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The Weather  
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Moderate Southwest winds.  
Fair and mild. Friday cloudy and mild with some scattered showers.  
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## THE FINANCE MINISTER IS LOOKING FOR A SUBSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS PROFITS TAX

Will Try and Get Something That Cannot Be Easily Evaded  
—A Levy May Be Made on the Complete Turnover—Would  
Obviate the Watering of Stock Which is Encouraged By  
the Present Tax.

Ottawa, March 10.—Owing to disputes as to what should be included in the term profits of a business, and the knowledge that companies can hide profits in many ways by increasing contingency accounts, sinking funds and otherwise building up reserves to be held until war taxes are withdrawn, it is reported here that the Finance Minister is considering substituting a tax that cannot be evaded. According to the story, the tax will be switched from profits to turnover, and the story even mentions one per cent as the probable tax.

The present business profits tax was expected by Sir Thomas White, when making his budget speech, to produce \$35,000,000, and he expressed the opinion that it should be withdrawn this year in order not to discourage the "investment of capital in Canada."

The revenue is needed, however, and the claim is that by taxing the turnover there would be no interference with profits, as the increased cost of the product would be handed on to the consumer and that this would not discourage investment.

The present business profits tax is levied on profits made above a certain percentage of exemption on the capital of a company. This was a direct encouragement to watering of stock so as to have as large an amount as possible exempted. The business without watered stock was therefore discriminated against. It is argued that a tax on turnover would remove this unfair feature.

## STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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

New York.	
American Wool	129
C. P. R.	126½
Cruetle	229
General Motors	322
Mexican Pete	189
Rubber	108
U. S. Steel	100¾
Sterling, 381.	
Exchange 12½ to 1½.	
Montreal.	
Brazilian	48½
Canada Car	56
Dom. Iron and Steel	71½
Laurentide Pulp	94
Shawinigan	115
Victory Bonds, 1937.	100—101
" " 1933.	99—100
" " 1927.	99—100
" " 1923.	98—99
" " 1922.	98—99
" " 1924.	96½
" " 1934.	96

### Preparing for Spring

St. John Globe: G. L. Tapley, stated this morning that the company's fleet of tow boats had been overhauled and are in readiness for the opening up of the river. He stated that the lumber cut had been extensive in all sections of the province, and would probably average more than twenty per cent over last years cut. In the river districts lumber had been all hauled out and lumbermen now were only waiting for free water before starting the towing operations.

## STRIKING MUSICIANS ASK THAT THEIR LEADER BE REINSTATED

Boston, March 11.—Reinstatement of Frederic Fradkin, concert master of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is not all the striking musicians demand of the trustees before they will return to their places in the orchestra, it was made known today.

Settlement of their difficulties over recognition of the union was not forthcoming at the meeting yesterday, it was announced, and the strike was renewed.

Fradkin in a letter to the union men requested the musicians not to continue the strike on his account, and on the strength of this request they returned to rehearsal yesterday.

## LEGISLATURE OPENED TODAY WITH CUSTOMARY CEREMONY— SPECTATORS WERE NUMEROUS

Speech From the Throne Outlined Important Legislation—The Military Portion of the Ceremony Attracted Much Attention—People From All Parts of the Province in Attendance—Many Invited Guests Had Seats in Chamber.

The fourth session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick was opened this afternoon with the customary ceremonial. The finest of winter weather was enjoyed by large numbers of spectators who watched the proceedings from posts of vantage without the Parliament Buildings and the seats placed on the floor of the Chamber were filled by a throng of invited guests, the brilliant costumes of ladies adding a touch of color to the scene. The opening was the first since the signing of the Peace Treaty, but service uniform nevertheless was the dress of the aides and the officers of the Militia and Canadian Expeditionary Force who attended His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in the Chamber.

The opening presented few unusual features beyond the election of a new clerk, John M. Keefe taking the place of the late George Young Dibblee, and the appointment of a clerk assistant, J. Bacon Dickson, taking the place vacated by the promotion of Mr. Keefe.

The Speech from the Throne proved of greater interest than many which have been heard in the past, outlining as it did a number of important matters or legislation and referring to the prosperity which during the year had attended agriculture and lumbering, the lines of activity with which the people of the province are most closely connected.

