

## EVIDENCE OF FOUL PLAY IN WESTMORLAND COUNTY TRAGEDY IS BELIEVED TO EXIST

### Gardner Elected By Huge Majority In Assiniboia

**Federal Minister of Agriculture Carries By-Election—Irvine, C.C.F. Candidate, Snowed Under.**

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 7.—General satisfaction was expressed in the capital today over the result of the Mackenzie by-election. Liberals hailed the election of Hon. J. G. Gardiner, and some conservatives and others welcomed the defeat of William Irvine. In a modest house on Clemow Avenue, Mr. Gardiner's family last night awaited word of the result, and not the least keen was a small boy in pajamas who stayed up long past his bedtime to hear whether his dad had won again.

Mrs. Gardiner expressed her gratification over Mr. Gardiner's win. Friends in Saskatchewan telegraphed her congratulations which was the first word she had of a definite nature. Criticism of William Irvine has been general, and it is estimated that his abortive attempt to re-enter Parliament after being rejected by his own riding cost the Dominion between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. Had Irvine not entered Mr. Gardiner would have received an acclamation and the cost of an election campaign would have been saved, and Parliament would have met a week earlier. The criticism is chiefly that Irvine was an outsider in the riding, having no interest therein and no contact. Ottawa opinion is that the wheat pool forces put him in to oppose Mr. Gardiner, but the conservative leaders would have nothing to do with it. Unofficially leading conservatives in Ottawa and the west were willing that the minister should have an acclamation. When Mr. Bennett took into his cabinet Earl Lawson, Col. Geary, William Ernst and Samuel Gobeil shortly before the general election they were saved the trouble of by-elections by virtue of legislation passed by the previous Liberal government, eliminating the necessity of Cabinet Ministers going back to the country for re-election after appointment. In Mr. Gardiner's case it was his first federal seat but Conservatives were willing to make the concession to facilitate the progress of public business. In clubs and on the street in the capital criticism of Irvine's entry into the campaign at

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### DEMAND VOICED FOR \$25 DIVIDEND

EDMONTON, Jan. 7.—Demands will be made by a large delegation soon after the session of the Alberta House opens on February for early payment of \$25 monthly Social Credit dividends. A. S. Shandro, organizer for the Alberta Basic Dividend Association, said here today.

"We are preparing to organize locals all over the Province to carry on the work," said Mr. Shandro.

(Premier Aberhart repeatedly has said the Province will not be ready to undertake payment of dividends for another eighteen months).

### BRITISH SUBJECTS ARE AMONG RED CROSS WORKERS BOMBED

LONDON, England, Jan. 7.—British subjects were members of the ambulance unit attacked by Italian airmen near Daggah Bur last Saturday, an official message received by the Foreign Office here from Sir Sidney Barton, British minister at Addis Ababa, revealed yesterday.

The Foreign Office made the following statement regarding the minister's report:

### URGE "BLANKET" HOSPITALIZATION IN THE PROVINCE

**Ald. Doohan Suggests Provincial Tax for Public Patients**

The urgent suggestion that the entire tuberculosis hospital system in this province be taken over by the provincial government in order to relieve the municipalities of these increasing costs, was made at the city council's meeting last night. It was pointed out that tuberculosis hospitalization costs are mounting higher all the time.

The council believed that the provincial government had a broader field and better ways of taxing for this purpose than the municipalities. It was submitted that a new provincial tax might be levied for the maintenance of public tuberculosis cases. Ald. T. Earle Doohan urged this matter for consideration. The splendid thing about such a plan of "blanket" hospitalization is exemplified, said Ald. Doohan, in the Chinese practice of paying for sickness when in good health.

### FISHERIES CONFERENCE HERE TODAY

Five fisheries inspectors from this district are meeting here today with their chief, H. L. Parks, fisheries supervisor, for the purpose of discussing the past year's work and plans for the coming year. The conference will continue this afternoon and tomorrow when James Catt, hatcheries supervisor, Saint John, will arrive here with hatcheries superintendents from the district.

The inspectors present today are J. A. D. Robinson, Hampton; E. G. Hunter, Fredericton; C. E. Kilpatrick, Woodstock; J. T. Bell, Grand Falls; and N. W. Campbell, Newcastle.

