

New Minister From Canada Has Arrived In the U. S. Capital

Report Says He Will Begin Negotiating a Treaty
Regarding the Construction of the St. Lawrence Waterway—Both Countries Are Ready To Take Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18—The arrival here today of Major W. B. Herridge, Canada's new Minister to the United States, is expected to be the starting point of a new series of negotiations for a treaty between the two countries regarding construction of the St. Lawrence waterway.

American officials say that they are ready to appoint a commission to work out technical problems of the waterway, which will connect the vast grain-producing sections of the middle west with the Atlantic.

It is understood that Canada too, now is ready to discuss terms of the project. Inasmuch as the St. Lawrence is an international waterway, its improvement must be carried out under a joint agreement between the two countries.

DENIES OVER- BUYING OF RAILWAY TIES

A Pointed Question by
R. B. Hanson, M.P., is
Replied to by Sir Henry
Thornton.

Ottawa, June 17—Denial of the charge that the Canadian National Railways purchased more than its requirements of railway ties before the last federal election in an effort to influence the fortunes of a political party, was made here today by Sir Henry Thornton, the president. R. B. Hanson, of Fredericton, N. B., Conservative member for York-Sunbury, interjected the question before the special parliamentary committee to inquire into railway estimates.

The question on salaries paid Sir Henry and other high officials of the government system did not come before the committee today. Details of the company's insurance fund, by means of which the system accepted the risks on its own property, were given by the president.

When Sir Henry was giving an account of the system's experiences with radio, several members objected to the use of radio on passenger trains. Col. Thomas Cantley, Conservative member for Pictou, N. S., termed it a "nuisance."

Claims "Loaded Up"

Mr. Hanson interjected the subject of railway ties this morning. The charge had been made, he said, that before the last election the railway was "loaded up" in eastern Canada with ties. The railway had double its requirements.

"You mean the railway purchased ties for political reasons?" asked Sir Henry.

"Yes, I do," replied Mr. Hanson.

"No, we did not," declared Sir Henry.

He was not aware of any attempt to influence the fortunes of any political party through tie contracts. "You know," added Sir Henry, "you can hear any sort of charge you like."

"No contract was placed for political purposes," declared R. C. Vaughan, vice-president in charge of purchases. Out of 2,000 tie contractors with whom the railway did business, he did not know the politics of

EMPRESS MAY USE THE BELLE ISLE ROUTE

Big C.P.R. Liner to Start
on Her Second Voyage
to Quebec Today.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Southampton, England, June 18—"Are you going to celebrate your new appointment by shattering trans-Atlantic records this voyage?" was a question that elicited no other answer than an asquithian "Wait and see" from Captain R. G. Latta, whose recent appointment as commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet has been hailed in mercantile marine circles as a fitting compliment to the Commander of the world's newest ship, the 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain.

The new liner commences her second voyage to Quebec yesterday and the possibility that use of the Strait of Belle Isle short cut will result in an even faster trip than on her maiden effort has given rise to a great deal of conjecture in the Nautical World. Queries addressed to officials of the Canadian Pacific have been answered by reference to a Montreal interview with President E. W. Beatty in which he said that no attempt to create a new record would be made until the new liner's engines had been thoroughly worked in.

It was pointed out that the Empress of Britain is to make nine crossings this summer—which disposes effectively of recent cancellation rumors. And that there would be many voyages by this short-cut to Canada's 1,000 mile inland deep-sea port.

A coolie dog on a farm near Menominee is credited with saving a district school from destruction by fire. And the boys had always thought the animal such a faithful friend!

more than one or two. It was true the road had on hand more than its requirements last summer but this was the usual practice, not only of the Canadian National but of all lines on the continent.

The incident closed by Sir Henry remarking it was "very difficult to keep up with the politics of the average tie contractor."

TWO JUDGES HONORED BY ST. JOSEPH'S UNIV.

Honorary Degrees Conferred Upon Judges
Baxter and LeBlanc of
Supreme Court Bench.

St. Joseph's University, St. Joseph, N. B., June 17—The 67th annual commencement exercises of St. Joseph's University were brought to a close this morning at Lefebvre Memorial Hall with several hundred visitors in attendance. Among these were many distinguished men from the ranks of the clerical, professional and political fields, including Mr. Justice Baxter, Saint John; Mr. Justice LeBlanc, Moncton; Hon. A. J. Leger, Moncton, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer; and A. A. Dysart, Buctouche, Leader of the Opposition in the provincial legislature.

