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## BURNING MIDNIGHT OIL AT THE CAPITAL OVER THE PROPOSED FRANCHISE ACT

Was One of the Matters Considered At the New York Conference Which Premier Borden—Limitations of War Time Elections Act May Be Eliminated—Many of the Disqualifications in the Fomer Measure Will Disappear.

Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—When the debate on the Address is disposed of—and the Whips don't know just when that will be—the Government's legislative programme will be sufficiently advanced to be brought down expeditiously.

Some midnight oil is being burned over the Franchise Act. This was one of the matters which were considered at the New York conference with Sir Robert Borden and, in the light of it, the finishing touches are now being put to the draft.

It is understood that the measure will be fairly wide open and that the restriction and imitations which characterized the War Time Election Act will very largely be eliminated.

While provincial lists will be used in part there will at least be a supplementary Federal list. Many of the disqualifications in the former measure will disappear.

In cities provision will likely be made for registration, while in the rural parts there will be an enumeration.

The Government wishes to bring in a measure which will be as little controversial as possible and some of its western followers insist on the ban being pretty well removed, but such a thing as a non-contentious franchise bill has never yet seen the light of day and probably, never will.

The Opposition will demand that provincial lists be used and that no one who is of age and who is a British subject be disqualified save those who under ordinary conditions would be.

## STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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International Paper	78
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" " 1927	99-100
" " 1923	98-99
" " 1922	98-99
" " 1924	96 1/2-97 1/2
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## FARMERS OPPOSED TO GIVING THE RETURNED MEN A SEAT

(Woodstock Sentinel)

S. G. Barter, secretary of returned soldiers' committee, reports that the delay in putting a candidate in the field has been caused by the committee failing to get the United Farmers to give way and avoid a contest in the county. Both the Liberal and Conservative parties were willing to allow a soldiers' candidate to go in by a show of hands, but the United Farmers were not at all willing and strongly refused to allow the returned men to place a member in the local house to represent them unopposed. This is regrettable as the returned men surely earned the right to representation in our parliament.

## MANY CROSS BENCHERS WILL SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT OF THE OPPOSITION LEADER

Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer Refers to the Farmer's Party as the National Progressive Party—Says There is Holy Horror When the Farmers Begin to talk—Answered Tory Member's Question.

Ottawa, March 5.—Cross benchers in the house acquired today a new name and a convert. The "National Progressive Party," so Dr. Clark of Red Deer referred to the movement led by Mr. Crerar; and, speaking a little later, Major Andrews, of Winnipeg, announced his intention of voting for the opposition amendment, then passing over to the cross-benches. On several occasions, last session, Major Andrews took his seat on the cross-benches. He told the house today how, when last he cast a vote against the government, he placed his resignation in the hands of his constituents. They declined to accept it. They gave him a free hand. Now, therefore although he "did not like this sort of thing," he would join the cross-benchers. He would feel freer there. Major Andrews, it may be added, is the first government member to announce his intention of supporting the amendment.

Previously, Dr. Clark strongly disclaimed any intention on the part of the "National Progressive Party," of class legislation.

"Had there been no class legislation before?" Dr. Clark said. Yet there was "holy horror" when the farmers began to talk. What about the Canadian Manufacturers' Association? Dr. Clark pressed. So far as I have been able to see," he went on, "nine-tenths of the activities of that body are political activities."

Tory Member's Question.

Mr. Middleboro, of North Grey, interposed a question, "Would you approve of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association putting candidates in the field?" he questioned sharply, as the ministerial members cheered.

There were counter cheers from the cross benches as Dr. Clark replied: "The Canadian Manufacturers' Association always had candidates in the field and members in the House."

Mr. Middleboro retorted that the answer was no reply.

To this Dr. Clark responded that

certainly he was not in favor of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association putting candidates in the field. But were there not already "interests" in politics? The battle of the farmers was the outcome of conditions under which they lived, and "surely it is time for a little more honest democracy at home." Dr. Clark announced that he, too, would support the amendment.

Two other cross-benchers, Mr. MacNutt, Saltcoats, and Mr. Levi Thompson, Qu'Appelle, also contributed to the debate before the house rose at 6 o'clock to adjourn till Monday.

## THE PEOPLE OF CANADA WANT A CHANCE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES

Some Plain Talk By Hon. MacKenzie King Before the Eastern Ontario Liberals—Is Prepared to Trust the People—The Cause of Unrest in Canada.

Ottawa, March 5.—That if the amendment calling for a general election is defeated by the government when the vote is taken, probably Tuesday night, the Liberals would cross the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and expect the people to rise up with them and demand that the government resign, was the statement of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, addressing the annual convention of Eastern Ontario Liberals in St. Patrick's Hall here tonight.

The people of Canada have been grossly deceived and they are asking today for chance to express themselves. Any member of the house who votes for a continuation of the present administration is defaming the name of Liberalism, no matter whatever excuse he may seek to give, Hon. Mr. King declared. "The people are in a state of unrest, mainly because they want a chance to govern themselves. This right to govern themselves is one of the fundamental principles of Liberalism. I am prepared to trust the people and I believe with Gladstone that the true meaning of Liberalism is to trust the people and qualify it with prudence. Today we have on Parliament Hill what Gladstone described as the opposite of Liberalism, mistrust of the people, qualified with fear."

"Liberals are not opposed to the farmers. They are not opposed to labor, to women, or to manufacturers, but they are opposed to any one class seeking to obtain privileges for themselves which they are not willing to grant to the masses," he said.

