

# EX-PREMIER ON STAND IN ONTARIO HYDRO PROBE

## Tells of the Acquisition of the Ontario Power Corporation Assets.

Toronto, July 18—Former Premier George S. Henry of Ontario today told the Royal Commission investigating the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission's acquisition of Ontario Power Service Corporation assets he was unaware at the time the deal was concluded that Senator Arthur Meighen, resigned Hydro commissioner, owned bonds of the acquired company.

The former premier made this statement during the course of an examination that lasted more than four hours. He said also that he had not informed the senator of his own holdings of O.P.S.C. bonds which totalled \$25,000.

Mr. Henry answered numerous questions regarding steps leading to the final deal which resulted in the Hydro Commission's acquisition of the power company's assets through flotation of an \$18,000,000 bond issue involving an exchange of Hydro bonds for those of the company at a ratio of 90 to 100.

Examined by Slaght  
Occupying a chair beside the counsel table Mr. Henry replied to questions thrust at him by Arthur G. Slaght, commission counsel. The hearing is taking place before Chief Justice F. R. Latchford and Hon. Robert Smith, commissioners appointed by the new Ontario administration.

Mr. Henry said the government reaches its conclusion that acquisition of the power company's assets should be made on the ground that it was desirable the company become publicly-owned. By a previous agreement the Hydro Commission had contracted to take from the company 100,000 horse-power annually at a cost of \$13 a horse-power.

Without being asked, but at his own insistence, Mr. Henry explained why the government had not waited the legislature's authority to make the bond offer. He said that at a time when the company was in financial difficulties the administration decided to acquire it. The company then was in a financial plight which rendered it necessary to default an interest pay-

ment, due June 1, 1932, unless the help was forthcoming.

The government, he continued, felt it would be better to let the company default and than acquire its assets. At that time, however, he said, haste was necessary as the government learned private interests were ready to help the company, an action which would have saved it from default and maintained its power contact with the Hydro Commission.

### Change of Heart

A change of heart between 1930 and 1932, he said, had convinced him that the private control of the O.P.S.C. had best be ended. He believed in 1932, he added, that the government was in a better position to handle the property, although he acknowledged having said in the Legislature that the property probably would suffer for some time an annual loss of \$722,000.

Without the approval of the Hydro Commission, the former premier said, the government could not have carried out the deal. He explained it had no authority by itself to do so, but had acquired the right to act as it did through authority vested in the power commission.

## FOUND GUILTY OF PRACTISING ILLEGALLY

NEWCASTLE, N.B., July 18—Magistrate R. T. D. Aitken this morning handed down decisions here in the case of Dr. Alfred Leger, of Rogersville, charged with 'practising medicine for hire, gain or hope of reward within the meaning of the Act, not being registered under The Medical Act.' The magistrate found the defendant guilty and fined him \$20 and costs, to be levied by distress, with, in default of distress, 10 days in jail. George M. McDade, M.P., represented Dr. Leger, and W. Harold Davidson represented the Crown.

Mr. McDade at the close of the case advised the Court he was taking the decision on review to the County Court judge, and the necessary proceedings were taken. Dr. Leger was allowed his liberty on his own recognizance.

Park Department of New York is going to observe a Learn to Swim Week. How different history might have been if that idea had occurred to Noah's contemporaries!

## BRITISH CABINET DECIDES TO DOUBLE AIR STRENGTH

London, July 18—At a Cabinet meeting today the finishing touches were put on Great Britain's plans to double her air force.

It was understood the Cabinet agreed on an increase of at least 50 squadrons during a period of years. When such an extension should be completed, Great Britain would have an air force equal to any nation "with in striking distance."

Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council, and the Marquis of Londonderry, Secretary For Air, are in charge of the programme, and they discussed the plans at great length with their colleagues who approved the making of a complete statement on the subject in the House of Commons as soon as possible.

Mr. Baldwin indicated that he hopes to make the statement tomorrow.

Addition over a period of years of 50 squadrons would increase the Royal Air Force to about 600 machines. At present the force has 890 first-line aircraft, or slightly more including additions which already have been provided for in the estimates.

### Keep Lines Open

Great Britain must make sure the highway for the air is kept open and free for lawful and peaceful traffic and that the treat of its use to attack British homes and people is one the country has the strength to meet with every confidence, said Lord Londonderry recently in the air number of the London Times.

The contribution of the British Empire towards the mastery of the air has been achieved by steady and patient organization, Lord Londonderry said. "Starting from the efforts of our early fliers, sustained at a great personal danger against many failures and discouragements, we have built up an air force incomparable in tradition and technique, and a system of civil air transport which is rapidly surmounting the natural disadvantages of our situation and climate and the complex problems of our Imperial communications," the air secretary declared.

There was no more expert flying in the world than could be seen every year at the Royal Air Force Display.

There were few more splendid enterprises than the 33,000 mile of Imperial and internal air lines which British aircraft would be covering by the end of this year with regular and reliable services.

Flying which so short a time ago seemed almost miraculous, had become a common and necessary civilization. Britain had every reason to be inspired by the share British men and women had taken in this transformation, said Lord Londonderry.

It was natural at first to regard with misgivings the possible outcome of capabilities so rapidly extended; but no doubt finally whether the inventions could be turned to good and profitable use was to disregard the lessons of history and to yield to a stultifying pessimism. "Our duty is not to be afraid of our powers, but rather to eliminate the causes of enmity which lead to their exercise in the service of destruction," the Air Minister advised.

