

Another Reduction In the Savings Bank Interest Expected

Ottawa Hears That a Cut Will Likely Be Made in the Spring—Arrangements For the Opening of Parliament Already Well Advanced—Cabinet Getting Lots of Advice.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8—Arrangements for the opening of Parliament and its legislative program, now substantially advanced, engross most of the attention of the Government. Discussions on national problems, particularly financial ones, are recurrent. The Cabinet is being furnished with much gratuitous advice as to radical remedies which might be followed, among them being the Australian plan of compulsory conversion of outstanding loans with the idea of lessening the onerous burden of interest charges. Undoubtedly these primary obligations are of such magnitude as to enforce economies in other essential services. Taking the railways and their deficits into account the total is in the neighborhood of two hundred millions. Any justifiable policy to lighten this load would be welcomed.

Savings Bank Interest

What financing is to be done this year is expected to be done more cheaply. In the spring a further reduction in interest rates on savings deposits is reasonably expected, and in turn such rates are generally the precursor of lowered charges for credit all along the line.

WOLF PACK TERRORIZES FOLKS IN ADIRONDACKS

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7—A howling pack of wolves, arousing farmers and preying on animals for food, roamed the snow-swept fields of the Adirondack Mountains last night.

The roving beasts, estimated from 12 to 50, have become such a menace to human life that the State has started organization of a trapping expedition to exterminate them.

The marauding band arose as a rapidly mounting threat to hunters and farmers when it attacked two farm hands high in the Adirondacks. One of the wolves, of the timber variety, was slain. The others escaped.

The incident, along with reports that the pack terrorized some farm homes to the extent that children were being kept indoors, resulted in the State Conservation Department arranging with Civil Works Administration officials for the employment of 75 skilled hunters and trappers.

Appearance of the pack marked the first time that a wolf had been reported in the Adirondacks since the early 80's. The beasts have left a trail of carcasses of animals, which they slew for food. A trapper reported finding the carcasses of six deer which he said were killed by the pack.

BUILDS HOUSE FOR \$25.

Hutchinson, Kas., Jan. 8—Lon Briles, farmer living near Hooker, claims a record for economy in house building.

Using the plentiful gypsum of his vicinity, Briles manufactured his own brick and constructed a farm home complete in all details including door and window frames and roofing for \$25.

DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN LIVE AND DEAD GERM

Philadelphia, Jan. 8—A method of estimating the numbers of living and dead bacteria or "germs" growing in a tube or plat of artificial media was reported by Dr. W. C. Frazier and A. J. Boyer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to the Society of American Bacteriologists at their meeting here today.

Scientists have never before been able to make this distinction between living and dead bacteria in a culture. The method consists of treating the bacteria, either as they are growing in cultures or after they have been smeared on slides for microscopic examination, with the sterilized filtrate from a growth of streptococci from milk. This treatment changes the way the dead bacteria react to certain stains and thus gives a means of estimating the numbers of living and dead bacteria in the culture.

PAID TAXES BUT PROPERTY DISAPPEARS

New Britain, Conn., Jan. 7—There are some taxes due the city—if it can find the property.

Years ago Edward H. Higginson of Meriden obtained—or thought he did—some land in a horse trade. He paid taxes on it in 1915. The next year he decided to see what his property looked like, but he couldn't find it, so he refused to pay any more taxes.

The city apparently has been equally unsuccessful in locating the land and Corporation Counsel David L. Nair has recommended that the back taxes be erased from the records.

W. E. N. SINCLAIR IS OUSTED FROM LEADERSHIP

Disagreement With the Policies of M. F. Hepburn, M.P., Given As the Reason.

Toronto, Jan. 7—Shorn of his powers as House leader of the Liberal Party in the Ontario Legislature, W. E. N. Sinclair, K. C., tonight relinquished the mantle he had worn for many years and placed it on the shoulders of Dr. George A. McQuibban, erstwhile Liberal whip, who will lead the group of 15 members through the final session of the 18th Legislature until dissolution and the coming election.

Liberal members of the House meeting in caucus here Saturday voted to promote Dr. McQuibban and demote Mr. Sinclair.

