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Weather: Cloudy tonight and Friday;
scattered showers and fog

SENATE VOTE DEFEATS THE B. N. A. ACT

The Chain Store Magnates Object Our Prov. Tax

Eatons, Zellers, Dominion Stores and Metropolitan Wait on Government

They Present Their Tale of Woe

These People Take Thousands of Dollars of Our Money Out of New Brunswick Each Year

A delegation of Ontario business concerns including representatives of the T. Eaton Company, Zellers Ltd., Montreal; the Dominion Stores, an Ontario concern, and also the Metropolitan, waited upon the government yesterday afternoon for the purpose of putting up objections against the Corporations Tax Act, particularly in regard to recent amendments which provided for an increased taxation on chain stores and other extra-provincial corporations. This act gave the government power to fix the rate of additional taxes by an order-in-council. It is understood that the delegation which apparently wants to do business in the province and are loathe to contribute their share as asked to provincial finances, received a courteous hearing by the executive. It appears that the Canadian chain stores have an association which embraces Zellers, the Dominion Stores, and also the Metropolitan stores. W. P. Zeller, of Zellers, Ltd., Montreal; Morley Smith, president of the Dominion Stores, Toronto; and G. W. Shuffe, of London, Ontario, representing the Metropolitan, were all here. The other concerns were represented by New Brunswick lawyers. These representatives presented briefs to the government giving their tale of woe and alleged reasons why they should not be taxed.

It will probably be contended by the local merchants and others residing in this province that when concerns like Zellers or the Dominion Stores or the Metropolitan, or the chain and mail-order business of Eatons, come down to this province to do business in competition with local concerns that they might very well contribute the taxes imposed by the province. Thousands of dollars of New Brunswick money is passing out of the province through these chain stores and through Eaton's mail-order routes and going to enrich wealthy stockholders of these concerns in the upper provinces. This is money that never comes back and is passed into these concerns by people who are more kind to the stranger than they are to their own. If this bunch of chain store people want to come to New Brunswick to do business they should not have the nerve to come down here and kick over the taxes. Any move to remit taxes on these chain stores will not prove a popular one.

S. Babcock and H. S. Hellman of Hanover, N.H., are in the city today and are stopping at the Queen hotel.

Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, is a guest of the Queen hotel this week.

HUGE CAMERA FOR ECLIPSE

WASHINGTON, June 11—The National Geographic society and the National Bureau of Standards have made plans to photograph the sun's corona during the total eclipse of the sun at Ak Bulak, U. S. S. R., June 19, by means of a huge camera equipped with a newly designed astrographic lens. The camera, a tube of aluminum alloy 14 feet long, painted battleship gray, resembles a huge cannon. It will take both black and white and color photographs. The lens is nine inches in diameter and both the

JUST WHAT CAN TOURISTS BRING INTO CANADA

Tourist Tariff Privileges
of \$100 To Be
Clarified

OTTAWA, June 11—Regulations will be issued by the Minister of National Revenue within the next few days clarifying the new tariff item which enables Canadian tourists in the United States and other foreign countries to bring back to Canada free of customs duties goods to the value of \$100 for their personal use. Meantime, a few snags have been encountered by returning tourists at Canadian border points. The other day a Montrealer tried to bring in a dozen shirts free of duty, and though they had not cost anything like \$100, the Customs official argued they were not for the personal use of the importer and sought to make him pay duty.

Today a member of the Federal Cabinet said he never owned a dozen shirts in his life at one time, and he doubted that few of the best-dressed men in the House of Commons, including the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, have a dozen shirts to their name at this moment, although John F. Dodge, the Detroit automobile magnate, had a hundred suits of clothes when he died. An Ontario farmer recently brought in from the United States a new plow. He put it in the rumble seat of his car and claimed exemption from customs duty on the ground that it was for his "personal use." Another enterprising "tourist" brought back an electric refrigerator from the United States. Broadly speaking, the Department of National Revenue is of the opinion that returning Canadians should not attempt to bring in bulky articles like a grandfather's clock, a billiard table, a washing machine or a refrigerator, but should restrict themselves to souvenirs, wearing apparel, radio sets, golf sticks, cameras, spare tires, and the like.

Hon. James L. Isley, Minister of National Revenue, thinks it is all right for Canadians who have been abroad to bring back with them articles for personal or household use, or as souvenirs or gifts, up to \$100, free of customs duty, and he feels that such articles might even include radio receivers, wearing apparel, or other articles which may be packed in a trunk, while in the rumble seat of a motor car one might bring bulkier articles, provided they are for personal use of the tourist and not for resale.

Chain Store Gall

Delegations representing various chain stores including Zellers of Montreal, The Dominion Stores, an Ontario concern, and the Metropolitan, another outside outfit, bobbed up here yesterday and offered objection to legislation passed at the last session of the New Brunswick Legislature. As near as can be learned the objection made by these concerns was to the tax placed on outside concerns doing business in the province. It appears that the Eaton mail order and chain store crowd was also represented.