Hatcheries superintendents who are expected to attend tomorrow are: James Nichol, Saint John; George Sutherland, Florenceville; Adrian McCloskey, Grand Falls and Frank Burgess of the Miramichi hatchery. Others who are expected to attend are: Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden, D. W. Griffiths, director of tourist travel and publicity; F. Cedric Cooper, secretary of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association.

### Tweedsmuir Views Movie of His Book

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—The Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir tonight attended a motion picture presentation of one of His Excellency's novels. The production was shown in a local movie theatre. Government House officials said it was not the first occasion on which Lord Tweedsmuir had seen this particular picture.

"Confirmation has been received . . . of reports that Ethiopian Red Cross Ambulance No. 1, which was staffed by Egyptian and British personnel, was bombarded and subjected to fire from machine guns by an Italian airplane at Daggah Bur on Saturday, Jan. 4.

"No casualties occurred among the foreign staff . . ."

### A Popular Move

The city council took a popular step last evening when a motion was passed to have two open air rinks in operation for the use of the children of the city. One will be at Queen's Square and the other at Wilmot Park. The work of keeping the rinks in order will be done by those on relief. A small shelter for the convenience of skaters will be erected at each rink. Hockey playing will not be allowed on the rinks.

From the first of the season The Daily Mail has strongly advocated an open air rink especially for the children and in this we are endorsed by many citizens.

For those who play hockey it is well to have hockey at the Arctic Rink. But it is impossible to have the rink for the game and at the same time give satisfaction to the children who go there to skate. This arrangement proved very unsatisfactory last year and there is no reason why it should prove more satisfactory this year. All this The Daily Mail has pointed out more than once. This being so, the only solution as has already been stated in this paper is the open air rink.

The grownups as well as the children should appreciate the action of the City Council in regard to providing the open air rink.

In other years when the older boys were allowed to play hockey on the open air rinks it shut out the younger children. We are pleased that this is to be disallowed. According to the Y.M.C.A. arrangements there is plenty of room at the Arctic Rink for those who wish to play hockey. This arrangement should satisfy everybody.

The action of the Council is to be commended.

### Railway Freight Rates Are Fixed on Scientific Basis, Fair to the Country

(Special to The Daily Mail)

HAMILTON, Jan. 7.—Taking as his text a recent public statement to the effect that the Board of Railway Commissioners was responsible for the fixing of freight rates in Canada Sir Edward Beatty addressed a joint dinner given by the Advertising Club, the Canadian Club and the Chamber of Commerce of this city last night. On the general subject of freight rates and their relation to the Board and to Canadian business generally, Sir Edward stated that under the Canada Railway Act power was given the Board to prevent the railways from charging freight rates except in accordance with the Act and the responsibility for fixing freight rates remained that of the railway companies. Sir Edward emphatically pointed out that he was in no way questioning either the authority or competence of the board or its staff. While opposed in general to governmental interference in business, he fully believed in the necessity and value of the board and had nothing but praise to record concerning the judicial wisdom of those who sat on it and the technical skill and competence of its employees. Public utilities, he said, had the

privilege of conducting semi-monopolistic services affecting the life of all the nation, and in a democratic country they must be controlled by public authority. On that basis the Board was necessary and had been of great benefit to both the country and the railways.

That however, did not mean that the existence of the board had been the factor which had kept Canadian railways from undue and unwise exploitation of their semi-monopolistic power.

"It is strictly true," said Sir Edward, "that railway freight rates are fixed on the basis of what the traffic will bear. This is no indictment of the railways. It is a statement of such simple common sense that I should not have to defend it. Every industry in the country decides the price and quantity of goods offered for sale exactly as railway companies do. What the traffic will bear is the principle which every merchant adopts in pricing his goods so that the country can and will buy them, the principle which sets professional charges and the wages of labor" and he added it was the duty of railway officials to find out what transportation people wanted to buy and what they would pay for it exactly as was done in the case of other goods and services. He pointed out, however, that where other people could sell "lose leaders" railways could not. They could offer discount for quantity but only in certain limits, and not to the benefit of any one shipper and to the exclusion of others. They could not offer private reductions to large customers without informing their competitors and they could not offer low rates to customers in consideration of receiving all their business.