Disagreement with the policies enunciated by Mitchell F. Hepburn, M. P., who supplanted him as party leader at the Liberal convention of 1930 led to the change. During the last session of the Legislature, Harry C. Nixon, head of a group of five Progressives in the House, had definitely pledged allegiance to Mr. Hepburn, and it was an open secret that many of Mr. Hepburn's ideas were delivered, not by Mr. Sinclair, but by Mr. Nixon.

A Vote Taken

The caucus lasted slightly less than three hours. A motion for adjournment to further consider the change was defeated by seven votes to three. There were calls for a definite "show-down." A vote was taken on the main motion—to appoint Dr. McQuibban in place of Mr. Sinclair. It carried, nine to one.

"I've been thrown out, that's all," Mr. Sinclair told a group of waiting newspapermen as the caucus ended. "I have been a Liberal since 1895, the first vote I ever polled being for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The trouble apparently was that they wanted something in the nature of a hyphenated name. I have stood by the Liberal Party and in the words of the Scripture I have fought the beasts at Ephesus," he declared.

"My instructions were to carry on the House leadership, and I did so to the best of my ability."

NEW COLLEGE BUILDINGS TO BE OPENED SOON

Sackville, Jan. 7—Arrangements have been made for the official ceremonies in connection with the opening of Mount Allison's two new buildings, Centennial Hall and the academy residence, Jan. 19 to 21, when Rt. Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., of Toronto of the United Church in Canada, will be present.

The program is as follows: Jan. 19—7.30 p.m. convocation in Charles Fawcett Hall; 9 p.m., reception in Centennial Hall.

Jan. 20—10 a.m. to 12 noon, buildings open for inspection; 3 p.m., dedication of the academy chapel; 7.30 p.m., banquet in the academy dining room.

Jan. 21—11 a.m. divine worship in the United Church 3.30 p.m., services in the university and the academy chapels; 7 p.m. vesper service in Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall.

THE FEAR OF AN ANTHRAX PLAGUE IS DISPELLED

Evacuation of Milling Village Has Been Abandoned

CONDITIONS BAD

Owner of Woollen Mill Told To Improve Sanitation

Sackville, Pennsylvania, Jan. 8—Fear of an anthrax plague among the 300 residents of the mill village was dispelled today and its abandonment was halted.

The 80 families ordered to evacuate by the owner of the "company town" continued their business without fear of the disease or worry of being dispossessed.

Officials of the Pennsylvania Health Department gave Rudolph H. Sack, owner of the one industry, a woollen mill, 30 days in which to make sanitary repairs.

Meantime the State Housing Department was making an investigation of the dwellings here, many of which were built 142 years ago, and are still without running water, sewers, electricity or their modern facilities.

Sack ordered evacuation of the village after he had been threatened with suit by the parents of Walter Socikoloski, 12, who lost an eye from anthrax. He feared spread of the disease and told the families to move.

Evacuation started last night. Six families moved out. Then word came that there was no danger of a epidemic. Anthrax is infectious but not contagious, the State Department said.

C. N. R. LINER BRINGS LIQUOR FROM SOUTH

Boston, Jan. 8—The first consignment of liquor to be brought here from the West Indies since repeal, arrived yesterday aboard the Canadian National Liner, Lady Somers, arriving at Commonwealth Pier, South Boston, from Kingston, Jamaica, Nassau and Bermuda.

She had 2675 cases of whiskey, gin and champagne for local receivers, and as fast as it could be transferred from the hold to the pier it was trucked away. Incidentally, this is the first cargo to be handled at Boston by any of these ships since they began calling here on December, 1930.

The Somers landed 43 passengers before leaving for Halifax, N. S., Captain Horace W. Folger of Quincy, the Boston pilot who was taken away to Bermuda by the steamer Lady Nelson last week, because the pilotboat could not be located in the northeasterly blizzard, returned on the Somers.

