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## Important National Conference Taking Place At Tiny Stresa

### The Peace of Europe To Be Discussed by Great Britain, France and Italy.

According to Canadian press dispatches the stage was set today for the Stresa tri-partite conference, hailed as the most momentous since Versailles.

Premier Mussolini greeted Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin and Pierre Laval, his foreign minister, on their arrival last night from Paris. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon, British foreign secretary arrive today.

Realism will be the watchword of Mussolini at the parley.

It was predicted pressure would be brought to bear on Britain by France and Italy to persuade her to modify her viewpoint.

Differences of opinion between the countries as to the best way to ensure European peace were seen to exist.

In London a cabinet session preceded the departure of the British minister. Britain considers Stresa an exploratory meeting and it was emphasized no definite commitments would be made without the approval of Parliament.

The French Stresa delegates took with them the draft of a Franco-Soviet accord for common action against an aggressor.

It was predicted in Paris a similar accord would be drawn up between Russia and Czechoslovakia.

In Rome it was announced Italy's special air development fund of 1,200,000,000 lire would be spent within three years instead of six.

The officially inspired Soviet press, while hailing the Russo-German agreement signed Tuesday as highly significant, yesterday printed no word concerning the reported Franco-Russian mutual assistance agreement.

STRESA, Italy, April 11—In the 16th Century Palace of Prince Borromeo on Isola Belle, Premier Benito Mussolini today opens the tri-partite conference between Britain, France and Italy.

Of all the multitudinous conferences since Versailles, none is fraught with greater consequence, and none have met to a more intense atmosphere of realism.

Italian infantry in field uniforms and armed with rifles paraded today by the shores of Lake Maggiore. Planes roared in the skies above. Uniformed sea scouts bearing muskets swung down the streets in promise of Italian forces to be.

Police, secret and uniformed, Black Shirts dashed swiftly about on swift motorcycles, newspaper correspondents innumerable and curious crowds from everywhere swarmed the streets of little Stresa. And at Isola Bella, away in the lake securely protected from prying eyes, Mussolini hid his secrets from the world.

#### Realism The Watchword

And realism will be the watchword of Mussolini's program for the conference. Italy sees a rearméd Germany rumbling uneasily beyond the Tyrol, threatening to stride the Danube. She wants a common front presented by Britain, France and Italy in the interests of peace.

Mussolini would like to see Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria given authority to increase the military forces allowed them under the peace treaties. He wants a more definite guarantee of Austrian independence.

France, in the main, stands with Italy. The issue lies with Britain.

Facing sharp opposition at Rome, the government of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald so far has declined to add to Britain's Continental obligations. She declares her intention is to retain freedom of action.

Projects float around on a cloud of  
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## Depression And Its Solution

The addresses delivered last evening at the supper meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade by Messrs. E. C. Atkinson, M.P.P., and C. R. Hawkins contained much food for thought. There were several statements made and suggestions thrown out that might well be considered.

Mr. Atkinson, in developing the idea that New Brunswick is an agricultural province, gave figures to show that more than six million dollars worth of agricultural products were brought into New Brunswick each year. There is something wrong here and an effort should be made to find out the wrong and to have it remedied. Mr. Atkinson asked what the people of this province were doing to develop the land and referred to the large tracts of country situated on a network of highways that brought nearly every section of the country within easy reach of markets.

Turning to the topic of his address, Mr. Atkinson touched on the extent of New Brunswick and its division into granted and Crown lands.

Following prosperity came the depression, continued the speaker. Direct relief was a great problem. When workers were without employment, business suffered. In a year or two the necessity for direct relief might be eliminated, but there would be a vast number of people whose characters had suffered. Provisions should be made for them to be placed on the land, he thought, as the future of the province depended on agriculture. More than six million dollars of agricultural products were brought into New Brunswick each year, was his estimate.

A real colonization plan, a real back to the land movement was advocated by Mr. Atkinson. There was room to settle one hundred thousand families in the province, which would bring the population to more than one million, he contended. This would be a development which would enrich the province, he thought. The citizens of the province should be looked after first, and then those from other countries who would be worthwhile citizens should be brought in.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out the inconsistency of making demands on governments and at the same time complaining of increased taxation. He urged the Fredericton Board not to mould its policy along selfish lines, as, he pointed out, business itself was not managed in that way.

Continuing, he criticized "big business" men for declaring "in a mystifying way that prosperity was just around the corner. The common people themselves were the test, he thought. The problems of the day required sane thought and courageous action, Mr. Hawkins concluded.

Mr. Hawkins' ideas regarding the depression being over are practical. No matter how much "big business" may talk about the depression being over, the results will show when men are able to get back to work and are able to keep their families and to meet their financial obligation, then we may say the depression is over—and not until then.

