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The Daily Mail

The Weather

Winds increasing to gales from southeast, with sleet and rain tonight and part of Saturday.

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GOOD ROADS CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN WINNIPEG THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE

Will Follow Up the Work Done at the Interprovincial Convention at Quebec Last Year—Road Laws, Traffic Regulation and Automobile Taxation to be Discussed—Municipalities are Invited to Send Delegates.

Montreal, March 5.—An inter-Provincial conference of Government highway officials will be the feature of the seventh annual Canadian Good Roads Convention which is to be held at the Royal Alexander Hotel, Winnipeg, June 1, 2 and 3, under the presidency of S. L. Spurre. This conference, which will commence on the second day of the convention, will follow up the work done at the last convention at Quebec, where an inter-Provincial convention of highway ministers was held, the result of which was a broadening of the policy adopted in the different provinces in regard to improved highways. These officials, acting as the officials representing the Federal Government will discuss such matters as road laws, traffic regulation, automobile taxation, as well as the construction and maintenance of highways and other matters connected therewith, with a view to working out a uniform system of laws for the whole Dominion.

Many Delegates

Every municipality in Canada, and they number over 3,500 is being sent an invitation to send delegates to the convention, which is open to all members of the association, and seeing that millions of dollars have been spent on road work in the past, a great part of which has been wasted through lack of expert knowledge of how to solve the problems that have arisen in construction, it is anticipated that many hundreds of delegates will foregather in the prairie city in order to learn from the practical men who will be the speakers, what they should do to get the best return for their expenditure.

The major portion of the papers and discussions will be devoted to such aspects of road construction as particularly interest the western provinces, as conditions there are somewhat different from those that exist in the eastern provinces, and it is the desire of the executive of the Canadian Good Roads Association to have as speakers men who know western conditions and have in other parts of the country solved the difficulties that municipalities are up against there.

MAYOR'S SALARY IS BOOSTED

Stratford, Ont., March 5.—The City Council, sitting as a committee of the whole, recommended to itself that increases in salaries to some officials to the amount of about \$6,000 be granted, effective from March 1st. The Mayor's salary was raised from \$500 to \$1,000.

H. O. Peters of St. John is at the Barker House.

SAYS PREMIER BORDEN WILL BE ON THE JOB AGAIN IN TWO MONTHS

Ottawa, March 4.—Sir George Foster announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that if the present rate of improvement in the health of the Prime Minister continued, Sir Robert Borden would be in the House again within two months. It was Dr. Beland who asked for information as to the Premier's condition and plans.

"With reference to the health of the Prime Minister," Sir George Foster replied, "I may say, for two months he has been away, the improvement in his health has been marked; and if the same rate of improvement continues, as I hope it will, I have no reason to fear that we may not expect to have him with us, I think, within two months' time."

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE FOR CARL O'HARA

Rev. Father Murphy of Devon Conducted Mass at Stanley—Deceased Well Known Young Man.

Stanley, March 5.—Yesterday our village and the greater part of eastern York County were in deep mourning for Carl O'Hara aged 23 years who after ten days sickness passed away Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. and was buried yesterday morning after most solemn and impressive services in the Catholic church conducted by Rev. Father Murphy of Devon.

The interior of the church and altar were heavily draped in black; and the calm and dignified ceremony known as the mass for the dead impressed all present. Mrs. Peter Keenan presided at the organ. Four young personal friends were the pall bearers Messrs John Hood, Bruce McNaughton, Dennis Crotty and John McAloon.

Mr. O'Hara was gifted by nature far beyond the ordinary. He could play almost any instrument that came into his hands, a beautiful singer, the fortunate possessor of a good natured and happy disposition; clean in language and morals—sober, devoted to the welfare of his parents and young sisters. He had no enemies. His friends were in a word all who knew him. He was an excellent Christian young man. His life was a short one; but it was spent as the Master would have it.

The church was crowded with people of all denominations to pay a last tribute to his sterling worth and to console the bereaved.

It is not a custom in the Catholic church now to preach at funerals; but owing to the vast congregation and the sadness that consorted with the sickness and death, the Rev. Father for about twenty minutes after the finish of the Latin service preached a most eloquent and inspiring sermon on death its certainty—in fact; but its uncertainty—in time, place and manner. He paid a glowing but true tribute to the character of the departed. The passionate and pathetic oratory in the peroration moved all present to tears, and the whole sermon will have a lasting effect on all who were present and who profess Christ.

