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A GOOD SHOWING

The statement by Premier Tilley in the Legislature yesterday afternoon in regard to our Municipal finances during the years of depression was a most satisfactory one. The municipalities throughout the Province have made an excellent showing in comparison with the other municipalities in Ontario and in other places.

In the Maritime Provinces, said the Premier, not one single municipality had defaulted, but in the Province of Ontario, where the total debts of the municipalities were over \$504,000,000, \$98,000,000 of this was in default, equal to 19.5 percent of the total. In Manitoba, 13 percent was in default; Saskatchewan, 8.6 percent; British Columbia 8.6 percent. Quebec, 3.8 percent; but in the Maritimes not one dollar was defaulted by any municipality.

The financial situation of the municipalities in the province was as follows: Total valuation, \$94,014,646, made up of real estate, \$82,603,467 and personal property, \$11,411,179. The bonded debt on this property was \$4,112,955 with temporary loans of \$03,398 and against this debt there were sinking funds totalling \$609,900. He thought this was a good showing, considering the times.

INDECENT PUBLICATIONS

Under the heading "Difficult Work Well Done," the following editoria appeared in the Toronto Globe recently:

The public will be pleased to learn that the Examiner of Publications, acting under the Customs Division of the Department of National Revenue, has been active during 1934 in checking the flow of indecent literature and pictures always finding its way into Canada. This is one of the most difficult tasks confronting any official, as purveyors of this kind of filth are ingenious in their methods.

Collectors of Customs and Excise officers of various organizations and citizens generally forward samples of imported books and other publications to headquarters, where judgment is passed. During the year the Examiner of Publications scrutinized 1,024 suspected importations of this kind of literature, and recommended that 59 of these be forbidden entry to the Dominion. Shipments covering 510 individual titles were returned to the exporters in other countries.

The task of the Examiner of Publications, Mr. Sydney Roe, is made more difficult by neglect of individual citizens to forward to the Department books and pictures of this nature that come under their notice. The public can help, and is asked to help in checking importation of publications that are unfit for reading by all decent people, and especially dangerous to youth. Mr. Roe and his staff are doing effective work in combating the entry and distribution of putrid literature, of which there appears to be an endless supply, and the citizens of Canada can—and should—do more than they are doing to assist in revealing such stuff wherever they find it in circulation.

THE DOMINIONS AND DEFENCE

London Daily Mail: Mr. Pirow, the Minister of Defence in the Union of South Africa, has made a very frank and outspoken declaration as to that Dominion's attitude to Imperial defence. The Union, he said, is unwilling to participate in any general scheme worked out by Great Britain. Mr. Pirow laid some stress on the risk of internal trouble or even civil conflict which might arise if the Union Government should "attempt rashly to commit the country to participation in a future over-sea war." The policy which he outlined is in general accord with British expectations. No one in this country wishes to drag South Africa into war against the will of her people. It is for them to decide their line of action if a crisis should

arise. This is the principle which Great Britain has always accepted. She did not call upon Canada and Australia to aid her in 1899 or 1914, but left it to the free choice of their citizens.

SNAPSHOTS

Welcome to Hon. R. B. and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Hanson, according to the upper province reports, has been working hard in his department of Trade and Commerce and he deserves a well-earned rest.

Perhaps the man who dreamed that there were eight and a half Senators in Westmorland County and they wanted ten more will be on deck to see the Minister and press his claims for a seat in the red Chamber.

As we have already stated that if no one else on the Saint John Valley wants a senatorship the Editor of this paper will be pleased to take it himself.

In conducting the celebration of Fredericton's birthday it might have been as well to have asked a few natives whose people were here at the start.

Congratulations to S. R. Legere, M. P. for Gloucester County, on the arrival of his sixteenth child. More power to you, Brother Legere.

REPORT OF FIRE PREVENTION BD. Tabled in House

Total property loss from fires in this province for 1934, exclusive of forest fires, amounted to \$823,523, according to the report of the N. B. Fire Prevention Board which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday. The loss is \$1,364,677 less than in 1933. Of this loss \$571,997 was insured and \$251,526 uninsured. The total is the lowest loss since the board was formed in 1921.