The exercises opened at nine o'clock with an overture by the University orchestra with Brother Didier, C.S.C., directing. Next followed the valedictories, J. Reginald Daly, of Saint John, son of Mrs. Alice F. Daly and the late John H. Daly, delivered the English valedictory and Medard H. Digle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daigle, of Edmundston, was heard in French.

Honorary Degrees

Mr. Justice Baxter and Mr. Justice LeBlanc received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Both were heard in stirring addresses. Mr. Justice Baxter spoke for some time in the French language, saying in part that it has always been his earnest endeavor to bring the two races, which form the population of this province, into a closer union. He spoke highly of the great work which St. Joseph's has been and is doing in preparing men to be leaders in the public life of this province.

Mr. Justice LeBlanc spoke reminiscingly of the days that he spent as a student at this university. He lauded the work of the speakers in the bilingual conference held last evening, and extolled the zeal and tenacity, in the face of overwhelmingly obstacles, of Rev. Louis Guertin, C.S.C., founder and moderator of the Bilingual Society since its inception 30 years ago.

Honor Premiums

The list of prize winners included the following:—

University course, \$20, donated by Hon. Judge LeBlanc, Moncton, won by Donald Duffie, Oromocto, N. B.; second, \$10, donated by Hon. A. J. Leger, Moncton, won by Gerald Maguire, Woodstock, N. B.

Religious instruction, sophomore and freshman English, \$10, donated by Rev. W. P. McNamara, won by Donald Duffie, Oromocto, N. B.

Grammar School, first \$10, donated by Rev. W. P. McNamara, won by Eugene P. Bellevue, College Bridge; second, \$5, donated by Rev. W. P. McNamara, won by Joseph W. Carney, Oromocto.

Religious instruction, Gram. School, English, \$5, donated by J. H. Corcoran, Moncton, won by Joseph W. Carney, Oromocto, N. B.

Religious instruction, Academy, B. English, \$5, donated by J. H. Corcoran, Moncton, won by James Foster, Fredericton, N. B.

Olympia, Washington, June 18—Depression apparently was felt by the Washington motorists this year. Half year receipts of the motor vehicle division fell off \$300,000 as compared to a corresponding period of 1930, state figures showed.

KIDNAPPERS TRIED TO HANG A CLERGYMAN

Baptist Minister in Texas
as Victim of Fiendish
Act

KEPT IN AGONY
FOUR HOURS

The Rope Stretched,
Permitting His Feet
To Touch Floor

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Dallas, Texas, June 18—B. P. Brown, supply pastor of the North Dallas Baptist church, was found today hanging by a rope from a ceiling in the church and was cut down alive. Brown said he was kidnapped shortly after midnight and taken to the church.

He owed his life to the fact that the rope was new and stretched, permitting his toes to reach the floor although keeping him in agony for almost four hours.

Police blamed members of the congregation for the kidnapping and declared it was the outgrowth of controversy between two factions.

U.S. MAIL PLANE CREATED SOME EXCITEMENT

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

London, Eng., June 18—Momentary excitement was caused here today when the liner Olympic wirelessly that she had sighted a plane flying toward England about 200 miles off Lands End.

It was thought a surprise transatlantic flight might be in progress but Croyden Field officials said the plane, D-1717, was a United States mail plane launched by Catapult from the liner Bremen off Lands End. It was due at Southampton about 5 P. M., with mail from New York.

THE DO-X OFF ON A TRIP TO RIO DE JANEIRO

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Natal, Brazil, June 18—The DO-X giant transatlantic German flying boat, departed today for Rio de Janeiro. The giant flying machine left the water at 8.30 A. M., on the flight southward down the coast to the Brazilian capital. The distance from Natal to Rio de Janeiro is about 1,200 miles. The DO-X made its transatlantic flight at an average speed of better than 100 miles an hour.

TOAD FOUND LIVING IN A CEMENT WALL

Nantucket, Mass., June 18—In breaking open a 12-inch, reinforced cement wall, under the George C. Gardner house, recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Taylor, of Chicago for their summer home, workmen found an ordinary toad snugly inbedded in the cement and very much alive.

The cement was laid in 1910 and although shut off from air, food and sunlight for 21 years, the toad appeared perfectly normal in every way and at once started around in search of flies. It is thought that the toad hopped into the cement mixture when the wall was erected.