He leaves to mourn his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara; one brother Alton and four young sisters, Miss Kathleen school teacher at Fredericksburg; and Miss Bernadette, Greta and Genevieve school children. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Fire Patrol on C. P. R.

B. M. Winegar of Montreal, forester for the Department of Natural Resources, C.P.R. Eastern Branch, was here yesterday in consultation with officials of the Department of Lands and Mines relative to fire patrol along lines of the C. P. R. in New Brunswick

LEADER OF THE FARMERS' PARTY FAVORS THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION AT ONCE

Members Who Sit on the Cross Benches Will Support the Amendment Moved by Hon. Mr. King, Leader of the Opposition—A Division is Expected by Next Tuesday—Taxes on Luxuries Should be Boosted.

Ottawa, March 4.—Hon. T. A. Crerar in unequivocal language tonight proclaimed in the Commons the policy of the Farmers' movement in Canada. At the same time he put himself on record as favoring the holding of an immediate general election, declaring that he and his followers in the house would vote in favor of the liberal amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, calling for the dissolution of parliament.

Although there are twelve occupants of cross-benches, in addition to the Liberals, who will support the amendment. It is said that the government majority will likely be thirty-five when the division occurs about next Tuesday.

While it was not the desire of the farmers' party to sweep away the high tariff at one blow, Hon. Mr. Crerar explained that the tax on implements and machinery used in production and on necessities of life should be removed, and there should be a general revision of the tariff. The tax on luxuries should be boosted to probably fifty per cent., of their value. At the same time an excise duty should be imposed on luxuries manufactured in Canada.

In spite of the members being cautioned not to wander astray from the matter before the house, and to eliminate fiscal discussion, the subject continued to crop up in almost every address.

T. W. Caldwell, the new farmer member of Victoria-Carleton county (N. B.) and O. R. Gould, the agrarian member elected in Assiniboia, made their first speeches today. With their leader they joined in emphatically assuring the house that the farmers' movement was not a class organization. Both members were good speakers and made a favorable impression on the house.

Another feature of the debate was W. A. Buchanan's address. While he supported union government he was opposed to a general election until after redistribution of seats, but intimated that henceforth he would consider himself a free lance.

Dr. J. W. Edwards of Frontenac, attacked the government for not banning the Hearst papers from this country and won hearty applause for his condemnation of a policy which allowed such journals to sow discord in Canada.

H. A. Fortier of Quappelle, said that on Mr. Buchanan's policy the west would not get representation until 1927, as the government's term would expire before the redistribution bill, based on the 1921 election returns could be brought in.

THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ARE UNFAIR TO CANADIAN IMPORTERS

A Lot of Extra Duty is Gouged Out of Canadians Who Buy British Goods—Americans Get the Benefit—Matter Taken Up by the Montreal Board of Trade.

Montreal, March 5.—The council of the Board of Trade, is now taking up the question of the customs exchange rate of \$4.86. This figure has no relation whatever to the actual value of the pound sterling and yet Canadian importers of British goods are compelled to pay to the Canadian Government on that value.

Big importers here are taking a serious view of the situation since, it is pointed out, the American exporter to Canada is enjoying advantages the other way. The importers of American goods only pay duty on the value of one dollar instead of \$1.15 or as high as \$1.18.

"A lot of the extra duty gouged out of the Canadian importers of British goods is thus given away to the American exporter," was the summing up of one importer.

The fair basis of customs valuation has already been adopted by New Zealand. In the official New Zealand Gazette a rate averaged on the previous 14 days is proclaimed for all incoming merchandise. It is to some extent a fixed rate that Canadian importers are wishing for but a rate that bears some relation to the exchange market.

On inquiries made it was learned that the system adopted by New Zealand would be acceptable to Canadian importers generally. Under the present rate of customs valuation there is over a dollar in the English pound against the Canadian importer of British goods and as much the other way in favor of American imports. This is given as another potent reason for the adverse exchange situation in Canada.

BREWERIES STILL FLOURISH

Montreal, March 5.—Another chapter in the romance of National Breweries dividends was written yesterday when the directors met and declared a quarterly rate of \$1 per share for

the first three months of 1920, thus putting the stock on the equivalent of 16 per cent. The first payment on the new basis will be made April 1 to stock record of March 31. The dividend is made on the basis of dollars per share owing to the recent disposition of the par value of the stock into four of \$25 each in place of \$100, as originally arranged.

