

An Accumulation of Gold Starts Rumors In the Old Country

Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain Queried About the Matter in the House of Commons — Declares That It Has Nothing To Do With the Country's Currency Policy—No Change Contemplated at Present.

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LONDON, April 11—Contrary to recent persistent rumors that Britain was preparing to return to the gold standard, Right. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today that recent accumulations of gold by the Bank of England had nothing to do with the country's currency policy. Mr. Chamberlain declined to answer Will Thorne's question on whether the gold standard would be one of the questions which Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald will discuss in Washington.

"Does this silence mean a negative reply?" Mr. Thorne asked.

Mr. Chamberlain said the House "might rest assured" the government's policy would not be changed before the House is given an opportunity to discuss it.

CANADA WILL PLAY A PART IN DISCUSSION

Personally Represent Personally Represene Canada at Washington.

Ottawa, April 10—Canada will definitely play a part in the economic discussions to take place in Washington at the end of this month, at the invitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Breaking the silence he has maintained in respect to the efforts of the United States President to sound out some 11 nations on leading economic matters prior to the world monetary and economic conference, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett stated today that the invitation had been received and that he would personally represent Canada in Washington.

"The answer to both questions is in the affirmative," said Mr. Bennett when asked by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Opposition leader, if the invitation had been received and if the Prime Minister would attend in person.

When questioned further as to whether he would make the journey to Washington during the Easter recess of Parliament, Mr. Bennett replied that he could not say definitely but that he thought not.

No further information on the plans of the Canadian Government so far as the Washington conversations are concerned was offered the House.

If the Prime Minister confined his visit to Washington to the period of the Easter recess, he would have no opportunity of meeting with representatives of other nations who may accept the President's invitation. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain will not sail until April 15, and it is understood no others could arrive earlier.

Bruns. St. Baptists Win

The final basketball game in the city church series was played last night in the U. N. B. gym, the Brunswick Street Baptists winning over St. Paul's by a score of 29 to 16. George St. Baptists won the other team in the church loop. Morris refereed.

PRESIDENT OF EASTERN S.S. CO. DIES IN BOSTON

Boston, April 10—Captain Eugene E. O'Donnell, 50, president of the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., died tonight of peritonitis. He had been confined to hospital since Thursday.

A native of Boston, Capt. O'Donnell had followed the sea for many years and was master of Eastern Steamship vessels before he became head of the organization in 1928.

Death occurred at the Cardinal O'Connell House, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston. He had been operated on Thursday last for appendicitis, but peritonitis set in and all attempts to save his life were of no avail.

Captain O'Donnell is survived by his wife and two children, Ellen and Eugene, jr. Their home is on Beacon street, Boston.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning with solemn requiem high mass at St. Cecilia's Church, Boston, at 11 o'clock.

Shortly before his death, Captain O'Donnell had discussed with his family plans for paying a visit to New Brunswick this summer, where they were to have visited Hon. C. D. Richards, premier of the province, and Mrs. Richards, at their home in Fredericton. Not long ago Premier Richards was a guest here at Captain O'Donnell's home.

Captain O'Donnell, through his shipping interests, had hundreds of warm friends and many acquaintances in the Maritime Provinces. He had visited Eastern Canada on several occasions, and in New Brunswick, especially in Fredericton and Saint John, he was well known.

He was a true friend of every employee of the Eastern Steamship Lines, and his death will bring keen sorrow.

He was regarded as one of the best known men in the United States shipping industry, especially since he became president of Eastern Steamship Lines an office which he had held since 1928, and through his efforts to promote the interests of the port of Boston.

W. M. Ryan, of Saint John, is in the capital today, attending the sitting of the N. B. Appeal Court.

TO STIMULATE PRODUCTION OF MAPLE PRODUCTS

Hon. Lewis A. Smith Says That the Prospects Are Good For An Expansion of the Maple Industry.

"Organization of maple producers is desired, for mutual education and information concerning their enterprise," Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, declared today. "An association of sugar makers should exert a beneficial influence by raising the proportion of the total product, which is now high grade. It might also become the logical office for seeking new outlets for the sale of maple products."

