

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES ARE CONFIRMED

Bennett Introduced His Job Insurance Measure in Commons

Employer and Employee Contribute Alike To Proposed Fund—Government Will Pay One-fifth—Maximum of \$6 Per Week For Twenty-five Cents Weekly.

Ottawa, Jan. 29—A contributory unemployment insurance scheme was introduced in the House of Commons today by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, designed to build up a fund from which men and women would draw benefits when they lose their jobs. The bill, which met no immediate opposition will stand two or three days for second reading.

In its broad outlines, this is the way the scheme would operate: A man would contribute so much a week while he had a job, his employer would add a like sum and the Dominion treasury, some more. When the man became unemployed, he would draw weekly payments from the fund and, in addition, the national commission administering it, would assist him in landing another job through a series of employment agencies throughout the country.

A man, 21 years or older, will contribute 25 cents a week his employer will add 25 cents and the Dominion, 10 cents. When he loses his job, he will be paid \$6 a week and, in addition, \$2.70 for each dependent adult, and 90 cents for each child. The longest he will be eligible for insurance benefits will be 13 weeks plus additional days, depending on the number of his contributions.

It will be a year or longer before any payments will be paid from the fund because one clause of the bill stipulates a man must make 40 weekly contributions before he may take out anything.

Not Included

Compulsory in nature, the scheme will apply to all men and women workers with the exception of the following trades and professions: Agriculture, teaching, fishing, lumbering, banking and finance, government employees, policemen, army and navy, sailors, fliers, nurses, agents and casual labor. A deadline of \$2,000 was struck for "white collar" jobs and any man or woman receiving that salary or more, is not included.

The Dominion treasury will carry all administrative costs. In no respect, will the provinces have anything to do with it.

Unemployment relief and unemployment insurance, said Mr. Bennett should not be confused. He did not believe a joint scheme would work and his government could continue contributing to the provinces and municipalities to take care of men and women out of work.

In the House debate, prefacing introduction of the bill there was no general condemnation of the scheme.

Those primarily affected by the unemployment insurance bill introduced in the House of Commons are understood to be all permanently employed laborers (except those engaged in excepted occupations), miners, railway workers, automobile transportation workers, machinists, manufacturing employees, clerks and office workers other than those in financial firms, whose salaries are less than \$2,000 yearly.

Employees of hotels, apartment houses and public eating places would be included but not domestic help in private homes.

Excepted occupations which for the present, at least, will not be insurable include agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, lumbering, hunting and trapping transportation by sea or

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Its Up To You

The Daily Mail has had several 'phone messages and some letters commending this paper on our editorial regarding our home teachers standing aside in order to make room for outsiders. These bouquets to The Daily Mail are all very pleasant, but what are you going to do to remedy the situation? That is the question. One lady who 'phoned to this paper is a widow. She has a daughter who is an experienced teacher. This daughter went to school here—her mother paid taxes here—she bought her clothes and her books and other requirements here—and the poor widow made sacrifices to bring this girl up so that she would have her here in the days when mother was unable to work. This girl could not get a position on the school staff although she had experience in good schools.

Another young lady with a Master of Arts degree has been very successful in larger cities. Several months ago she came home because her mother is a lone widow. Since she arrived here there have been several vacancies. NEARLY ALL HAVE BEEN FILLED BY OUT-OF-TOWN TEACHERS. The same thing applies to the boys who have graduated from U. N. B. In many cases their parents educated them at considerable sacrifice. They are in many cases children of poor parents. They are today walking the streets while in the schools which they pass are teachers from other places holding down the jobs. These teachers are capable, and are so far as we know doing good work. Some of them need the work—others could get along without it. But charity begins at home. The above instances are, as everyone knows, absolutely true—and are only a few instances of very many which could be mentioned. The Daily Mail thought it a duty to bring the matter up. We have no personal feeling in the matter and we can get along even if the citizens decide that all their city school rooms be filled with outside teachers. There is every reason to believe that the practice now prevailing will be continued and all the teachers will be brought in from outside, so long as the School Board wish to have it this way and the people of Fredericton appear agreeable to the proposition. We do not quite understand the mental attitude of the people. They do a lot of talking, but they have so far let it go at that. They all say, "Something should be done. It's an outrage," and so on. BUT THERE IS NO ACTION. The trustees, while they may be too polite to say so in so many words, seem to act as though they would like to say, — "THE PUBLIC BE DAMNED!"

