

# BETTY LAKE IS PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF HER AUNT, MRS. EDWIN CUTHBERTSON

## Alberta's Legislators Vote for Setting up Of a Provincial Bank

Provincial Treasurer Claims Credit Facilities for  
Primary Resources

Nine Weeks' Session

Trade and Industry Act With Price Regulation  
an Important Measure

EDMONTON, Alta., April 8—Premier Aberhart of Alberta was yesterday given full power by the Social Credit Government to establish a provincial bank for Alberta.

Alberta's eighth and most publicized Legislature ended its first session yesterday.

And as the legislators wound up their nearly nine weeks' labors, they voted unanimously to give Premier Aberhart's Social Credit government the first of its kind in the world, power to set up a provincial bank.

The resolution enabling the cabinet to proceed "as soon as may be convenient" to establish such an institution, climaxed a session during which were passed 102 bills, including many which propose change of a far-reaching nature.

"Development of our primary resources makes necessary some method of ensuring credit facilities," said Hon. Charles Cockcroft, provincial treasurer, in moving the resolution. "This is the method."

Premier Aberhart seconded the motion. "This is a step which every province will have to take eventually to do the work which all will have to do," he said.

"As things are now, due to our system of large banks and financial institutions operating for commercial purposes, they hold control over credit. When we have our own bank, we ourselves shall have that control."

When Lieutenant-Governor Walsh prorogued the Legislature at noon, he brought to a conclusion one stage of the government's halting progress towards instituting social credit in Alberta—a monetary theory which envisages monthly "basic dividends" for all bona fide citizens.

To that end the administration successfully passed through the Assembly the Social Credit Measures Act, which provides for appointment of a royal commission to study feasibility of such a plan in this foothills province. The commission has yet to be appointed.

During the session Alberta defaulted on a \$3,200,000 bond issue, following which a public debt conversion bill was passed by the assembly. The bill would convert part or all of the \$160,000,000 provincial debt into perpetual bonds.

Another important measure was the

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## CROWN MAY APPEAL JURY'S VERDICT IN BANNISTER CASE

Respecting rumors today that the Crown would appeal the verdict of the jury in the case of Mrs. May Bannister, who has been sentenced to serve three and one half years as an accessory after the Lake baby kidnapping at Pacific Junction, Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney general, said today that so far no such appeal has been entered. He expects to discuss the matter with the counsel in the case, however. The attorney general was not

### Ald. Ross in Statement Re Discrimination

Alderman says he did not Charge  
Discrimination By Magistrate —  
"Discrimination" Somewhere, However — Ald. Doohan Doesn't Report.

Claiming his remarks regarding charges of discrimination in connection with being hailed to court last September to have been misinterpreted by the press at the April committee meeting of the city council on Monday night, Ald. Dr. B. R. Ross last night told The Daily Mail that he did not charge discrimination on the part of Police Magistrate Walter Limerick.

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## FREDERICTON IS NOT IN THE CANADIAN ROUTE

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 8—With the increased use of high speed transport planes, Canadians can look confidently forward to a 20-hour transcontinental air service between Halifax and Vancouver in the near future says George G. Wakeman.

The district inspector of the civil aviation branch of the department of national defence forecast a 17-hour service between either Montreal or Toronto and the Pacific Coast.

The proposed trans-Canada air route would be 3,083 miles long, 714 less than the route by railroad, said Mr. Wakeman. The route would run from Halifax through Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Brnsdale, Ontario, Cochrane, Winnipeg, Regina, Lethbridge, Crow's Nest Pass, Grand Forks, Princeton and over the Colquhlla Pass to Vancouver.

Mr. Wakeman described the airway meteorological service being organized throughout the Dominion by the government and told how it would aid in the transcontinental flights. He said another transcontinental route had been suggested and was 2,759 miles long.

## Why The Police Commission?

During the course of the discussions at the City Council meeting this week it turned out that none of the Aldermen were able to give an intelligent answer as to just what powers in regard to traffic and other matters were within the power of the Council, and how much control was in the hands of the Police Commission. Some of the Aldermen elected by the people were afraid to move because they might be breaking the rules of the mighty Police Commission. That's just about what it amounts to. The Mayor who is an ex officio member of the Police Commission was today asked the duty of the Police Commission. He floundered around and then suggested that we "ask the Police Magistrate." Imagine citizens having the affairs of the city in the hands of a Police Magistrate who is not even appointed by the city but that the City has to pay. If there is any one official in Fredericton that is more arbitrary than another it is the Police Magistrate. The conditions under which he is appointed makes him so. He is thrust upon the citizens by the Provincial Government and the citizens have to put up and shut up as far as paying his salary and other expenses go.