Hon. Mr. Smith pointed out that prospects are good for an expansion of the industry, and that official grade standards for products are aids to producers.

The farmers of this province have turned their attention to the maple woods in large numbers this year," he said. "The topping of the sugar maple has heretofore been carried on as a custom. It will be taken up as a revenue yielding practice by many for the first time this season. Dealers in sugar equipment report an active demand for needed supplies."

"It is a wholesome sign that owners of maple sugaries are giving attention to the exploiting of this long neglected source of farm income."

Strong Demand

"The demand for maple products of high quality is many times the home produced supply," the minister continued, adding that seasonable weather governed the length of the sap flow and determined the profits on the considerable investment involved in operating a sugar bush.

Only a few sap seasons have occurred during recent years, and the imports of sugar and syrup have been increasing in quantity, he said.

"The interests of the maple products producer were the primary consideration in the drafting of the Maple Sugar Industry Act," Hon. Mr. Smith explained. "He is protected from the competition of the 'blended' product by those sections of the Act applying to the naming, exposing for sale and use of imitations of maple products."

"Makers should be careful of the quality particularly as the season draws to its close. Low-grade syrup should never be offered to a discriminating trade."

Originality in the making of attractive sugar packages would be an aid to selling, the minister suggested.

He declared that more information on new methods of making maple products and education along lines of sanitation in sugar camps were much to be desired at the present time. He expressed the hope that a revised edition of an exhausted issue of a bulletin of the federal department of agriculture, relating to the maple sugar industry, would be available soon.

Can Make Fair Profit

"A sugar maple orchard of 50 acres, having an average of 35 trees to the acre, will yield in approximate figure 425 gallons of syrup or 3,400 pounds of sugar at an estimated cost of \$1.10 per gallon of syrup. After interest on the investment in equipment and taxes on the wood lot are deducted, a fair margin of profit remains for the sugar makers at retail prices of maple syrup."

"The present season has begun well. The makers are hopeful of a successful season's operations. Those who

BUSINESS IN FOX PELTS IS LOOKING UP

\$3,000,000 Have Been Brought to P.E.I. This Season

PRICES HAVE BEEN GOOD Shipments To European Markets Have Been Large

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Moncton, N. B. April 11—Business is looking up on the P.E.I. fox pelts and potatoes are going in volume to Ontario points, stated P. W. Clarkin, district freight and passenger agent Canadian National Railways, Charlottetown, P. E. I., who was in Moncton yesterday on railway business. It is estimated that approximately \$3,000,000 have been brought to Prince Edward Island through the sale of fox pelts, during the past season (1932-33) he said. Mr. Clarkin continued: "Prices received for pelts during the past season were higher than for a couple of seasons past, the greatest proportion being disposed of through European markets. In addition pelts were disposed of through Montreal and New York markets."

Tourist Trade

With regard to the tourist trade, Mr. Clarkin, remarked that Prince Edward Island expects to receive a greater number of tourists this year than last. Increased efforts are being made to attract tourists to the Garden of the Gulf. Facilities for handling tourists have never been better. He went on to say what with the new Canadian National Railways hotel at Charlottetown, The Canadian National and the new modern oil burning steam car ferry which connects the island the mainland and carries passengers and motor cars across the Strait of Northumberland from Cape Tormentine, N.B. to Borden, P.E.I.

SHAW WAS ABLE TO ELUDE THE REPORTERS

Noted Irish Playwright Succeeded in Dodging Reporters and Camera-men in New York.

New York, N. Y., April 11—George Bernard Shaw, who had promised he would shun New York news reporters like the plague, arrived with Mrs. Shaw today and kept his word.

The Irish playwright and philosopher, was chased, however, from deck to deck. He was harried by news photographers, who used every wily strategy they knew to snap pictures of him as he ate toast at breakfast in the dining room of the Empress of Britain, while ship's guards tried to keep them out.

The reporters were met by officers who informed them that "Mr. Shaw will not be interviewed. And who passed out a printed "interview" rehearsing the scattering "information" Shaw already had given during his trip through the Panama Canal.

People who used to wait three hours in a tontorial parlor, reading yesterday's paper, now have to wake up the barber in his chair.

are experiencing 'beginner's luck' this season will know that the joy of the maple maker—like that of the hay maker—depends on right seasonal conditions."