Mr. Hawkins referred to the many young college graduates who are today walking the streets unable to get work. This is a serious condition which will have to be grappled with, or serious results will accrue. Mr. Hawkins discussed the financial system and contended that the consumer should be financed. He contended that there would be no solution until the present economic and social conditions were remedied.

## THE DOMINIONS KEPT FULLY INFORMED

LONDON, April 11—The House of Commons was assured this afternoon that no step had been taken by the British Government in the arms situation or regarding the World Disarmament Conference, without consulting the Dominion governments, and "On no occasion have there been dissents from our policy in any Dominion."

Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for Dominions, was answering a question. He quoted remarks made previously by General Jan Smuts of South Africa, who said: "If any attempt was made to transform the League of Nations into a military machine, or a system to carry on war for the purpose of preventing or ending it, I think its fate would be sealed."

"I cannot conceive the Dominions remaining in such a League, pledging themselves to fight wars in the Old World, and if the Dominions leave the League Britain will be found to follow."  
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## REV. A. V. MORASH CONFERRED WITH DEGREE OF D. D.

HALIFAX, April 10—"The church is the one institution in the world today which knows where it is going and what it wants to do," Rev. Dr. H. A. Kent, principal of Queen's Theological Seminary, Kingston, Ont., said in addressing the 28 graduates of Pine Hill Divinity Hall here at the annual convocation tonight.

Degrees of doctor of divinity were conferred on Rev. A. V. Morash, retired, Fredericton, N.B.; Rev. C. E. Crowell, Amherst, N.S.; Rev. Charles Howse, Carleton Place, Ont.; and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Middle Musquodoboit, N. S.

The principal, Rev. Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, delivered a brief address before presenting the graduation certificates. Already 12 graduates had volunteered to do mission work in the West and three in Newfoundland and ten would serve within the Maritime Conference, he said.

## SHORTEST ROUTE C.N.R. DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA

Allege Unfair and Un-  
economic Treatment  
By C. N. R.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11—Claims of the city and port of Saint John for fair and equitable treatment at the hands of the Canadian National Railways and Steamships were vigorously pressed here yesterday afternoon when a representative delegation headed by the premier of the province and the mayor of the city met in conference with Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, minister of railways and canals and Hon. R. B. Hanson, K. C., minister of trade and commerce.

The meeting was cut short by the afternoon sitting of the House, but a frank preliminary discussion ensued and the delegation will continue the presentation of their case today.

Those comprising the delegation are Premier L. P. D. Tilley, Mayor Brittain, H. C. Schofield, president of the Harbor Commissioners, George B. Olund, president of the Board of Trade, J. D. McKenna, and Frank Ross, also John S. McKinnon, representing the Saint John Trades and Labor Council and the Longshoremen's Union. Hon. George B. Jones, M. P., and Thomas Bell, M. P., and a number of railway officials also attended the meeting.

The delegation is charging discrimination by the C. N. R. against Saint John in the routing of export and import traffic; disregard by the C. N. R. of the "shortest rail haul" principle with resultant added expense to the railways; failure of the Canadian National Steamships to make adequate use of the port of Saint John; unjust equalization of freight rates and existence of unnecessary impediments to the use of the West Side Harbor facilities by the C. N. R.

## NEWSPRINT PRICES ARE BROUGHT UP IN QUEBEC HOUSE

Mercier Measure Will  
Come Up At Quebec  
This Afternoon

QUEBEC, April 11—A bill sponsored by Hon. Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests to oblige companies cutting wood on Crown lands to sell newsprint at a reasonable price (to be fixed by Order-in-Council) will be introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

Though the full text of the measure has not yet been made public, it is known that the Department of Lands and Forests seeks to force the paper companies to come to an agreement on prices and to respect the agreement. If a breach of the agreement occurred the department would step in and, after investigation, fix a maximum price.

Other Government bills were shown on the order paper yesterday. One is sponsored by Hon. Irene Vautrin, Minister of Colonization and seeks to give effect to the changes made in his department by previous measures, necessitating a re-adjustment of the departmental staff.

Premier Taschereau has bills to modify the Quebec Municipal Commission Act, and to modify the act respecting frauds in the sale of stocks and shares. This last measure is intended to put an end to practices discovered by the Attorney General's office which resulted in the cancellation of some brokers' permits and law suits.

The condition of Ralph Biden, Lincoln resident, who was taken to the Victoria Public Hospital this week suffering with meningitis, was reported to be slightly improved today.

