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SIR R. L. BORDEN WILL RESUME HIS DUTIES AT OTTAWA AS SOON AS HEALTH PERMITS

Hon. Messrs. Calder and Reid Had Conference With Him in New York and are Now Back at Ottawa—Will Have Report to Make at the Caucus—Premier May Do Little More Than Act in an Honorary Capacity.

Ottawa, March 2.—Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. J. D. Reid returned today from their conference in New York with Sir Robert Borden with the authority to say that the Premier is in better health and will return to Ottawa after a time to resume his duties. Controversy raged as merrily as ever after this statement was made by the Hon. J. D. Reid as to whether the Premier will ever be able to resume active leadership again. Opinion inclined to the idea that the Premier authorized this statement mainly on account of the earnest representations of his colleagues that it was necessary in order to answer demands in caucus for reliable information as to Sir Robert Borden's health and for a settlement of the question of leadership. The great difficulty of uniting on a leader or even of selecting one by a majority vote without union going to smash, prompted this course. In this dilemma the statement that Sir Robert Borden expects to be well enough to resume the Premiership in a few months will do almost as well as though Sir Robert really intends to remain permanent leader if only such a statement can be made strong enough to create belief.

There is nothing to prevent Sir Robert Borden coming to Ottawa again with the advent of mild weather, but among many close in touch with the situation there is a deep scepticism concerning his willingness to be anything but a nominal or honorary leader. It is pointed out that only loyalty to the union he created could lead him to endanger the reputation gained through being Premier at a time when Canada played such a part in the great war by trying to carry on in the face of an electorate exasperated as much by what his government has done as by what it has not.

It was said by the two ministers that he would prefer to come to Ottawa now, but that his health is not yet sufficiently restored to permit it. On that slim foundation and on the pious hope that he will be in a condition to resume his duties or at least to live in Ottawa while others relieve him of the hard work, the cabinet hopes to shelve to an indefinite period in the future the dreaded question of dredging on a leader and of relieving the political break-up that it might entail.

8 BURNED TO DEATH AT QUEBEC

Quebec March 2.—The home of Gaudios Dupont, a farmer in the village of St. Fereol, fifteen miles from here was destroyed by fire last night and four children together with Mrs. Dupont's mother and father, and Mr. and Mrs. Tromblay, were burned to death.

TURKEY TO BE DEPRIVED OF 24,000,000 POPULATION BY TERRITORY LOSS

London, Mar. 2.—The Supreme Council is expected to finish its labors, as far as the premiers are concerned, on Saturday the details of the Turkish treaty being left to the conference of foreign ministers and ambassadors. This may be prolonged as the financial questions alone are expected to occupy much time. Although the council is silent as to just what share will be allotted to Turkey, it is understood that the subtractions to be made from her territory will decrease her population from 20,000,000 to 6,000,000. This will necessitate an entire readjustment of Turkey's debt. The disposition of the Turkish fleet has not as yet been decided upon.

EXTENSION OF COAGULATING BASIN NEEDED

H. H. Hagerman, Supt. of Filtration Plant, Presented Report to the City Council.

H. H. Hagerman who has been superintendent of the Filtration Plant for some time and also City Analyst, submitted a report to the city council last night in which he dealt with the operation of the plant and its condition. The chief recommendation which he made was that the coagulating basin of the plant be enlarged. He mentioned the fact that the filtration plant recently installed at Woodstock has a larger coagulation basin in proportion to water-consumption than has the Fredericton plant. Mr. Hagerman also referred to the fact that new piping had been installed which will enable the chemicals to be added to the water more efficiently than in the past. The color of the water which is quite noticeable at times he said was harmless and under existing conditions could not be removed. The flavor which also is noticeable in the water at times he said was due to the chemicals and was difficult to avoid.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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

New York.	
American Wool	113 3/4
Bethel Steel B.	84 3/4
C. P. R.	113 3/4
General Motors	238 1/2
Mexican Pete.	171 1/4
Rubber	94 3/4
U. S. Steel	95
N. Y. Central	71 1/2
Studebaker	83 3/4
Montreal.	
Dom. Iron and Steel	70
Dom. Textile	122 1/2
Shawinigan	109
Spanish River pfd.	125
Spanish River common	84 1/2
Steel of Canada common	78
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

Died in Toronto
The death occurred in Toronto last week of Rev. J. McP. Scott, pastor of St. John Presbyterian Church. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. The deceased was well known in New Brunswick and had frequently visited Fredericton. He was a close friend of the late Mr. Donald Fraser of this city.

