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Moderate south to southwest winds, snow flurries but generally fair and mild today and on Tuesday.  
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## SIR ROBERT BORDEN REPORTED TO BE IN THE WEST INDIES MAY ATTEND THE PARTY CAUCUS

Unionist Members Likely to Press for the Appointment of a New Leader—Sir Thomas White is Being Boomed, But it Looks as if He Burned the Bridges Behind Him When He Quit the Cabinet Some Time Ago.

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—That Sir Robert Borden has not gone to England with Admiral Jellicoe as was currently believed, but that he remained in the West Indies and that he will this week repair to New York to consult a specialist, is the well authenticated report this morning. Sir Robert when he departed about a month ago intended to be absent for at least four months. There is just a possibility, however, that he will make an endeavor if his physicians permit, to be present in Ottawa for the general government caucus which will be held when the session meets. There is no doubt that the majority of the members will press for the appointment of a leader in succession to Sir Robert, though much will depend on the condition of the latter when caucus meets. By that time Sir Robert will have been absent for two months and his physicians should be in a position to say whether or not he will subsequently be able to carry on.

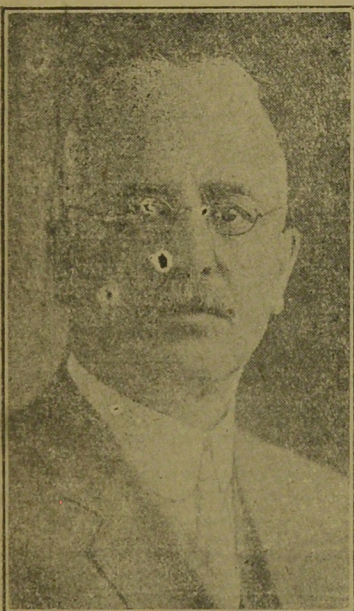
### The White Boom Revived.

The "boom" for Sir Thomas White has again been revived though in best-informed circles the impression has been that Sir Thomas burned his bridges when he took up his old affiliation in Toronto and that he will not come back, especially as his avowed reasons for retiring from the position of Finance Minister were the same as have driven Sir Robert south, namely, health. At the present time it would appear that the choice lies between Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir Henry Drayton and Hon. J. A. Calder.

## HON. MR. VENIOT WAS GUEST OF BOSTON CLUB

Discusses the Betterment of Automobile Highways from New England to Maritime Provinces.

Boston, Feb. 2.—In its desire to keep the home fires burning and maintain the interest of former provincialists in the places they have left behind, the Canadian Club of Boston, is combing all Canada for speakers to



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enliven their monthly dinners. At their club yesterday afternoon Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works for New Brunswick, enlisted the attention of 300 in taking up the general topic, "Betterment of the Automobile

## EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA AT ST. JOHN

No Other District of Province Reports Cases—Department Has Taken Prompt Action.

The first report of epidemic influenza in New Brunswick was received last night by the Department of Public Health, according to the statement made this morning by Dr. G. C. Melvin, Chief Health Officer. The cases are all located in the City of St. John. No reports of this disease have been received from any other district of the province.

On account of the prevalence of this disease in New York, Montreal and other large cities the Provincial Health Department has been on the watch for signs of it in New Brunswick. The scouring which the country received in the autumn and early winter of 1919 is still fresh in the public mind. Precautions already have been taken and public bodies have placed themselves in readiness to assist.

Miss Evelyn McKinnon of St. John is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Highway from New England to the Maritime Provinces." In the last five years, said he, New Brunswick has spent about \$7,000,000 on its roads. He denounced the speed maniacs who went from the States. He thought it possible that by next June New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would adopt the rule to turn to the right on roads, as is the case in the United States, which would benefit American visitors. Thos. P. Regan, president of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, was a guest and a speaker.

## MUCH INTEREST CENTRES IN POLITICAL BATTLE AT PAISLEY

Glasgow, Feb. 2.—Much interest centres in the political battle being fought in the Scottish constituency of Paisley, where Former Premier Asquith is running as a Liberal candidate, and is being opposed by Unionist and Labor candidates.

