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The Weather

Maritime: Fair and cold today, then increasing northeast. Early winds in the western portion with local snowfalls.

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ONTARIO MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OUTLINES THE ROAD POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT

Declares That the Roads Near the Large Centres of Population Should First Be Improved—The Only Practical Way to Obtain a Good System of Highways—Urges That Attention Be Paid to Maintenance.

Hamilton, Feb. 5.—The Agricultural Section of the Board of Trade held a luncheon at the Royal Connaught yesterday at which the principal speaker was Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works. He outlined the good roads policy, and was heard with much interest. He stated that the Government's policy was to start with roads in urban areas first and improve these. The only way in which to obtain a good system of Provincial highways was to start near the large centres and work from these into the rural districts. In this way rural traffic into the large centres was encouraged, and both town and country were benefited. Mr. Biggs emphasized the importance of keeping up the roads. Roads that were neglected no matter how good at the start, would soon be bad roads and he urged Municipal Councils to pay great attention to maintenance. Respecting grants to encourage road-builds he stated that the Provincial and Federal Governments would each give 40 per cent. and the Provincial Government would pay 40 per cent. of a road Superintendent's salary in any township that engaged one.

COST OF DYING HAS INCREASED

Montreal, Feb. 5.—According to a telegram from New York Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland has declared his intention of bringing the price of coffins, caskets, and other funeral materials to the notice of the Federal Government.

Prices in Montreal have also become exceedingly high and a statement of the cause was given to a representative of The Star this morning, by the proprietor and manager of the Society of Funeral Expenses.

"Once upon a time," he commenced "we used to pay 27½ cents a yard for crepe. Now it has increased in price over 300 per cent. Why last week I sold a large quantity of crepe for \$1 a yard. "Cotton," he went on, "was dear at 8 cents a yard, but now we are unable to get it for less than 50 cents per yard."

WILL VISIT SOUTH AMERICA

London, Feb. 4.—Despatches received from Madrid says King Alfonso will very likely visit South America soon.

BLOODY TRAIL LED TO THE SCENE OF AN ORGY AT DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 5.—Following a Jamaica ginger and bay rum orgy in a house on St. Antoine street, the body of John E. Martin, an employee of the Dupont Engineering Company of Pontiac, Mich., was found lying in an alley between Fort and Congress streets at 1 o'clock this morning. A bloody trail which led across the snow from the spot where the victim's body was found to the St. Antoine street house, brought the officers to the scene of the murder. The floor, walls and furniture in the room were covered with blood, and a blood-soaked mattress was also found.

Six men found sleeping in the room were arrested. Two wore blood-stained clothing, and a bloody razor was found lying beneath one of the men's pillows. The police were unable to arouse the sextette, who had been indulging in both bay rum and Jamaica ginger, but obtained their names from papers found in their pockets.

From statements made by other occupants of the house the six prisoners and Martin were engaged in violent quarrel early Sunday morning.

NOT READY TO TRADE WITH THE RUSSIANS

(Special to the Mail.)

The Hague, Feb. 5.—Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Holland have agreed they will not resume trade with Soviet Russia before Russia's debt to the nationals of those countries has been paid or guaranteed.

PIGEON ESCAPED THE FLAMES

Toronto, Feb. 5.—An uncomprehending victim of the Westminster Church fire one of the colony of pigeons which for years have made the tower of the fine old church their habitat, has come to hold something of a symbolic significance in the eyes of its congregation.

Apparently dazed by the dense clouds of smoke from the blazing structure, it fell from its perch in the tower, and by some odd chance escaped destruction in the flames. The following day a member of the church discovered it, chilled and imprisoned by snow and ice, amid the scorched debris, but still alive. He took it to his home where warmth revived it, and kindly care is now rekindling the spark of life so nearly extinguished.

LAKE ONTARIO FROZEN OVER

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—As far as the eye can see ice covers Lake Ontario. All along the northern shore of the Lake it is the same. Ice stretches out and out to the horizon. Not since 1912 the men at the storm signal station say has the lake been so widely frozen over, and even then it is doubtful if there was as much ice as there is this year, and in 1912 the amount of ice on the lake was looked on as a record.