These, he intimated, were proper limitations and not merely stupid laws. He stressed various other objections to reckless reduction of rates including the important point that in a buyers market reductions seldom or never go to the producer.

To permit railways to fix rates without legal limit would be to leave them free to favor individuals, corporations or communities even to the extent of ruining others. It was because of a prevalence of this sort of discriminating rate reduction, especially in the United States that public regulation of railway rates was introduced. Sir Ed-

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### CIVIL SERVANTS ASK CONCESSION PAYMENT TAXES

The city council at its committee meeting last night considered the matter of taxing members of the civil service. A complaint had been made that the city should tax these employees on their earnings minus the five per cent sum taken out for pensions by the civil service. Hitherto the city had been taxing the civil servants at the post office on the gross of their earnings. Ald. Warren Maxwell recommended last night that the city's tax be imposed in the regular way. He could see no fault with the present system and the matter should not be dealt with any differently. Enforced savings, he said, were no different than voluntary savings and the five per cent taken out of these employees' salaries assured them of a pension. In the Post Office department, from where a particular complaint had come, the sum of five per cent of salary has always been held back for pension purposes.

### ROOSEVELT ASKS CONGRESS SPEND \$1,000,000,000

**Largest Sum Ever Asked in Peace-Time**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—A national defence budget of nearly \$1,000,000,000—the largest peace-time sum ever asked for strictly military and naval purposes—went to the United States Congress yesterday from President Roosevelt. He estimated \$937,791,966 would be required in the 1936-37 fiscal year for both the army and navy. A \$193,000,000 increase over estimated 1935 expenditures would be devoted largely to the acquisition of new fighting ships, aircraft and personnel in the year starting July 1.

Taking notice of the lack of progress at the London Naval Conference toward a new limitations agreement, he asked Congress to provide \$567,782,400 for the navy, much of which would be used to build up the fleet to full treaty strength by 1942.

For the Army

For the army, provisions was asked for purchase of 507 new airplanes, more tanks, armored, and combat cars, an increase in the number of West Point cadets, and in the National Guard.

In connection with naval outlays, a White House analysis said, carry-over and emergency funds would make \$621,900,000 available for spending compared with \$603,500,000 in 1935.

"These estimates," it was said, "represent the minimum amount considered necessary to maintain the navy as an efficient military unit, and especially to provide for orderly progress."

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### COURSE HOME ECONOMICS IS ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the thirteenth annual short course in home economics to be conducted by the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture was made today by Hon. A. C. Taylor, the Minister. The Agricultural School at Sussex has again been chosen as the location and dates have been set to cover the four weeks between March 3rd and April 1st.

The course will be under the immediate supervision of Miss Alma Weldon, Superintendent of Women's Institutes, and will be open to any woman or girl in the province. Twenty lessons will be devoted to instruction in the preparation, cooking and serving of meals properly balanced from a nutritional standpoint. There will also be instruction in elementary sewing and dress-making and home nursing will occupy an important place on the programme.

It is of interest, too, to note that the fast disappearing art of weaving will be revived through instruction at the home economics school. Those attending will be taught how to make many useful articles on small looms.

Of special interest to women from agricultural districts who intend going to the school will be the lecture on horticulture and the care and housing of poultry.

In past years the short course in home economics has proven itself a popular one and applications for enrolment already coming to the desk of the Supervisor at the Department of Agriculture indicate that its popularity is likely to continue.

### EMBARRASSING WHEN MOUNTIES GIVEN HORSE

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Royal Canadian Mounted Police of "C" Division, Quebec, have a horse, but don't know what to do with it. They arrested George Viopel, 22, for peddling illicit liquor New Year's Eve and when he pleaded guilty Judge J. O. LaCroix gave the officers Viopel's horse. The division has been horseless since it came East several years ago.