### MILITARY FEATURES OF THE OPENING.

As usual the military features of the opening drew the greatest attention. This part of the proceedings and the arrival of the Lieut. Governor will be shown shortly on the screen in this city, as moving picture operators representing big film companies were present with their cameras.

The guard of honor, furnished by the 71st York Regiment, fell in at the Armory at three o'clock and headed by the band of the same regiment marched to the Parliament Buildings. The guard was commanded by Major W. C. Lawson, M. C., with Capt. J. S. Scott and Lieut. A. E. McElveney as the other officers. Veterans of the recent war largely composed the guard, which made a good appearance. The same was true of the artillery party which, under the command of Lieut. Norman Cass, fired the Lieut. Governor's salute.

The guard of honor took up its position in front of the main entrance at 3.15 and His Honor arrived at 3.30. A Royal Salute was given by the guard and the artillery on the bank of the river began to boom out the salute of fifteen guns.

Assembly Chamber Crowded

Long before the arrival of His Honor the Assembly Chamber was crowded and it was necessary to close the doors of the building. All extra seating accommodation was taken and the galleries were filled. After Hon. Mr. Speaker took the chair prayers were offered by the chaplain Rev. Z. L. Fash, pastor of the George Street Baptist Church. The Speaker then announced that during recess the Clerk of the House the late George Young Dibblee had passed away.

Premier Foster then moved that, His Honor the Lieut. Governor be appointed Clerk of the House and the motion was carried. The Clerk then gave notice of the vacancy in the office of Clerk Assistant and of the nomination of J. Bacon Dickson for the office.

On motion of Premier Foster the nomination of Mr. Dickson was confirmed.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor At this juncture, the Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry C. Rutter, announced to Hon. Mr. Speaker that His Honor had arrived and desired to be admitted to the chamber.

"Admit His Honor the Lieut. Governor," replied the Speaker who then left the chair.

The Governor's Arrival

Hon. William Pugsley, Lieut. Governor, then entered the chamber attended by a personal staff composed

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## LIQUOR SMUGGLER WAS SHOT DEAD ON THE UPPER ST. JOHN

Was Trying to Get a Load of Liquor From Quebec Over the Boundary Into Maine—Was Shot by Special Officer Vanier—Victim Belonged to Van Buren, Me.

St. John, March 11.—Extensive liquor smuggling operations along the upper St. John river, which a large squad of United States customs men and special officers are endeavoring to suppress led to a fatal shooting early yesterday morning near Madawaska village, a small place in Maine immediately across the river from Edmundston. While taking a load of thirty gallons of alcohol from New Brunswick soil into Maine, a man named J. Dumais, said to belong in the vicinity of Van Buren a town further down the river and opposite St. Leonard's was shot and killed by United States Special Officer Vanier, formerly of Portland. Vanier was not placed under arrest as the Aroostook county authorities, who held an inquest last night, considered that the officer was justified in shooting the smuggler, the latter having declined to surrender when called upon to do so.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Shortly after midnight yesterday morning, Vanier and another officer sighted two men driving a suspicious two-horse team, which later was found to be well laden with alcohol originally shipped in the province of Quebec not many miles distant. They had learned that such a team had been seen on New Brunswick side and were waiting for it should it cross the St. John. When the team crossed the river onto Maine soil they held up the driver, but the latter instead of stopping his horses brought down his heavy whip upon the head of Officer Vanier and attempted to run him down.

Vanier jumped aside and as the sled went by managed to grasp the rear end and pull himself aboard. As he was crawling forward in the sled one of the men struck him with a cantdog inflicting wounds about his head.

During the fight Vanier opened fire on the driver. A bullet struck the smuggler in the head, killing him instantly. The second occupant of the sled fled to the woods and escaped.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS DAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS; FUEL SUPPLY DISCUSSED

Attendance of Members was Rather Slim—The Eight Hour Day was Under Discussion When the House Adjourned—Government Urged to Give Consideration to the Threatened Fuel Shortage.

## MUST TAKE A FIRM STAND AGAINST TURKS

Washington, March 10.—The Allies must take an aggressive stand in their relations with the Turks in the Constantinople area and make a considerable show of military strength if sporadic clashes between Allied and Turk forces are to be avoided, in opinion of military experts today.

The attitude of the Turks toward the European troops in Turkey has become increasingly hostile, according to advices here since reports were circulated that the Allies planned to take Constantinople from the Sultan and keep it.