The number of candidates is definitely limited to three and the preservation intact of the labor vote presages a much more interesting contest than seemed probable last week. The novelty of having a great parliamentary lion in their midst has to some extent worn off, and Paisley folks are now indicating a greater interest in the doings of the Unionist and Labor candidates Biggar, who is a chartered accountant, and a native of Glasgow, is an effective if not exhilarating orator.

## OVER EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND FOREST SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR A DEFICIT

Statement on Provincial Fance Published in the Royal Gazette —Interest Charges Now Consume More Than One-Third of the Entire Revenue of the Province—Balance Sheet is Accompanied by Chartered Accountants' Certificate.

The financial statement of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year which ended October 31, 1919, is published in an extra issue of the Royal Gazette just issued.

The statement is accompanied by a certificate of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants, whose chief Canadian office is in Montreal, and this certificate states:

"Balance sheet attached hereto exhibits a true and correct view of the financial position of the province as at October 31st, 1919, according to the best of our information, the explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Province."

The expenditures for the year exceeded the revenue by \$327,686.22. Such a statement as this will undoubtedly attract the attention of every business man in the Province, and every ratepayer in the Province will realize more clearly that the expenditures of the government are increased for the same reasons as expenditures of corporations and private individuals. The cost of service, professional and manual, the prices of materials, have all soared in government circles, just as they have elsewhere, and no estimates of cost prepared at the beginning of the fiscal year were sufficient to cope with the demands upon the treasury to pay for the necessities of the public service.

### Where the Money Went.

More than the amount of the deficit can be found in the over-expenditures in two departments of the government, and the maintenance of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases. One of the government departments, the Crown Lands, which is the greatest revenue producer, over-expended \$53,346.72, and at the same time exceeded revenue estimate by about \$50,000. The other department, Public Works, in which lies the greatest outlay of the administration, over-expended by \$283,634.81, and the Provincial Hospital, to maintain the patients, over-expended by \$24,949.39.

The over-expenditure in the Department of Lands and Mines was found to be necessary, for one reason, to get more accurately at the lumber cut of the province, and for another reason the more fully we protect the great lumber asset as well as the game, which former must, for all time probably, be the chief source of revenue.

### Expenditure on Forest Service.

The expenditures on the forest service, to afford greater protection to the forests from fire, have been very large, and this is accounted for by the fact that materials for the construction of telephone lines and the additional wages paid to labor of this class exceeded the estimates by thousands of dollars.

While the accounts closed on October 31 last, the comptroller, W. A. Loudoun, makes the statement that every account for work done or goods furnished, received after that date, which covered transactions before the 31st of October, have been included in the statement of the auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Under the former government the books were kept open for ten days after the close of the fiscal year, but Mr. Loudoun says that all accounts this year that were received up to the latter part of December, when the statement was compiled, were included.

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## WILL NOT OPPOSE HIM

(Special to the Mail.)  
Toronto, Feb. 2.—The Liberals of Halton county have decided not to oppose the election of Premier Drury in that constituency.

## BOLSHEVIK SPIES BUSY

(Special to the Mail.)  
London, Feb. 2.—Bolshevik spies are crossing Europe as Red Cross workers, constant communication being kept up between Berlin and Russia in this way.

### Take Over Store

The grocery business conducted for several years in Fredericton by Sansom & McNally, has been taken over by the United Farmers who will conduct a business on the co-operative plan. The store is closed at present but will be reopened after necessary arrangements are made.

## STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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

New York.	
American Locomotive...	98 1/2
American Wool .....	156 1/2
Bethel Steel B. ....	97 1/2
C. P. R. ....	127 1/2
Crucible .....	223
General Motors .....	307
Midvale Steel .....	49 1/2
N. Y. Central .....	69 1/2
Rubber .....	127 1/2
Mexican Pete .....	197 1/2
U. S. Steel .....	105 1/2
Montreal.	
Brazilian .....	45 1/2
Dom. Iron and Steel .....	75 1/2
Montreal Power .....	87 1/2
Internat. Breweries .....	197
Victory Bonds 1937 .....	104 1/2
" " 1933 .....	102 1/2
" " 1927 .....	101
" " 1923 .....	100
" " 1922 .....	100

## INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO IS ON THE DECLINE BUT THERE ARE MANY NEW CASES IN PHILADELPHIA

Some Cases Brought to New York on Board Steamships—A Decrease Reported in the Death Rate and in Number of New Cases in New York—Threatened Strike in New York is Postponed.

