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Bennett To Test Blocks To Reform

Constitutional Fight Looms On Unemployment Insurance

Liberal Support of Government Programme Does Not Seem To Be Certain—May Find Authority in Pact.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Two outstanding measures in the reform program of the Prime Minister—social insurance and the farm loan acts—are scheduled to come into Parliament this week. The former, following the lines of the recent forecast, is a voluminous measure. The Farm Loan Act contemplates a reconstruction of the board by strengthening it, and, very possibly, by abolishing provincial boards and applying to its operations a most centralized direction from Ottawa.

At present the farm loan board's operation in a particular province is contingent upon the provincial government subscribing for a percentage of stock. In some places this has worked well. In others, not at all. The intent is to correct the situation. While it is intended to lower the interest charge the new act does not specify an exact rate. That will depend upon what the money can be secured for by public loan plus the cost of administration. This latter cost is figured at 1½ per cent.

\$50,000,000 for Unemployment

The creation of an annual fund of \$50,000 to be disbursed over the year to the workers of the country suffering from enforced idleness is the prime objective to the Bennett Government's employment insurance bill.

Its benefit to individual adult workers during their period of involuntary idleness will average around \$6 per week. In the case of a married man with three children it will be about \$12. The weekly contributions which the worker will be called upon to make to the fund in order to qualify as a beneficiary will be in the neighborhood of 30 cents per week. The employer will furnish a similar share, and the Federal Government will both make a substantial contribution and bear the cost of administration—which has been found in the experience of other countries to have worked satisfactorily.

It seems as though there will be a fight over what stands at the very heart of the Bennett Government's new program, namely, its constitutionality.

Constitutional Point Already Up

Does the British North America Act present a barrier to social and economic reform? That, specifically is the question mark lying behind all the legislative proposals the Government has outlined for the present session in

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Encouraging Results

It must be encouraging to the promoters of the Board of Trade appeal for membership that the figure has jumped so far beyond all expectations. The membership had been reduced to only thirty odd members when The Daily Mail started to boost the Board and its activities and to point out the advantages of all local and business and professional men belonging to a real live Board of Trade. This paper appealed to the business men to attend the annual meeting and to become members of the Board. We pointed out that a lot of new men working side by side with the older experienced members would produce results.

As a result of The Daily Mail's appeal the annual meeting was very largely attended and included in the attendance was a score or more of the younger local business men who were elected to membership in the Board.

Then two or three live members, including President W. W. Hubbard and Vice-President S. S. Miller got busy. They interested the wholesalers and added more names to the application roll. A drive for membership is now on. The membership is already over one hundred and is still climbing.

Last night's meeting was the most largely attended meeting of the Board of Trade held here in forty years. People are now interested who would not previously mention the name of the Board of Trade. This must be a satisfaction not only to the promoters but to the older members of the Board who have carried on in hopes of a brighter day for the Board.

The idea expressed by President Hubbard and others is to get all the newer and younger members interested at once. At the meeting to be held on Friday night of this week all the standing committees for the year will be struck. It is hoped to be able to place as many of the newer and younger members as possible on these active working committees.

The executive will also be pleased to take up any suggestions for the betterment of the Board that is made by the new members. It is felt that these suggestions will help put new life into the Board. All the members are requested to be present on Friday night when the committees are named.

It is to be hoped that the City Council will be able to see its way clear in the near future to make the Board of Trade a grant. The citizens have shown their interest in a remarkable degree. The business men are behind the Board and are prepared to work in conjunction with the City Council for the city's betterment. But it takes money to do things. They used to say that elections could not be run on prayers. Neither can boards of trade. Mayor Clark, who is a valuable member of the Board, should be able to help get the grant and no doubt he will do so.

The thanks of the Board is due to F. M. Sclanders of the Saint John Board of Trade, who came here last night and delivered an encouraging address to the members. Mr. Sclander's address was intensely interesting and contained some valuable food for thought. Rand H. Matheson, freight rates expert of the transportation commission of the Maritime Board of Trade, spoke on the activities of the service carried on by his department. His coming here was also greatly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Sclanders and Matheson.

Fredericton has many good public spirited citizens amongst its business men. We hope for their continued interest in the Board of Trade. The Daily Mail will continue to do anything to help these business men and stimulate their interest in the Board. We know that the City Council will do the same.

