

PREMIER TASCHEREAU OF QUEBEC REPLIES TO A DIE-HARD ONTARIO PROHIBITIONIST

Montreal, June 6—"There is nothing you can do that will give entire satisfaction to the die-hard prohibitionists of any country and particularly Canada," Premier Taschereau declared this morning, when informed of the remarks made by Rev. A. J. Irwin of Toronto, director of the Ontario Prohibition Union, to the effect that the liquor regime of Quebec was conducive to intemperance, to the ruin of the inhabitants of this province and to an extraordinary increase in violation of the law.

"To evade the evils of prohibition," Mr. Taschereau said, "the Province of Quebec decided in 1920, to adopt a system for the sale of alcoholic liquors under the control of the state. It was approved by the highest religious authorities of the province as being the best possible substitute for the former system of liquor sales and the evils of stringent prohibition. Since then, with improvement being introduced each year, the system has proved so satisfactory that practically all other provinces have adopted it without counting foreign countries.

Should Study Ontario

"I would suggest to Mr. Irwin that he study the conditions existing in the province of Ontario, before attacking what is taking place in the province of Quebec. The people of Quebec are respectful of the laws established. If there are more automobile accidents here than elsewhere, which I doubt very much, it may be that we receive more visitors than other provinces, which is understandable when one realizes the attractions which Quebec offers its guests.

"However, the Quebec people are satisfied to preserve the present system of temperance, and whatever can be said against it by the people whose only excuse is that they do not know anything about it, Quebecers intend to remain masters in their own house, leaving other provinces to do exactly as they like in theirs."

The Premier stated that the government of Quebec was only awaiting certain information from Ottawa, regarding the report of Commissioner McGregor on the alleged coal combine, before arriving at a final decision in the matter. What that decision would be, he refused to say.

Premier Taschereau will be at his local office again tomorrow morning when he will receive the delegation.

IRWIN'S CRITICISM

Hamilton, Ont. June 5—"The United Church of Canada today had been called upon to fight the avaricious liquor interests" by Rev. A. J. Irwin, Toronto, director of the Ontario Prohibition Union, who told the Hamilton Conference of the Church Saturday that a special session of the Ontario

Legislature would be called soon to approve open sale of beer and wine.

Dr. Irwin denounced the Quebec system of liquor sale and said there were twice as many accidents in the province of Quebec than in Ontario and that moral offences were more numerous as well. He blamed freer sale of liquor for these conditions and added that one-third of the poorer classes of Quebec were receiving public relief.

He also attacked what he described as false advertising by brewers to stimulate sales of beer. One Quebec firm, he said, advertised its product contained ingredients necessary to good health, but an analysis which he arranged showed that these ingredients were lacking.

Social Justice

The meeting approved a resolution calling for the retention of natural resources for the people; social justice for all; adjustment of hours and days of labor to meet conditions brought about by the increasing use of machinery; sickness, old age and unemployment insurance.

Numerous speakers attacked "gambling" on Stock Exchange and race tracks and praised the House of Commons at Ottawa for rejecting the sweepstakes bill prepared in the Senate.

"If prosperity were to return tomorrow," Rev. J. E. Hughson, of Hamilton said, "we would go back to the merry-go-round of extravagance, gambling and speculation. Men pay as much or more than they did before, but they pay only for prosperity and ease."

FRASERS WILL CUT PULPWOOD ON MIRAMICHI

Saint John, June 6—Owing to the fact that the saw mill of Fraser Companies, Limited, at Athol, will be re-opened soon to saw 8,000,000 feet of logs, the concern will require 16,000 cords of pulpwood, much of which, it is understood, is to be cut and purchased along the Miramichi.

Unable for some time to place the 8,000,000 foot cut, Fraser Companies has been planning to put it into pulp. The saw mill at Athol has been closed for four or five years.

Announcement of this was made in Saint John yesterday by Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, premier and minister of lands and mines, who has been working in co-operation with the Fraser Companies to bring about the re-opening of the Athol mill.

THE LATE HORATIO BOTTOMLEY WAS ONE OF THE MOST NOTED CHARACTERS OF THE CENTURY

London, June 7—Horatio Bottomley, one of the most amazing figures of modern England — editor, silver-tongued orator, millionaire, convict, papuper — died in a free ward of Middlesex hospital recently.

Bottomley, "the man who might have been prime minister," died behind a screen which sheltered him from the stares of his fellow charity patients. He was operated on a week ago. At 73, a flabby old man, he was unable to fight very hard.

His last public appearance came a few weeks ago when he applied for, and was refused, an old age pension of \$2 a week.

His last of many interviews about that time, was characteristic of him. "I cannot really believe," he said, "that Mr. H. B. is going to end like this . . .

"I could have got anywhere and been anything if I had not made a fool of myself."

Born in Poverty

Bottomley was brought up in miserable poverty. He was an office boy at ten in a lawyer's office. His acquisitive cockney mind absorbed a tremendous amount of legal information. He became a court reporter and was a good one for five years.

At 23 he became a financier. His companies flared like sky-rockets across the London financial sky and fizzed out like them. He was prosecuted. His defense "made" him. He was called the greatest lay lawyer in England.

