

## LORD ALLENBY HERE TOMORROW

200 FRENCH  
CONVICTS ON  
BOARD SHIPBound for Devil's Island  
to Remain for  
Life.BELONG TO  
UNDERWORLDThe First Batch to be  
Transported in Two  
Years.Special cable to The Daily Mail by the  
British United Press.

La Rochelle, France, March 31.—Two hundred convicts of the French underworld are enroute to Devil's Island, off the South American coast today securely confined in the hold of the world's only convict transport ship The Maitaniere.

Devil's Island is one of the Isles Du Salut of French Guiana, where French convicts of the incorrigible type are transported to remain to the end of their lives. The convicts who marched aboard the floating prison today are the first to be transported in two years. Among them was Gadrielle Monrey, the suave butler who in April, 1922, imprisoned the family of Albert R. Shattuck, an American dancer in the wine cellar of their Washington Square home and stole \$90,000 worth of jewels. Monrey once before was confined on Devil's Island and escaped.

AGRICULTURAL  
COMMITTEE  
MET TODAY

Committee Room, March 31, 1926. The Agricultural Committee met at 10 a. m., Mr. Dickinson in the chair, with a good attendance. After some general discussion as to the work and expenditure of the Department of Agriculture with suggestions from Messrs. Melville, Shaw, Lavofe, Moore, Lord, Agar and Siddell, A. G. Turney, the Provincial Horticulturalist was called on. Mr. Turney gave a resume of the work of the Horticultural Branch since its inception in 1910, the results obtained in apple growing the present conditions of that industry and the future outlook. His address was generally discussed and suggestions as to marketing were made by members. Mr. Mitchell stated that total expenses of the Horticultural Branch in 1925 were \$5,792 and that the total salary list in the Department of Agriculture was \$37,700. After further discussion it was decided that the next meeting of the committee should be held on Wednesday, April 7th, to take up the livestock and dairy branches of the Department.

MONTREAL  
TOOK FIRST FROM  
VICTORIAS

Montreal, March 30.—The Montreal Maroons, champions of the National Hockey League, drew first blood in the battle for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's professional hockey championship, here tonight when they defeated the Victoria Cougars by a score of 3 to 0 in the first game of the 5-game series. The game this evening was played under eastern rules, and this to some extent handicapped the Cougars. Western rules will prevail in the next encounter on Thursday night and so on until the series ends. A serious injury to Anderson which may put him out of the game for good, was suffered in the second frame when he collided with Siebert and fractured his hip. Montreal got two of their goals in the first frame and the third in the final session.

WILL ACCEPT  
THE INVITATION  
OF THE LEAGUEThe German Cabinet  
Agrees to the Prin-  
ciple.COUNCIL MAY  
BE ENLARGEDInvitation Grew Out of  
Failure to Admit  
Germany.Special cable to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press.

Berlin, March 31.—The cabinet today agreed in principle to accept the League of Nations invitation to participate in the commission which will examine the question of enlarging the League Council to more representative proportions. The invitation grew out of the failure this month to admit Germany to League membership because of a dispute over council seats.

SUPERVISOR  
M'CREA OBJECT  
OF INTERESTQueen's County Mem-  
bers Inquire Concern-  
ing His Activities, Be-  
fore Public Accounts  
Committee.

The Public Accounts Committee of the House of Assembly this morning delved into road accounts with particular attention being given the County of Queen's. Several officials were summoned to give information. The activities of J. D. McCrea of Wickham road supervisor were the chief object of interest on the part of the members for Queen's Messrs. Moore and Evans.

D. W. Burpee, District Engineer, appeared before the committee. W. A. Loudoun, Comptroller-General, explained that it was usual for the province to pay for gasoline for tractors. Comment was made on the fact that \$5 was paid for board and expenses daily.

It was suggested that Hon. B. M. Hill, former Chief Highway Engineer, appear.

## After Mr. McCrea.

Messrs. Evans and Moore, members for Queen's, directed questions. Mr. Evans asked particularly concerning Supervisor J. D. McCrea of Wickham. Mr. Burpee said it was not unusual for a supervisor to employ his wife as cook. Some were excellent cooks. As far as Mr. McCrea was concerned Mr. Burpee said he had little control, checking the work up afterward to make reports.

Mr. Evans said McCrea got too many of his own relatives on the payroll.