New York, Feb. 1.—Vessels arriving here report many cases of "flu" on board. Four passengers and an officer on the Royal Italian mail steamship America, which arrived here today, died of pneumonia on the voyage, and four serious influenza cases were brought ashore here.

From Chicago comes news that the epidemic there shows an encouraging decline. Influenza cases numbered 591 today as against 860 on Saturday, and pneumonia cases decreased from 252 to 246. Influenza caused 98 deaths yesterday.

Fifteen districts in Philadelphia reported 279 new cases of influenza today with no deaths, and 36 cases of pneumonia with twenty-eight deaths.

Two thousand engineers, firemen and oilers employed in hotels, apartment houses, office buildings, hospitals and public institutions, voted tonight to "have a heart" and not leave the city heartless in the midst of an influenza epidemic. A strike had been called for tomorrow, but the union decided to heed the appeal of the city health commissioner, and postponed action forty-eight hours. Dr. Copeland, health commissioner, is pleading the men's case with the employers.

There has been a decided decrease in deaths and new cases of influenza and pneumonia in the last 24 hours. Since the epidemic broke out there have been 38,887 cases of influenza reported, with 772 deaths, and 7,507 pneumonia cases with 1,953 deaths.

## EARTHQUAKE RECORDED AT WASHINGTON

(Special to the Mail.)  
Washington, Feb. 2.—Somewhere about 3,800 miles from here a very severe earthquake lasting more than two hours, was recorded here this morning.

**Closed Indefinitely**  
The Smythe Street School which was closed last week on account of boiler trouble has not opened yet. It will be closed indefinitely until the arrival of the new section of the boiler which was ordered.

**Two Drunks Arrested**  
Two drunks were taken up on Saturday night but were allowed out on deposit of eight dollars each.

**New Commanders**  
Announcement from St. John is to the effect that the 71st York Regiment will be under the command of Major W. H. Laughlin of Milltown Lt. Col. W. H. Gray of Marysville having resigned and that the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons will be commanded by Lt. Col. C. H. McLean, D. S. O. This is in pursuance of the plan for commands in the militia to be taken by officers who have served overseas.

**Injured When Range Blew Up**  
Prof. Pulling of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick was painfully cut by flying fragments of a stove Sunday morning when the range in his dwelling, George Street, exploded as the result of the water-coils in it freezing. The explosion occurred after the fire had been started in the range. The interior of the room was considerably damaged and set afire. A still alarm called out the firemen who extinguished the flames. Prof. Pulling was able to attend classes today although severely cut below the knee in one leg.

## ENGLAND WILL DEMAND THAT HUN PIRATES BE HANDED OVER

Paris, Feb. 2.—In addition to already published lists of those who will be demanded from Germany by the Allies on charges of violations of the laws of war, the Matin says Belgium will ask for Dr. Theobald Von Bethmann-Hollweg, former Imperial German Chancellor, while England will demand Admiral Von Tirpitz, former German Secretary of Marine; Admiral Reinhardt Von Scheer, former chief of the German Admiralty Staff and commander of the German fleet in the battle of Jutland, and Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of former Kaiser.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Charles K. Palmer and daughter Miss Mary Palmer returned Saturday from a trip to Montreal and Toronto.

Montreal Star: Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes A. Frank, of Miramichi, N. B. are at the Windsor en route to Detroit.

**Had Painful Trip**  
Express Messenger McGuire of the Montreal train which arrived at St. John Saturday afternoon had a serious experience while the train was coming through that section of Maine which was almost the coldest spot on the map. At Onawa, McGuire got off to get some drinking water, but the train started before he could board it. He walked along the track in the bitter cold for eight miles in an endeavor to reach Greenville. He was badly frost-bitten when picked up by another train. He was treated at the Greenville hospital and will be able to resume his duties today.

**Potatoes Bring Record Prices**  
The potato quotations in Aroostook county have risen from \$6.25 to \$6.50 a barrel, producers' prices. In Boston they are retailing at \$1 a peck—about \$10 a barrel. These prices are the highest on record in the places named.

**Candlemas Day**  
Today is the feast of the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, but more commonly known as Candlemas Day. The day is a holy day in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches.