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Representation in Legislatures

Out in British Columbia, where they are always prepared to make changes, they are giving serious consideration to the suggestion that the Legislature should be reduced in membership. They believe that they are over-governed. The Conservatives in convention—there are still Conservatives out there—are suggesting the reduction of the Legislature from forty-eight to thirty-two. The reason seems to be a practical one and might well be considered in all other provinces as well, including New Brunswick.

The reason for having a Legislature of 32 members is a practical one. British Columbia sends 16 members to the House of Commons, and it is suggested that a Legislature in which each Federal constituency would have two members would be a Legislature of fair size and one in which urban and country representation would be in balance.

We often hear the complaint that Canada is over-governed. But the reason Canada is over-governed is that we insist upon doing so many things twice. We divide New Brunswick into 10 constituencies for Federal purposes—divide it as fairly as seems possible. But that fair division isn't good enough for our Provincial representatives. They must divide the province another way—not because it will be a better way but because it will be their way.

It is the same with voters' lists. The provincial list isn't good enough for the Dominion; the Dominion list isn't good enough for the province. Each must have its own. And so on with income tax. Each authority—because it is an authority and thinks highly of itself—must burrow into the affairs of the citizens and collect its levy. And the people who are worried by the double imposition pay the double bill.

In this province our present representation is not fairly divided according to population. The whole thing is out of joint. Why not cut down the representation and then divide it according to population.

War of National Independence

Italy in danger has become Italy united. What was to have been a pure and simple campaign of an exclusively colonial nature in East Africa, with a clearly defined goal, has been raised to the height of a war of national independence. This is just the reason why the Italian people, who at first were openly indifferent and looked with tepid enthusiasm to the African adventure, conceived and willed by Benito Mussolini, today appear to be unconditionally backing the Duce in his imperialistic enterprise and are bearing the hardest sacrifice in order to bring it to a successful conclusion. So writes Paul Cremona in the Christian Science Monitor.

All Italians, irrespective of their political views, are now persuaded that their country is deeply involved in an undertaking where everything is at stake—the prestige and honor of the nation, its political future and economic well-being, its prospects for many years to come. If Italy should be defeated in Ethiopia, or if the material advantages which she hopes to be able to extract from an Ethiopia in her possession should not be realized, the country would not only lose at one blow many of the gains which had been realized by immense efforts under the Fascist regime, but, exhausted by the tremendous strain imposed upon it, would find itself in a pit from which it would be unable to emerge for a very long period.

This is just where the difference lies between the present Italian colonial undertaking and the similar enterprises carried on by other great nations in the past. While a colonial enterprise which ended badly did not have, in other times, too disastrous consequences for the country which undertook it, the failure of the Italian colonial effort in East Africa would bring with it the ruin of the whole Fascist state.

British opposition to Italy's colonial aspirations in East Africa has brought Italy face to face again with the problems left unsolved at Versailles. The British attitude, writes Signor Bottai, "has determined a reaction which goes beyond, and must go beyond, the Ethiopian and contingent target, transforming itself into a reaction of long duration, systematic, methodical, against the present political map, colonial and noncolonial. This reaction can become, and will certainly become, excellent material for a revolutionary movement like Fascism, which is capable of giving to it, by means of the Fascist economic and social theories as well as the subversive impulse against the constituted international order." The true and proper problem of Italy is not the conquest of Ethiopia but the redemption of the Mediterranean—an economic redemption to be conquered defensively today and offensively tomorrow, the political redemption against "the foreigners" who still hold and master Italian islands and seas. This is how Fascist intellectuals view the Italo-Ethiopian conflict and its future developments. Is it surprising that the British should oppose such a Fascist conception of colonial expansion?

Insull Once Again

It has been announced that within two weeks Samuel Insull will embark upon a new venture — the creation of a big mid-western chain of broadcasting stations. The former utilities king during his tenure of power was one of the great patrons of music and art, and inspired the establishment of the Chicago Civic Opera Building, from which the new chain is to be operated.

Insull, who had a humble origin in London, seems to possess unusual courage and resilience. It is not that he survived the trials on charges of fraud which he faced after his utilities empire crashed, for he was acquitted and in any case there is a certain cynicism now about the indictments of business men after the stock market crash, for so many appear to have been doing the same things as those whose indiscretions found them out, and to have emerged scot free. It is that he survived the incredible chase around the Mediterranean when it was no longer possible for him to remain free from extradition in Greece.

It is an old and almost forgotten story now, but at the time the poor, unhappy old man was one of the most ingenious figures of the depression—a once proud, once powerful, once respected pillar of American society scuttling about the Mediterranean in a little steamer, fleeing from justice in his own country. That is the sort of thing that wrecks a man.

In fact, Insull faced his problem in an infinitely less courageous manner than did Clarence Hatry, the English financier. Hatry, when he saw the game was up, admitted his shortages and worked with the prosecution to expedite the trial at which he eventually got fourteen years.

SNAPSHOTS

The Mayoralty contest has boiled down to two candidates, Aldermen Mitchell and Kitchen. Alderman Mundle will continue to finish his work at the Council Board.

A local man who sits up all night had some fun in the early hours of New Year's morning calling up citizens and getting them out of bed. Then he would say, "Is this 1936?" When the man at the other end of the phone replied "No! It is 928," the smart one would say "Look at the calendar and you will see that it is 1936." This was a smart one. Even those who jumped out of bed appreciated the joke.

An old lady from up town says that the bus makes her nervous. It is too much like big city stuff. But it is just what we have needed for years.

It is better to have loved a short girl, than never to have loved a tall.

The evidence from Alaska is that Eskimos are spectacular drinkers. It gives science a wholly new interpretation of those Northern Lights.

A comfort of campaigning in the old days was that a vote-seeker could make a sub rosa speech to farmers without being overheard on city radios.

There appears to be more war talk in the old countries than there is actual fighting in Ethiopia.

The absent-minded professor will kindly step aside for the gentleman who couldn't remember the name of the woman he married five years before and had to send the number of his marriage license in to find out.

After seven years in the Far North a Hudson's Bay Company official reaches Edmonton and comments: "From what I have been hearing of this depression of yours, I think we're much better off in the Arctic." This is the reward for living close to nature, and in a country where there are no Joneses to keep up with. But "this depression of yours" is good.

Doing Good Work In Developing Salmon Fishing

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To the public, it would seem that the violent jolting as the tote team humped over windfalls and the uneven terrain would be fatal to the small creatures buffeted and swished about in their cans, but actually this constant agitation is beneficial to the fish, as the motion served to keep the water in the cans aerated, a condition necessary to the survival of the fish on such a long journey.

No Fuss or Feathers at the Gov. General's New Year's Levee

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time met Baron Tweedsmuir and all of them liked him.

On a buffalo robe laid down in the Hall of Fame of the Parliament buildings, His Excellency stood with his aides de camp and shortly after noon a long line of notables and eminences military, naval and air officers and civilians paid their respects. There were no court nor dress uniforms only the defence force representatives wearing their scarlet or blue or grey. There was no fuss and feathers. A name was called, there was a bow and a handshake and a word or two and the caller passed on.

It was not a snooty affair. Any man on the street might stroll into the Parliament Buildings, join the line and pay his respects. A destitute old war veteran on relief throughout the depression followed a well known banker in saying "Happy New Year" to His Excellency.

Then the veteran went into the buffet room and had the best meal he'd consumed for months and nobody said him nay.

The line filed steadily past. Usually the levee is over well before one o'clock but time went on and still there were young men and old men, middle aged men and boys, waiting to pay their respects. Senator Carine Wilson could not attend for it was a man's show but her husband, her three young sons and her son-in-law were all present in the buffet room. old statesmen renewed their acquaintances with old adversaries and new friends. The younger statesmen made new acquaintances. Hon. Charles Stewart, newly appointed to the international joint commission joined Hon. Hugh Guthrie, the new head of the Dominion Railway Commission, and they talked of their respective problems.

Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of National Revenue, attended with Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Railways and Marine. Mr. Isley had a wretched cold and remarked that such an ailment never seemed to interest any but the unfortunate victim. Then the levee concluded.

OCEAN PLANES FOR TRADE RACE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 2.—The Santa Maria will take wing next year.

Transatlantic transport service by airplane will be in the making in the next summer flight of an airliner across the ocean over which Christopher Columbus said his flagship almost 450 years ago.

With the projected voyage will come fresh international races for markets as the world's air routes become trade routes.

Next year, say air transport companies, will be the biggest in the history of flying since the Wright brothers lifted their kitelike, sprocketed contraption off the sands at Kitty Hawk in 1901.

A 25-ton flying boat of Pan American Airways will ease out over the Atlantic under the impetus of four roaring motors to plot the course of the future transatlantic air voyager.

American airplanes in the transport field already are prepared to inaugurate air mail and passenger service.

The routes are not the problem. It is competition. Supreme over the Pacific, American aviation on the Atlantic meets the challenge of those nations which will be America's neighbors when the service gets under way.

Passed Away at Sheffield, Well Known in City

Following a stroke which she experienced at her home in Sheffield early on Monday morning, Mrs. Edith M. Barker, aged 72, passed away after a useful life on this earth. She was the widow of C. Woodville Barker and the daughter of the late John Albert and Charlotte Venning, formerly of Saint John. The death will be widely mourned. She leaves to mourn a number of relatives. Mrs. Ellen M. Gilbert of this city, is a sister. Other surviving relatives are two brothers, and one sister: Albert E. Venning of Coffeyville, Kansas; Harry LeBaron Venning, of Upper Sheffield; and Mrs. Minnie E. Gilbert of Major's Island, N. B. Among the nieces and nephews are Mrs. John Webster, and Mrs. Fred Barwell of this city; Mrs. Arthur Clowes of Hampton; Miss Clara Higginbottom of Major's Island; Fred Higginbottom of Toronto, and four nephews and one niece in the west.

The funeral will take place from the Sheffield residence tomorrow at two o'clock with service at the home followed by public service at the United Church, to be conducted by Rev. E. E. Fytche. Interment will be made in the Sheffield cemetery.

THE BUS WAR

The Capital Transit, Ltd., and Highway Transport, Ltd., who have exclusive bus running franchise in Fredericton and Marysville-Devon respectively, are operating in full swing today. The city has the option through its new by-law of slapping a \$50 fine on any other company, but the Capital Transit, Ltd. for taking on or letting off passengers in this city, but this law has not yet been enforced. The Highway Transport, Ltd. have been running to and from Devon with passengers and make the claim that they are not transgressing any of the by-laws. It was reported today that Capital Transit, Ltd. may "retaliate" by taking their buses over to Devon and Marysville, although W. E. Vaughan said today that nothing like this was being done. In the meantime there is a report from Marysville that the management of the Cotton mill complains that employees are liable to be late for work, unless the bus service is made to conform with the hours of opening at the mill.

TENDER TOO LOW?

The Municipal Home committee is meeting with the local grocers this afternoon at three o'clock at which time consideration will be made of tenders submitted for the supplying of food for city relief for the month of January. The meeting has been called because of an unusually low tender submitted by a local meat concern. Several of the grocers have complained that the tender was below cost.

EIGHTY ONE YESTERDAY

John Toner celebrated his eighty-first birthday yesterday. He received many congratulations and gifts from relatives and friends. Mr. Toner is very active for a man of his years and amongst his activities is an annual bicycle trip to Saint John.

ILL AT HIS HOME

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Jas. F. Gallagher has been ill at his home for the past several weeks.

DIED

BARKER—Mrs. Edith M. Barker, aged 72, passed away at her home in Sheffield on January 1 after a brief illness. Deceased was the widow of C. Woodville Barker.

The funeral will take place with service at the residence on Friday at two o'clock. A public service will be held at the United Church, to be conducted by Rev. E. E. Fytche. Interment will be made in the Sheffield cemetery.

STATISTICS SHOW PRESENT WINTER WARMER

Month of December, '34 Had 15 Days Sub-Zero; 5 in '35

Figures given out today by the Dominion Experimental Station show that the present winter—to date, at any rate—is considerably warmer than on the previous year. And 1934 was a comparatively warm winter.

In December 1934 there were fifteen days on which the mercury fell below zero, while during December 1935 there were only five sub-zero days.

There was more snowfall during last month, however. A total of twenty-three and a half inches fell during December, 1935, while in the month of December, 1934, the snowfall amounted to fifteen inches.

The comparative tables of weather statistics for December of each year follows:

December 1935—Maximum temperature, 36; mean, 1.96; minimum, 16 below; snowfall, 23½ inches; rainfall, none; sunshine, 97.6 hours.

December 1934—Maximum temperature, 54; mean, 18.25; minimum, 9 below; rainfall, .95 inches; snowfall, fifteen inches; sunshine, 126.9 hours.

