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Federal Wage Law Passes; Supercedes Provincial Laws

Minimum Wage Law Will Include Women As Well As Men—Will Go Into Effect Next Year.

The national minimum wage law has passed the House of Commons, drawing Hon. H. H. Stevens from his long silence and leading to a battle of front-benchers with verbal sparks flying back and forth.

With no dissenting voices, a resolution prefacing introduction of a minimum wage bill was passed through the House. The federal law will supercede provincial statutes and will cover men as well as women. Parts of it will not become operative for a year.

One of the features of the three-hour discussion was provided by Secretary of State C. H. Cahan who declined to give an opinion on the inevitable ruling of the courts on Parliament's competency to pass the legislation. "I cannot give an opinion," he said, claiming it was impossible to predict what a court would rule on a complicated point of law.

"The secretary of state obviously speaking for the government . . . " said Mr. Stevens a few minutes later.

"I must object to that," interrupted Mr. Cahan. "The views of the government on this measure have been given both in the Senate and in this House. I stated at the outset that I was giving my personal views, in view of the misrepresentations as have been made by others—including my honorable friend (Mr. Stevens)—without regard to veracity or accurate statement. Therefore . . . "

"We will let that word 'veracity' go," the former minister of trade and commerce shot back. "I must call your attention to it in passing, Mr. Speaker."

"Very well, we will let it go," Mr. Cahan agreed.

This was only the first chapter of the Stevens-Cahan battle. A few minutes later the former minister returned to it in these words: "I am at the painful disadvantage again of recalling the secretary of state was one of those who gave learned dissertations on the question of cabinet solidarity. Now he says that, although still a member of the cabinet and still enjoying the emoluments of office, he is speaking his own personal opinion. It is a rather nice admission and somewhat comforting, I must say."

(Mr. Stevens evidently was referring to the time he resigned from the Bennett government over a dispute arising from the publication of a pamphlet.

The former trade minister said he would not be cajoled into supporting legislation about which there seemed to be a doubt, only to be disillusioned later.

Turning to the treasury benches, he said: "Is the government playing fast and loose with this resolution? Does it mean it or not?"

"I had the honor of moving the resolution," replied Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie, "and as the mover and as a member of the government I say the government is entirely sincere and desires the passage of this resolution and plans to carry it into the fullest effect."

"For that," retorted Mr. Stevens, "I thank the minister of Justice and I accept his statement at its full face value."

Mr. Stevens said there was too much legal hair-splitting over reform laws. In his opinion Canada was being driven into disunion by the vagaries of provincial social legislation and the day passed long ago when the Dominion should have stepped in, correcting the law, assuming the lead. He called upon lawyer-members to co-operate in finding ways to give Parliament power to act and stop.

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St. Patrick's Day

Tomorrow will be Saint Patrick's Day and it will be celebrated by Irishmen the world over. The recurrence of the day is greeted annually with universal applause. Every race and clime takes part in the observance "The Wearin' of the Green" is not only an air, it is a world-wide custom on Saint Patrick's Day. Vienna and Manilla, Rome, Buenos Aires, Pekin, Jerusalem and Canada and points in between all join in a procession that carries the green around the world on Saint Patrick's Day.

Saint Patrick's Day is unique amongst national holidays. Its observance was introduced into these different nations by the humble immigrant whom oppression threw upon every shore of the world. Unlike immigrants from other countries, the Irishman kept his identity even in exile . . . he also kept his ideals and his faith until his contribution into the melting pot of every land was recognized as valuable. Nowhere did he come as the conqueror comes but everywhere in a manner he conquered: Men like McMahon in France, Duffy in Australia, John Boyle O'Reilly and others in the United States; Thomas D'Arcy McGee and Timothy Warren Anglin in Canada became loyal citizens in these respective countries, where they could not make good at home. It is all over now and should be forgotten, but different British Governments lost by their policies towards Ireland many men whom other nations were proud to acclaim as leaders. In this migration around the world they unsheathed the sword for freedom everywhere. O'Reillys, O'Donnells, Barrys, Sheridans, Nugents, O'Higginses, Meaghers and their countrymen crowded the ranks of freedom from Hudson Bay to Chile, from Moscow to Melbourne. Her Sarsfields and O'Briens won the distinction denied them at home. The exiles scattered as soldiers in Europe, or slaves in the Bahamas, or as political prisoners in Australia, or wanderers in the United States, Canada or the Argentine, gave to the world a wonderful example of the love which a man has for the land of his birth. They never forgot Ireland or her heroes. The names "auld ancient people" such as the O'Neills, the Fitzgeralds, Wolf Tone and Robert Emmett they honored as they did Saint Patrick.

And yet, the exiles of this "most distressful country" never appeared distressed. They had the faith which enabled John Boyle O'Reilly to say: "It's God's will or I wouldn't get a day." Ireland's ability to see the humorous side of everything, her faith which taught her that all would be well in God's good time, made her sons and daughter welcomed everywhere. They added to the world's smiles and joys. They won respect and admiration for the saint who, across the ages, still taught his children that "God's in His heaven, all's well with the world."

The green became the emblem of a faith that never dies, a love that never grows cold, a missionary spirit that is never daunted. Everyone who loves loyalty, perseverance, gratitude, and trust in God learned to love the Irish and the Ireland which bore them and the green which typifies a hope that knows no despair. Everyone learned to honor the saint, the giant of the western Church, who planted what sixteen centuries have been powerless to uproot.

INSULIN HAS DOUBLED DIABETIC LIFE SPAN

Canadian Discovery has Virtually Ended Child- hood Mortality From Disease.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 16—The life of the diabetic patients has been doubled by the use of insulin. It was shown by studies made by Dr. Howard F. Root, of the Deaconess hospital.

Speaking before students of Harvard Medical school, he revealed that the diabetic death rate is higher among females.

Deaths of children due to diabetes have been virtually eliminated by insulin.

The only means of control that have been found are diet, insulin and exercise.

The most common characteristic of the diabetic diet which makes for success is constancy. Stuffing and then starving never works in diabetes, he said.

When diabetes occurs in children, growth is certain to stop unless insulin is used. If insulin does not work on the patient, Dr. Root continued, the diagnosis must be wrong; the patient was suffering from an infection of the liver or some other disease. It works in every case of diabetes.

SUCCEEDS IN THE MOVIES AFTER 10 YEARS' TOIL

Nova Scotia Actor Gave Up Law Career, Had To Wash Dishes

TRURO, N. S., March 16—Under the screen name of Clark Williams, Lee Crowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crowe of this town, has the leading role in a Hollywood production under the direction of Carl Laemmle, Jr. His advancement to a leading actor's role culminates ten years of effort.

His first picture will appear under the title of "The Secret of the Chateau."

"After appearing in amateur dramatics during my high school days I joined a stock company, giving up a career as a lawyer because I liked the theatrical profession better," he said in an interview.

"I've been stony broke twice, I've worked addressing envelopes, and washing dishes and done everything else while pursuing my career."

"I've played vaudeville in every town from National City, California, to Halifax, N. S. I've been with stock companies in one-night stands from Washington territory to Florida."

"It has taken me ten years to get to Hollywood and to stay here. Maybe you think that's luck!"

MOVE TO HAVE I. C. R. RESTORED TO 1867 STATUS

Hon. A. A. Dysart Gives
Notice of Motion For
Next Wednesday—F.
M. Tweedie will Second
Motion.

That this province should without delay demand that the Intercolonial Railway be restored to its original Confederation status with its management and control at Moncton, is the resolution of an notice of motion to be presented by Hon. A. A. Dysart, leader of the Opposition, in the Legislature on Wednesday. The motion will be seconded by F. M. Tweedie, Northumberland County.

The motion will be as follows:

Whereas the construction and operation of the Intercolonial Railway was a vital condition of the entry of our Province into Confederation and was granted to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in consideration of their assent to the union; but in breach of the constitutional rights of our Province, the Government of Canada in 1918 transferred its management to the Canadian National Railways, a company whose interests are in the other Provinces and the United States, with the result that, through policies which are prejudicial to the interests of our procedures, importers and shippers, the rights of the people of New Brunswick in respect to the operation of the said railway have been violated;

And whereas proposals for the amalgamation of the two national railway systems are being actively promoted;

And whereas in a recent utterance the Prime Minister of Canada declared "that the solution of the Railway problem is a condition precedent to prosperity;

And whereas it is essential to the commercial and industrial prosperity of the people of New Brunswick that the said Railway should be operated as intended by the founders of Confederation;

Therefore resolved that in the opinion of this House the Government of this Province should without delay demand that the Intercolonial Railway be restored to its original Confederation status with its management and control at Moncton.

Miss Olive Benson, Young and Talented, Dies in the West

Many friends in Fredericton, New-castle and other parts of the province will regret to learn of the death last Thursday of Miss Olive Benson, formerly of Fredericton, lately of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. Although Miss Benson had been in failing health for some time, she was thought to be recovering and her death comes as a distinct shock. She had been receiving treatment at the Prince Albert Sanatorium and her recovery was expected and looked for by her many friends.

Miss Benson was a former student of the Fredericton High School and the University of New Brunswick, where she was a general favorite. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Benson, who was killed in action during the Great War, and Mrs. Alma Benson, Shore street. She is survived by her mother, two brothers, Blair with whom she made her home, Wil-lard at home and one sister, Dorothy, at home. The remains will be brought home for interment.

Miss Benson was an extremely talented young lady and her literary efforts showed no slight ability. During the past winter the Daily Mail published one of Miss Benson's stories on its sport page. The story was a splendid literary effort.

The Woodstock basketball team arrived here today and will meet the Fredericton high school team this afternoon on the gym floor at the high school building.

Stevens and Excess Profits Distribution

PUTS END TO CAREER AS RACING SCHOONER

Haligonian Fitted With Engines For Fishing Industry

LUNenburg, N. S., March 16—The famous schooner Haligonian, built as a contender in fishing schooner races, has stepped out of the racing class, and her possible career as a racing schooner is now over.