SAINT JOHN ASSESSMENT IS REDUCED

Is Away Below That of 1934—Decrease Made Possible by Cancellation of Discount For Early Payment Taxes.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 30—Saint John's assessment for the current year will be \$1,799,136.22, or \$30,328.21 less than the total 1934 assessment of \$1,809,464.43, it was announced yesterday by Mayor Brittain when the Common Council passed departmental and other estimates for 1935.

The decrease is accounted for by the fact that the practice of allowing a discount on taxes paid early is to be discontinued, so that no amount to cover this will be assessed for. Four per cent per annum is being allowed for prepayment of taxes.

Estimates totalling \$1,176,590.87 were passed by the council. This was an increase of \$22,678.48 over civic estimates of \$1,153,912.39 in 1934. At the same time, however, an amount of \$16,638.29, is included for recouping grants for the Vocational School, of which about \$15,000 was carried over from 1933. There is also \$7,000, for recouping the grant made to academic schools so that they could complete the year without a bank overdraft. No corresponding items appeared last year.

MARITIME FINANCIAL AFFAIRS TO BE DECIDED

Commission Has Duty of Deciding What Increases, If Any, Will Be Made—Maritimes Will Be Heard from Again.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 30—The functions of the royal commission, considering revision of financial arrangements between the Dominion and the Maritime Provinces, were to decide what, if any, increases in annual subsidies should be paid to these provinces, Sir Thomas White, commission chairman, expressed as his own view at yesterday's sitting of the enquiry.

The present commission was not a court of appeal from the 1926 Duncan commission to consider a downward revision of present subsidies, added Sir Thomas. It was a commission in implementation of the Duncan report which had recommended "interim minimum payments" additional to the regular subsidies, he said.

"If we were to make an award for less than what is now being paid", declared Sir Thomas, "we would have a situation where two commissions of equal authority would have come to opposite conclusions".

Chief Justice J. A. Mathieson, of Prince Edward Island, member of the commission of three, took a similar

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THE CHIEF SUPT. OF EDUCATION GETS MORE INFORMATION

Australian Trade Commissioner Informs Him That the Leader of the Four Best Essays Mentioned in Daily Mail To Be Given Out in March

The Four Best

After Learning of Daily Mail's News He Took Matter Up With Trade Commissioner So As To Get Further Information.

On Friday last The Daily Mail published the following communication from the Commonwealth of Australia Commissioner in Canada:

Australia Essay Competition

The Australian Trade Commissioner in Canada, L. R. MacGregor, announced today that the four best essays in the province of New Brunswick as determined by the Fredericton Committee were written by the following students, viz:

Mabel W. Grieve, Fredericton High School, Fredericton.

John Max Allan Sutherland, Saint John High School, Saint John.

Margaret Sarah Milton, Aberdeen High School, Moncton.

Sylvia Pat Kennedy, Hampton Consolidated, Hampton, Kings County.

The four best essays will now be submitted to the Central Committee together with the four best essays from the other provinces of Canada for determination of the best essay in the whole of Canada, and also as to which is the best essay in the province of New Brunswick.

It will be remembered that some time ago the prize of a free trip to Australia was offered for the best essay written on the subject "Australia" by Canadian high school students. The Central Arbitrating Committee is headed by Mr. E. W. Beatty, K. C., Chancellor of McGill University and President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

As will be seen by the above Miss Mabel W. Grieve was the winner from the Fredericton High School and one of the leaders in New Brunswick.

Further correspondence in regard to the matter was taken up by the Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. A. S. McFarlane, with the Australian Trade Commission. This was done after Dr. McFarlane had heard of The Daily Mail's communication from the Trade Commissioner. He wanted more information as to what was going on.

The communication received from the Australian Trade Commission contains nothing new except that it states that the winner of the four leading names selected and forwarded to the Daily Mail last week, will be announced in March.

Dr. McFarlane's wire asking for further information and the reply thereto are as follows:

Further correspondence reads:—
Fredericton, N.B.,
January 29, 1935

L. R. MacGregor,
Australian Trade Commissioner,
Toronto.

Has winner for New Brunswick been selected in Australian Essay Contest?

If so, please wire name.
A. S. McFARLANE.

Toronto, Ontario.
January 29, 1935.

A. S. McFarlane,
Chief Superintendent of Education,
Fredericton, N.B.

Winner not likely to be selected until March.

Australian Trade Commissioner.