These concerns are taking thousands of dollars out of this province each year and are in direct competition with our local business men who are paying their taxes and who are helping to keep the various cities and towns in this province going. The money which is spent with these concerns, to a very large extent, goes out of this province to enrich wealthy stock holders in other provinces. There is no reason why the province should be the goat and allow these outside corporations to go untaxed. It must have required a considerable amount of nerve for these gentlemen to come down here and object to this corporations tax.

People who buy have a right to leave their money where they wish. If they wish to spend it with out of province concerns and to send their money out of the province there is no law to stop them from doing so. But the provincial government is doing right in imposing a tax on this money which is going out of our province to these chain and mail order stores. This money never comes back.

It is time we people down here in the Maritimes woke up, and protected our own. The provincial government in taxing corporations such as these chain stores probably takes view of the situation. It seems to be awfully poor taste for these chain store executives, whose concerns are reaping large returns from the province, to raise a howl when they are asked by the Government to contribute their share to the support of the province.

HON. T. C. NORRIS SERIOUSLY ILL IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, June 11—Condition of Hon. T. C. Norris, former premier of Manitoba and member of the Board of Railway Commissioners, who has been ill in hospital here since Sunday was described last night as "fairly good." Mr. Norris, aged 75, suffered a slight hemorrhage of the brain. His progress was regarded as satisfactory, although his condition still remains critical.



HON. T. C. NORRIS
Former Premier of Manitoba

Forest Fire Damage Only in Slash Areas

The damage from the two forest fire outbreaks, one in Albert county and the other near Upper Gagetown, which have been placed under control was not extensive. No new fires were reported today by G. L. Miller, chief forester of the province, and Mr. Miller states that the damage so far has only been in slash areas. No timberlands have been burned. The forest fire menace still existed today, however, with sultry hot weather and low humidity. The forest service is prepared for any emergency however, and crews of men are ready to scramble into the thick of a forest fire fight at a moment's notice.

PREMIER ASSURES CONSIDERATION OF ROAD EXTENSION

Opening Up of Richibucto Road, as Advocated by The Daily Mail Year Ago, Urged by F'ton City Council Delegation.

A delegation from the city council awaited upon Premier Dymally this morning to urge upon the premier as minister of public works the advisability of opening up the Richibucto road so as to make the shortcut to Minto and Chipman via Albright's Corner, Ald. T. Earle Dooan and Ald. W. Raymond Crewdson acted as spokesmen and pointed out the advantages of this shortcut which besides cutting off about ten miles of the distance is also passable during the early spring months when the front road down through Maugerville and Sheffield is usually under water.

More than a year ago The Daily Mail pointed out the advisability of building this road. This paper sent a representative to the section through which the road would pass and it was found that already a fairly large portion of the road had been opened up by the men who were then at the relief camps, and that very little work remained to be done. Acting upon our suggestion Major W. C. Lawson, M.P.P., of Minto brought the matter before the government during the recent session of the legislature and the matter was favorably received. The only drawback at the time seemed to be that owing to the abnormal freshet conditions and the consequent heavy expenditure on the river road through Maugerville and Sheffield it was thought that it might not be practical to do very much this year.

The opening up of this road and its use both in summer and winter would be of great advantage not only to the residents of Chipman and Minto and vicinity but also to the Fredericton merchants.

I. E. Gaylord and party of Hartsdale, New York, are here today visiting friends. They are registered at Queen hotel.

Harvey Brown of Halifax, is a guest of the Queen hotel today.

ST. THOMAS, ST. JOSEPH COLLEGES CLOSING FRIDAY

Both Institutions Had
Successful Academic
Year

(Special to The Daily Mail)
CHATHAM, June 11—The annual commencement exercises of Saint Thomas College took place here today in the auditorium of St. Michael's Academy. The programme started at two o'clock. The baccalaureate sermon is to be delivered by Rev. Dr. Charles T. Boyd of Petersville. Jos. McKinnon of Douglastown is to give the valedictory, and Bernard McMahon, Loggieville, will deliver the class essay.

This college has had a most successful year and the number of students is steadily increasing. A large number of students are present from Fredericton and the surrounding districts. There are no Fredericton students amongst this year's graduates.

ST. JOSEPH, N. B., June 11—Bilingual contests in French and English will feature the opening portion of the annual commencement exercises of St. Joseph's University which takes place tonight commencing at 8 o'clock. This morning the valedictories in French and English, were delivered and presentation of degrees diplomas and special premiums took place.

Very Rev. Dr. L. A. LaPalme, president of the university, was chairman at the exercises and was heard in an address. Bishop Bray of the Saint John diocese and Bishop Chiason of Chatham were guests and also delivered addresses.

The exercises tonight will be opened with an overture by the university band followed by a bilingual contest, the subject of which will be "Acadia, 1870 to 1713." Those taking part will be Remi E. Rossignol, Edmundston; Roderick A. Auffrey, Moncton; G. Antoine McDevitt, Shediac; and M. E. Franck, Madawaska, Maine.

The topic for the second contest will be "Resources of New Brunswick" and those to take part are L. W. Cormier, Moncton; H. J. St. Amand, president of the class, Limestone, Maine; Ronald J. Holland, Saint John, and Joseph M. Doherty, Holmesville.

Following the contest, addresses will be delivered by the president, visitors and delivery of judgment on

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B. N. A. Act Amendment Thrown Out by Senate Vote

Meighen Attacks the Financial Ways of the Provinces

Should Cut Down Expense

Provinces Will Not Be Given the Power of Indirect Taxation

SEN. TURGEON OF BATHURST, N. B., STATES VIEWS

Sees Dangers Accruing
to Solidity of the
Dominion

OTTAWA, June 11—Senator O. Turgeon, dean of the Senate and a distinguished New Brunswicker, gave his opinion on the result that might accrue in any constitutional change in Canada.

Warning that any steps to give the Dominion Parliament the right to amend the Canadian constitution might cause a union of some of the provinces with the United States today was sounded in the Senate by Hon. O. Turgeon (Lib., Gloucester).

There was a growing desire in the Republic to bring Canada into the autonomy of the United States, the veteran parliamentarian declared. "But," he stated, "Canada's material links with Great Britain must be maintained."

Senator Turgeon was speaking in the resumed debate on the inquiry of Senator George Lynch-Staunton (Cons., Hamilton), whether the government proposed to seek power from the Imperial Parliament to amend the British North America Act, Canada's constitution. The question has been debated for several weeks.

Th British North America Act was a "sacred contract" between the Dominion and the provinces. He did not believe the provinces would endorse

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The senate rejected the B. N. A. Act amendment yesterday. The proposed amendment to the amendment to meet the objections of certain members was also thrown out.

Senator Arthur Meighen, the Conservative leader of the Senate declared the time had arrived when the government should come to grips with the problem of provincial expenditures for social services they could not afford and relief of unemployed who refused to work. The vote was 40 to 15 on party lines.

The joint address, which was adopted in the House of Commons without division, was a petition to the British Parliament to amend the British North America Act in two respects. One clause sought power for the provinces to impose sales taxes on certain classes of commodities, the other to provide necessary power for the minister of finance to set up provincial loan councils.

Direct Taxes Only

Under the constitution provinces may impose only direct taxes and the indirect taxation field is restricted to the Dominion. Certain forms of indirect taxation, such as those on luxuries and entertainment, are already being imposed but subject to challenge on constitutional grounds.

There was little debate on the loan council phase of the address but Hon. Raoul Dandurand, government leader, declared from the first that no motion could be accepted that would take anything away from the address. Defeat of the amendment by a recorded vote was followed by rejections of the address on the same division.

Previously, after the address had

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Two Months Reprieve Granted Arthur W. Bannister, to be Witness Brother's New Trial

NOT QUITTING LEADERSHIP, SAYS BENNETT

OTTAWA, June 11—Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, Leader of the Opposition, has not the slightest intention of quitting the leadership of the Federal Conservative Party, he intimated recently, with reference to a story published in Toronto to the effect that his retirement had been under consideration.

"There is no warrant for this story at this time," replied the former Prime Minister when the report was brought to his attention.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Bennett is "hitting on all sixteen cylinders" right now, and has completely recovered from the serious illness which kept him from his duties just prior to the last general election.

The former Prime Minister may or may not retire before the next election. (Continued on Page Four)

Chief Justice Barry Rules Two Months Al- though Only One As- ked by Defence Counsel —Daniel Liable to Kid- napping Charge.

Because Arthur William Bannister of Berry Mills Road, might be a necessary and material witness in the second trial of his brother, Daniel Robert Bannister on June 24, and because Chief Justice Barry considered that a reprieve should be for about two months, a reprieve was granted to Arthur Bannister, now awaiting execution for the murder of Philip Lake at Pacific Junction on January 5, until August 20, today in the Supreme Court Chamber where application was made by H. Murray Lambert, counsel for the defence.

Only one month was asked by Mr. Lambert in Arthur's stay of execution but Chief Justice Barry in granting the reprieve said that there was another reason to compel a reprieve in (Continued on Page Five)

INSURANCE PAID AFTER 18 YEARS

OTTAWA, June 11—Because of a son's thought for his mother on the eve of battle and the generosity of St. Catharines, Mrs. John Fallon of Whitby is receiving an unexpected \$790 from an insurance policy on her soldier son's life.

When Michael Joseph Fallon enlisted with the 76th Battalion at St. Catharines, the city placed an endowment policy on his life. Private Fallon made out an abbreviated military will in France, March 21, 1918, making his mother the sole beneficiary. He was killed August 7, 1918.

The insurance company recently attempted to learn his whereabouts when the endowment matured and ascertained he had been killed in action. Examination of the Canadian war records disclosed the will.

Mrs. Fallon receives the amount of the insurance, \$500, together with the interest over an 18-year period, bringing the total amount to \$790.