DR. ROBERTSON PREDICTS PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR THE FARMERS OF THE COUNTRY

Delivered a Spirited and Thoughtful Address Before the Halifax Commercial Club—Made a Strong Appeal for Increased Production—Does Not Look for an Immediate Drop in Prices—Prosperity for Farmers.

CROWN LAND INVESTIGATION AT BATHURST

Accepting Gift, Falsifying His Diary and Underscaling Out on Bathurst Lumber Co. Operation.

A number of officials of the Department of Lands and Mines have returned from Bathurst where they were in connection with an investigation of charges preferred against Edward Baldwin forest ranger for the Department, by his helper, Albion Doiron, who was discharged by Baldwin.

In County Court House

The investigation took place in the Gloucester County Court House in Bathurst, before Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines. Deputy Minister T. G. Loggie questioned the witnesses who were quite numerous. Other officials of the Department who were present were Chief Forester G. H. Prince, Chief scaler A. T. Murchie and Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon.

The Charges

The charges preferred against Baldwin by Doiron were as follows:

1. That Baldwin received a present of a live pig which was kept at one of the camps of the Bathurst Lumber Company.
2. That Baldwin falsified the diary which was returned to the Department.
3. That Baldwin underscaled on the operations of the Bathurst Lumber Company.

The investigation was held under the provisions of Chapter 12 Consolidated Statutes. Hon. Mr. Smith will give his decision within a short time.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

(Furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Quebec Street, Fredericton.)

American wool	119
Bethel Steel B.	87 1/4
C. P. R.	122 1/2
Crucible	129
General Motors	249 1/2
Mexican Pete	173 1/2
Rubber	100 1/2
United States Steel	97 1/2
Sterling, 362 1/4 to 363.	
Exchange, 13 1/4 to 13 1/2.	
Montreal.	
Brazilian	52 1/2
Canada Car pld.	100 1/2
Canada Cement	67
Dom. Iron I Steel	72
International Breweries	53
Shawinigan	109
Spanish River pld.	128
Spanish River common	85 1/2
Steel of Canada common	80
Victory Bonds, 1937	100-101
" " 1933	99-100
" " 1927	99-100
" " 1923	98-99
" " 1922	98-99
" " 1924	96 1/2-97 1/2
" " 1934	96-97

GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK HAS A PLAN TO REDUCE HIGH PRICES

Albany, N. Y., March 5.—Proposals designed to control and reduce the high cost of living were outlined by Gov. Smith in a message to the legislature today.

Hoarding will be made unlawful in order to prevent the withholding from the market of necessary foodstuffs and the destruction of foods for the purpose of enhancing prices.

Food dealers are to be licensed so that the State may control dealings in foodstuffs and gradually eliminate dealers "who bring discredit on the trade."

Farm products are to be graded and the price of eggs will be lowered by grading. The use in food establishments of eggs which are not fresh will also be controlled.

Halifax, March 5.—Dr. J. W. Robertson, who as Dominion government director of food, represented the Dominion Department of Agriculture at the peace conference, was the speaker before the Commercial Club last night, giving a spirited and thoughtful address to a large audience.

While his main theme was a strong appeal for increased production, he touched upon many of the salient features of war time food policies, and what has been evolved from them. He also mentioned briefly his experiences overseas, emphasizing the respect that Canada has won through her soldiers, her munitions, her food supplies and her generosity to the Red Cross, and pointed out the fact that this respect bred anticipation of what Canada might accomplish in the future.

He explained the effects of war-time food control and why it had taken so long before the markets had been opened and predicted no immediate drop in the price of commodities, prophesying that the next two years would be very prosperous ones for the farmer. He also stressed the great financial obligations that Canada has sustained, especially in the matter of pensions, and urged every individual citizen to be of the utmost assistance.

WILL DECIDE THEIR COURSE IN FEDERAL FIELD

Toronto, March 5.—Following the convention of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in this city on March 23, it is probable that there will be a rush throughout the rural districts of the province to nominate candidates for the Federal arena. The prevalence of influenza in the rural districts has meant the cancellation of a number of conventions which had been arranged and now action is being deferred until the Canadian Council of Agriculture decides what course the farmers will officially take in Federal politics.

Only in the far eastern section of Ontario have any large meetings been held during the past week. The U. F. O. heads have been spending less time on the road and more time in the office of late, but as soon as the epidemic abates meetings will be held in nearly every section of Ontario.

To Assist Company

H. W. Coleman of Sussex, Dairy Superintendent for New Brunswick is in the city. He will remain in this section for some weeks assisting in the establishment of The Farmers' Cooperative Dairy Company Limited and the equipment of its plant in this city.