R. DeWitt of Moncton is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

D. D. MACKENZIE DELIVERS STRONG PRONOUNCEMENT ON CANADA'S FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH U. S.

Would Have No Trade Dealings With Any Country That Will Not Recognize the Canadian Dollar at Full Face Value—Liberal Party as Strong in Principle as it Had Ever Been—Attacked the Administration from Various Points.

Ottawa, March 2.—"While I am anxious for the widest possible trade with foreign countries I would not trade to the extent of one five-cent piece with any country which will not recognize my Canadian dollar at the full face value of that dollar," declared D. D. Mackenzie, member for Cape Breton and opposition leader in the house last session during the course of his speech on the address in the house of commons this afternoon. This declaration of Mr. Mackenzie came at the end of a long speech in which he attacked the present administration from various points, and emphasized his belief that the Liberal party was as strong and vigorous in principle as it ever been. Continuing his reference to the exchange situation, Mr. Mackenzie said that if this country was loyal to itself and to its principles it would stand by Canadianism in the matter of trading with any country which would not recognize the Canadian dollar as its full face value. Not a word, he said, had come from the government in regard to bettering the exchange situation which was a great drain upon the resources of the Canadian people.

Mr. Mackenzie was of the opinion that Hon. Robert Rogers severed his connection with the government in order to avoid the inevitable crash. "The government is afraid of itself and is the desperation of its friends," he said, "but I do not agree with Hon. Mr. Rogers that the minds of its uplifters are in a disordered state." While finding no fault with Sir Robert Borden for taking an enforced rest, Mr. Mackenzie was at a loss to know why he would not have met Messrs. Calder and Reid at Halifax, a Canadian port, instead of doing so at "that most holy place New York where apparently all business must take place." He charged the administration with extravagance in shipbuilding, and called the returned soldiers to bear witness to the faults of the government.

J. H. Burnham, speaking from the government side strongly attacked prohibition. He also presented some remarks by L. J. Gauthier, of St. Hyacinthe, who had previously said that the province of Quebec had been reviled and slandered but was waiting for its hour. Mr. Gauthier also strongly advocated a general election which would serve to quiet unrest even if the present administration returned.

H. M. Mowatt was unable to see why there should not continue to be a Unionist party. If the men forming it had carried on for two years, why could they not continue.

The house adjourned at 9.50 p. m. until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A SPLIT REPORTED IN RANKS OF THE QUEBEC TEMPERANCE FORCES

Dominion Alliance Has Called a Convention and the Quebec Branch Does Not Approve and Has Called Another Under Its Own Auspices.

Montreal, March 3.—The split in the ranks of the temperance party in the Province of Quebec will come to a head at the provincial prohibition convention which will be held in this city today and tomorrow. It seems that the temperance body is not at one with itself, for the Dominion Alliance, Quebec branch, does not approve of this convention and has called another under its own direction for March 18 and 19, in Emmanuel Church. The Dominion Alliance has sent around a circular letter in which all churches, temperance societies and other organizations interested in the temperance cause are invited to send delegates. It is also alleged that the special campaign committee which was appointed last year to deal with the liquor situation, had met on January 5, and according to the letter "attempted to form a new organization to replace the Alliance" and to hand over the surplus money from last year's fund to it.

TOURISTS HIT BY EXCHANGE

Winnipeg, March 2.—Figures gathered from various authoritative sources on the tourist traffic indicate that 12,000 persons from the prairie provinces spent the early part of the winter in California. At least approximately that number purchased tickets from the three middle west provinces for destinations located in the southern area. A local business man who returned from a trip to the Canadian and American coast cities declared that many of the Canadians had found the dollar on their purses from the rate of exchange and high prices more serious than they had anticipated and were returning to spend the remainder of their winter vacation in Vancouver and Victoria.

PIONEERS OF METHODISM

Victoria, B. C., March 2.—Sixty-one years ago the pioneer band of Methodist missionaries arrived in Victoria. The only surviving members of the band, now in British Columbia, are Mrs. Thos. Cunningham, of this city, Mrs. C. L. Street, of Chilliwack, and the Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist missions in British Columbia. The leaders of the party were Rev. Ephraim Evans, D. D., Rev. Edward White, Rev. Ebenezer Robson and Rev. Arthur Browning.

