

OUR MERCHANTS
Patronize our local merchants
and leave your money in your
city with the men who are try-
ing to make it go.

The Daily Mail

WEATHER
Moderate to fresh northwest
winds, fair today and on Fri-
day with a little higher tem-
perature; Saturday, fair with
moderate temperature.

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EMPIRE PREMIERS TO DISCUSS TRADE

Great Britains' Lacarno Commitment Is Now Believed In Balance

Some Clashes Over Ot- tawa Agreement Antic- ipated--Press Anxious; General Defence on the Agenda.

LONDON, April 24—With matters of Imperial trade and Imperial defence certain to be discussed during the visit of all Dominion Prime Ministers here for the royal jubilee, there was a call in the London Daily Mail today for the convening of a formal Imperial Conference.

The Daily Mail declared that if the Dominions, which did not sign the Locarno Treaty, were found to be against British commitment under this document then it should be denounced.

The question of Imperial defence has already received consideration during and after the Empire tour of Sir Maurice Hankey, veteran secretary of the Imperial Defence Committee, and it can be taken for granted that the subject will crop up in talks here.

So far as trade is concerned the question of meat exports to the United Kingdom has already been the subject of lengthy preliminary conversations.

Storm in Offing Over Arguments
Today the industrial correspondent of the Daily Herald Labor, claims that a lively storm over the Ottawa Economic Conference agreements is developing among the British and Dominion Governments, and that "strong comments" await Premier R. B. Bennett when he reaches here for the Jubilee.

"British manufacturers," the Daily Herald asserts, "allege that Clause 11 of the Anglo-Canadian agreement (which is similar to Clause 10 of the Australian agreement) is being broken. It provides that United Kingdom producers shall have 'full opportunity for reasonable competition on a basis of relative cost and economical and efficient production.' It is alleged that that opportunity is not being given, as the Dominions are trying to develop manufactures which are uneconomical for them, to the prejudice of traders in this country."

To Tighten Imperial Defences
A high overseas official said today that the Prime Ministers of the Dominions will hold important meetings with Cabinet members in the next few weeks to discuss tightening the Empire's defences in all quarters of the globe.

The discussions will embrace the policy that Great Britain will adopt in European affairs, the attitude to be taken toward Germany's demand for colonies, and the problem of apportioning costs for armaments among the sections of the Empire.

Their consultations will be conducted with Premier MacDonald; Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary; Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council, and other Cabinet members.

Overseas quarters have pointed out recently that questions of Empire foreign policy and defence have never been so urgent since the Imperial War Cabinet sessions ended in 1918.

Of the Empire officials expected to attend the sessions, Premier G. M. Huggins, of Southern Rhodesia, is en route here by plane, and Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Premier G. W. Forbes, of

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Citizens, Support Our Merchants

We can do no better than to commend the letter sent out by the Retail Merchants' section of the Board of Trade to all merchants in this city. In part, the letter reads as follows:—

"The time has arrived we believe when every merchant in Fredericton realizes the necessity of co-ordinating their efforts towards bringing trade to Fredericton. Merchandising methods and systems are changing and to be successful we must change with them.

"Fredericton possesses business men just as capable as in any other part of the Province—our merchandise is just as good as elsewhere—our service is above reproach—so why not let's all get together and pull on the one oar?

"The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways are allowing excursion rates from all points in New Brunswick from May 3rd to 7th inclusive, and with this in mind a committee appointed from the Board of Trade to represent the Retail interests are sponsoring a Four-Day Shopping event May 2-3-4 and 7th, and we ask your co-operation."

This getting together and pulling on one oar is good stuff. Stick together like flypaper and pull like the devil. Do not allow little petty things to split us up. We have as good a bunch of business men as are to be found anywhere. All they want is encouragement from the public. Our merchants can be just as prosperous as the public wishes them to be. If the public wishes the local merchants to be successful there is only one way to help this—patronize them—assist them in their efforts to boom our city. One way to boom the city is to bring trade here. Let those of us who live here keep our trade in Fredericton. Why put your money in an envelope and send it away to some mail order house for doubtful "bargains." You can get real good merchandise from your Home Owned Stores.

Help the merchants during this Special Four-Day Shopping Event. Now is the time when you need special new things in different lines. GET THEM HERE FROM OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS—who are trying to keep Fredericton on the map. If we are patriotic citizens we will do this.

Changing slightly a line or two written some time ago regarding Canada, may we quote:—

"We believe in Fredericton. We love her as our home. We honor her institutions. We rejoice in the abundance of her resources. We glory in the record of her achievements. We have unbounded confidence in the ability of her people to excel in whatever they undertake. To her we pledge our loyalty. To the production of her best interests we pledge our support. To her products we pledge our patronage. To her merchants we should extend our aid."

