

Banking Committee Is Making Progress With Legislation

Highly Contentious Clause Regarding Transfer of Gold from Chartered Banks was Adopted Without a Division — Deputy Minister of Finance Submits a Lengthy Brief in Reply to Banks.

OTTAWA, June 6—Without a division being recorded or asked for, the banking and commerce committee yesterday disposed of a highly contentious clause of the Bank of Canada Act.

It calls upon the chartered banks to transfer to the new institution their gold reserves used for domestic purposes at the statutory rate of \$20.67 per ounce rather than the market value. The discussion had been about equally divided between the pros and cons and a call of ayes and nays produced a seemingly equal volume of sound, but Chariman Hanson declared the clause carried and no question was raised about that decision.

In the discussion the claim was renewed that "confiscation" is involved in taking over the banks' gold at other than the market value.

Against this contention a lengthy brief was submitted by W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, in reply to the arguments some days ago of the banks. Briefly, the Government claim is that the gold held by the banks was acquired as a counterpart of an essential national function, as a backing of their note issue—and not for investment or speculative purposes.

LAST MINUTE MOVE ON THE MARKET BILL

Forces of the Government are Solidly Behind the Measure — Third Reading Likely Today.

Ottawa, June 5—A last-minute move for all parties to get together on the government marketing bill was made in the House of Commons tonight by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader. He suggested the bill, which now stands for third reading, be referred back to committee with instructions to make one last effort to secure unanimity on the contentious clauses.

The 11 o'clock closing hour temporarily halted the move and precluded the Liberal member from moving an amendment. It will come before the House tomorrow and probably will be opposed by the government forces which the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Robert Weir, indicated early in the day, were solidly behind the bill as it stood. The prime minister is expected to close the debate tomorrow.

The Liberal leader focused his objection to the bill on "legislation by occupation." He said the bill would result in groups of producers evolving codes on marketing schemes which became law when approved by the Dominion cabinet.

If the government would insert a clause in the bill stipulating the marketing codes must be approved by Parliament, three-quarters of the opposition would be removed, said Mr. King. The bill was designed to take away from Parliament and the elected representatives of the people, control of trade and commerce within the country and place it in the hands of occupational groups. From the beginning to end, the bill contained no safeguards for consumers but would leave the market to the mercy of producing groups.

RAIN HELPS OUT N. S. FIRE SITUATION

Halifax, June 6—Danger to Nova Scotia communities was removed as scattered showers came to the aid of beleaguered villagers who had been fighting stubborn forest fires for days. Rainfall was welcomed, particularly in Cumberland county, where it helped scored of residents to control a fire sweeping toward the little settlement of Polly Brook.

The flames had approached within a half-mile of the little community when the rain halted their advance. Tonight the fire burned only fitfully in the damp woods, and most of the villagers had returned to their home, wearied by the 24-hour battle.

Another fire in Cumberland county, a few miles from the town of River Hebert, was reported under control also. It had been raging for days through dense timber, sweeping through 20,000 acres along a 15-mile trail.

In other Nova Scotia counties, no other dangerous fires were burning this afternoon.

PICARDY CHAPTER MEET

The Picardy Chapter of the I.O.D.E. met last night at the home of Mrs. John M. F. MacKenzie at the Experimental Station with twenty-three members present. A picnic supper was enjoyed following which business the chapter was transacted. The sum of twenty five dollars was voted to the Children's Aid Society and reports of the various Empire day programs carried out in the city and country schools were received. Arrangements were made for the presentation of prizes at the June closing of the Devon and Marysville schools. At the conclusion of the business meeting several tables of bridge were played the prize being won by Mrs. A. F. Belding. As with other chapters last night's meeting concludes the season's activities until next fall.

FOREST FIRES RAGE APACE IN WAVE OF HEAT

No Abatement Today as Mercury Rise Over 80 and No rain Appears — 3,000 Men Fighting Fire Acreage of Almost 500 Square Miles.

The forest fire situation in New Brunswick remained serious today, in the midst of the worst heat wave of the summer, and no semblance of rain in prospect.

Today 3,000 men are engaged in fighting fires, which extend over an area of about 500 square miles, mostly concentrated in Restigouche and Northumberland counties.

As conditions grew rapidly worse for the forest fire fighters, the Department of Lands and Mines took hasty action against perpetrators of the forest laws of the province. Four convictions were recorded this morning at Edmundston.