Government will Mop up Rest of Al. Capone's Gang

The Big Bullet Has Pleaded Guilty and Left the
Lesser Lights to Shift for Themselves—The
Rounding Up Process Was Begun in Chicago
Today.

CHICAGO, Ills., June 18—The United States government began today to "mop up" what is left of Al Capone's gang.

With the big bullet himself under a plea of guilty, leaving the lesser lights of his gang to shift for themselves, the government sent scores of agents out into the underworld to round up the sixty-eight other gangsters who were indicted with their chief and charged with 5,000 violations of prohibition laws.

Federal prosecutors promised that this final thrust against gangland would snap the last bond that has bound Chicago to the underworld.

FIRE CHIEFS MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, June 17—The seventeenth annual Maritime Fire Chiefs' Convention opened here this morning with President A. Clark in the chair, about 35 delegates were present. An address of welcome was extended to the visiting delegates by Mayor N. H. Murchie of Calais, Maine, Mayor W. H. Laughlin of Milltown, N. B.; Mayor J. R. Polley of St. Stephen, and Chief George F. Ryder, of St. Stephen. Chief A. C. O'Donnell of Campbellton, replied for the visitors.

Up to the present time those registered are: T. B. Tanner, of the Le France Fire Engine Equipment, Toronto; Vincent Hall, Sydney Mines; W. L. McLellan, J. Hamilton, T. A. Armour, A. Robinson, W. F. Dewar, K. J. McRae, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Nesbitt, Northern Electric Co., J. E. O'Brien, Saint John; E. P. Meagher, A. Clark, president; J. A. Rudland, S. S. Wright, Halifax; E. A. Mowatt, A. C. O'Donnell, Campbellton; F. J. Bateman, Town Manager, Bathurst; W. O'Neil, Frazer Keay, St. Andrews; Frank Bradish, Eastport, Me., Chief Trecartin of Lubec, Me.; Roy Smith, Fredericton; H. M. Mensereau, Sydney; L. E. Westhebe, New Waterford, N. S.; L. McCallum, New Glasgow; Robert Stuart, Stellarton; C. D. Armstrong, F. S. Taylor, W. J. Christie, D. J. Forbes, T. G. Taylor, Truro; G. P. Ryder, St. Stephen; R. A. Lusby, Amherst; R. W. Peck, Kentville and D. A. Noble, Moncton.

The afternoon session was taken up with routine work and several papers were read. K. J. MacRae, secretary-treasurer, read the treasurer's report, which after being audited was accepted. An invitation from Halifax to hold the convention there next year was read and will be dealt with at tomorrow's session.

DANGER LOOMS FOR AUTOIST IN COLORADO

Denver, Colorado, June 18—A tip for tourists who may pass through Colorado on their motor tours is that the Colorado supreme court has ruled that unless they slow down or stop until their vision clears when blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile they are guilty of contributory negligence in accidents.

HON. MR. VENIOT A SPEAKER ON THE BUDGET

Says Maritimes' Fish
Canners Are Being
Discriminated Against
In Freight Rates.

Ottawa, June 17—Discrimination against the Maritime Provinces in freight rates in tin plate used for fish canning was charged in the House of Commons tonight by Hon. Dr. Peter J. Veniot, Liberal member for Gloucester.

Within the last 10 days, he said, a special freight rate was placed in effect which would permit fruit and vegetable canners of Ontario to secure tin plate from Ojibway, Ont., 20 per cent. cheaper than Maritime fish canners could import it from Pittsburgh. Urging on Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister to take up the matter with the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, the former postmaster-general said it was a case of discrimination against Maritime industries.

In opening his remarks on the budget, Mr. Veniot referred to a "personal attack" which he claimed had been directed against him by George M. McDade, Conservative member for Northumberland. He advised his "juvenile friend" that tactics of that sort were "better left aside" and told him his "exaggerated ego will land him in security if not curbed."

FRANCE HAS AN ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Paris, June 18—A heavy trade deficit for the first five months of the year was disclosed in statistics available today at the French Customs Department.

The figures showed imports were 19,287,549,000 francs (about \$771,501,960) for 24,527,307 tons, compared with exports of only 13,721,910,000 francs, about \$548,876,400 for 12,516,244 tons.

Underwent Operation

Mrs. W. J. Osborne, of this city, underwent a major operation in the Toronto General Hospital on Tuesday of this week. She stood the operation well and her friends will be glad to learn that her condition is reported as favorable.