This paper would ask ALL THE MEMBERS of the Board of Trade to come to the Friday night executive meeting. ALL MEMBERS WHETHER THEY BELONG TO THE EXECUTIVE OR NOT WILL BE WELCOME. The Board needs the assistance of many bright young business men now on the membership roll. Come on and help out. BE A BOOSTER. As Mr. Sclanders told us, we have the best town in Canada. HELP MAKE IT GO. Remember—if there is anything that you think is wrong it isn't the town—it's YOU.

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The Financial Statement Showed Balance of \$81.00—Year Most Successful.

The annual congregational meeting of Wilmot United Church of this city, took place last evening. The minister, Rev. J. W. Bartlett, presided and Mr. W. E. MacMullen acted as secretary.

The various departments of the church reported on the activities of the year. The minister presented the report of session. This showed that 33 new members had been received during the year, bringing the total present membership up to 644. The number of families to which the church ministers is now 317. Number of baptisms, 13; Marriages, 28; burials 14.

Enviably Position

The financial statement was submitted by F. Leslie Wood, treasurer. This was very encouraging, showing that after all bills were paid there remained a balance of \$81.00. The church is in the enviable position of having no indebtedness of any kind, whether current or capital. This was made by the Perley bequest received during the year.

The meeting was pleased to know that the five per cent increase asked by the Church for Missionary and Maintenance Fund had been realized, the sum of \$1,554.00, having been raised for that purpose. Chas. A. Smith reported for the Cent A Meal Boxes that \$250.00 had been raised for the M. & M. Fund through that medium during the year.

Mrs. F. W. Harrison reported for the Benevolent Fund, showing that considerable relief work had been done. This fund received a generous contribution from the Perley estate.

Money raised or received from all sources for 1934 totalled \$12,108.00. Other financial reports included the following:—

Ladies' Aid Society raised \$508., reported by Mrs. J. W. Bartlett; Ada Schleyer Circle raised \$268., reported by Mrs. A. B. Macklin; Young Women's Auxiliary raised \$162., reported by Miss Ethel Boyd. L. A. Wilmot Mission Band raised \$424., reported by Miss K. M. Stewart.

Mrs. R. S. Curll submitted report of Women's Missionary Society, showing allocation of \$460. full raised. Miss Greta Brewer for the Minnie Smith Missionary Society reported \$294. raised. The Mission Band raised \$50.00, reported by President, Mrs. B. B. Barnes.

The Sunday School report was given by W. E. McMullen, superintendent. The School has had a good year, raising about \$600. with a balance to the good. Bruce Bird gave a good account of the activities of the Young People's Society; likewise Fred Blair for the Cub Pack; (report read by Vernon Box) Miss Helen Young for the C. G. I. T., Col. Randolph Crocker for the Wilmot Brotherhood, and Fred Segee for the Church Choir. All these reports were most encouraging, and showed the work to be progressing well. Ewart C. Atkinson, M. P. P., presented the budget for 1935. He thanked all for their support giving him as Chairman of the board of Stewards, and asked to be relieved of the duties of the office for the present year. His request was regretfully acceded to.

The minister extended his warm thanks to the congregation and officers for their loyal support, and asked for the fullest measure of their sympathy and co-operation during the coming church year.

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Bogus Money Going Say Secret Service

VOICE OPPOSITION TO NEW MEASURES OF CIVIC TAXATION

Executive of Taxpayers' Assoc. in Saint John Expresses Disfavor In Resolution.

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 29.—Opposition to proposed new measures of taxation being considered by the Common Council was voiced by members of the executive of the Saint John Taxpayers' Association at a meeting last night. It is expected that estimates for the coming year will be brought down by the Common Council this afternoon. Objection was also taken to the proposed extra expenditure approved by the Council in connection with the airport.

The meeting, which was well attended, had as chairman R. L. Granman. Ronald J. Harrington acted as secretary.

The following resolutions were passed: "In view of the fact that the published figures of the financial condition of the city indicate that the amount of the taxation now levied is beyond what the people can afford to pay, therefore be it resolved that this Association views with great alarm the proposal of the Common Council to further burden the people through new sources of taxation and expresses the hope that no action will be taken to further increase the taxation burden."

It was also resolved that "Considering the state of the civic finances, the proposed extra expenditure in connection with the airport be deferred until more detailed information is presented to the people."

It was decided that a permanent secretary be appointed when the funds of the association would permit. This official would work in conjunction with the Association's board of directors in giving advisory service to the membership in connection with taxation matters. It was also decided to launch a campaign for new members in the near future. A membership fee of one dollar would be assessed, it was decided.

