covey, President. "P. J. Legge, Secretary."

It is charged that the men named played professional baseball last year and sent in their affidavits as amateurs recently.

Farmer's Store Burned

The United Farmers store at Sackville was destroyed by fire during the progress of a blizzard on Friday last. The loss is about \$15,000 with insurance of \$8,000.

FREE STATE PLEADS FOR PEACE IN ERIN

DEMORALIZATION AMONG THE YOUNG

Neurotic Girls Among the Most Active Adherents of Rebel Cause.

Dublin, Jan. 3.—The continued demand for peace in Ireland by which both the militant irregulars and the Irish army will put down their arms induced the Free State Government to issue a statement which pictures the depths to which the irregular campaign has sunk and points out how constant destruction and unrest prevents the Government from proceeding with its plans for improving housing and sanitary conditions throughout the country and wastes revenues.

The several weeks quiet in the Kerry area since the Government's announcement that the death sentences it passed on three irregulars ambushed a party of troops, also burned the railroad station at Castle Gregory. As a result the three hostages probably will face a firing squad. Another party of troops near Tralee captured nine irregulars in a dugout in which they had concealed a machine gun, two land mines and ammunition.

The peace move is taking definite shape through the creation of an active organization to work for this purpose. Nearly 50 per cent of the old volunteers who fought against the British have been neutral during the present fighting and their plan now is to launch a widespread movement to secure peace. They propose however to hold an election with the treaty as the sole issue, a thing which De Valera and Churchill's maneuvered all last spring to avoid.

The Free State Government in a report reviewing the year in Ireland says the worst feature is the increase in demoralization among the young of both sexes adding: "Neurotic girls are among the most active adherents of irregular cause because heretofore it has been safe. They disfigure Dublin's walls by laying propaganda and are active carriers or documents, arms and ammunition. Some of them have been known to accompany murder expeditions concealing weapons in their clothing and relying for safety on the chivalry of those whose deaths they sought to encompass."

WANTS GUN RETURNED TO THE U. S.

Boston, Jan. 3.—Mayor Curley today wrote to Hon. George P. Graham, Canadian minister of militia and defence suggesting that the Dominion present to Boston in time for this year's celebration of the Bunker Hill anniversary a cannon said to have been captured by the British in that historic battle. The cannon, a small field artillery piece, has been on exhibit for many years at the citadel, Quebec.

In his letter requesting return of the gun in time for the annual June 17 celebration at Charlestown, the Mayor said that the proposed gift would not only move Boston's feelings, but would "touch the heart of America as a fresh sign of the good will and amity so long existing between the United States and Canada, among the world's few neighboring nations whose 4,000 miles of frontier remain unfortified."

Doubt has been cast on the authenticity of the Bunker Hill relic by United States historians who contend that the Americans used only muskets in that engagement.

Given Refund

The Sir Howard Douglas Chapter, I. O. O. E., has been given a refund of the rental of the City Opera House, December 31st, when a sacred concert was given. A charge of heat and light will be made in the future for entertainments of this nature. Ten dollars having been fixed at the rate for Sunday nights.