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Canada--U. S. To Have Trade Agreement

Liberal Leader Promises His Sympathy Re Bennett Reforms

But Says That Government Has Lost Confidence of the Canadian People.

Ottawa, Jan. 22—Sympathetic consideration of the reform policies of the government was pledged in the House of Commons last night by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. The Liberal leader suggested side-tracking minor debates and legislation to give precedence to the measures which the government hopes will ameliorate distress social and industrial conditions.

This challenge was not taken up immediately by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett who followed the Liberal leader in the Address debate. Before adjourning the debate late in the evening, the prime minister denied his new platform was a death-bed repentance or designed to win an election.

For the first time in his history, said Mr. Bennett, he now had the time and opportunity to remove from the capitalistic system those defects that injured the people. The reforms now will be made, he promised, adding that if the King government had passed them in 1926, 1927 or 1928, conditions in 1930 when it left office would not have been so severe.

The prime minister probably will discuss the Liberal leader's suggestion when he resumes debate tomorrow afternoon. At the 11 o'clock adjournment hour tonight, the corridors were buzzing on the sudden political move of the opposition chieftain and its possible effect on Party tactics before the general election.

Climaxing a speech that extended over three hours, Mr. King suggested "we lose as little time as possible in considering these measures of social reform." The government could introduce such legislation as unemployment insurance, revised old age pensions, new company incorporation laws "and I will say immediately they will receive the support of the members on this side of the House, reserving to ourselves the right to consider each on its merits."

Constitutional Difficulties
Behind the government's reform program were constitutional difficulties, the Liberal leader warned. He asked Mr. Bennett to say whether the opinion of the supreme court of Canada or the law officers of the justice department had been secured on the constitutional aspects.

"I do not believe," said Mr. King, "that jurisdiction should stand in the way of reform that is necessary." He cautioned, however, that provinces had rights and privileges under the British North America Act, and objections from them might be surmounted by conference.

"I think the British North America Act," continued Mr. King, "has been an achievement and has served its purpose."

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FAIR PLAY

WHEN famous wealth producing agencies such as the chain store groups are paying starvation wages and using sweatshop methods on thousands of workers, it is hoped that the Government will take prompt and efficient action to remedy these conditions. The fear that some of these groups are millionaires who buy up full pages of advertising space in the papers need not scare the Government. If these chain store people can put over any leg-pulling scheme to increase their gains and to keep up their profit-increasing schemes they will hang on as long as they can. "The devil take the workers."

The Government will probably recognize the right of every worker to a decent living and to an equitable wage if they carry out the promises made by the Prime Minister. This should include the chain store employees.

A thorough investigation into every chain store unit in the country should be made and all the alleged rotten conditions in regard to employers, wages, sweatshop methods and other evils, some of which exist right here in Fredericton should be remedied. Every worker in this country should require decent living conditions. These are his right—or in the case of most chain store clerks her right. In this city it has been known at times a manager has driven the girls around in a manner which puts one in mind of the old slave-driving days. He used profane language to girls who were too good to have him shine their shoes. He made girls carry heavy loads from the cellars—work which men should have done. He made girls mop the water off floors. There has been other conditions which might under certain circumstances have effected the health of local employees. We do not wish to go into the latter details just now. It is just possible that these evils have stopped since the mass production commission has started its investigations. If going on, The Daily Mail would like to know about them. They certainly did go on here. The Daily Mail's references to them in the past may have scared some of these people and this paper did not tell all we knew. This did not apply to one store alone, as some people seem to think.

Hon. H. H. Stevens deserves the thanks of the citizens of Canada for having started something that other people were afraid to bring out. Some men, like Stevens, who are not afraid to start a thing, have to take the brunt of the abuse when they start something. Later, after the trail is blazed, those less courageous come along, take up the fight and get the credit. So long as the good work is done it does not make much difference who does it. Mr. Stevens spoke of "Some Essentials in Balanced Recovery" enumerated in addition to proper use of power, such essentials as the right of every worker to a decent living and so to an equitable wage, the need of a vast construction program to re-house our citizens and to stimulate a sadly languishing industry, and a drastic overhauling of our laws dealing with industry, with particular emphasis on financial practices which in the past had resulted in the stripping from countless thousands of innocent investors of their life savings by losses in companies, from which a chosen few on the inside made quick, fabulous and, let us add, conscienceless profits.