ENJOYABLE TEA

Mrs. A. L. Gerow, Brunswick Street entertained at an enjoyable tea Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Jane Clayton. The tea-cups were presided by over by Miss Areta Gerow, and the handsomely appointed table was adorned with a crystal bowl of poinsettias and fern resting upon a reflector and a silver candelabra containing scarlet tapers. Those who assisted in serving were: The Misses Louise Sterling, Marjorie Cremin, Margaret Scott, Martha Fleming and Carrie Porter. Miss Nora Gerow replenished while little Miss Frances Murray opened the door.

Radios in taxis are barred by Police Commissioner of New York, the reason being that they are an addition to the noise nuisance. Also they may interfere with good driving.

Liquor Taxes May Be Discussed at The Conference

Premier Taschereau of Quebec Fears That Rum-Running May Be Carried On From the United States—The Border Points Will Stand Sharp Watching, He Says.

QUEBEC, Jan. 8—The Provincial Government has a wary eye on the border line between this Province and the United States for fear that repeal of prohibition in the United States may lead to large-scale rum-running into Quebec from across the border.

This was indicated by Premier L. Taschereau when in an interview he expressed opinion that a reduction of the excise duty on liquor in Canada will almost certainly be a subject for discussion at the Dominion-Provincial Conference opening at Ottawa on January 17.

"There is a feeling that if the duty on liquor in the United States is much lower than it is here, it may have the effect of encouraging bootleggers," the Premier said. He did not define his own attitude in regard to the question, however.

"We do not know yet exactly on what scale the duties in the United States will be," the Premier added, "but I am sure that the question will be brought up at Ottawa."

NINE POWERS SIGN PACT TO SAVE ANIMALS

London, Jan. 7—To the formidable list of international agreements concluded since the World War must now be added a nine-power plan to secure protection of wild animals in Africa, many species of which are threatened with extinction. The council signed the wild animal treaty in London include Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, the Union of South Africa, Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The United States were represented by observers during the gathering in the British capital and when the protective convention was signed in the House of Lords.

The agreement now awaiting ratification by various governments, is intended to be the first of a series designed to safeguard wild life in all parts of the world. In this country it is regarded by nature lovers as the most important step yet taken to protect the fauna in those areas of the Dark Continent where the march of civilization has led to the wholesale destruction of big game and other wild life.

NAZI HAS STRICT CENSORSHIP

Berlin, Jan. 8—Turning its attention to the lighter social amenities, the censorship bureau, which specifies what shall and shall not appear in the German newspapers, has prohibited descriptions of the sartorial splendors of Nazi functions.

Not only will those in bright uniforms with many decorations go unmentioned, but their wives and friends will be affected also as the order especially forbids any mention of women's gowns.

The theory is that the high stepping of the Nazi leaders is arousing unfavorable comment among the workers who cannot afford such luxuries and many of whose families lack necessities.

DR. H. WIGLE PASSES AWAY IN UPPER CANADA

Was Prominent Clergyman of United Church and Former Mount Allison Principal.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Jan. 7—Rev. Dr. Hamilton Wigle, whose lifetime of service in the Methodist and United Churches of Canada was climaxed by nine successful years as principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, N. B., died in hospital here tonight. He was 75 years of age and was born in Ruthven, near Leamington, in Essex County, Ontario.

Well-known throughout the Maritime Provinces both for his works at Mount Allison and his pastorate of the J. Wesley Memorial Church at Halifax, Dr. Wigle began his distinguished career in Western Canada.

Dr. Wigle graduated from Victoria College, Toronto, in 1884. He was the first president of the Saskatchewan Methodist Conference. He was pastor of the Metropolitan Church at Regina for two years and he spent one year in mission work in Western Canada.

Dr. Wigle moved from the West to Amherst, N. S., in 1910, taking charge of Trinity Methodist Church there. Later he moved to Halifax to become pastor at the J. Wesley Smith Memorial Church, a post he held for three years.

At Mount Allison

Dr. Wigle became principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College at Sackville, N. B., spending nine years at the institution before returning to the pastorate of the J. Wesley Smith Memorial Church in Halifax where he remained until superannuated in July, 1932.

Since his superannuation Dr. Wigle lived with his daughter, Mrs. George Fish of Sault Ste Marie.

General McRoberts, of New York who won a permanent wave through participation in a prize drawing, can doubtless exchange it for a series of beauty treatments if he already has a permanent.