He became wealthy. His million-dollar mansion in Sussex had its private race track and he went in for horses. He was elected to Parliament. He was a war-time orator and magazine publisher with a tremendous following.

After the war, continuing his magazine, his prestige led to his ruin. He offered to help the Government sell Victory Bonds. Through the magazine John Bull, he appealed to the public to buy, through him. The response was staggering. Millions of pounds flowed through his offices. He had to hire more clerks. He had not allowed for overhead, and he never knew how much money he had. He dipped into the Victory bond funds and his structure finally crashed.

He never came back. He tried to start another John Bull, this time called John Blunt. Its circulation the first week was almost 50,000; after a few months, almost nothing.

Loyal to Friends

"I have been a great personality," he said in his last interview. "That's what people like—color. Something to stir the imagination. A great personality does not have to be pure as the driven snow, for the public loves him.

"If I were billed to speak at the Al-

bert Hall on the same platform with Lloyd George, Stanley Baldwin and Ramsay MacDonald, I promise I would get the most enthusiastic reception and the greatest applause.

"I have been several kinds of a fool. But I might not have come off so badly had I not been so loyal to my friends. That is one of my very few principles and virtues—loyalty to my friends."

After the war Lord Northcliffe paid him \$1,250 a week for an article on any subject he chose. It ran around 2,000 words, and was billed as "another powerful article by Horatio Bottomley."

Reuben Bigland, the embittered, cadaverous printer who had sent him to prison, offered friendship recently—and one pound a week allowance. Bottomley scornfully refused it and to the end said: "Let no man pity me."

PICCARD TO MAKE HIS THIRD FLIGHT WITHIN A MONTH

Chicago, June 5—Sometime within a month a third Piccard flight will take two men 10 miles into the sky in a balloon, perhaps higher than human beings ever have gone.

Either Auguste Piccard, the Belgian veteran of two such adventures, or his brother, Jean, and a companion will make the trip. Thousands will crowd upon their gondola in Soldier Field before its moorings are cut. The whole world will wait for news of these men who risk their lives.

The stratosphere where these explorers will cruise is the latest front in science's far-flung attack upon the secrets of the cosmic rays, which many believe are the key to an explanation of the universe.

In his university of Chicago Laboratory, Prof. Arthur H. Compton a Nobel prize winner in physics, who has studied the ray in Northern Manitoba and a generalissimo in this cosmic ray study, is directing the assembling of scientific instruments which the gondola will carry.

He explained today why he is so interested in his work.

"Cosmic ray studies," he said, "may throw light on the problem of how the nucleus of the atom is built, and thus may help to solve the problem of how atomic energy can be released for human use."

"Can you imagine that it might be possible to harness the energy of the cosmic rays or at least learn from the study from to create similar energy with which to run man's machines?" he was asked.

"It is possible," he replied.

Prof. Compton believes the rays are not true rays, but enter the earth's atmosphere as electrically charged particles.

His view differs from that held by another famous student of cosmic rays, Prof. Robert A. Millikan, president of California Institute of Technology, who holds that the rays are not particles but photons, true rays of short wave-lengths, more like particles of non-electric radiation.

Dr. Millikan will have his own instruments in the Gondola.

Never To Old

Truro News:—A rather unusual coincidence occurred in Truro on Monday afternoon. A couple from Sackville, N. B., arrived in town and wanted to be married by a Baptist Minister. He was 76 and she was 68. They went to the home of one of the clergy and from there went to his church. But he was not there. The couple saw two men on the lawn and while they were making some further inquiries as to where to locate a Baptist minister along came the sought-for clergyman. He lost no time in performing the ceremony. Either of the other two men spoken to on the lawn could have performed. They were both Baptist ministers.

There is such a thing as being too old to vote. In Brazil, anyway. A man named Limao, which means Lemon, tried to register, but he was denied the right of franchise because he claimed to be 119 years old.

MOLLISON'S DELAY START

London, Eng., June 5—Bad weather again forced Captain and Mrs. James A. Mollison to postpone the start of their trans-Atlantic flight to New York from tomorrow until at least Wednesday.

The Mollisons are planning to fly non-stop from New York to Bagdad for what would be a new world straight-line distance flying record. From Bagdad they intend to fly direct to England.

Redingote costumes are more versatile than ever. The new idea is to have the coat a reversible affair, print on one side, plain on the other. They're usually combined with a print dress, but possibilities for other combinations are many.

Piscatory Prevaricators
The angler lies in wait with hook
And line and rod and reel,
And hap at night he brings the cook
A bullhead or an eel.
—Judge.

The angler lies, but we surmise
That this is idle chat,
We'll merely say, "The angler lies",
And let it go at that.

—Boston Transcript.

The angler lies about its size,
But blame him not, I pray—
No saint would tell the truth, forsooth
Of those that got away.

—Buffalo News.

But if the angler caught a fish
Of size, would that relieve him
Of being thought a liar? Pish!
Who think you, would believe him?
—Youngstown Telegram.

In a mob, usually the loudest and most violent man rules.

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