A communication from the Saint John Board of Trade was received regarding taxation matters. Much civic business was discussed.

The matter of extra expenditure at the airport was discussed in detail and the secretary was instructed to forward to the Common Council the resolution adopted. The directors have under consideration the matter of appointing various bodies of citizens to act with the executive in matters which the association will deal with.

Husband's Gadgets Lead To Divorce

CHICAGO, Ills., Jan. 29.—"Labor saving" devices just mean more work to Mrs. Esther Gottchalk.

Her attorney told Judge Finnegan that she spent hours every day cleaning, oiling and repairing the countless gadgets her husband had installed around the house to make work easier.

"My client is a practical, rather old-fashioned house-keeper", said the attorney, "and the devices are of no earthly use."

The judge granted \$50 a month temporary alimony and more important—permission to remove the offending gadgets.

Tells of Bills and Excellent Reproductions of Coins of the 50-cent Variety—Coins Defied Detection—Coming Into Canada.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—A wave of counterfeiting sweeping the country has led W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service to assert that "conditions are about as bad as we have ever known them to be."

He told members of the House committee considering the Treasury appropriations bill that the greatest rise in counterfeiting has been in the manufacture of coins. His testimony was disclosed in a report made public yesterday.

"Recently," he said, "we have been troubled with coins made of all silver, some of it low grade, but then, again, a percentage of it made from silver equal to or really finer than that manufactured by the Government."

Coins Defied Detection

Two plants captured in Massachusetts and Chicago, he said, stamped out 50-cent pieces and quarters that virtually defied detection by shopkeepers.

An excellent reproduction of the nickel is giving particular trouble in New York, where the Government gets them in sacks from subway railroad officials and banks.

As for currency, Moran asserted:

"I am ashamed to say that the people of this country will take anything that remotely resembles a piece of paper currency."

"We have counterfeits of \$5 and \$10 notes coming into us—and I have seen advertising dodgers that displayed better workmanship."

Crime Bills Considered

His statements came as the Senate and House Judiciary committees considered four bills submitted by Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings to speed up criminal prosecutions.

The measures would require defendants to file notice if they intend to submit an alibi; would enable judges to comment if a defendant refuses to testify on the witness stand.

It is said that large amounts of the bogus money is being circulated up along the Pacific Coast from California through Oregon, Washington and into Canada via British Columbia. Canadians would do well to be on the lookout for this bogus money.

Bannister Slide Hurts Blind Girl

Halifax, Jan. 29.—Pearl Pothier, 14 years old and partially blind, wanted to slide down the bannister. As a result she may die of a broken back.

Pearl lost her grip as she was sliding down the stairway at the school for the blind last night. Her young friends, groping their way to where she had tumbled, found her writhing in pain. She was rushed to hospital, her condition critical. Doctors said today they believed her back was broken.

He's Not Alone

WATERTOWN, Wisconsin, Jan. 29.—Mayor Charles Lutovsky may be the head man of the city, but he discovered he rates second at home.

The Mayor was taken ill with influenza, but believed himself well enough to go to the City Hall to attend to business. His wife however, ordered him back to bed and advised his official aids:

"He can go out when I say so."

EVERY 100TH DOCTOR CALLED A DRUG ADDICT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—One doctor out of every 100 is a drug addict, according to Federal Commissioner of Narcotics Harry J. Anslinger.

"About one doctor in a hundred is an addict", Anslinger testified in hearings before the House Appropriations Committee. "From the figures we have, 10 per cent of the morphine manufactured in this country is used by the drug addict physician", Anslinger said.

He estimated that in the country's population as a whole only one out of 1,600 persons was an addict.

READY TO ENTER TRADE AGREEMENT "FAIR TO CANADA"

London, Ont., Jan. 29.—While not prepared to sacrifice the country's industrial life to get trade, Hon. R. B. Hanson, minister of trade and commerce, declared tonight the government was ready to enter into any trade agreement which would be "fair to Canada."

Negotiations had been going on between Canada and the United States for two years, the minister told the annual meeting of the London Liberal-Conservative Association, and he was convinced there was a wide variety of commodities on which reciprocal

THEFT OF \$1,700 IS ADMITTED BY BANK TELLER

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—Edward Shaw, teller in the paymaster's office of the Toronto Transportation Commission, was remanded in custody when he appeared in court here Saturday and pleaded guilty to the theft of \$1,700, funds of the commission. Full restitution was made. He will be sentenced January 31.

Electricity is developed by water-power companies, but it is a different kind of water. preference arrangements could be made.