## WANT FARMER ON THE BOARD

Ingersoll, March 6.—At the annual meeting of the Ingersoll Milk & Cream Producers' Association this afternoon with a representative attendance, the President R. H. Wilson, presided, and interesting addresses were delivered by Geo. J. Cook, West Oxford and R. W. E. Burnaby, President of the U. F. O.

Among the resolutions passed was one to the effect that if the Board of Commerce is to be continued a farmer be placed on the board.

The association expressed its disapproval in a resolution on behalf of patrons of milk and cream plants of paying for milk and cream by the Bab

## BIG ICE JAM AT NIAGARA

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 6.—A spectacular ice jam is forming between Lake Ontario and the Lewiston bridge. It has been forming since Sunday when the north wind forced the ice back into the river onto the sand bar. The ice jam is steadily increasing and may become as big as it did eleven years ago when it reached a height of 50 feet and endangered the hotel. The ice when forced back goes under the other ice, raising it even higher.

## THE STRENGTH OF BRITAIN'S ARMIES AND NAVIES IS NOT LIKELY TO BE INCREASED

Statement Given Out in an Interview by the New Ambassador to the United States—The People in Earnest in Their Efforts to Reduce Armaments—Six Men Fined for Melting Gold Coin.

## BIG BOOZE SEIZURE SENT TO THIS CITY

A large shipment of liquor arrived by express last night consigned to Chief Inspector Wilson. It is now at the office of the Chief Inspector, King Street, where it will be placed under lock and key. Special instructions were issued that this shipment was to be watched carefully so that none of it should get away.

The shipment is in sugar barrels and is addressed "Albert Soucy, Kagan, Maine, via St. Leonard's, Prepaid B. Temperance." Keegan evidently is meant by Kagan. The name of the consignee looks as if it was selected to disarm suspicion.

Seized in Madawaska

This liquor was seized in Madawaska Co. before it could reach the thirsty State of Maine via St. Leonard's. It was sent to St. John but the Chief Inspector ordered it reshipped to Fredericton.

## GIVEN THREE MONTHS JAIL

Montreal, March 6.—For threatening his fiancée with a revolver because she refused to accompany him to the country and get married Simeon Duquette was this morning sentenced to three months hard labor by Recorder Semple.

Last fall Simeon went to the bush with the intention of making enough money to come back to Montreal and get married. He went to the bush, made the money, and returned to Montreal. However, upon his return he fell in with evil companions and spent all his hard earned money. This did not please his fiancée. Yesterday, Simeon called upon his fiancée and demanded that she accompany him to Terrebonne. She consented and said she would meet him at the station at 4 o'clock. He arrived at the station but there was no sign of the lady. He waited a few minutes and then telephoned to her. She told him she had changed her mind and did not intend to accompany him as he had only sufficient money to keep himself.

The next development was that Simeon arrived at the house and pulled out a revolver. She immediately took alarm and the police were called to the scene. Simeon was arrested with the result above mentioned.

K. of P. Activities

There was something doing every minute at Castle Hall last night when six young men were given the rank of esquire at a special meeting of Fredericton Lodge No. 6. The largest number of members of the season was present and a pleasant time was spent by all. There will likely be three meetings of Fredericton Lodge next week in order to get through with the work on hand.

## THOUGHT HOUSE WAS HAUNTED, BUT FOUND SUPPLY OF HONEY

Granville, Ills., March 6.—Bees played spook to George F. Treudt here recently, but George didn't mind it—when he found that they had produced several hundred pounds of honey during their spooky evening sestas.

For more than a year Treudt and his family had been annoyed by peculiar buzzing sound coming apparently from the roof of his house. For a time he blamed the noises on electric wires, but neighbors held to the belief that the house was haunted.

Finally when Treudt made a search in the garret he found the house had many, many more inhabitants than he imagined.

(Special to the Mail.)

Montreal, Que., March 6.—A special despatch received here today from London says that Sir Auckland Geddes the new British Ambassador to United States stated in an interview that Great Britain's post-war armies and navies will not be larger if as large than their pre-war strength. This country is absolutely in earnest in their efforts to reduce armaments to the absolute minimum. As a proof of this, he said we have abolished compulsory military service and training

Melt Gold Coin

London, March 6.—Six months imprisonment was the sentence pronounced upon the six men who have been on trial charged with melting gold coin. The gold they had in their possession amounting to more than 110,000 sovereigns was ordered forfeited.

## LOST BOOZE AND IS FINED

Brockville, Ont., March 6.—John Inglis, of New York city, against whom an action was brought by License Inspector Taber to determine the legality of a seizure made on Feb. 9th at Rockport of liquors shipped to that place by Inglis and to prosecute him for a breach of the O. T. A., loses the liquors and is also out of pocket to the extent of \$211, as a result of the decision handed down in the Police Court by Magistrate Page.

The action has assumed more or less the prominence of a test case, to determine whether or not American citizens possessing summer residences among the Thousand Islands, or about to possess them, may legally ship liquor from Quebec into this province.

## HAD QUALMS OF CONSCIENCE

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 6.—Because he had smuggled something over one of the bridges about twenty years ago, one good citizen of Niagara Falls paid a visit to the Customs offices yesterday and handed over an amount equal to the duty on the smuggled article. Pricking consciences seemed to be in vogue during February or perhaps it was a special sacrifice for Lent. At any rate, \$100 conscience money was brought into the customs.

## HARD TO GET FARM LABOR

Brantford, March 6.—The insistent call for men willing to go on farms is growing louder as the season advances. The young men are showing no inclination to give up their work in the factories to get back to the land. Married men are being given an added inducement in the promise of a quart of milk daily, house, potatoes and apples.

E. C. Ross of Halifax is a guest at the Barker House.

Miss Madeline deSoyres, of St. John is here.