Those convicted were: — Winnie Francoeur, Davis Bosse, Raymond Bosse, all of St. Joseph. They appeared before Magistrate Hebert at Edmundston, and after pleading guilty, were sentenced to a fine of \$1 and costs or ten days in jail. They were charged with setting slash without permit. The maximum penalty for this is \$200. Dennis Levesseur of St. Joseph charged similarly, pleaded not guilty and his hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

The fire situation was acute this afternoon according to forest officials here. In the northern parts the winds remained annoying and fanned the flames to greater headway through the forest growth.

Several now fires have been reported. One was near Arsenault, in Restigouche County, where the area near Chisholm Brook was aflame. Another fire was at St. Andre, Madawaska County, where a crew of sixty men are attacking it. A third outbreak occurred in Victoria County, at Ennisshone, northeast of Grand Falls. This occurred in the bush at the back of farm country. Details were reported lacking.

Upsalquitch Village, where the situation was the most hazardous yesterday, was in danger today but about 500 men are on this outbreak, with good chances of deflecting the blaze. The fire burned along the river there crossed the stream in the 'Old burn' several times and grew worse farther up river. The crossings were at Wheeler Gulch, and at Berry Brook, Rocky Rapids Gulch and the mouth of the Pokokogan at Crooked Rapids. Dense smoke prevailed, hindering the efforts of the fire fighters.

On the Restigouche river section of the big Restigouche blaze the blaze crossed Tracy Brook and followed up the mouth. It was reported controlled last night. A crew of 260 men were working on it today.

Fear held that the town of Campbellton might be burned was relieved today as the wind changed and blew the fire in another direction. Lines of the N. B. Telephone company between Upsalquitch and the Stewart Highway were disrupted but now have been repaired. At St. Arthur, between Campbellton and Upsalquitch, 90 settlers were moved at Athol as a precautionary measure.

At Oxford Brook, a serious blaze today, close to 200 men are at work. The location is a difficult one to reach. Men from places nearby have been sent to this location to fight the

AN ANGLICAN BISHOP TO MAKE LONG JOURNEY

Rt. Rev. A. L. Fleming Sets out for Arctic

**TO TRAVEL
11,000 MILES**

Will Inspect His Far-Flung Northern Diocese

Edmonton, Alberta, June 6—Bound on his first inspection trip over his far-flung northern diocese which extends from Ungava on the east to the Alaskan boundary on the west, a total area of 2,500 miles. Right Rev. Bishop A. L. Fleming, of Toronto, left this city yesterday on the second lap of his 11,000 mile journey by airplane, canoe and river steamer in the north country.

He stated that 14 missionaries will go north this summer, including those for the Eastern Arctic districts and five will come on on foot.

Eight missionaries, including priests, nurses and teachers, will go into the Mackenzie Valley district this summer. A mission is to be opened on Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island, across a strip of the Arctic ocean from Coppermine, N. W. T. Rev. R. Kopy-Thomas will be the sole white man in charge of this remote mission.

In Far North

The bishop will go by the Northern Alberta Railway as far as Fort McMurray, where he will take off by plane and fly down to Hay River, Fort Simpson, and Aklavik. After he arrives at Aklavik settlement he will spend five weeks travelling by canoe and river boats to missions in the district. He will go to Shingle Point, Herschell Island, Fort McPherson and the Eskimo settlements on the Mackenzie river delta.

Later the bishop will fly south and east to Great Bear Lake, the new famous mineral camp, and then north again to Coppermine on the Arctic coast. He expects to arrive there about the third week in July.

The bishop will return to Edmonton after his journey in the north country and will then spend the remainder of the summer in the Hudson's Bay region covering the remainder of his gigantic diocese.

He is no greenhorn in the north-land. He has been up and down the Mackenzie river for two years in his capacity as "Archdeacon of the Arctic" for seven years. Prior to that, in 1909, he was a missionary in a lonely Arctic ocean post on Baffinland.

A NEAR ACCIDENT

J. K. King, deputy minister of Agriculture, arrived at his home here at noon today from Bathurst, none the worse of the accident which befell him yesterday near that place. Mr. King was quite badly shaken up by the accident which turned his car over yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of Bathurst, but apart from that is feeling all right today. The automobile was quite badly damaged and is undergoing repairs at Bathurst today. Mr. King claims that the accident was caused by a stone on the road which his machine struck, while he was attempting to pass a truck. No one was injured in the accident, though the King car turned over several times before bringing up in the ditch.

spreading blazes. On the Miramichi the situation has been relieved a bit, and at Blackville control is reported. Two mill crews from Nelson joined in the fight at the Semiwagon Ridge area last night.

