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Opposition at Ottawa Move Want of Confidence in Gov't

Challenges Government To Dissolve House, End Session and Hold Elec- tion — Liberals Ready To End Debate—Public Finance Council is Dis- cussed.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 27—A direct challenge to close Parliament and bring on a general election was hurled across the wide aisle of the House of Commons by Hon. J. L. Ralston, financial critic of the Liberals, concluding his budget reply last night.

The former minister of national defence climaxed a many-sided indictment of the Government by moving a straight want-of-confidence motion against the administration. It read: "This House regrets the proposals submitted by the minister of finance are entirely inadequate situation prevailing in Canada and offer an additional reason why an appeal to the people should not be longer delayed."

Colonel Ralston sat down while prolonged desk-pounding from the Liberals rang in his ears.

"Question! Question!" shouted the opposition above the din, indicating their willingness to postpone further debate on the budget and clean up the work of the session. It was apparent they had no more speakers to offer.

The debate became more complicated during the evening session when the C. C. F. group offered another motion, calling for social credit to obviate further debt increases.

In sponsoring the C. C. F. motion George Coote (U. F. A., MacLeod), urged a national system of pensions for every man and woman over the age of 60. Pensions would be 50 a month, a Canadian adaptation of the Townsend plan of the United States, the money to be spent to swell purchasing power of the nation.

No front-bench Conservative took part in the debate yesterday although it was expected Minister of Railways R. J. Manion would lead off today. It was impossible to predict how long the debate would last, this depending upon the attitude of government supporters.

Finance Council

Creation of a public finance council representing municipalities, provinces and the Dominion to supervise public financing and lead the way in reducing debt charges in Canada, was urged by Col. Ralston. He placed the combined public debt of the country at 6,714,000,000 a mortgage on every man, woman and child.

"I submit," he said, "it would be good common sense, good business good government, for all concerned to apply their minds to the formation of some organization, which I have suggested, for want of a better name, be called a public finance council."

"In that respect, I am not suggesting the setting up of any superboard. I am speaking of an organization formed of representatives of those concerned. This council ought to have first the power and opportunity of considering the great problem of refunding and lightening the burden of interest on loans already affected; secondly, of considering the wisdom of further borrowings and the capacity of the citizens to carry the burden; thirdly, the effect of further borrowings on the credit of the constituent members of this council; fourthly, and this is most important the orderly offering and marketing of public issues."

The Bennett Government was accused of strangling Canada's trade in its five years of office and of drying up industrial wells. The budget reduced liquor taxes but retained the 25 per cent tax on sugar and its surtax was a mere pittance on big in-

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Jail Farms and J. Ps.

The fact that both the Government and the Opposition sides of the House are agreed that there should be a prison farm where youthful offenders would be put to work and separated from older offenders is a hopeful sign. It is generally understood that the idea of establishing such a prison farm will be proceeded with as soon as financial conditions warrant.

Mr. Siddall, M.P.P. for Westmorland, brought the matter up in the Legislature last evening and his ideas were heartily echoed by C. T. Richard, M.P.P. for Gloucester county. Both Premier Tilley and Attorney-General Harrison are heartily in accord with the proposal. But each point out that under the present financial conditions the establishment of a jail farm is impossible just now. Hon. Mr. Harrison took the right idea in that as many of these lesser offenders were in jail owing to convictions under the Liquor Act and that as many of the receipts from fines for liquor violations had been paid into the provincial treasury, that this money might be well applied to help in the maintenance of a jail farm. However, this will be for future consideration in so far as the province is concerned. All speakers in the Legislature, however, are of the same idea that has been expressed by this paper more than once. As the discussion is a live one in this county just now The Daily Mail publishes in this issue quite a lengthy account of the discussion.

Another matter that arose in connection with jail-overcrowding was the Justices of the Peace. Much over-crowding of jails is due to the fact that there are in many municipalities so-called magistrates who in almost every parish are trying to make a living by getting convictions and sending people to jail. As one speaker, a lawyer, contended, this whole system of convictions by local local magistrates is wrong.

Mr. Richard in the Legislature called the attention to a man up North who sentenced two girls to two years' imprisonment in a "Good Home" for having been guilty of an "assault by insult." If there is any other magistrate who can be found who will beat this for darn foolishness we would like to hear about him. We know that many men appointed Justices of the Peace have been and are above reproach as to character, judgment and education, but others again lack education and judgment and are such as are liable to bring contempt upon the whole system.

The Attorney-General would do well to take up the whole matter of smaller courts which come under our provincial jurisdiction and to have such action taken as will improve them in every way. EITHER DO THIS OR ABOLISH THEM ALTOGETHER.

JOHN BUCHAN, AUTHOR, MAY BE GOV.-GENERAL

LONDON, England, March 27—John Buchan, one of the most versatile and accomplished men of letters of the time, will be the next Governor-General of Canada, it is understood unofficially here. Lord Bessborough, the present Governor General is due to retire shortly.