Public Utilities Agree To Maritime Electric Rates

BLASPHEMOUS LIBEL CASE OPENS

Rev. Victor Rahard To Face Court of King's Bench in Montreal

MONTREAL, P. Q., Jan. 30—A legal debate on the definition of blasphemy and blasphemous libel yesterday featured the opening of the trial of Rev. Victor Rahard before Chief Judge Gustave Perrault of the court of sessions. The accused is charged with blasphemous libel by posting a placard at the door of his church, "L'Eglise du Redempteur", French-speaking Anglican mission church in which it is contended he attacked the sacrament of the mass and the Roman Catholic clergy.

Actual testimony in the case lasted only a few minutes but the legal argument is expected to consume a day or so. Accused took the witness stand and signed a number of papers containing admission of defence. He testified he was an ordained pastor of the Anglican Church in Canada, duly authorized by the Bishop of Montreal to preach, and admitted that the statements cited in the indictment were taken from a placard posted before his church, August 12, 1933.

Counsel for the prosecution, and defence then commenced legal authorities.

NEW POWER TRANS. UTILIZES LARGE VACUUM TUBES

New York, Jan. 29—A new method of electric power transmission which uses as electrical pumps giant vacuum tubes nearly half the size of a man, was announced today to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Already quietly tried with success on power lines, the new system promises the long-awaited extension of super-power range for such projects as the Tennessee valley and the commercial networks.

It was described by Dr. C. H. Willis of Princetown and B. D. Bedford and Dr. F. R. Elder of the General Electric Company, where most of the work has been done.

The new system by its tubes substitutes direct current for the alternating now used for carrying high electric power. Although it transmits direct current, it transforms this into alternating at either end or at any point on the line.

The use of direct current for long electric lines has been tried out in Europe but not with the vacuum tube pumps. Abroad the success was limited by necessity for using generators to keep up the power over long distances.

FAIRBANKS IS "MUM"

ROME, Italy, Jan. 30—Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Ashley, arriving in Rome today smiling and happy, steadfastly refused to discuss the possibility of their marriage. "I have nothing to say on that subject", said Fairbanks when asked whether he contemplated being married in Rome. "That is my own business". The American film actor said he was planning a long cruise on a yacht being prepared in the United States.

Ex-Mayor John A. Reid of Hartt Boot & Shoe Company Opposed the Rates For Power—New Rates Stand—Other Cases on Docket.

(Special to Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 30—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Board decided to approve of the rates submitted to the city by the Maritime Electric Company. These rates are therefore confirmed as previously published.

J. A. Reid, president of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company, was present on behalf of the power consumers of Fredericton. He spoke at length asking for reduced power for the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company and other users of power. P. J. Hughes represented the City of Fredericton.

Saint John, Jan. 30—The Public Utilities Board opened its sessions in Saint John this morning. Hugh Kerr of Campbellton was in the chair. Other members attending the meeting were A. E. Bourque, A. D. Holyoke and G. Earl Logan, Secretary.

The application of the Maritime Electric Company for approval of the new schedule of rates for Fredericton headed the agenda. This morning and at noon today the commissions had gone into private session. P. J. Hughes K.C., represented the City of Fredericton.

Other items on the agenda are as follows:

Application of Citizens' Gas Co. for approval of new schedule of rates.

Application of Eastern Electric & Development Co. for approval of a new schedule of rates.

William Diment & Co. application for broker's license.

Application of Harkness Hays Gold Mines, Ltd., for permission to sell stock.

Application of Forty-five Mile Post Syndicate for permission to sell stock. —E. A. Willis & Co.

Application of Bonded Corporation, Ltd., for permission to increase sale of trust certificates \$50,000.

Application Seal Harbour Gold Mines for permission to sell stock. (Irving Brennan & Co.)

Application to sell bonds of St. George's Church, Moncton.

Application of S. Douglass & Son to sell J. Edward Jones Royalty Trust certificates.

Application of E. M. McLean & Co. for broker's license.

LIVE GAME TO GO TO BOSTON SHOW TOMORROW

A carload of live game fish will be shipped from Saint John by train tomorrow night for Boston to be included in New Brunswick exhibit at the Boston Sportsmen's Show, which opens on Saturday it was stated here today.

D. W. Griffiths, director of the New Brunswick government bureau of information and tourist travel and secretary of the New Brunswick Guides Association, returned here from Boston yesterday. He declared that the scene of the show was a lively place. Seven New Brunswick Guides are now in Boston making ready for their exhibit. An attractive and interesting display has been planned. Mr. Griffiths will return to Boston tomorrow.