It was reported this morning to headquarters of the forest staff here that the fire on the east branch of the Oxford Brook was not at the head of Nepisiquit river as first reported, but nearer to the Upsalquitch. About 75 men went via Campbellton this morning to fight this new outbreak.

Roosevelt Given Power to Deal With the Tariff

Bill Giving the President Power to Negotiate Reciprocal Trade Agreements Passes the Senate — Had Previously Passed the Lower House — Of Importance to Canada.

WASHINGTON, June 6—President Roosevelt's request for authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements in an effort to restore America's foreign trade, was approved by the Senate late yesterday.

The Administration tariff bill already has passed the House and acceptance of Senate amendment would send the all-important measure to the White House for Mr. Roosevelt's signature.

Mr. Roosevelt plans to use the new tariff bargaining power for some old-fashioned "Yankee trading." He hopes to find new foreign markets for American products, thus stimulating home industries, providing some measure of re-employment and increasing purchasing power.

The bill authorizes the President to enter into foreign trade agreements and gives him power to raise or lower existing tariff rates by 50 per cent without obtaining Congressional approval.

MR. HENDERSON THREATENS TO RESIGN OFFICE

The President of Disarmament Conference Provoked by Action of Louis Barthou French Foreign Minister.

Geneva, June 5—Losing his patience at last, Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson today bluntly threatened to resign as president of the world disarmament conference, call the big parley together and tell the delegates they might as well quit. He also declared that if he did that, he would lay the blame for failure on France.

What provoked "Uncle" Arthur to some rather outspoken statements in today's private meeting of the steering committee was the attitude of France's hard-headed foreign minister, the aged Louis Barthou.

Draft Resolution

Following British and United States suggestions that the best way out of the present mess was to recess the conference and give the governments another chance at fixing things up through diplomatic channels, Mr. Henderson brought forward a draft resolution.

M. Barthou promptly rejected it. He claimed it put the question of security in the background. France wanted it put first and was going to have it put first.

Mr. Henderson painstakingly went over his resolution, in detail, pointing out references to security here and there. This draft resolution provided these things:

Letting the government study the Russian proposal to turn the parley into a peace conference; letting the governments concerned study the proposals for mutual assistance pacts; giving a special committee the job of examining the knotty question of guarantees of execution of the disarmament convention that might be drawn up, if any; suggesting generally something be done about reconciling divergent views in the British, French, Italian and German notes; and study of questions relating to disarmament or security when sufficient progress on special political problems has been made.

Turned It Down

M. Barthou point blank turned it down. Referring to the understanding that under the resolution the powers would try to get Germany back into the parley, he said every-

UNITED CHURCH CONFERENCE AT SACKVILLE

Several Hundred Clergy Men and Lay Delegates Are in Attendance.

Sackville, N. B., June 5—The 10th annual Maritime conference of the United Church of Canada opened in the Sackville United Church tonight. Rev. Dr. J. A. Ramsay, Moncton, retiring president of the conference, conducted the opening service and Rev. Richard Roberts, Toronto, noted preacher and writer, gave a devotional address.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Watson, Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, read Scripture and Rev. A. V. Morash, Doaktown, led in prayer. Communion at the close of the service was conducted by the president, assisted by Dr. Roberts and Rev. H. T. S. Gorham of Saint John, secretary of the conference.

Dr. Roberts will lead the devotional service at the opening of tomorrow's session.

Several hundred ministers and lay delegates arrived here today by train and automobile for the conference.

At the service tonight, a solo, "Be Thou My Vision", was rendered by Prof. A. W. Trueman, baritone. Prof. H. S. Hamer, F. R. C. O., presided at the organ. Elders assisting at the communion service were Dr. C. L. Gass, H. M. Wood, M. L. A., Dr. S. W. Hutton, Dr. George J. Trueman, A. D. Jonah, A. J. Colpitts, Sackville; A. S. Gunn, D. A. Noble, E. W. Ritchey, Moncton; J. A. Murray, Sussex; J. S. Smiley, M. L. A., E. E. Hewson and C. D. Shipley, Amherst.

Among the business to be transacted tomorrow is the election of a new president and secretary.

body, including France, wanted Germany to return. "Are negotiations going to be opened with Berlin," he demanded. "Well, open them But what is to be expected? Is Germany to be allowed to make conditions to the League from which she departed with no good reason?"

Ensued a heated duel between Henderson and Barthou, after Anthony Eden, British delegate, briefly declared he was prepared to accept the resolution.