Her owners, Adams and Knickle, are having crude oil engines installed and she will be used in the fishing industry, in command of Captain George Himmelman.

Installation of these engines is to keep in line with the other power equipped vessels in the fleet. The Haligonian has many admirers, and it is claimed since her spars were changed last year she has developed greater speed in sailing.

CHARLOTTE ST. SCHOOL PUT ON A NOVEL PROGRAM

A program, featured by its novelty and excellent rendition, was put on in the Charlotte Street School last evening in the assembly hall. The entertainment was under the direction of Principal Rolfe K. Nevers and the teachers of the school. The objects of the entertainments, which will be held from time to time, are to discover dramatic talent, to provide funds for ultra-ordinary school purposes, and to furnish entertainment. The funds raised will be applied to advancement of visual education, books for the school library and athletic equipment. The purposes and aims of these programs are notable and progressive. Mrs. W. G. Clark and W. G. Quinn, members of the Charlotte street school committee of the Board of School Trustees sponsored the entertainment, which was well attended and the gross receipts amounted to \$65. The biggest expense it is understood, was that for curtains, but this remain a permanent asset to the building.

The program carried out was as follows:

Overture: Spirit of the Age. (Al Hayes)—High School orchestra, directed by Mr. C. B. Burden.

Chorus: Hello, Everybody, Glad To See You Here.—Thirty girls of Grades VII and VIII. Directed by Miss Helen Chappelle, assisted by Prof. F. W. Harrison.

Dialogue: Inquiry.—Helen Gibson and Carl McKnight. Directed by Miss Florence McKenzie.

Comedy in one act: Great Caesar.—Pupils of Grade VIII. Directed by Rolfe K. Nevers, assisted by Mrs. B. B. Barnes. Cast: Harry, David Dickson; Joe, Clarence Simms; Billy, Everett Palmer; George, James Flemming; Jane, Dorothy Hickson; Lucille, Joyce Veness; Sam, Jack Biggs.

Demonstration of Educational Moving Pictures, directed by Mr. B. B. Barnes, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Sewell, pianist.

Orchestral Selection Medley of Irish Airs. (Al Hayes).

Red Rose Rope Drill—Nine girls of Grade VI. Directed by Miss Thelma Keirstead and Mrs. J. E. Sewell.

Presentation of Dominion Marksmen's Gold Badge to Cadet A. Sewell, presented by Mr. R. D. Hanson.

Chorus: Good Night.—Fifteen girls of Grades I, II and III.

Orchestral selection: The Heavens Are Telling. (Haydn).

God Save The King.

Plan Provides Domestic Dump Duty--Limit Dis- counts to 5 Per Cent— Collect Income Tax On Holding Company Un- its—Tax Big Salaries As Company Earnings.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 16—Control of profits in excess of an allowed maximum by taxation on a steeply graduated scale and distribution of the balance has been proposed by Hon. H. H. Stevens to the price spreads commission, it was learned yesterday.

In memoranda placed before the commission, it was learned the former minister of trade and commerce suggests "all profits of all corporations in excess of a datum quantity in each industry or commercial activity shall be divided into three parts: One-third going to the state; one-third going to the employees or workers in the undertaking (not including executives); and one-third going to the company".

Other suggestions of the former trade minister it is learned are:

Operation of dump duty provisions of the Customs Act in domestic trade, as is done with imports, so that where any article is sold at less than its fair market value in normal commercial practices the difference be assessed as a tax. The proposal is to put an end to special price cuts on quantity purchases by large buyers.

Stopping of all discounts, rebates or allowances in excess of five per cent. Five per cent is suggested as being ample recognition of lower selling costs on large orders and also to compensate the big buyers for any preferred position with respect to credit.

Income tax regulations to force holding companies to pay income tax on earnings of individual units of their operations instead of upon a consolidated balance sheet.

All salaries of more than \$10,000 yearly from companies be taxed as company earnings. A memorandum suggests the question has arisen if some companies are not using large salary payments in place of paying dividends so as to escape taxation.

Regulations for the financial set-up of corporations, including payment of dividends only out of profits; payment of stock premiums into capital and not profit account; limitation of stock issues to one common and one preferred; complete exposure of all reserves in balance and annual statements that will show the true position of a company.

Establishment of a "federal trade and industries commission" for regulation and control of industrial and commercial corporations and associations and more efficient administration of existing commercial laws or new laws.

The commission will decide next week, it was learned, if the recommendations will be placed as part of the majority report. The members are studying the suggestions during the week-end.

Unit Taxation

A detailed analysis of evidence given before the commission dealing with "the diminution of the amount of taxes paid by corporations due to their system of setting off losses in certain units against gains in other units and being taxed only on the net result", was submitted to his associates on the commission by Mr. Stevens, it learned.

The former minister of trade and commerce and former chairman of the commission, observed that this phase had not been touched upon in the general report. He dealt with it from the aspect of loss of revenue to the Dominion, unfairness of the system to independent competitors of the

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