THE WORKER WANTS FAIR PLAY, WHETHER HE GETS IT FROM THE EMPLOYER OR FROM THE GOVERNMENT MATTERS NOT.

NO CHANGE IN CONDITION
No change was reported today in the condition of Mrs. D. W. Burpee who is undergoing treatment at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. Miss Sarah Burpee, of this city, is with her mother.

New lines of Dresses at R. L. Black's.

POWER TRUST CONTROL WILL BE CONSIDERED

Three-Point Plan Favored by United States Commission

Washington, Jan. 22—New deal electrical power experts today discussed a three-point program to remedy what President Roosevelt deems to be evils of the holding company system of public utilities control.

Mr. Roosevelt summoned a conference late today to discuss holding company legislation. The United Press was informed that the Federal Power Commission would propose legislation to provide:

1. Federal control over the acquisition of operating companies by holding companies.
2. Federal supervision of contracts between operating companies and holding companies.
3. Federal regulation of loans among holding companies and their subsidiaries.

MUSIC BY RADIO FOR WEDDING AT U. S. BOUNDARY

CFNB To Supply Music For McCready-Barstow Nuptial at Canadian-U. S. Boundary Tomorrow.

The practical possibilities of radio are many, and new uses for this outstanding invention of the 20th century are being found every day. The latest of these in this locality is a full program of wedding music to be broadcast from Station CFNB for a nuptial event which will take place 60 miles away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Barstow, on the Canadian-United States boundary between Woodstock, N. B., and Houlton, Me., at 3 p. m., A. S. T., tomorrow.

The bride-to-be is Miss Helen Moore Barstow, daughter of Mr. Frederick Barstow of the United States Customs Service, and Mrs. Barstow. She will be united in marriage to John Taylor McCready, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCready, of Houlton, by Rev. A. G. Christopher of the Methodist church in Houlton.

Mrs. Barstow, realizing that the only source from which they could get music for the wedding was from the radio, wrote last week to Station CFNB and requested a wedding march to be played for them, at the same time explaining the situation, and that their only source of music was the radio.

The CFNB officials wrote to Mrs. Barstow and very kindly offered to supply the music for the entire occasion, and so a time schedule was arranged to synchronize the whole project and the stage is now set for another novel and practical use for radio.

THREE DIE FOR RAILWAY RACKET IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Jan. 22—Former prince Machlazariani, former commissar of the menshevik militia, named Assatsiani, and a one-time wealthy merchant called Zhurlov have been shot at Stalingrad for working a racket against the Soviet railways which netted them 205,000 rubles' worth of material before they were caught by the political police.

At one time this little capitalistic group had a flourishing business in tractors, lumber, nails and steel, which they sold to customers in southern Russia after bribing railway workers to re-route important shipments to wrong destinations, it is revealed.

For the moment the newspapers say nothing of the thirty-seven terrorists who were arrested in the Ukraine after the recent assassination of Sergei M. Kirov of the politburo and who face death sentences if convicted before the military collegium of the Supreme Court.

Likewise the antikulk campaign in Uzbekistan, which resulted in the execution of twenty-nine persons within two weeks last month, is no longer mentioned by the Pravda Vostoka, Tashkent newspaper, which for a time gave great prominence to it, and it has probably died down.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 22—The planing mill of the Puget Sound Lumber Company was destroyed by fire early yesterday. The fire is believed to have started under the floor from unknown causes. The loss was estimated at approximately \$150,000. About 25 men were thrown out of employment.

Reciprocity With U. S. on Order Paper

COMPOSER WHO ENDED OWN LIFE KNOWN HERE

Christian Kriens, Formerly First Violinist of N. Y. Philharmonic Orchestra—Despondent Over Loss of Job.

Christian Kriens, composer of "Holland Suite," and formerly first violinist of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, who ended his own life on December 17, at West Hartford, Conn., in a fit of despondency, is remembered here by Mrs. A. P. Crockett, who informed the Daily Mail today that the famous violinist once spent the summer at Brown's Flats and in the same year at Mrs. Crockett's request had given a concert for kindergarten children at Saint John.

