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## EARLY ACTION ON AIR ROUTES ACROSS CANADA

OTTAWA, June 2—Defense Minister Mackenzie disclosed the Government will start consideration in a month or two of the trans-Canada air route, declaring whether publicly owned or private aircraft will be used on it.

He made the announcement during a heated House discussion of Canada's militia, in which one member said Canada had a "bow-and-arrow" army and it was disclosed that the nation does not own ten modern fighting airplanes in good order.

The Minister gave his opinion that six months' notice to possible airway contractors was necessary in order to permit them to train pilots and purchase machines.

The trans-Canada route will be used to fly mail and passengers across the country. Airports and emergency fields have been built in recent years, some of them by men in relief camps. Many of the fields will have radio direction-finding equipment.

Grant MacNeil (C.C.F., Vancouver North) said too much money was being spent on defense generally, and particularly military flying, rather than civil aviation.

Canada had a "bow-and-arrow" army and "tinpot navy," and it was useless to keep spending millions of dollars on them. Young men could not obtain technical aviation schooling in Canada because not enough money was being spent on civil aviation by the Government.

Although there were many fine flying clubs in Canada, officials at Ottawa were "palming off obsolete equipment" on them. Civil aviation was being sacrificed for military aviation.

Defense Minister Mackenzie said it did not help Canada to poke fun at Canada's army, navy or air force. Aspersions were being cast repeatedly but this reacted on the country as a whole, which was trying to build up its forces for its own defense. There was nothing militaristic about it.

Mr. MacNeil said the defence force did not reflect the millions of dollars spent on them.

### Lower Prince William

LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM, May 30th—We had another heavy rain Thursday, leaving the ground very wet in places. This will delay farming for some days.

Miss Myra Long left for Cedars, Quebec, last evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Currie.

Misses Verna Weaver and Dorothy Saunders of the P. N. S. Fredericton, accompanied our teacher, Robert Montgomery, to Woodstock last week end and returned Tuesday.

Mr. Paul Nevers of Kingsclear has completed his carpenter work at Mr. Samuel Moore's and is painting A. W. Lawrence's house at present.

Coun. Frank Saunders is peeling pulp on the church land.

Miss Helen Cameron of Hanwell, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Alvin Lawrence for a few days.

Jared Smith, son of F. A. Smith, will write the High School Entrance Papers next month.

The young people of our locality, under the direction of Mr. Robert Montgomery, put on a very interesting concert last Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance, and the sum of \$14.70, was realized for church purposes.

Our new minister, Rev. Mr. Killam is expected the first of next month.

## ALBERTA BOND INTEREST-SLASH TO BE HALTED

OTTAWA, Ont., June 2—Holders of Alberta bonds may not have to accept 2 1-2 per cent. interest on securities now yielding them from four to six per cent., notwithstanding the positive announcement of Premier Aberhart that after June 1 they would be obliged to accept an arbitrary scaling down.

It is learned here on the highest authority that there is still a likelihood of a compromise, and the fact that the Alberta Government has decided not to proclaim the Compulsory Refunding Act is regarded as a most encouraging sign and highly significant.

### Conference Indicated

It is believed that the Government of Alberta eventually will consult committees of the bondholders in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Finality has been avoided by failure to proclaim the Compulsory Refunding Act, and the Dominion Government is hopeful that a conference will be held, and is willing to co-operate with Alberta, and to lend all possible expert assistance to avoid another repudiation.

The Federal authorities admit that Premier Aberhart has the necessary powers under the Alberta Treasury Act to reduce interest rates, and the idea prevails that the Alberta Premier is still willing to entertain an alternative proposal from the bondholders. Such a proposal might be in the form of a joint agreement by the Bondholders' Protective Association to accept 3 or 3 1-2 per cent. on their Alberta securities in view of the inability of the Province to pay a higher rate.

In the event of Alberta getting away with the latest proposal to pay only 2 1-2 per cent.

## BRITISH PRESS IS SARCASTIC TO MUSSOLINI

LONDON, England, June 2—Premier Mussolini's apparent efforts to smooth Britain's ruffled feelings gained impetus last night through Ambassador Dino Grandi's long interview with Foreign Secretary Eden.

Other signs have pointed to apparent overtures, but the London press was salty in its comment. The Star said editorially.

"Signor Mussolini condescends through newspaper interviews to tell us his terms for being a good Christian neighbor. Among other things it seems sanctions must go and the British navy must withdraw from the Mediterranean."

"Then his Excellency in Rome will remove his Libyan army and grant Britain an inestimable boon in his agreeable friendship. After that doubtless he would like more trade with us, and possibly a loan to help consolidate his civilizing mission in Africa."

"The dictator knows what he wants,

Mr. Edward Parker, was called to McGundy this week by the serious illness of his father John Parker.

Mrs. Murray Long entertained the Kingsclear Circle last Monday evening. Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Nevers and Miss Estella Fox were the prize winners.

J. E. Clayden is visiting friends in Mauderville this week.

## OLD LAZY DAYS FADED WITH THE SILENT FILMS

HOLLYWOOD, California, June 2—The one way to prove to your own satisfaction that the life of a movie star isn't as aimless or profligate as it used to be is to grab an early breakfast and drive out to the entrance gates of any of the major plants.

If you get there by 7 o'clock (7:30 at the least) you'll see the stars wheeling in by the dozen.

You'll discover that the movies no longer have a 10 or 11 a.m. starting call, as they did in the easy-come easy-go days of the silent drama.

Today the stars get to bed early get on the job early so their make-up may be in readiness for the camera's prompt start at 9 a.m., and chances are the last one won't drive out the gates until well after 7 P. M. Sometimes they're still working at mid night.

One of the most interesting spots in a big studio during the early morning hours is the casting office. There is an outside entrance to the one at the Warner Brothers plant, but it wasn't large enough to hold the strange assembly of men, women and children who had gathered there ever long before this early-rising correspondent arrived.

A half-formed line of bearded men occupied one of the concrete walk leading to the casting office door. They talked little and what little they did say wasn't understandable. They looked like Russians, and talked like Russians. In fact, they were Russians and they had been "called" by the Central Casting Bureau, which supplies all extras for studio work, to report as prospective members of the company which was to leave that night for Lone Pine, in the Sierra Mountains, to film parts of "The Charge of the Light Brigade".

Another long file of people leading out of the casting office door was made up of modishly dressed men and women with a sprinkling of half grown children. We asked a pleasant-faced woman in this line what picture it was she hoped to work in.

"I'm called for a scene in Eddie Robinson's picture," she said. "I'm just a walk through". All of us in this line were called for the same scene."

and it looks like he's getting it, for he is finding sympathetic ears in influential places in Britain."

It is understood that the Foreign Office interview between Eden and Grandi was considered highly important by Italians here.

London despatches from Rome for several days have struck a more conciliatory note, with repeated statements that Italy harbors no aggressive intentions.

One obstacle to Italo-British harmony, and a sore point, too, is Italian anti-British propaganda, which has caused the Government to make a series of representations to Rome.

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