The strained relations originally was the result of the open hostility of the Turkish National Forces, led by Mustapha Kemal, and the recent wholesale massacres of Armenians by the Turk Nationalists. It is also believed by officials here that the Turkish Government is playing its old game of international intrigue.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith of St. John are here for the opening of the Legislature. They are at the Barker House.

Mr. Scott D. Guptill, M. P. P. of Grand Manan, arrived here this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Herbert Mayer of St. John are at the Barker House.

Mr. Thomas B. Carson M. P. P. of St. Martins arrived in the city last night.

Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P. and daughter Miss Muriel Jones of Apohaqui are at the Barker House.

Mr. W. E. Raymond proprietor of the Royal Hotel St. John and Mrs. Raymond are guests at Windsor Hall.

Mr. Fred Magee, M. P. P. of Port Elgin and Mrs. Magee are guests at the Queen.

Mr. C. H. Townshend of the Townshend Piano Company St. John is at the Queen.

Mr. A. A. Dysart, M. P. P. for Kent and Mrs. Dysart are at the Queen.

Messrs R. B. Smith and D. W. Mersereau M. P. P's for Sunbury have taken their abode with Mrs. Harvey True, Brunswick Street for the session.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, M. P. P. of Nelson is at the Queen.

Mr. P. C. Pope of Halifax is at the Queen.

U.N.B. Beaten for First Time

At St. John last night the basketball team of the University of New Brunswick was beaten by the close margin of 20 to 19 by the St. John Y.M.C.A. The game was very close and was not decided until the final whistle. The U. N. B. defeated St. John Y.M.C.A. by a large score here some time ago. In five matches this is the first lost.

## MR. MILDAM WILL HAVE REPORT ON TELEPHONE CO. READY SOON

St. John, March 11.—The report of his examination of the books of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited will be laid before the Public Utilities Commission next week by Samuel H. Mildram of Boston, the expert accountant and consulting engineer, who was appointed by the commission last January. The report of Mr. Mildram will enable the commission to resume the hearing later in the month on the application of the company for authority to increase rates and to readjust its exchange system. In the examination of the books, now in progress, Mr. Mildram is going back to the year 1912 records before that time having previously been compiled.

Ottawa, March 11.—Fuel supply and the eight-hour day were under discussion in the House this afternoon. It was the first private member's day of the session; and following the long sitting of the previous day, attendance was slim. Both questions arose from motions by Mr. Burnham of Peterboro. On the eight hour day, discussion on which was unfinished when the House rose, there was difference of opinion. Both Mr. Burnham and Mr. Stevens of Vancouver, who seconded had urged adoption of a national eight hour day schedule only, the words of the motion, to "the right of express private contract." The opposition to the motion came from Mr. Proulx of Prescott.

Speaking of coal supplies and the recent threatening shortage of fuel during the coal strike, Mr. Burnham urged the government to give some consideration to the scientific discoveries as to the possibilities of alcohol as a source of industrial power.

D. D. Mackenzie said he had used soft coal in his own house for thirty years and he thought the problem of fuel supply could be met by opening the St. Lawrence trade route between Port Arthur and the Atlantic.

Hon. Mr. Meighen reminded the House that there were many great problems involved, and the mere existence of unlimited supplies of coal did not help to any extent. "Every section of land in western Canada has approximately \$1,000,000 worth of resources on or under it," but it is the getting out of such resources to which we must devote our attention."

Policeman Murray Ill  
Patrolman G. Alex. Murray of the Fredericton Police Force is confined to his home by a severe cold. During his absence from duty his place has been filled by Charles Barker and William Hughes.

Greatly Improved  
Robert Barr of this city who was operated upon recently for internal trouble has sufficiently recovered to be about again. His numerous friends will be pleased to learn of his recovery.

Skip McFarlane Won  
Another curling match took place in the Management Committee series last night when A. S. McFarlane defeated J. E. Page 18 to 13. The game was well contested throughout. This puts Skip McFarlane at the head of the standing without dispute.

Late Miss Belle McKay  
The funeral of the late Miss Belle McKay took place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. G. E. Coulthard, 78 Waterloo Row. The service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Young and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Telegraphic Staff  
The Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company will have E. P. McLeod as chief operator at the House of Assembly this year with John Wisely and Norman Goodine as assistants. Mr. McLeod was here previously with the Western Union. Recently he has been in Toronto.