The eminent musician ended his own life when his contract with radio station WTIC at Hartford, Conn., was not renewed this year. Kriens had been with the station since 1929. In 1933 he had been the guest of honor at Radio City Music hall where Erno Rapee and orchestra had played Kriens' own composition "Holland Suite."

He came to this country thirty years ago from Dresden, Germany, where he was born. During his career, Kriens had distinguished himself as composer, orchestra conductor and violinist. Kriens committed suicide with a revolver in the bedroom of his home at Stuart Road, West Hartford, and the supposition at the time was that his rash act was because of the failure of WTIC to renew his radio contract.

Mrs. Crockett remembers the famous musician as kindhearted and courteous and she informed the Daily Mail today that it was with deep regret that she learned of his death.

Sale of C.E.R. Plan Finally Arranged

Tokio Jan. 22—Technical negotiations for the purchase of the Chinese Eastern Railroad by Manchoukuo were completed today at a conference of representatives from Manchoukuo and Soviet Russia.

The agreement will be signed formally shortly, an announcement said.

The year wouldn't be so happy for some radio singers if they knew how much they get turned off.

What runs in many a family is a woman's tongue.

As a change in diet, why not try alphabet comes to the point.

WOMEN WANT EQUAL RIGHTS FOR HUBBIES

Give Hubbie a Fair Show In Regard To Property Made Over to the Wife

Calgary, Jan. 22—The principle of "equal rights for husbands" was given approval by the annual convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta here yesterday.

Recognizing the law giving wives equal rights in property held in their husband's name, the closing session of the convention passed a resolution urging that the same right be extended to husbands where property is held in the wife's name.

Prime Minister Announces That Agreement To Be Proceeded With; Announcement Is Also Made From Washington.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 22—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett announced in the House of Commons last night that negotiations with Washington for a trade agreement would be conducted in the same manner as the Ottawa Empire agreements and that with France. The negotiations, he said, would not be the preface for a general election.

Making his statement, the government leader added one warning when he said: "There is no bargain that carries enough force with me to induce me to sacrifice my country."

The government had no intention of terminating these negotiations with an election as was done in 1911. The intention, he repeated, was to go forward as was done in the agreements with France, and in the Ottawa Empire agreements and negotiate on the basis of this country being a nation able to take care of itself.

Official announcement from Washington yesterday that the United States would negotiate a trade agreement with Canada elicited no official comment from Canadian authorities beyond the formal remarks of the prime minister in the House of Commons, in which he outlined Secretary Cordell Hull's statement in the United States capital.

Afoot Since 1933
This move on the part of the United States toward reaching a reciprocal accord with Canada marked a stage in efforts that have been afoot since the spring of 1933 when Mr. Bennett made a journey to Washington at the invitation of President Roosevelt.

Opening the active negotiations, it was learned here yesterday, finds the Canadian government prepared to meet the United States authorities at once with the necessary data and detailed information. Any announcements made in Parliament on this subject during recent years have been generally to the effect that Canada was ready and anxious to negotiate a treaty that would be fair to this country.

On Order Paper
On the order paper of the House of Commons, which opened Thursday last, there is already a resolution standing in the name of William Duff (Liberal, Antigonish-Guysboro), which if adopted, would instruct the government to at once open negotiations seeking to secure a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States giving free entry to that country of

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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK ELECTS NEW COUNCIL

New Man Leads the Poll in the Town Voting; Councillors Chosen

Woodstock, Jan. 22—Aubrey Hetherington, a newcomer to civic politics headed the poll in the town elections for councillors. Mr. Hetherington had 297 votes. He was closely followed by Maurice Craig, with 279. Donald Hay, with 252, was also elected. H. H. Smalley was at the foot of the poll with 100 votes. Messrs. Craig and Hay were members of the retiring council, as was the defeated candidate.

The weather was mild and clear, in spite of which only a light vote was polled. The three successful candidates, with Mayor E. R. Jones, elected by acclamation last week for a second term, with Councillors Roy Turner, G. B. True and J. R. Calkin, whose terms have a year to run, will constitute the new council, which will hold its first formal meeting on the first Monday in February.