In 1934 there were 992 fires in the province. Per capita loss amounted to \$1.93. Of the fires last year 793 were in dwellings with a loss of \$364,896 and 61 in mercantile stores with a loss of \$112,277. There were seven fires where the property loss exceeded \$20,000 each. During the year eight persons lost their lives due to fires—two men, three women and three children.

Causes of fires are as follows: 172 due to defective flues of chimneys; 132, sparks on roof, 133, unknown origin; 93, cigarettes, cigars or tobacco; 40, lightning; 36, careless use of matches; 20, incendiary.

The number of fires and losses according to cities and towns was as follows: St. Stephen, 38 fires, \$18,128 loss; Woodstock, 44 fires, \$14,316 loss; Bathurst 13 fires, \$22,360; Sussex 8 fires, \$230; Edmundston, 27 fires, \$56,755; Newcastle, 10 fires, \$2,124; Chatham, 12 fires, \$414; Campbellton 20 fires, \$8,273; Saint John, 210 fires, \$123,555; Moncton, 78 fires, \$41,661; Fredericton, 43 fires, \$16,569.

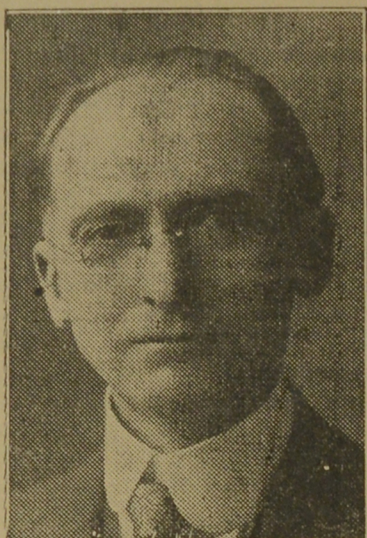
The New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board is composed of Joseph Key, chairman; Commissioner R. G. McInerney, J. D. McKenna, F. C. Mortimer and R. Keltie Jones, all of Saint John; and Budd A. Taylor, of Moncton. H. H. McLellan is fire marshal.

U. S. Missionaries' Death Avenged

NANKING, Feb. 21—Four bandits involved in the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stam, American missionaries, in a remote village of Anhwei Province early last December, have been executed, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced today.

The men were executed on Dec. 22, little more than a week after the story of the slaying became known, the Ministry said.

The four were captured by Government troops at Tsingteh, the Anhwei Province village where the Stams had charge of a mission, and from which they were kidnapped by a pillaging horde of Chinese Communist bandits



C. C. AVARD
Editor, Sackville Tribune, who is at the Legislature this week.

More Convicted Spies Face Death Penalty

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minating grim old Ploetzense prison court-yard told the Associated Press yesterday:

What impressed us most of the two women's behavior during their last minutes of life was that neither one of them murmured a single word.

Both went to their death with outward calm and bravery, he said, their bodies erect, their heads held high.

The execution of the two, charged with betraying military secrets, took only six minutes, the informant said. "Frau von Falkenhayn was the first," he related. "When she was led into the lights she walked first to the improvised stand for the jury witnessing the affair. Her hands were chained on her back. She stood there and heard once more the verdict of death read aloud by the state prosecutor.

"Bowing before a crucifix on a table, dimly lit by tall wax candles, the prosecutor surrendered Frau von Falkenhayn to the executioner with the words:

"Do Your Duty"

"Executioner, do your duty."
"Frau von Falkenhayn took the verdict calmly and she walked to the block rigidly erect."

"This woman should be an example to male delinquents whom we usually have to drag to the scaffold," the informant said.

After the executioner, 67-year-old August Griebler, of Magdenburg, and his three assistants had beheaded the woman, her body was placed in its simple, black, narrow coffin, and Frau von Matzner, noted Berlin beauty, whom the eye witness described as "an extremely good looking person about 35 years old," went to her death in equal calm.

The informant said the two women were taken to the prison at 6 p.m., Saturday, "one hour after the death verdict was passed." He said, "nobody ever dreamed they would be decapitated so soon."

"Not until Sunday night," he said, "did we learn that the beheading would take place Monday. The execution and his assistant arrived late Sunday night and the scaffold was erected during the night."