Ice of tremendous thickness covers the bay and ice of almost equal thickness girds the waters of the lake adjacent to the land. The eastern channel, which the sweep of the waves usually keeps from freezing, is now a solid roadbed.

Mr. M. J. Cassidy of Andover is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

BOND PURCHASES IN GREAT BRITAIN WILL REDUCE THE DEBT OF PROVINCE BY A MILLION

Valley Railway Debenture Stock Held in Great Britain is Being Refunded by Provincial Government—An Opportunity to Reduce the Debt Taken Advantage of by a Wide Awake Government.

St. John, Feb. 5.—The provincial government, proposes a plan to reduce the funded debt of the province by a million dollars.

The board of directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway have recently had a number of conferences with the comptroller general, with respect to the desirability of purchasing at least a portion of the outstanding debenture stock of the St. John & Quebec Railway. The outstanding amount of this stock about £800,000, which is guaranteed by the province, was issued in 1912 and sold in London, England, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. By taking advantage of the low rate of exchange between Canada and the United Kingdom and the present market value of the stock at about seventy-five, it is proposed to purchase and refund as large a portion of the outstanding amount as can be obtained at favorable rate.

At the last meeting of the government, an order-in-council was passed authorizing the comptroller general to arrange for the purchase and refunding of at least £600,000 of the original amount. If this amount can be purchased, the government will reduce the public debt incurred by the construction of the St. John & Quebec Railway, by about \$1,000,000.

PURCHASE ALREADY MADE.

In the last few days, the first purchase has been completed and which netted a gain or reduction in the debt of the province of \$166,000.

From time to time blocks of New Brunswick registered stock have also been purchased and the result of all purchases to date by the government represents a decrease in the public debt of \$240,000, in addition to the above amount. It should be understood that this gain or reduction in debt was without cost to the province.

A refunding bond issue will be made in due course and the people of the province afforded an opportunity to invest their savings in tax-exempt provincial bonds. The interest will be of a higher rate than that paid at present to the English bond holders but the sum total of the bonds will be, of course much less and the sum total of the interest not more than that paid at present.

A CANADIAN REGISTER.

There have been a number of propositions from financial firms looking towards the creation of a Canadian register for the St. John & Quebec Railway stock sold in the Old Country, thereby affording a nice avenue of profit through the probable subsequent purchases. The government thought if any profit could be made on the purchase of the bonds at the present time in London, that the saving should be applied to the reduction of the public debt. This is now being done.

THE ONTARIO TORIES AFTER NEW LEADER

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Eastern Ontario Conservatives, when the Provincial convention for the selection of a new leader takes place in the spring, will line up behind W. F. Nickle, ex-M. P. or General A. E. Ross, M. L. A. for Kingston.

Mr. Nickle retired rather unexpectedly from his seat in the Commons at the end of the regular session of 1919. He considered his mandate was fulfilled. Last fall, when the Drury Government was formed, he was tendered the position of Attorney-General but declined.

General Ross who was sworn in as a member of the Hearst Government without portfolio, just before the election and was returned by acclamation is now in Ottawa at the head of a special board administering relief to soldiers. During the war he was director of medical services in France. He served as a private in South Africa.

Mr. Nickle intimates that his private affairs require his attention and that he is not disposed to return to politics, Federal or Provincial.

The Provincial convention will be held in the spring, probably at the conclusion of the session of the Legislature.

Successful Candidates

Ottawa reports that Arthur Arsenault of Fredericton has successfully passed examination for appointment as fishery officer under the Civil Service Commission.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN SHOT BY AN OFFICER

New York, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Patrolman James Walton, of Jersey City was shot five times, one shot wounding him. An unidentified man was shot and instantly killed by the officer last night. The dead man is believed to have been insane.