The Soviet Trade Delegation Not To Leave London

Has Been Instructed to Remain Until After the Trade Agreement Expires on April 17 — The Soviet Hopeful That Present Tension Will Soon Relax.

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, April 11—Despite growing tension in Anglo-Soviet relations heightened by the newest "white paper" attack on Soviet methods in holding six British subjects, the Soviet trade delegation has been instructed to remain in London after the present trade agreement expires April 17, the United Press learned today.

The delegation will lose its diplomatic status when the agreement expires, but the instructions from Moscow indicated the Soviet hoped the present tension would relax after the accused Britons were tried and that the delegations recall would be unnecessary. The instructions were interpreted to represent Moscow's desire to do everything possible to avoid an open break.

PAYS GRACEFUL TRIBUTE TO LATE CAPT. O'DONNELL

Premier Richards Says New Brunswick Has Lost a True Friend by the Death of Boston Steamship Magnate.

Premier Richards in referring today to the death at Boston yesterday of Capt. E. E. O'Donnell, president of the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., paid him this tribute:

"The many friends in this Province of Captain Eugene E. O'Donnell, late President of The Eastern Steamship Lines, will be greatly shocked to learn of his sudden and unexpected death."

"The launching of the new steamship "Saint John" by the Eastern Steamship Lines, and the various functions at Saint John at the time of her maiden voyage, gave an opportunity for many of the people of this Province to see something of the enterprise of this Company, of the value of its activities to this Province, as well as to personally meet many of the officials of the Company. Outstanding was the President of the Company, Captain Eugene E. O'Donnell, and both he and Mrs. O'Donnell with their sincerity and charm of manners captured the hearts of all those who had the opportunity of meeting them at that time. All were impressed with the unaffected kindness of Captain O'Donnell and his real friendship for this Province. It was my privilege to meet Captain O'Donnell on several occasions later, both in this Province and at his own home in Boston and I came to know him as a keen and capable executive, as well as a man of kindly disposition and of wide culture and learning. Captain and Mrs. O'Donnell made many strong personal friends in this Province and from them all will be extended to Mrs. O'Donnell and her family, the most sincere sympathy in their very great bereavement."

London, April 11—One of the longest opening speeches ever made in an English court of law has just been concluded in the court of appeal.

Sir William Jowitt sat down after taking 18 days to open an appeal in a case which lasted 43 days when tried before the king's bench division.

Sir William spoke for more than 90 hours—five hours a day for five days a week.

WILL INCREASE POSTAGE RATES ON NEWSPAPERS

Bill To Make Good Last Year's Railway Decit is Given Second Reading in Parliament.

Ottawa, Ont., April 110—Notice was given in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister today of his intention to move tomorrow the resolution which will increase the postage rates on newspapers. Under the provisions of the resolution, which preceded an amendment to the Post Office Act, newspaper postage will be increased to two cents per pound, where their advertising space exceeds 20 per cent up to 30 per cent. of the total space. From 30 per cent to 50 per cent. the new rate will be three cents per pound, and beyond that figure, four cents per pound.

The House today passed one month's salary for civil service employees. Pay day is next Saturday and if the money had not been voted today there would have been no checks issued.

First and second reading were given in the Commons today to the bill which authorizes the Government to make good last year's deficits on the Canadian National Railways.

A total of \$47,941,395 is required to meet these deficits. In addition to that, the bill empowers the C. N. R. to issue notes for \$13,058,604 to take care of refunding obligations. The Government advances the railways moneys on the security of these notes. The bill was referred to the committee on Railways.

Witnesses from each province of the Dominion will be heard before the milk probe. One representative from Co-operative producers and milk dealers associations in each of the four Western Provinces will give evidence before the Agriculture Committee of the House on the spread between producers' and consumers prices. Arrangements for testimony along similar lines will be made for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Decision to this effect was made at this afternoon's inquiry on suggestion of Chairman M. C. Senn (Haldimand).

Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen and Justices Baxter, of Saint John, and Grimmer are here today, conducting the N. B. Appeal Court. They are stopping at the Queen.