### Police Believe That Lake Family Were Victims of Murder

**Chapters Send  
Special Gift  
to I.O.D.E. Fund**

A gala day was recently enjoyed at I.O.D.E. headquarters in Toronto when the National Executive Committee, the local and some out-of-town Regents, officers and Endowment Fund Conveners gathered to celebrate the receipt of Christmas gifts for the National Endowment Fund, which amounted to \$1,575, forwarded from chapters of the order throughout the Dominion.

Some time ago, each chapter in Canada was provided with a tiny red stocking to hold the Christmas contribution, and these were returned bearing gifts from all the provinces and from the Yukon, and on arrival at the order's headquarters were hung on a Christmas tree especially provided and decorated for the purpose. Each little stocking bore the name of the chapter and the amount contributed. The sum received on this occasion was a special gift and does not affect the usual contributions sent in by the chapters for the Endowment Fund established for the expansion of the work of the order.

### "FIRST" BABY'S BIRTH AIDS A WHOLE FAMILY

MONTREAL, P. Q., Jan. 7.—It paid one family in a Montreal suburb to have a visit from Sir Stork on New Year's Day. A contest sponsored by the Notre Dame de Grace Business Men's Association—the winner to be the first baby born in the year 1936—proved mutually beneficial to mother, father and infant son. First the baby received a frame for its photograph, a case of Jamaica oranges, basket of fruit and coupon for a cake to be baked for its christening. The mother, Mrs. H. Leduc, was presented with three pairs of silk stockings, an offer for a permanent wave from a beauty parlor and a reduction on a fur coat (if she should care to buy one). Even the dad was not forgotten. He was provided with a dozen bottles of beer.

ILL WITH TONSILLITIS  
Friends will regret to hear that Miss Mildred Brewer is ill at her home with tonsillitis. She was reported to be improved today.

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

### SELF EDUCATED MAN WRITES LAW EXAMS AT OSGOODE HALL

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 7.—At the age of 50, J. A. Bradette, elected member of Parliament for Cochrane, is ready to write his law school examinations. He has been studying law for several years when he can find time from his political duties.

While born in the Province of Quebec, Mr. Bradette started his career in northern Ontario as a storekeeper. His interest in education followed business success and he decided to make up for his lack of schooling as a youth. He studied for and passed his matriculation examinations and then became a member of Parliament.

### Body of One Baby Has Not Yet Been Found— Scar on Woman's Head— Inquest Tomorrow.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—A fiendish crime of assault prior to the burning of the little home at Pacific Junction, owned by Philip Lake, 30, formerly of Saint John, is conjectured here today following the finding of the bodies yesterday of Lake and his wife and a twenty-months old baby in the charred embers of their home, 13 miles from here.

R.C.M.P. Inspector John Bird and his staff, probed the mystery of the charred little home today, and the fact of foul play loomed large in the face of evidence deduced at the post-mortem examination of the bodies, which will be continued this afternoon. An inquest into the tragedy will be held tomorrow.

The post-mortem this morning revealed a heavy scar on the head of Bertha Lake, the 30 year old wife of the former Saint John man.

The bodies of Lake and his wife and one baby were found yesterday by a neighbor in the fire-razed homestead. The body of another baby is still missing today. Inspector Bird definitely established foul play in the case this afternoon, following this morning's post-mortem. No arrests have yet been made, although police are investigating all angles of the case, and following several likely clues. The bodies of the man and woman have been identified as Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lake. Inspector Bird could not give any motive for the alleged crime this afternoon. The date for the funeral of the victims has not yet been arranged.

The Daily Mail was the only paper in New Brunswick yesterday to carry the first "scoop" of the Pacific Junction tragedy. Our story came as special despatch to this paper.

The post-mortem investigation is being held this morning. Inspector "Jack" Bird of the R.C.M.P., investigating the tragedy. Were the members of the family murdered, or was the tragedy accidental?

Pacific Junction is thirteen miles from Moncton on the C.N.R. on the line between McGivney Junction and (Continued on Page Four)

### GIVEN 30 MINUTES TO DIE, BABY LIVES

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—When M. guerite Holland was born last November 19, she was premature by three and a half months, weighed only a pound and seven ounces and was given only 30 minutes to live by physicians. Now she weighs six pounds and is ready to leave the hospital.