The Police Magistrate, the Mayor and one other citizen constitute the Police Commission. No person seems to know what the duties of the Police Commission include. Very few know the names of the Commission, and even the Mayor and Aldermen do not know what power the Commission has. They may have power to arrest a citizen and drag him up to the tower at City Hall for all the Aldermen are aware. When a citizen asked Mayor Kitchen today he said, "Ask Magistrate Limerick and look up the by-laws."

The Commission should have no power at all. There should be no Commission. It appears that this high-pat Commission was established back in prohibition days, probably because it was thought that the Aldermen of those days needed watching or something. If the Commission was ever of any use, which we doubt, it seems to be absolutely useless at the present time. It should be abolished as soon as the Aldermen can get the necessary legislation through to have it abolished.

The citizens elect a Mayor and ten Aldermen to conduct the business of the city. Why should it be necessary to pass a part of the duties over to a commission which is not responsible to any person and which is composed of one official who, whilst he is paid by the city, is not even selected by them. This is, to say the least, not a very democratic form of government.

Speaking of Commissions, there are altogether too many of them. The Federal Government appoints railway commissions, radio commissions, wheat commissions, and dear knows what not. The Provincial Governments appoint a Workmen's Board, a liquor commission, a utilities commission, a hydro commission, a motor carrier board, and others, while in the city we have a school board spending hundreds of thousands of dollars of our money and doing its business secretly. We have this Police Commission which seems to be a fearful and wonderful mystery to every person from the Mayor down, and which every person seems to be afraid to tackle. The individuals on these Commissions are mostly nice fellows and good citizens some of them work free, others get good handouts. BUT THE WHOLE PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT BY AND THROUGH COMMISSIONS IS WRONG. If men are selected by the people to do a certain work they should tackle the job, not pass it along to commissions about whom the people have no say at all. The people are getting fed up on this kind of stuff.

The City Council should proceed at the earliest possible date to abolish the Police Commission. If the necessary legislation cannot be obtained this year, well then arrange to have it done next year. The Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council should have control of the police and to a certain extent of the Police Magistrate. Now the city pays the bills and has no say whatever.

Keep away from commissions. There is no need of them in a little town like this. There should be no need of them anywhere. They are not democratic and are against all principles of responsible government.

## Commissions are Buffer State Between Gov't and People

The words of W. A. Walsh, M.P. for Mount Royal in the House of Commons on a recent debate in the proposed Employment Commission in Ottawa are interesting and speak plainly Mr. Walsh's views on this our day of commissions and committees. Mr. Walsh says:

"We have heard in this house much reference to the causes of the depression and to the need for a measure of this kind. This measure is the suggestion of the Minister of Labor after looking at the situation as it now exists. I want to say all in fairness to him that I have read the speech he delivered on the second reading of this bill, and I do not think any hon. member could take exception to the remarks he made on that occasion. I think he is seriously making an effort to establish something that will help him solve this problem of unemployment. The only difference between the Minister of Labor and myself is that I have more confidence in him and his department, and in his ability to organize his department, than he has himself. He wants to turn over the work of the Department of Labor in this field to a commission. As I look at the record of the Department of Labor prior to 1930 I hardly think it was an overworked department. I feel that the present Minister of Labor would be quite competent to handle this situation if he had not been tied by an election promise that had been

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## F'TON DIOCESAN BOARD MEETS HERE EARLY IN JUNE

Resolution Protesting  
Revision of Hymn Book  
Church of England

SAINT JOHN, April 7—A resolution protesting against the revision of the hymn book of the Church of England in Canada at the present time was passed unanimously at a meeting of the Fredericton diocesan board of the W.A. in Saint John yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was held in St. Luke's schoolroom, with the president, Mrs. G. C. P. McIntyre, Sussex, in the chair. A letter from Miss Loretta Shaw, missionary in Japan and a member of St. Luke's congregation, told of Christian observance in that land. Miss Shaw is returning to Canada on furlough this summer. A resolution of sympathy in bereavement was extended to the Dominion W.A., past president, Mrs. Gilbert Ferrabee, Montreal, formerly of Fredericton.