PUBLISHERS URGED TO FAVOR U.S. PLANTS

NEW YORK, April 25—The paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association in its report submitted to the association's annual meeting here today, urged that publishers "as far as possible" buy their newsprint from United States mills.

"It would seem that the only defence publishers have against the intervention of the Quebec government to force artificially an increase in newsprint market prices," the report read, "is to place their commitments as far as possible with United States mills, with whose government they can deal directly, or with mills operating in foreign countries, whose governments have not threatened to interpose themselves on bona fide contracts."

"Pure bluff," was the comment made today by Premier L. A. Taschereau of Quebec, on a recommendation of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association that the publishers buy newsprint from United States mills.

DETROIT BISHOP BEHIND FATHER COUGHLIN

DETROIT, Michigan, April 25—The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, threw the full authority of his episcopal jurisdiction yesterday behind the radio addresses of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, organizer of the National Union for Social Justice.

Bishop Gallagher spoke on Father Coughlin's regular Sunday afternoon broadcast, the last of his regular winter program.

"I pronounce Father Coughlin sound in doctrine, able in its application and interpretation," the Bishop said.

"Freely I give him my imprimatur on his written word and freely I give my approval on the spoken word. May both be circulated without objection throughout the land."

Have you tried Butter Cup Bread yet? It is wholesome and delicious, and best for growing children. Eastern Bakeries.

Try Sussex Ice Cream today at the special low price of 29c. Brick delivered. Phone your order. Prompt delivery. Two messenger boys.

L. O. B. A. AND ORANGEMEN MEET AT WOODSTOCK

Report Showing Order To Be in Flourishing Condition Submitted as Annual Meetings Get Underway.

WOODSTOCK, April 25—The New Brunswick Grand Lodge of the L.O. B.A. met in annual session in the Knights of Pythias Hall here yesterday. The session was formally opened in the afternoon and was continued in the evening. Sessions are being held all day and it is expected that the program will continue well into Friday. The L.O.B.A. with the Grand Orange Lodge members, also in session here, attended a banquet this evening at St. Paul's Church, tendered by the Woodstock Loyal True Blues. After the evening session, many of the ladies were present at a play given by the L. T. B.'s in the Orange Hall.

Among the large number of delegates in attendance from all over the province were Mrs. Joseph Taylor, St. John, past grand mistress of the L.O.B.A. of British America, and Mrs. Charles W. Stephens, St. John, provincial grand mistress.

At the afternoon meeting, a delegation from the Grand Orange Lodge was received, bringing greetings from the body to the L.O.B.A. Mayor E. R. Jones also extended greetings and a welcome on behalf of the town. Reports were received from members of the executive and several committees were appointed.

The evening's session was devoted to routine business.

Grand Lodge Sessions

With a large representation from all sections of the province, the annual convention of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge of the Orange order opened in the Odd Fellows' Hall this afternoon. Another business session was held this evening. The convention will continue tomorrow, and it is expected that it will come to an end at a night session. On Friday, the grand executive will be in session.

Rev. W. C. V. Martin, Saint John, New Brunswick grand master, presided at the meetings. Other Grand Lodge officers in attendance included Deputy Grand Master G. W. Montgomery, Woodstock; Junior Deputy Grand Master C. T. Barton, Fredericton; Acting Grand Secretary and Treasurer, George McQueen, Saint John; Grand Chaplain Rev. A. W. Currie, Penobscis; Grand Lecturer J. S. Delong, Fredericton; Grand Auditors J. A. Hill, Moncton, and Clark Elliott, Sussex; Deputy Grand Secretary J. Barry Allan, Fredericton.

Lodge Flourishing

Reports were received from the officers showing the lodge in New Brunswick to be in a flourishing condition as regards membership, finances and activity. Committees were appointed and they proceeded to work. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to routine business.

Mayor E. R. Jones, at the evening session, extended a formal welcome from the Town of Woodstock. Mayor Jones was escorted to the dias by W. S. Hall and G. W. Montgomery. L. A. Palmer, past grand master, replied to His Worship. A strong delegation from Houlton Lodge was received, headed by Grand Master Shaw, also one from L.O.B.A. headed by Past Grand Mistress Mrs. Alice Weatherby of Moncton. Most Worshipful Supreme Grand Master, J. Starr Tait, K.C., of the Grand Lodge of British North America, was present at the meeting.