TEACHERS HAVE RESIGNED

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 5.—Eight of the public school teachers of Wallaceburg have resigned. The teachers applied for an increase and asked that the salaries be graded a few days ago, and at the request of the School Board attended a meeting last week. They were asked to make a suggestion, and asked for a minimum of \$850 with an increase of \$50 per year until a maximum of \$1,200 was reached. The board guaranteed an increase, which would mean that at the end of June \$700 per year would be the highest salary paid, with the exception of the principals. Some of the teachers have to pay about \$7 per week for board.

RATIFIED THE PEACE TREATY

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 5.—The representatives of the House last night voted ratification of the peace treaty with Germany without amendments.

Mr. H. M. Smith of New Glasgow is a guest at the Barker House.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF INCREASED EXCHANGE RATES

Supposed to be Advancing Prices on Competitive Products from the United States—Vice Chairman of the Commerce Board Discusses the Situation—Says He Knows of No Such Increase—Protection to Manufacturers Almost Doubled.

FINED FOR HOARDING FOODSTUFFS

(Special to the Mail.)

Madrid, Feb. 5.—Heavy fines were assessed by the new tribunal organized to deal with profiteers which held its first session and tried a large number of defendants charged with hoarding foodstuffs.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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

New York.	
American Wool	134½
Anaconda	57½
Bethel Steel B.	91½
C. P. R.	119
Crucible	211
General Motors	284
Mexican Pete.	185
Studebaker	96½
United States Steel	101
Montreal.	
Brazilian	40½
Dominion Iron & Steel	63
Detroit United	103
Victory Bonds 1937	104½
" " 1933	102½
" " 1927	101½
" " 1923	100
" " 1922	100

FARMERS FORM A POWER CO.

Sault, Ste. Marie, Feb. 5.—Members of the U. F. O. in East Korah township have succeeded in forming an organization to be known as the East Korah Township Light and Power Club. Its object is to furnish light and power to the farmers of the rural section close to the Soo. Last fall a deputation of farmers from East Korah waited on the Public Utilities Commission of the Soo and asked them to furnish the farmers within a radius of say five miles of the city with power. The Public Utilities Commission advised the farmers to erect their own line and conduct the business connected with it themselves, and they would supply them with power to their line at the city limits.

Back From the Hub

St. John Globe: Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works for N. B.; H. H. Wickwire, minister of highways for N. S.; T. P. Regan, president of the N. B. Automobile Association, returned at noon from Boston, where on Saturday, they addressed the Canadian and Intercolonial clubs on different phases of highway development. The officials stated that they had been treated splendidly while in the Hub, everything having been done to make their trip as pleasant as possible.

MAYOR OF ONTARIO TOWN WILL TRY TO PUT A STOP TO SWEARING

Thorold, Feb. 5.—Thorold is leading in the Forward Movement. The town has been placarded with the following:

"Attention: Cursing, swearing, language are against the laws of God. It is also a violation of the laws of your country. It is the language of vulgarity. Do not forget yourself, but do all you can to prevent the use of profane talk."

"(Signed) Edward P. Foley, Mayor."

WILL LOCAL SOCIETIES BE SHUT OUT?

When the City Opera House was leased by the city council it was announced in the press that a provision was incorporated in the lease whereby local organizations would be enabled to use the Opera House at a fair rental. A local society wished to give a big show for patriotic purposes and applied for the Opera House. They were told the rental would be 25 per cent of the gross proceeds.

The society feels they cannot give their show on what is almost a prohibitive basis. These people want to know what the City Council means when they say the Opera House can be had at a fair rental?

The City Council should revise the lease for as it now stands it means that the people of Fredericton cannot use their own Opera House.

COCK FIGHT IN EXPRESS CAR

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Those who state that there is no more cockfighting will be surprised to hear of a rather unusual claim that was made against a local express company. The claim is for \$150 damage done to six fighting cocks while in transit. The cocks were destined to take part in a big "go" which recently took place on the outskirts of the city and had been shipped from Brockville. It appears that the messenger in charge of the car, for its own amusement, unloosed two birds at a time and had three private battles with the result that although there were no steel spurs attached to the birds' natural ones, they were so worn out when they reached here that they were useless.