In reply to Mr. Michaud, Mr. Burpee said that special work often was done on special order.

## Camps on Own Land.

To, Mr. Moore the engineer said that the camps erected by McCrea at expense of the province on his own land could be removed by the Department.

A. L. Lawlor accountant of the Public Works Department also was before the committee to give information.

ST. FRANCIS WON  
COLLEGE DEBATE

Halifax, March 30.—St. Francis Xavier University debating team won from King's University here tonight, taking the negative of a resolution: "That a change in the general level of prices is due to a change in the amount of deposit currency."

A Large Quantity of  
Bombs and Explosives  
Discovered in DublinDescribed as the Largest Powder Dump Found in  
the History of Ireland—Detectives Raid a  
King Street House—285 Live Bombs and  
Eight Boxes of High Explosives Were Includ-  
ed in the Find.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

DUBLIN, March 31.—Bombs and explosives sufficient to destroy a large part of the city were discovered today by detectives who raided a north King street house. It is the largest powder dump found in the revolutionary history of Ireland. The haul included 285 live bombs, 500 rounds of rifle ammunition, 10,000 detonators, ten barrels and eight boxes of high explosives including gelignite, cordite and an explosive known as "Irish Cheddah". There were also 3,000 springs and bomb pins, bomb making moulds and five revolvers. There were no arrests.

## Empire's Air Policy

London, March 31.—Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, announced in the House of Commons today that the question of the empire's airship policy would be submitted to the Dominions during the imperial conference convoked for London in the autumn.

HARVARD WILL  
CUT DOWN ITS  
FRESHMAN CLASS

Cambridge, Mass., March 30.—Harvard's freshman class will be limited next fall. New regulations promulgated by the committee on admissions will hold it to about 1,000 students. The present enrollment is 1,150.

Restrictions on the practice of admitting students who rank in the first seventh of their preparatory school class are increased and prospective students must submit photographs with their applications.

The new rules will mean that not more than 850 new students will be accepted, since the rest of the enrollment will come from dropped students and transfers.

In a letter announcing the plan, Henry Pennypacker, chairman of the admissions committee, declared:

"The establishment of a numerical limit necessarily sets up the principle of competition among the candidates. Each individual application will, therefore, be carefully reviewed by the committee, and much weight will be attached to character, personality and promise, as well as scholarly attainment."

Regarding the restrictions on the rule by students whose averages were high enough to be in the first seven of the class, and who heretofore have been admitted without examination of the rule will be discretionary with the committee.

Notice is given that after 1927 admission without examination will be confined to schools which do not ordinarily prepare their students for the examinations of the college entrance examination board, to high schools in smaller cities, in rural districts, and at points remote from Cambridge.

## HOUSE TO ADJOURN.

Ottawa, March 31.—The House of Commons will adjourn this afternoon for the Easter holidays and will reassemble at the expiration of ten days.

Hugh Cannell of Saint John is here today on an insurance delegation.

CITY COM. TO  
MEET INSURANCE  
MEN TONIGHT

The City Council last night decided to proceed with the printing of the new Assessment Act which has been amended extensively during the hearings. Additional opportunity will be given for expression of opinion on the part of citizens.

An amendment moved last night by Ald. Mitchell provided that in the case of the expiration of a lease of land the owner of the improvements thereon may purchase land from the owner at a price fixed by arbitrators.

## Insurance Hearing.

A delegation of local insurance agents appeared last night to object to the proposed assessment on insurance companies. Ex-Ald. F. A. Cooper acted as spokesman. He objected to a rate of two and a half first year's premiums as excessive.

It finally was decided that a special committee should meet the insurance men tonight at eight o'clock. The committee is composed of Ald. Thompson, Ald. Ross and Ald. Goodspeed.

## Say It With Flowers.

Once again Easter is with us, spring is here, with its promise of long sunny days and flowers in abundance. You can have them now by paying a visit to our greenhouses and see a display of bloom which will astonish you after a winter of storm and snow. Easter Lilies, Rambling Roses, Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinth, Azalea's, Hydrangea, Ferns, Palms, etc. Call and see our display. Greenhouses open this week. Day and night, visitors always welcome. Ada M. Schleyer, 326 Charlotte Street, Phone 217.

Mayor C. S. Everett of St. Andrews is among the visitors to the city today.