## The Chief Scout Commissioner Of World At Victoria

### WORK OF POTATO MARKETING BOARD ENCOURAGING

G. C. Cunningham, New Brunswick agent for the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board who returned here yesterday from Ottawa where meetings of the Board were held recounted arrangements made, which, if successful, will overcome a number of difficulties which the board has experienced. It is hoped to be able to control to a greater extent price cutting on the part of truckers with which wholesalers and dealers in the Toronto area, who were bound by the regulations, had to contend.

In addition to a wholesalers' dealers' association which had been functioning in Toronto in co-operation with the board, there was now a similar truckers' association. In order to continue in business legally, members of these associations must not only comply with the regulations of the board but must live up to the standards set by the associations.

A wholesalers-dealers' association was in operation in Montreal also, but in that city there was not the need for a truckers' association, he said. The mild weather had enabled truckers in the Toronto area to operate more extensively than usually.

While New Brunswick potatoes always had been able to supply a large portion of the Montreal market. Mr. Cunningham's belief that shipments to the Toronto market would increase in about two weeks was based on the fact that the Ontario potatoes by that time probably would be turning soft and sprouting and would not be in as great demand.

While there was a reduction in the selling price at the large markets which would enable the legally operating wholesalers and dealers to compete more efficiently with the potato "bootleggers", there was practically no reduction in the buying price received by the farmers.

Mr. Cunningham defended the work of the board. It was his belief, he declared, that under the board as many potatoes were sold as would have been sold without the board, while the price received by the farmer was practically doubled, he claimed. It was intended that the farmer should be the one to benefit by the board's activities, he added.

He spoke also of Quebec, the last of the five eastern provinces of Canada to join in the scheme under which the board functions. It would be regulated similarly to the other four provinces which had co-operated in the scheme originally—Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia—he said.

#### NORTHERN LIGHT DISPLAY

The sky was illumined last night with vivid color from the Northern Lights. The sky was streaked with the ever-shifting light pattern so peculiar to this natural phenomena and presented an impressive sky picture. People never tired of watching this display as the lights are constantly changing and forming new shapes and colors in the sky. Some people claim, and it is confirmed by science, that the shifting light in the sky is accompanied sometimes by a noise which sometimes can be plainly heard. The scientific name for these lights is aurora borealis, or northern daybreak.

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### Lord Baden - Powell and Lady Baden - Powell Will Spend Some Days In the West Before Coming East--Tour De- tails Being Arranged.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

VICTORIA, B. C., April 11—With the same energy and skill that characterized his famous exploits in India and Africa nearly forty years ago, Lord Robert Baden Powell went scouting at Cowichan River, north of here yesterday. But he was not scouting for lions, tigers or Boers this time—his prey was salmon.

The 78-year-old chief scout guided by Major James Wise, district scout commissioner Victoria who is a keen angler, walked the banks of the fish-filled Cowichan for several hours trying several flies and lures to entice a few big ones to the surface.

Meanwhile in Victoria Lady Baden Powell, chief of the girl guides, joined another member of the party, Lieut. Col. Granville Welton, head of the International Rover Association, is cleaning up an immense pile of correspondence from all parts of the world and arranging details of the Canadian tour. The Baden Powell's daughters, Hon. Heather and Hon. Betty had the day to themselves. Invitations to appear at a score of various functions arranged in connection with the King's Jubilee Celebration and scout and guide activities in many parts of Canada poured in on the veteran scout leader and Lady Baden Powell yesterday.

Admitting he was "thrilled" with Victoria and Vancouver Island's facilities for sport, Lord Baden said, he planned to take as much recreation as possible during his five day stay here. His next official appearance will be at the Empress Hotel Friday when he addresses the Canadian Club and on Saturday he and Lady Baden Powell with Col. Walton will inspect a gathering of Vancouver Island scouts, guides and rovers, at the Willow Park. Leaving here Sunday for Vancouver, the distinguished chief scout will spend two days in the terminal city before going on by Canadian Pacific lines to Kamloops, Banff, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg and east.

#### GYMNASTIC STUNTS

You will not miss the special feature being put on in the Brunswick Street Baptist Recreational Hall tonight at 8 o'clock by the boys of Brunswick Street and St. Paul's Paul's churches, in a series of games drills, stunts, gymnastics and tumbling. Their horse and springboard work is a special feature of the entertainment. Then the indoor hockey game by the men and the Beaverbrook Gym team in their daring work are features that you cannot afford to miss. The High School girls in a Folk Dance is a feature. The and presented an impressive sky picture. People never tired of watching this display as the lights are constantly changing and forming new shapes and colors in the sky. Some people claim, and it is confirmed by science, that the shifting light in the sky is accompanied sometimes by a noise which sometimes can be plainly heard. The scientific name for these lights is aurora borealis, or northern daybreak.