

MANY TARIFF ITEMS WERE PASSED BY PARLIAMENT AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION

(Montreal Star)
Ottawa, July 15—By right of sheer interest, if not intrinsic consequence, the lead in this column today belongs to the Prime Minister's watch.

It was told by Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett himself, proudly, but not boastfully, in the course of yesterday's tariff discussion. And it offered an effective, if incidental answer to the question as to whether or not tariff assistance with a view to encouraging a Canadian watch making industry is wasted.

"It may interest the House to know, (Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett volunteered) "that the watch which I carry, is made in Canada?"

Then he added:
"It retails, I think, for \$2.75."

"It will be recalled that the Prime Minister's sister, on the occasion of her recent marriage, refused to go outside of Canada in the purchase of articles for her trousseau, and so afforded another illustration of the fact that with the Bennetts, the sentiment, "Canada First" is no more a matter of preaching than it is of practise. One of Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett's early dilemmas in office was the fact that he did not have a Canadian made automobile in which to ride and that none of the Canadian makers listed a vehicle suitable to serve as an official car. He solved the difficulty by having one of the manufacturers import the parts necessary for the character of car which was needed and have them assembled in a Canadian plant.

Another Scare

Ever since the last war-in-Egypt scare enlivened the general election campaign, there has been some curiosity to know what would be the next event in the gentle art of politics as it is practised in Quebec Province. Yesterday's sitting supplied the answer. Because he proposed to increase the duty on beeswax, Premier Bennett has been described in pamphlets distributed through the province as having launched a subtle but deliberate attack upon the Roman Catholic Church.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett referred to the campaign in the course of the discussion on the beeswax item. Pierre Casgrain (Liberal, Charlevoix-Saguenay) had briefly protested the item on behalf of the candle manufacturers in Quebec Province, when the Prime Minister ironically commented on the moderation of his presentation and of his failure to use arguments, which, he said, had been broadcast through the province by means of circulars. Briefly, the tenor of the which the Premier ascribed to the circulars was that, because he proposed this particular duty, the "hand of Bennett" was definitely, if not openly raised against the church.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett thereupon went on to disavow any such sinister intention in the duty, which he described as a measure to help the beekeepers of the country, among whom no province was more widely represented than was Quebec. Albert Speakman (Progressive, Red Deer) suggested, however, that the announcement of the

House, that one motive that the Prime Minister would not object to having attributed to him was an effort to "improve the standard of living amongst Canadian Bees."

Duty on Hogs

For the most part, yesterday was spent in passing those items of the tariff which had been allowed to stand over because of their connection with the Australian treaty. A number of them were agricultural and some of them at any rate aroused the ridicule of the Liberal Opposition. R. L. Brown of Lisgar, in particular, seized upon the increase in the duty on hogs from one-half to three cents per pound and quoted statistics to show that in the past four years the number of hogs imported into Canada had been 38, 14, 550 and 12. This, he said, was a typical example of the protection that was being afforded Canadian agriculture. Premier Bennett admitted that imported hogs had not been much of a factor in the Canadian market in the past, but remarked that no one could foretell what the future would bring forth, and that the item would serve, at any rate, as a precautionary measure.

The proposal to make eggs from Australia free during the months of January and February evoked some signs of uneasiness from the Liberals from British Columbia, who pointed out that the poultrymen looked to those two months for fairly high prices. Premier Bennett stated that there was an assurance from the Commonwealth that the Canadian market would not be destroyed. The placing of oranges from Australia on the free list and increasing the duty on those from other countries, also encountered some objection from the Opposition on the ground that an article that had become recognized as an important one in general diet was being made more expensive to the consumer. Hon. Harry Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce did not believe that the new rate would result in an increase in prices, and Hon. Mr. Motherwell, former Minister of Agriculture, came frankly to the support of the Government by declaring his implicit belief in the wisdom of an attempt to build up Inter-Imperial trade. He was satisfied that a tariff of approximately one-third of a cent per orange, which was being imposed on imports from other countries was the least Canada could do by way of preference for Empire fruit.

Other items were passed which were not associated with the Australian treaty. On one of them, Hon. Peter Veniot, raised strong protest on behalf of the Maritime fish packers, declaring that since imposing a duty of 64 cents, quotations on tin had jumped from \$4.35 to \$5., and stating that the exclusion of American plate also worked another hardship on the Maritimes in the fact that the freight rates from the Canadian plant at Ojibway, Ont., were 20 per cent higher than the rates from the American source of supply at Pittsburg. Hon. Mr. Bennett cited

the fruit canners of Ontario as having secured a reduction in freight rates from Ojibway to their plants and urged that a similar concession should be extended to the fish packers in the Maritimes. There was some discussion from George Bouchard (Liberal, Kamouraska) on the need of a tariff on raw wool, in which connection Mr. Bennett pointed out that while the government was anxious to do something for the sheepraisers of the country, was faced by the fact that some 22,000,000 pounds of wool only was raised in Canada each year in contrast to the consumption of some \$0,000,000 pounds, and by the fact that certain manufacturers represented Canadian wool as being unsuited to their purposes.