## RUTH RAN 43 MILES IN MAKING 700 HOME RUNS

New York, July 19—In running around the basin in his 700 American league home runs Babe Ruth has covered 43.48 miles. The distance around the bags is 328 feet, with 82 feet between stops. The total in feet is 229,000. Divide that by 5280 feet, which make a mile, and you have quite a jog—say, from Columbus circle in New York, to where Washington crossed the Delaware at Trenton. Or from Worcester to Bunker Hill.



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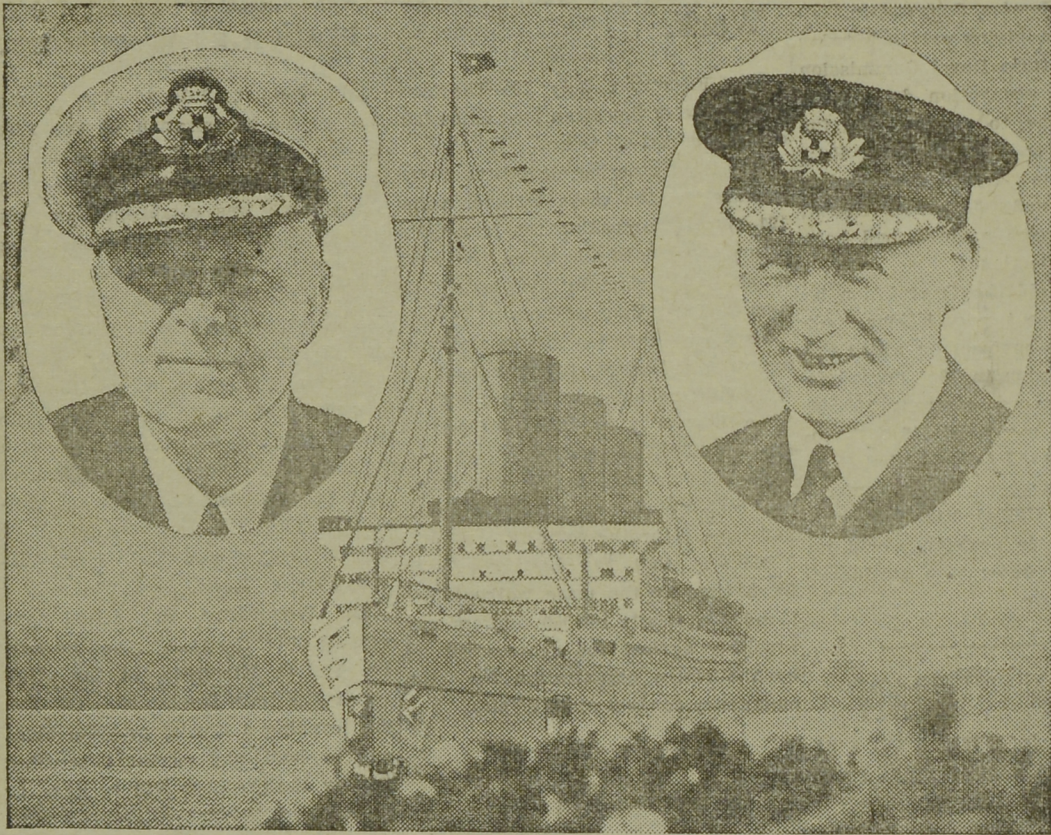
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## "SEA CHANGE"



Captain R. G. Latta (left) and Captain R. N. Stuart. Centre photo shows a portion of the huge crowd that assembled at Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, Saturday, June 30, to wave farewell to the popular "Jock" Latta.

A famous Atlantic skipper severed his connection with the sea at the completion of voyage 44 of the Canadian Pacific flag-ship, Empress of Britain.

Captain Robert Gilmour Latta, first Commodore of Canada's big passenger fleet, first commander of the Empire's latest luxury liner, and friend of Princes, Prime Ministers, and thousands of other travellers from all parts of the world, has been retired under the pension plan of the Canadian Pacific after 30 years in passenger service between Canada and the Old Country.

E. W. Beatty K.C., President of the Canadian Pacific, said in announcing his retirement: "His departure from the sea will be a loss that is balanced only by the gain which will accrue to the land in which he takes up his residence. While it is with regret that his friends in the Company say farewell to Commodore Latta, and that his close association with us comes to an end, all, I am sure, join with me in felicitating him upon being still young enough to anticipate

many years of useful service to his community."

At the age of 62 Commodore Latta completes 38 years as a seaman. He started as an apprentice in the sailing ship "Ardenraig" in 1896, and joined the Canadian service eight years later as a Fourth Officer. He was appointed to command in 1923, and became the first Captain of the 42,500 ton Empress of Britain for her maiden voyage in May, 1931, from which date the big liner has not known the hand of any other commander in the course of travelling 320,000 miles.

### V. C. Captain Promoted.

Co-incidental with the announcement of Captain Latta's retirement was the appointment of Captain R. N. Stuart, V.C., D.S.O., U.S.N.C., R. D., R.N.R., as the second Commander of the big white liner, and the second Commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet. Captain Stuart also commenced his association with the sea in a sailing ship, and his appointment at the age of 47 as the youngest Commodore in the Merchant Service culminates 32 years of sea

service which included four and a half years in the navy during the war.

His war service is well known, and as a commander of "Mystery Ships" and Destroyers he was awarded the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order and Bar, and the Navy Cross of the United States. Of him Mr. Beatty said, "Captain Stuart's record for his Country is one of the outstanding war stories of the sea, and his record with the Company is equally brilliant."

"Command of the Empress of Britain with her high speed and almost continuous service, calls for men of very high calibre, and I know that in appointing Captain Stuart to the Empress of Britain, and naming him the second Commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet, we have chosen a worthy successor to Captain Latta."

The transfer of command took place at Southampton July 7, when Captain Stuart took over his new command, and the genial "Jock" Latta swallowed the anchor.