Mr. Buchan has been a Conservative M. P. for the Scottish universities since 1927. He has already had experience as His Majesty's representative, having been Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland Assembly in 1933 and 1934, his successor in this office for this year being the Duke of Kent, His Majesty's youngest son.

First Commoner

If the appointment is confirmed, Canada will have its first "commoner" Governor General, every occupant of the position since 1867 having been a member of the peerage. This is subject, of course, to the possibility that Mr. Buchan may be elevated to the peerage in the King's birthday honors.

Gripping stories of adventure, scholarly biographies, dramatic recreations of the past, have all come under his facile pen. His recent work on Oliver Cromwell was a masterly survey of the tense days of the Commonwealth. His first duty as Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland Assembly was to receive the keys of Edinburgh from the Lord Provost and the magistrates—a historic cus-

MIRACULOUS CURES ATTRIBUTED TO A QUEBEC YOUNG GIRL

OTTAWA, March 27—Relations and friends of Marie Anne Gravelle, 19, "miracle girl" who died on Sunday night, today prepared to take her body to its last resting place in St. Joseph D'Orleans Cemetery.

Ill for four years, it was only at the beginning of the month that she took to her bed, and about the same time her supernatural powers began to manifest themselves, according to residents of the district. Through the power of prayer she is said to have cured deformities resulting from illness, internal disorders and other physical complaints.

Such an impression had been created in the locality by her apparently miraculous powers that there is now a proposal to erect a chapel on the spot where she died. The matter is understood may be investigated with a view to establishing the authenticity of the reported cures.

SUDBURY, Ont., March 27—Provincial police are investigating an explosion which wrecked the home of Adela Canac, northern development road foreman at Hagar.

tom symbolic of the city's loyalty to the Crown.

Subsequently, in each of the past two years, he was in residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for a period.

He was made a Companion of Hon-

REDUCTION NOT APPLICABLE TO WINES AND BEER

N. B. Liquor Control Bd. Met Today to Consider Revision of Cost Sys- tem in Conjunction with Reduction in Price of Spirits.

Contrary to expectations the price of native wines and beers will not be reduced under the new Rhodes budget which calls for a cut from \$7. to \$3 per gallon for the price of spirits. The cut will be in liquors such as whiskey, gins, rum, etc., it is understood.

A special meeting of the Liquor Board was held this morning with R. G. Fulton, chairman, presiding and the other members, F. J. Robideaux, of Shediac, and M. E. Agar, of Saint John, also present. At the conclusion of the meeting this morning Mr. Fulton announced that the board is taking the whole matter under advisement and that the Board will attempt to ascertain the costs under the new tariff. No official notification has come to the Board from Ottawa regarding the new costs and the Customs officials have not yet been notified of changes either the chairman reports. Mr. Fulton said that there will be no reduction in the price of native wines or beers. He expected that the new price schedule will not be completed until about May 1. The meeting of the Board continued this afternoon.

ALFRED BALLARD, WAR VET, DIES AT MARYSVILLE

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Alfred Ballard at his home in Marysville. Deceased was the son of the late Harry and Sarah Ballard, of Birmingham, Eng. He came to Canada in youth and made his home in Kingsclear, N. B. In October, 1915, at the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the 104th Battalion and was later transferred to the 5 C.M.R.s. He spent two years and two months of active service in France, taking part in the battles of Vimy, Cambrai and Somme. Shortly after his return to Canada in 1919, signs of ill-health began to appear, and although Mr. Ballard never gave up work until a few months ago, yet gradually his condition became such as to cause great anxiety. About a year ago he went to Montreal to consult specialists and there underwent an operation which gave only temporary relief.

For the last few years Mr. Ballard had conducted a small garage in Marysville until failing health forced him to retire. He was a citizen highly esteemed as a neighbor and as a man of honor and integrity. He was a member of the United Church of Canada, also of the Canadian Legion. Returning from the war in a weakened condition from which he never recovered, it may well be said that he gave his life for his country, being the last of seven sons who gave their lives in defence of the Empire. His brother, Harry, was killed in the Boer War and his brothers, William, Horace, George, Charles and Walter were killed in the Great War.

Besides his wife, who was formerly Miss Minnie Titus, of Marysville, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Thomas Whitehead, of North Devon.

The funeral will take place from the home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. M. H. Manuel, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wightman.

IMPROVED TODAY

Steady improvement was shown today in the condition of John R. M. MacKenzie who was operated upon at the Victoria Public Hospital yesterday. He was reported as having spent a fairly comfortable night.