Fred J. Tims, Son Douglas Are Feted

At the Waverly Hotel on New Year's eve the employees banqueted the employer—and in grand style. Fred J. Tims, and Douglas Tims, of the contracting firm of Fred J. Tims & Son were dined and toasted by forty of their employees and during the evening each was presented with gold fountain pens and pencils. The banquet and gifts were tokens of the appreciation of the workers, most of whom have been steadily employed for the past four Depression years. Presentation of the gifts was made by William Ross, one of the senior employees and Mr. Tims, senior and junior, replied feelingly. The banquet was a total surprise to the honored guests and they showed keen appreciation. Other speakers during the evening included Fred Ryan, and Shepherd Parker. The occasion was a most unusual one and the fact that the employer was feted by his employees accentuated the friendliness and good fellowship of the gathering. At the present time the contracting firm of Fred J. Tims & Son are employing fifty two men, which is something to conjure with in these days when employers are laying men off rather than holding them or taking new ones on. Other employers could take a lesson from the book of this generous concern which is doing so much to encourage the industrial comeback. The dinner furnished on New Year's eve was a most excellent seven-course one and speaks well for the catering of the Waverly Hotel.

Beheading of Italian Airmen Bombing Reason

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mailand front was fully justified by the proved fact that two Italian aviators who fell at Daggah Bar were killed and decapitated and their heads carried to Harar in triumph.

"The Italian planes did not mean to bomb tents of the Swedish Red Cross and other Red Crosses although, it is well known that Ethiopian chiefs take shelter under Red Cross signs when they see Italian airplanes.

"News of the number of dead is not definitely stated.

"New capital being made of this episode is without basis. The war methods of the Ethiopians on the Somaliland and Eritrean fronts are already shown in documents given to the League of Nations.

Mrs. MacRae's Body Taken to Saint John For Burial There

The funeral service for the late Mrs. Alexander MacRae took place last evening. Prayers were conducted at the home on St. John Street at 6.45 p.m. by Very Rev. Dean J. H. A. Holmes and an impressive service was conducted at Christchurch Cathedral at 8 p.m. by Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, assisted by Dean Holmes. A large number of sympathetic friends attended the service at the Cathedral and there were very many beautiful floral tributes. The body was taken to Saint John by the 9.30 train this morning and was accompanied by all the members of the family and Dean Holmes, who will conduct the committal service at the graveside today.

The chief mourners were Donald A. MacRae, George F. MacRae, Alexander MacRae, H. F. G. Bridges, M.P.P., G. F. G. Bridges, and W. W. Hubbard. The pall bearers were Dr. A. L. Gerow, Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Horace Hawkins, A. A. Shute, C. E. Nash and Walter Limerick.

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LITTLE RAILROADS IN ENGLAND QUIT

LONDON, England, Jan. 2.—One by one Britain's little railways are closing down, says London Answers.

The latest to stop working is the Lynton-Barnstaple Railway in North Devon. This was a narrow-gauge line, which claimed to give its passengers the most picturesque train journey in England. The scenery along the 19-mile route was magnificent. The railway was opened in 1898, and was absorbed by the Southern in 1923.

Another little railway, sometimes described as the quaintest in England, is likewise doomed. This is the Brill "tram", a light railway running through the Vale of Aylesbury, between Quainton and Brill. It was opened 63 years ago, to carry the produce and workers of the Duke of Buckingham, and was rented by the Metropolitan Railway in 1899.

It has no signals; in some places there are no sleepers; and the driver get down from his engine to open the gates at level crossings. Once there wasn't even an engine—the original coach was drawn by a horse.

But the Brill train runs to time—so much so that, in some places, farm laborers know that it is time to down tools when it passes in the afternoon. They are complaining now that when it stops working they won't know the time any more.

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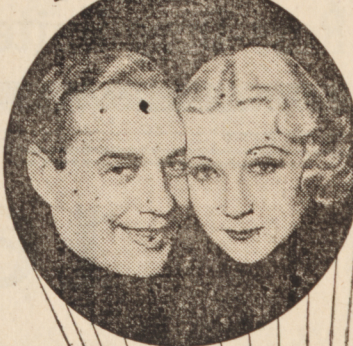
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JOHN S. SCOTT, Secretary-Treasurer.