Disclosing that the two women spent their last hours drinking wine and coffee and "smoking uncountable expensive cigarettes," the eye-witness said they wore blue prison garments to their death. They also had to wear "short, heavy woollen socks for men," he added, "because the prison has no women's wear."

ALTERNATIVES GIVEN FOR SHOE INDUSTRY

TORONTO, Feb. 21—W. H. Mack, Montreal, president-elect of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, addressing shoe manufacturers and retailers here yesterday, said the shoe industry must choose between two alternatives. Either it must put "its own house in order" or resign itself to Government intervention.

Mr. Mack gave six suggestions for the rehabilitation of the shoe industry. He stressed the importance of maintaining a high wage level, declaring low wages are a sign of decaying industry and high wages are demanded by progress. He also recommended standardization of costing methods,

Bishop LeBlanc

Laid To Rest Today

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Charles McLaughlin, Debrec; Very Rev. Peter Costello, C. S. S. R., Toronto. Very Rev. Francis Tresselt, C. J. M., provincial C. J. M., Montreal; Very Rev. Alfred Charron, C. S. C. Montreal; Very Rev. N. J. Conway, Edmundston; Very Rev. P. J. Bray, C. J. M., Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax; Very Rev. Laurent Lapalme, C. S. C., president of St. Joseph's University, Memramcook; Very Rev. J. L. Quelo, C. J. M., superior of the Sacred Heart College, Bathurst; Very Rev. Dr. J. A. Murphy, president of St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown; Rev. Dr. H. Somers, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish.

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Rev. Charles T. Boyd, Petersville; Rev. J. P. Butler, Port Elgin. Rev. Noe Bourgeois, Adamsville; Rev. W. Mallette, Mater Misericordiae, Saint John; Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan, Fredericton; Rev. J. E. Brown, Moncton; Rev. M. A. Harris, Moncton; Rev. Dr. Albert Lemanager, Moncton; Rev. E. ton; Rev. J. B. Ward, Lakeville; Rev. Ouellet, Moncton; Rev. A. W. Kinsella, Saint John; Rev. R. B. MacGillivray, West Saint John; Rev. W. J. Osborne, Fairville; Rev. F. C. Carney, Sussex; Rev. J. A. Melanson, Shediac; Rev. Antoine Richard, Lewisville; Rev. R. Bourdeau, Moncton, N. B.; Rev. T. C. Beck, West Saint John; Rev. E. Gallant, Grand Digue, Rev. Joseph Coughlan, St. Stephen; Rev. Joseph Daly, Fredericton; Rev. Frederick Cormier, Moncton; Rev. D. G. Gillis, Devon; Rev. P. L. Robichaud, St. Anselm; Rev. Emery Doucet, Chipman; Rev. J. D. Keane, Chatham; Rev. Charles Brideau, St. Charles; Rev. Wm. Burns, Halifax; Rev. Dosthee Robichaud, Bathurst; Rev. Ambrose Mallett, Salmon River, N. S.; Rev. Elie LeBlanc, Chezetcook, N. S.; Rev. Luc LeBlanc, Plymouth, N. S.; Rev. E. Bourneuf, St. Bernards, N. S.; Rev. D. Melanson, Weymouth, N. S.; Very Rev. Peter O'Hare, C. S. S. R., St. John; Rev. James Fuller, C. S. S. R., St. John; Rev. D. McDougald, C. S. S. R., St. John; Rev. Timothy O'ullivan, C. S. S. R., St. John; Rev. John Barry, C. S. S. R., St. John. Rev. Cecil Killingsworth, C. S. S. R., St. John; Very Rev. Father Mauger, O. P., Sackville; Rev. Marc Cote, O. P., Sackville; Rev. Father Sylvester, O. F. M., Maliseet; Rev. Fr. Raymond Pennafort, O. P. M., Maliseet

elimination of selling below cost, the adoption of a standard to prevent deception, the prevention of misleading advertising and the revision of discount methods.

Mr. Mack suggested that a joint committee from the tanners, shoe manufacturers and retail associations be appointed to decide upon methods to be used to bring a satisfactory form of self-government to the industry.

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