Jail Farm Discussed By The Legislature

BATHURST HARBOR SURVEY IS BEGUN

New Bridge Proposed, Engineers to Report On Matter

BATHURST, Gloucester Co., March 27—As a result of a meeting of citizens here on March 18 regarding the proposed building of a bridge to West Bathurst to replace the two bridges now in use, two engineers, Messrs. McElroy and Hagerman, of the provincial department of public works, and a crew of men commenced to take soundings in Bathurst harbor today. They are also investigating the rise and fall of tide, the depth of mud, etc. They expect to conclude the survey on Friday, when they will report their findings to the department.

REVISION SALE OF SECURITIES ACT IS CONSIDERED

A proposed act to prevent fraud in connection with the sale of securities was introduced in the N. B. Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. H. Harrison, K. C., Attorney General, who explained that it would revise the present Sale of Securities Act to bring it in line with those of other provinces in the Dominion of Canada. The bill was read a second time at once in order that it might be referred to the committee on law practice and procedure for consideration today.

Another bill introduced by the Attorney General in proposed amendment to the Schools Act would require members of the boards of school trustees to be British subjects.

A bill to amend the Game Act, introduced by Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., premier and minister of lands and mines, would extend the closed season on beaver for another five years to November 1, 1940. Nothing is contained in the bill relating to moose or deer.

Anyone who sets any trap or snare for fur-bearing animals between May 26 and October 31, both dates inclusive, will be guilty of an offence under the act, another amendment provides, except that that trapping of bear will not be prohibited and no farmer will be prohibited from setting traps or snares to prevent fur-bearing animals from destroying his property.

Two additional bills were introduced immediately prior to adjournment late last evening. One, presented by the Attorney General would amend the Succession Duty Act to provide that New Brunswick in the case of a reciprocal arrangement with another province would not remit the succession duty unless the tax was collectable in the other province.

The other, introduced by the premier, would amend the Provincial Hospital Act to permit the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council to appoint a trust company to act jointly with the chairman of the hospital commission as the official committee, in handling the estates and effects of inmates having no guardians and to pay a fee to that company.

MEETING TODAY

A. B. Gilbert, of Saint John, chairman of the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission, is in the city today, a guest of the Queen Hotel. It is expected that a meeting of the commission will be held here either today or tomorrow. The other members have not yet arrived.

Only Trouble Is That It Will Cost Money — It Has To Come, Says the Premier and the Atty.- General—Bathurst Jail Had 14 Men in One Cell — Funny Justices of the Peace.

Speaking in the local Legislature last evening in connection with an item in the supply which cropped up in regard to the Board of Prisoners, M. G. Siddall, M. P. P., for Westmorland, said that he would like to draw the attention of the government and the House to the desirability of establishing a Provincial Prison Farm. He believed it would be in the interests of justice, health, and morals, to provide a jail premises where men could get out doors, work on the lands, or in the woods, and not be herded in close confinement. Of course, as a rule prisoners had no one to blame but themselves, but even so they were human beings, and should be given treatment that would improve their morals, rather than degrade them.

Mr. Richard (Gloucester) agreed that there were many men undergoing short jail sentences that should not be confined with hardened criminals. The first object of a jail sentence of course, was punishment, but following that there should be an effort to improve the morals of the prisoner. He believed farm life would afford a chance to segregate men, and keep young men away from bad influences by giving them decent occupation and comfortable living conditions. A Provincial Farm would relieve municipalities of expense, and was a necessity, and might, he believed, be made self-supporting.

Hon. Mr. Tilley said the Government was strongly in favor of a Provincial Prison Farm, but it, like many good propositions, that were equally necessary, could not be inaugurated until the revenues of the Province were sufficient to balance the budget. The Opposition drew attention to deficits, Old Age Pensions and other matters requiring expenditure, could not be had without greater financial support. He admitted that the conditions in some jails were very bad. The Gloucester County jail certainly needed more accommodation, and better sanitary conditions. When times improved, he thought one of the first necessities was a Provincial Prison Farm, where men might be trusted to behave themselves and trained to become honest citizens.

Mr. Richard (Gloucester) said, although the Gloucester jail was better than it was a few years ago, it was still bad enough. He had seen fourteen men confined in a cell, fourteen by fifteen feet in size. The whole system of the administration of justice by local Magistrates was wrong, for there was a man in nearly every parish trying to make a living out of getting convictions and sending people to jail. A few months ago he had called the attention of the Attorney-General to an absurd case, where a Magistrate had found two girls, guilty of "assault by insult" and given them a sentence of two years' imprisonment in the "Good Home", Saint John. Apparently these girls had been a little free with their language and been arrested and convicted.

Quite often people were sent up for trial whose cases should have been dealt with summarily and the result was overcrowding of jails. A number of men who were appointed justices of the peace attempted to practice law with results not very satisfactory. He thought that the Hon. Attorney-General should make a study of small courts of the province.

Hon. Mr. Harrison said he was in accord with the previous speaker (Continued on Page Four)