For the annual meeting in Fredericton in the first week of June, it is hoped to have a woman missionary speaker. The communion service sermon will be by the Dean of Montreal. The new Dominion president, Mrs. Woods, the Archbishop of Fredericton and Rev. Canon C. Gordon Lawrence will give addresses. Mrs. Jas. F. Robertson, Saint John, is convenor for the programme and Miss Gertrude H. Davidson, 198 St. John street, Fredericton, is convenor of the billeting committee.

## EDWARD MALONE FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT BY JURY

DALHOUSIE, April 8—Edward A. Malone, former manager of the Campbell branch of the brokerage firm of E. A. Malone & Co., Ltd., was found guilty of theft by a petit jury in the Restigouche County court yesterday afternoon. The jury brought in its verdict at 6.10 p.m., after two hours' deliberation.

Malone had been charged with conspiracy.

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# Southern United States Suffering Death And Destruction from Tornadoes and Floods

## CLOSED SEASON FOR BERRIES IN NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX, April 8—A closed season for cranberries and foxberries in Nova Scotia between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15 each year would be declared by a bill introduced in the Legislature by Hon. J. A. McDonald, minister of agriculture. Penalties for breaking the law would range from \$4 to \$8. Other clauses of the bill would make it unlawful to take blueberries or bogberries from Crown lands with a scoop or mechanical device. The maximum fine would be \$20.

### APPLY FOR NEW SIGN

Scovil Bros. Ltd. has been granted permission to erect an electric light sign over its place of business on Queen street, the work to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the city engineer.

## Saint John Chief Of Police Slader Dismissed for Cause

Inefficiency, Passive Resistance, Lack of Reports  
Charged by Commissioner Walsh

Cooperation With Police Unsatisfactory

Two False Summonses Issued by Some One Were  
Not Checked Up

### LAKE BABY IS ENTRUSTED TO CUTHBERTSONS

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney-General, has received several applications for the custody of Betty Lake, baby daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lake, Pacific Junction murder victims. After careful inquiry Hon. Mr. McNair has decided to entrust the child in the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cuthbertson, of Barker's Point. Mrs. Cuthbertson is a sister of the late Phillip Lake and an aunt of the baby. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson have signified their intention of making application to a court for legal adoption of the child.

### MAILS HELD UP

Western mails coming to Fredericton via Montreal were held up today due to a freight derailment 20 miles west of Greenville, on the Canadian Pacific line. The derailed freight held up traffic on the line and the mails will arrive on the Montreal train at 6.10 o'clock tonight.

### EXPECTED TOMORROW

W. G. Clark, M.P. for York and Sunbury and Mrs. Clark are expected to arrive home tomorrow to spend the Easter season at their home in the city.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 8—Chief of Police E. M. Slader was dismissed yesterday by Commissioner Walsh of the department of public safety on grounds of "inefficiency".

The Common Council, meeting in the afternoon, accepted notification of the dismissal without a dissenting voice after it had listened to a recitation by the commissioner of a series of incidents purporting to show laxity in police administration under Chief Slader.

Commissioner Walsh charged that his orders had met with "passive resistance" by police officers; that proper records of supplies and firearms were lacking, although he did not infer there were any irregularities in this respect; that he had demanded and failed to get from the chief certain reports; and that he could find no file of contracts under which members of the force were employed.

Citing rigid police discipline in the case of three constables, he scored Chief Slader for what he termed his indecision about dealing with Matron Annie Adams and Detective A. Earle McBrien for their part in imprisoning Mary Boyd without a proper commitment.

His statement followed by but a few hours the handing down of a judgment by the appeal division of the supreme court of New Brunswick ordering issue of a writ of mandamus directed to Horace S. McLeese, acting chief of police, and commanding him to restore Matron Adams and Detective McBrien to their positions. The officers had applied.

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## COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE DEEP SEAWAY PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 8—The International Joint Commission decided yesterday to hold public hearings late next summer on a proposed deep seaway from Montreal to New York, linking the St. Lawrence River, Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. The purpose of the projected waterway would be to shorten the route for deep sea vessels from the St. Lawrence to New York, other Atlantic coast ports, the Panama Canal and South America.

A survey in 1900 estimated the cost of such a seaway at \$100,000,000. The commission said army engineers assigned to it would gather new data on cost and routes before the public hearings for which no time or place was set.

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