MR. O'CONNOR IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMERCE BOARD

Things are Running Along About as Usual—A Statement on Judge Robson's Resignation is Soon Expected from the Government—Principles Under Which the Board Acts are Claimed to be Unsound Economically.

LIME-CRUSHING WILL BE BEGUN IN THE SPRING

Negotiating With Smith & Merrithew to Operate Plant—Potato Flour Proposition.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, returned today from St. John where he was negotiating with Smith & Merrithew to handle the crushing operations in the lime-quarry leased by the Department of Agriculture from H. G. Adams of St. John. The quarry is located at Torryburn. The intention is to crush the rock on the ground and ship the product by rail to the various sections of the province where lime is needed to correct acidity in the soil.

It is expected to have the crusher in operation early in the spring and have the product ready for use on the farms.

Potato Flour Mill

The proposition of establishing a potato-flour mill in New Brunswick is still under consideration W. P. Hartman of Pittsburg who conferred with the Minister of Agriculture recently on this matter, has gone to Woodstock to ascertain what the town will do toward encouraging the establishment of such an industry. If satisfactory arrangements can be made such a mill will be established at some center of a potato-growing district.

BOLSHEVIKI ADVANCING

(Special to the Mail.)

London, March 3.—Russian bolshevik forces are advancing rapidly in the Caucasus region, according to an official telegram received by Reuters, Limited, from Moscow. During the past fortnight, the message says, the Soviet troops in that district have captured 17,000 prisoners, and Gen. Denekine's army is declared to be gradually dispersing.

OLD OFFICIAL TO RETIRE

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, March 3.—Mr. L. K. Jones, assistant deputy minister of and secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, will retire from the position on April 1st. Mr. Jones has for over thirty years been connected with the department and is well known throughout the Dominion.

CANADA MAY HAVE REPRESENTATION ON COMMISSION TO POLAND

Ottawa, March 2.—(Canadian Press.)—The organization of a commission backed by the League of Nations, and upon which Canada may have representation for the purpose of visiting Austria, Poland, Southern Russia, etc., to find out exactly the conditions in Central Europe, is indicated in a cable received by the Minister of Labor from Deputy Minister F. A. Acland, who is at present in London. Mr. Acland went overseas to represent the Canadian Government on the governing body of the International Labor Conference and was accompanied by Mr. Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress, as a representative of employees. He will attend the next meeting of the governing body, which takes place in London on March 22.

(Special to the Mail.)
Ottawa, March 3.—Regarding the correspondence in connection with the resignation of Judge Robson from the position of chairman of the Board of Commerce, Messrs. O'Connor and Murdoch, the two other members of the board, have no observations this morning to make. The board is running along as usual and the two commissioners appear to be satisfied to leave to the government any further statement which may be made.

O'Connor for Chairman.

It is considered likely that Mr. O'Connor will be made chairman and that a new member will be appointed to the board. The whole question of the board, including Judge Robson's resignation, his reasons therefor and his strictures upon the board and the combines act, will undoubtedly come up in parliament. In the opinion of the Judge, practically all the principles under which the board acts are unsound economically and unfeasible in practice.

Referred to the Court.

The matter of the board's jurisdiction will come before the Supreme Court within a fortnight and upon the findings of the court will very much depend changes which may be made in the act during the session. It may be predicted that a number of its present powers will be turned over to provincial and local authorities.

Judge Robson's opinion is that a Federal body of a general character should be formed, working in harmony with provincial authorities who would enforce anti-profiteering laws. Until the findings of the Supreme Court are made known, the government will not undertake through legislation any changes in the present acts.

POULTRY MEN IN CONFERENCE

Representatives of Westmorland and York Poultry Associations held a conference with the Minister of Agriculture and officials of his department here this morning. The Minister intimated that a different policy in regard to financial assistance to these organizations would be pursued in the future. Instead of the government guaranteeing 75 per cent of the prize list for a poultry show, it would make an annual grant to each association, and they will be expected to finance their own shows. A similar policy he said was followed in other provinces and worked out satisfactorily. The minister said that poultry associations undoubtedly stimulated interest in poultry culture and the government was anxious to give them every possible assistance so far as its means would permit.