J. M. Trueman of Saint John is at the Barker House.

E. R. Teed of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen.

WOMEN OF ATHENS  
HAVE RETURNED  
TO LONG SKIRTSBan on Knee Length  
Garments is Not  
Needed.POLICE RULE  
OBSERVEDWomen in the Grecian  
Capital are Law  
Abiding.Special cable to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press.

Athens, March 31.—Because all the women of Athens have returned to long skirts due to police insistence, the ban on knee length garments is no longer necessary.

A police communique states that the order against short skirts is being so carefully observed that there is no reason to continue it. Many of the women of Athens have complained against the police rule, says the communique but all have observed it.

INSURANCE  
MEN GET LIKE  
ANSWERPremier Says Taxation  
Necessary as Tempor-  
ary Measure—Public  
Utilities Board Before  
Government.

The Provincial Government this morning received a delegation representing the insurance companies of the Province which registered a strong protest against the increased provincial tax on insurance proposed under the budget. The delegation numbered twenty members from various parts of the Province.

Premier Baxter after hearing the representations gave the same reply as that given to the delegation from the Bankers' Association which had offered similar objection. He stated that the Province must have the revenue and must tap this source of which they complained. The tax should be considered temporary and would not be on longer than would be required to balance the budget. He did not think more than three years.

## Public Utilities.

The Public Utilities Commission also appeared before the Government and made inquiries concerning the status of motor-bus lines in the Province.

The Government replied that the Commission should communicate with other Provinces and ascertain the legislation in effect there which governs similar situations, and submit a memo to the Government.

J. McM. Trueman, chairman, T. C. Burpee and G. Earle Logan comprising the Public Utilities Board, presented the matter before the Government.

## Will Meet on Monday.

The York-Sunbury branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association will meet on Monday evening April 5th to receive the report of committees and transact other business. Since its organization a month ago the membership of the association has increased to seventy and is still climbing. Sportsmen not only in the city, but throughout the two counties are taking keen interest in the movement for the conservation of fish and game. The meeting on Monday evening will be held in the rooms of the Salvage Corps in the Chestnut Block, which have been made available to the association.

Rev. R. G. Fulton of Saint John is in the city.

WILL LEAVE  
PEKING FOR  
SMALL SUMNationalists are Now  
Willing to Accept  
\$50,000.FIRST WANTED  
A MILLIONOverthrow of Govt. Ex-  
pected to Result From  
Bargain.Special cable to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press.

Pekin, March 31.—It is learned from a reliable source that the nationalist troops controlling Peking have agreed to turn the city over to the coalition army besieging it in consideration of \$50,000. The nationalist first offered to evacuate the city for \$1,000,000. The \$50,000 would be paid from customs duties where after the nationalists would gradually evacuate the city as the coalition troops peaceably filtered in. Overthrow of the present Peking government is expected as a result of this bargain.

FORMER PREMIER  
CALLED BEFORE  
PUBLIC ACCTS.Committee Wants to  
Know About Verbal  
Agreement to Do  
Road Work in Fair-  
ville.

Former Premier Veniot will be called before the Public Accounts committee to explain to what extent, if any, the province was committed with respect to payment for road work in Fairville from Manchester's Corner to the bridge at the Reversing Falls, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the committee this morning when it took up consideration of the request of James Lewis M. P. P., for Saint John for a probe into this work. W. A. Loudoun, Comptroller-General, produced a file of correspondence on the matter between the former Minister of Public Works and J. King Kelley K. C., County Secretary-Treasurer, on the matter. It transpired that the province has paid \$26,000 for work on the retaining wall in front of Simms' brush factory but there is a claim of \$61,000 by the municipality for road work done by the Maritime Construction Co., Ltd., which the county contends the ex-minister verbally agreed the province should pay for but apparently no contract was entered into on the matter.

## Present Minister Also.

B. Frank Smith, chairman, remarked it was a strange way of doing business for the province to obligate itself to pay for work on which it did not have an engineer of its own. The construction company has been paid this amount by the county, which now seeks to be reimbursed by the government, basing its claim on the verbal agreement given by former Premier Veniot. It was decided after discussion to call the ex-Premier to clear up the matter. Hon. D. A. Stewart, present minister, also will be called to attend.

POTTERY WORKS  
WERE BURNED

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press.)  
Limoges, Mich., March 30.—Fire today partly destroyed the famous Haviland pottery works owned by an American named Theodre Haviland.