

Enquiry at Ottawa Stirs up Mistrust Of Big Business

Parliament Committee Will Continue To Take Evidence Three Days of the Week—An Interim Report To Be Submitted Near End of Session; Royal Commission May Be Named.

OTTAWA, March 16—Indications are that the business practices committee—known officially as the Special Committee on Price Spreads and Mass Buying—will continue to take evidence three days a week until Parliament rises. A vast field for enquiry has been opened up and it is already apparent that Mr. Stevens and his associates can do little more than begin to explore the social and economic implications of the primary movements they are studying.

An interim report will be presented to Parliament toward the end of the session which will make some definite recommendations regarding legislation and an attempt may be made to implement some of these recommendations at the present session of Parliament. It is possible that the Government will appoint a Royal Commission to make further specific studies of three or four angles of the problem of price spreads.

That the evidence has had a profound effect in stirring up mistrust of big business among the general mass of citizens.

On the whole the Government is satisfied with what the committee has accomplished to date. If the additions to social and economic knowledge have not been very great, the political value of the committee has been considerable to the Government.

MINISTERIAL ASSOC. ARRANGES FOR LIBRARY

Morning Radio Broadcast To Be Heard from Station CFNB March 22nd to April 7th.

The Ministerial Association met yesterday afternoon in the vestry of The George Street Baptist Church, Rev. M. H. Mason presiding, for Rev. M. H. Manuel who was attending a funeral in Penniac.

Dr. F. A. Wightman led the devotional part of the meeting.

Various matters of importance in the way of business occupied the attention of the Association for the remainder of the period.

Arrangements were completed for the "Listening Post" to be conducted this year over the radio from 8.10 to 8.30 a.m. each morning except Sundays from Thursday, March 22nd to April 7th. Each minister of the Association is being called upon to provide one service with the help of a choir. The various ministers will participate in the following order: Gulton, Ross, Mason, Bartlett, Watson, Bate, Kimmons, Telford, Holmes, Manuel, Smith, Mooers, Burge, Kennedy, Wightman. The first week will deal with "The Words from the Cross." The second week will center about the theme: "Resurrection Thoughts."

Rev. W. A. Burge reported on the Lord's Day Alliance Annual Meeting for New Brunswick, he having attended as the representative of the Association.

Plans were made for the securing of a travelling library from McGill University for a period of four months' use.

Other matters of business included

ONTARIO WOLVES SLAUGHTERING DEER FOR SPORT

Petersboro, Ontario, March 15—Packs of wolves in sections of Muskoka and Haliburton have feasted so much on deer during the winter that they no longer kill for food, but sink their fangs into the throats of the animals for the sheer joy of the kill, according to D. F. Kierby of Petersboro, who has returned from an extensive tour of inspections of the timber limits of the district.

Carcasses of eight deer slaughtered by wolves were found by the Kerby party in the woods and swamps about 12 miles south of Dorset, in Minden Township. Any one of the slaughtered animals had been partly eaten.

"We were not looking for slaughtered deer, but we came across the carcasses as we plodded through the woods", Mr. Kerby said. "We were far removed from habitation for the most part and there was no doubt the animals had been killed by

TOKIO:—The House of Peers of the Imperial Japanese Diet today approved unconditionally the \$612,000,000 government budget, including the largest peacetime appropriations ever made for the national defence. The lower House has given similar approval.

Those present were: Rev. George Telford, Rev. W. A. Burge, Rev. David Kennedy, Rev. G. W. Gulton, Adj. Kimmins, Rev. F. A. Watson, Rev. M. H. Mason, Rev. A. F. Bate, Dr. G. E. Ross, Dr. F. A. Wightman.

ADMIRAL BYRD LOSES A PLANE IN ANARCTIC

LITTLE AMERICA, March 14—Four members of the Byrd Antarctic expedition escaped serious injury today when one of the expedition aeroplanes, piloted by Lieut.-Com. Isaac Schlossbach, crashed on a test flight and was wrecked.

It was a single engine Fokker monoplane and was to have been used in the transport of equipment and supplies to a depot being established 100 miles south of here. Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, who warmly congratulated Schlossbach and three passengers for their escape, said it was due to the pilot's quick thinking, and the accident would not halt operations.

ROME:—Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria, Premier Goemboes of Hungary, and Italy's Mussolini began a two day series of conferences through which they hoped to reach a solution of Austria's and Hungary's economic and political problems.

CORONER'S JURY FIND MRS. GILBERT JORDAN WAS MURDERED BY BULLET FROM RIFLE IN HANDS OF HUSBAND

Police Likely To Lay Charge of Murder Against Jordan Today—Community Hall at Barker's Point Crowded Last Night—Dr. Chas MacKay, Coroner, Presides—Evidence Taken From Seven Sworn Witnesses and Two Children, Rhoda and Gilbert.

Responsibility for the death of Mrs. Clara Alberta Jordan, aged 45, who was shot and killed in the dooryard of her Barker's Point home on Wednesday night shortly after seven o'clock, was laid upon the husband, Gilbert Jordan, by the coroner's jury which enquired into the shooting last night.

The inquest was held in the community hall at Barker's point and the hall was crowded with curious silent persons who listened to the proceedings as they moved swiftly to a conclusion under the coroner, Dr. Charles MacKay.

The verdict of the jury was "that Mrs. Gilbert Jordan met her death being murdered by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of her husband Gilbert Jordan on March 14, 1934."

Detective staff sergeant F. W. Allan who represented the R.C.M.P. under Inspector Drysdale was present at the inquest as well as Leo F. Cain, who represented the department of the Attorney-General.

Jordan Under Guard

Jordan who is under guard at the Victoria Hospital where he is recovering from injuries allegedly self-inflicted, will probably be charged with his wife's murder today.

The evidence given at last night's inquest led the jury to the decision that blame for the woman's death rests on the husband. Important evidence was given by Mrs. Frances McDonald and her daughter, Miss Inez McDonald, neighbors; Rhoda Jordan, aged 6, and Gilbert, aged 16, the latter afflicted with an infirmity.

The chief witnesses were Dr. A. F. Vanwart, Lloyd Arnold, Constable L. P. Ryder, of the R. C. M. P., Dr. W. H. Irvine, Elmer McFadden, Mrs. Frances McDonald, Miss Inez McDonald.

The jury was composed as follows: William H. Staples, foreman; George

VETERAN M.P. WAS HONORED IN PARLIAMENT

R. S. White Receives a Gift of Seventy-Eight Roses

HIS BIRTHDAY

House Interrupted Business To Pay Him a Tribute

Ottawa, March 16—Parliamentary precedents were broken at the opening of Commons yesterday in honor of the 78th birthday of R. S. White, Conservative member for Mount Royal.

The House was immersed in its business under the order of questions, when Mr. White entered and made his way to his desk upon which a basket of 78 roses, the gifts of his colleagues rested. Applause came from all quarters. Mr. White bowed to the Speaker with customary formality and then made a supplementary bow to the Opposition and Government sides of the House.

Made A Speech

Still the applause continued, and suggestions of "speech" were heard from one Conservative. The Liberals took the cry up and finally with the Speaker smiling acquiescence, Mr. White rose and made brief acknowledgement of the warmth of the tribute.

"It was, he found, a very great deal." (Continued on page four)

St. Lawrence River Is Open to a Point Near Montreal

Government Ice-Breakers Have Been Smashing Away at the Ice and Have Passed Sorel—Are Only One Day Behind Last Year's Schedule.

MONTREAL, March 30—The river is open today to a point less than 30 miles below Montreal harbor, reckoning the harbor to end at the Imperial oil docks. Reports are that the McLean is smashing away steadily, and having passed Sorel yesterday, is now five miles on this side. The Saurer is behind the McLean, keeping the channel open.

Despite the heavier ice this year, the big ice-breakers are only a day behind last year's schedule. It is now almost certain that they will be visible from the Island of Montreal this coming Sunday.

Last year the river was open by March 24. There is a good chance of equalling, if not indeed, beating this record, it is said.

The water in the river is 38 feet 6 inches in the channel today, a drop of 8 inches from yesterday. However, the river is fluctuating and harbor officials place no significance on today's level.

THE SENATE TO PROBE THE PUBLIC ACCTS.

Would Effect Economic or Debt Reduction—The Alleged Newspaper Combines.

Ottawa, March 15—Without debate or division a resolution moved by Hon. C. W. Robinson, Moncton, N.B., was adopted in the Senate today, that a special committee of 16 members be appointed to investigate the public accounts and the report of the auditor-general with a view to ascertaining what means may be adopted to effect economies or debt reduction.

The committee will be composed of the following: Senators Charles Murphy, Russell; W. A. Buchanan, Lethbridge; W. E. Foster, Saint John; George Parent, Kennebec; J. H. G. Lacasse, Essex; A. B. Copp, Westmorland; W. A. Griesback, Edmonton; F. B. Black, Sackville; C. E. Tanner, Picton; A. D. MacRae, Vancouver; W. H. Dennis, Halifax; W. H. Sharpe, Lisgar; R. B. Horner, Saskatchewan; D. O. Lesperance, Quebec; C. W. Robinson, Moncton and James Donnelly, Bruce.

Senator Robinson was brief in his motion. He understood the Senate did not have the power to initiate spending programs but felt it was certainly qualified to take steps to save money. He believed the Fathers of Confederation had been wise in setting up a bi-cameral Parliament and thought the provinces would be in better financial shape if they had all established and retained two chambers of Parliament.

Alleges Combines

A sure method of securing newspaper publicity for the proceedings in the Red Chamber would be to initiate an inquiry into newspaper combines, Senator Robinson, Moncton, suggested in the Senate today. There had been complaints that the Senate did not get a great deal of publicity, Senator Robinson observed, and he believed the members themselves were largely to blame.

If the activities in the Senate commended themselves to the attention of newspaper readers they would get the publicity, Senator Robinson said. Such an inquiry as he referred to would

DUCE TURNS ON HEAT AGAINST BACHELORS

Rome, March 15—Whatever other changes may be planned by the Italian government, there's to be no let-up in the drive on single blessedness.

Less than a dozen bachelors managed to get their names on a list of 400 members of the new Chamber of Deputies chosen by the grand council of Fascism in a midnight session. The council's severity toward single men is a further reflection of the attitude of Premier Benito Mussolini.

One of the successful candidates, it became known, was married just two days before the list was drawn up—in the hope of enhancing his chances.

The successful candidates, chosen from 1,000 names presented by the Nation's Workers' and Employers federations and leading civic associations, will convene April 28—probably to seal the doom of the chamber.

At this session, the 29th, Premier Mussolini has announced he will call upon the chamber to "decide its own fate". In other words, as generally interpreted, it will be expected to legislate itself out of existence.

Thereafter, under Italy's new corporative system, legislative powers gradually will be transferred from parliamentary institutions to the National Council of Corporations.

There is no political division among the nominees—unless one counts this bachelor business—for all, save Fascists have been wedded out.

Premier Mussolini's anti-bachelor policy has been adopted in keeping with his belief that the country's future powers depends upon building up the population.

commend itself to publicity, and he believed newspaper combines were about as strong and efficient as any in existence in Canada.

"We'll charge 10 cents a line for that kind of publicity," Senator George P. Graham, of Brockville, interjected. "Why don't you propose such an inquiry?" questioned Senator H. W. Laird, Regina.

"I have had quite a lot of experience with newspapers," Senator Robinson said, "and it would make a mighty interesting investigation." The subject was not pursued.