Auto Duties

The principal discussion under the tariff items, however, related to the new duties on automobiles. Liberal and Progressive speakers joined in contending that the experience of the late government showed that the protection already enjoyed by the industry was ample for its prosperity. Premier Bennett's reply was to point out, first in answer to Progressive objections against the cost of the farmer's motor car being increased that the cars costing less than \$1,200 were not being effected, and secondly in response to the liberals claims as to how the business had prospered under their auspices, that when the Conservatives had taken office, they found it "going to the wall." The new rates were finally passed.

Items Passed

Altogether during the day, thirty-eight tariff items were passed, leaving only a handful to be approved. Apart from the tariff discussion the day was notable for the announcement by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, of the retirement of one of the colorful figures of the country's public service — Commissioner Courtland Starnes of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police — and of the appointment of a distinguished soldier, Major General J. H. MacBrien, to succeed him. General MacBrien secured his first experience as a Constable in the mounties prior to the war.

During the day there was the announcement by Premier Bennett of the government's first tangible step in relieving the drought-stricken district of the West. The purchase by the Federal authorities of 2,000,000 bushels of wheat to be ground into flour and distributed over the stricken area upon terms within its means was declared by Premier Bennett to be at present under way.

INSTABILITY

Oh, there were days and weeks and months,
And changing seasons too,
When I'd have given all the world
For just a glimpse of you,
And yesterday your face shone thru
Amid the Broadway rush
I cannot say "my heart stood still"—
I've got another crush.
—JEAN DOUGLAS, in New York Sun.

Mr. Ford plans to operate an airplane Pullman. It'll be a serious matter then if the porter brushes you off.

HARVEY, N. B.

July 15—Rev. J. F. McKay, former minister here, was at the prayer meeting of the United Church of Manners-Sutton, Wednesday evening, July 15th. A good number heard Mr. MacKay, who has recently taken charge of the United Church at McAdam, going there from St. Croix, Nova Scotia.

Orangemen attended services at McAdam last Sunday. It is reported that there was a good attendance in spite of the rain.

Rev. Charles H. Pennoyer laid the cornerstone of the Harvey Universalist manse Tuesday, July 7, at Coburn. The manse is located across the road from the church. It was a simple and brief service and the work only ceased for a little while.

A number of people from Little Settlement and York Mills went to a party on Thursday, July 16, at Lawrence Station, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

The 42nd annual meeting of the Saint John Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church was convened in the Knox Presbyterian Church here, July 15th. The president, Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor, of St. Andrews, presided at the public meeting. Mrs. Moffat welcomed the delegates and Mrs. William Clark responded. Different committees on nominations, resolutions and credentials were appointed and were active. Miss Annie Aird, a missionary on furlough, brought greetings from workers in British Guiana and told of the work being done by the missionaries in the South American country. Rev. Mr. Knight, the minister of Knox Church is away on a vacation.

Rev. Mr. McLean preached an excellent sermon at the United Church of Manners-Sutton last Sunday morning on the subject of "Seeing God in Jesus Christ." Rev. C. H. Pennoyer offered prayer. Rev. Mr. McLean has been called to the ministry of the United Church of West Saint John. If Mr. McLean should decide to leave this church he would be greatly missed throughout the whole community. It is understood, however that a strong factor in the situation, is desire to reside in a city with a high school so that his son who is to enter high school may be at home during that period. Mr. McLean held a meeting with the official board directly after the morning service.

The subject of Rev. C. H. Pennoyer's discourse next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Universalist Church, will be "The Liberal Minister As a Doctor of Personality." The regular chorus choir will sing. Last Sunday afternoon, William Holland, tenor, sang a solo. The evening spiritual healing conference will be at eight o'clock in the vestry. Choir rehearsals will be on Friday evenings and Sunday school sessions at two o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

VALUES

My neighbor has so many things,
While I have almost none at all.
Rugs, chairs, and tables fit for kings,
She has so many lifeless things,
Perhaps that's why she never sings
And never hears the thrushes' call—
My neighbor has so many things—
She has no happiness at all.
—BEVERLY BELL, in Chicago News.

TENDERS

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