Violation Of Pact Is Laid To Canada

RE-ORGANIZE FARM LOAN BDS. IN PROVINCE

Re-organization Underway to Conform With Centralized Control

OTTAWA, April 25—While no official announcement was forthcoming here today, it is generally understood that reorganization of the Canadian Farm Loan Act machinery to conform with amendments assented to just before adjournment for the Easter recess, is approximately completed.

The government measure, in addition to extending the act to embrace all provinces, provided for abolition of the previously set-up Farm Loan Boards in each province coming under the original scheme. The plan now is to centralize control at Ottawa with one administrator for each province replacing the former boards.

It is understood that when the amendments to the act were given assent on Wednesday of last week, operation of the various provincial boards was automatically suspended and members of the boards were notified that their services had been terminated as from that date. Announcement as to who the new administrators in each province will be is expected shortly.

The provincial boards were composed of one executive officer and two other members. New Brunswick's executive officer was Cecil F. West, Saint John, and the other members were George E. Fisher, Fredericton, and Felix Michaud, Buctouche. Speaking this morning with The Daily Mail, George E. Fisher, of this city, a member of the provincial board, declared that he had had no notification yet from Ottawa of the change. He had nothing to say on the matter at the present time.

PREPARE TO ASSESS PROPERTY IN YORK COUNTY

Preparations are being made for the valuating of property in York county, for purposes of taxation for the next ten years, it was learned this morning from the office of Major J. S. Scott, secretary-treasurer. The assessors assess the property of the county every ten years. A Board of Valuers composed of H. H. Pickard of Devon, Walter Piercy of Manners Sutton, and B. W. Akerly, of Southampton, will make a more complete survey after the regular assessment.

Major Scott said today that already papers were being sent out to the various parishes by the assessors. The work will take several weeks, it is anticipated.

CASE DISMISSED

The case against a 15-year-old boy from East Waterville, York county, who had been charged with burning the South Waterville school on May 16, was dismissed this morning by Police Magistrate Walter Limbrick when the case was resumed after an all-day hearing yesterday, in which twelve witnesses were examined. Grounds for dismissal was "insufficient evidence." The young man was tried before Judge J. E. Milson, who was counsel for the accused, while Leo F. Main was the prosecuting attorney.

Liverpool Assoc. Wants Dominion Preference Forfeited—Official Comments—Winnipeg Wheat Purchase.

LONDON, April 25—A suggestion that the Ottawa tariff preference of two shillings a quarter accorded by the United Kingdom to Canada wheat should be forfeited on the ground that Canada has not fulfilled the terms of the agreement is a feature of the annual report of the Liverpool Corn Trade Association published today.

The report claims that Canada has not complied with Article 4 of the Ottawa agreement, which provided that the preference might be removed if at any time the Empire producers were unable or unwilling to offer wheat at prices not exceeding world prices.

The report says that a deputation of British millers recently approached the Secretary for the Dominions here and represented that the high price asked for Canadian wheat as compared with Argentine wheat was a result of the Canadian Government's "holding policy" and was a breach of this stipulation.

While the article was not, perhaps intentionally, drafted with too much precision, the report adds, "yet, taken from one angle, Canada should have forfeited her preference long before now."

The association is responsible for the Liverpool wheat futures market and is regarded as an authoritative spokesman for the British grain milling trades.

Official Comments

Frederick Hudd, chief Canadian Trade Commissioner here, when asked about the complaint, said that it involved an important question of policy, "on which it is unwise for me to comment." It was a matter for the Canadian Government itself to consider, he added.

After expressing scepticism over the result of international wheat regulations, the report calls attention to the failure of other countries to follow the example of the United States, which through its Government subsidies to restrict production has reduced wheat production in the United States from its position as the largest wheat producer in the world in 1931 to a point where it had to import wheat from other countries during the last year for the first time in 98 years.

WINNIPEG, April 25—An offer to consider extension of the dates beyond which he would demand delivery of all May wheat purchased in the Winnipeg grain futures market was held out to the grain trade today by John L. McFarland, head of the government wheat agency. Deferral in delivery date would be effected through transfer or hedges to a more distant month.

In a letter to the Grain Exchange Council, Mr. McFarland said the government "was willing to co-operate with bona fide owners of cash wheat hedged in the May option" to the extent of assisting in the transfer of hedges from May to July. He also expressed a willingness to pay storage of 1.33 cents a bushel to carry such hedges.

It became clear, however, the government has not abandoned its plan to assume ownership of considerable quantities of wheat before May 31 and for which it holds contracts. The approximate amount of wheat involved

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