

# What is the Board of Trade Doing to Get the Bridge?

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Weather. Moderate to fresh winds,  
fair today and Thursday; cool tonight

# JUDGE MONET CLAIMS THAT OUR CRIMINAL CODE NEEDS TO BE REVAMPED BY GOV'T

## Suggested That the Province Take Over The Municipal Jails

Several Representative Citizens Discuss Prison Matters With Commission

### York County Jail Was Up

Rev. Mr. Buckland, Dr. Kierstead, Councillor J. F. Doherty and Others Review Jail Conditions

The members of the Royal Commission on prisons concluded their session at the Capital yesterday afternoon and left later for Ottawa. During the sitting yesterday, in addition to the session which was held with the premier, the attorney general and the deputy attorney general, another session was held in the afternoon at which several responsible citizens who have made a study of jail conditions and who knew what they were talking about, were heard.

These included Rev. H. T. Buckland, of Springhill, who has visited different jails both in England and in this country and who claimed that our jail when he visited it a couple of years ago, was the worst he had ever seen. It included Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead of the University of New Brunswick, who has for years made a study of prison conditions and who agreed with the commissioner that the Nova Scotia prison conditions were bad and stated that our conditions here have not been much better.

It included Councillor J. F. Doherty who for a number of years was on the jail committee of the Municipal Council and who told some terrible things about the jail. It included Prof. B. S. Kierstead, who compared sentences for offenses in England and this country and showed that our sentences in Canada were most severe. Prof. Kierstead also gave a valuable talk on the parole system and other matters connected with the penal institutions.

It included the Editor of The Daily Mail, which paper started a couple of years ago to secure better jail conditions for the unfortunates of York county and which takes particular

## 16-HOUR TRIP MONTREAL TO VANCOUVER

OTTAWA, Oct. 28—Establishment of a commercial flying service between Montreal and Vancouver by July 1 next, covering the 2,400 miles in sixteen hours, is the objective of the Dominion Government. It was intimated tonight by the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, who has just returned from a survey of new Trans-Canada airways. It is considered probable the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railway Companies will be associated with

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## Diocesan Synod Continues Meeting

The October sessions of the standing committees of the Fredericton Diocesan Synod of the Church of England continued its meeting here today, hearing the financial report which showed the Synod to be in a considerably improved condition and conducting other routine business. His Grace Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, reported on appointments which had been made during the past several months. The Board of Missions met this morning. More than thirty were present today.

Rev. Canon W. H. Davison, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Montreal, arrived here today at noon, and will be the special speaker at the service to be held at the Cathedral tomorrow evening.

## Jail Conditions

THE Royal Commission on prisons finished its sessions yesterday afternoon and returned to Ottawa. During the afternoon several leading citizens who have taken an interest in prison welfare and who have been trying to build up some system for benefiting the poor unfortunates in jails and penitentiaries, were requested to appear before the Commission. These gentlemen included Dr. W. C. Kierstead of the University of New Brunswick, who has long made a study of penal institutions, Rev. H. T. Buckland of Springhill, who has studied prisons both in this country and in the Old, Professor B. S. Kierstead of the University of New Brunswick, who has made a study of the parole system and of other features in regard to prison conditions. Those who appeared also included Councillor John F. Doherty of Kingsclear, who has for several years been a member of the Committee of the York County jail. The editor of The Daily Mail, largely through whose efforts many needed improvements were brought about in the condition at the county jail, was also asked to present before the Commission.

Suggestions made to the Commission included the matter of having parole boards composed of local people, who are familiar with the conditions surrounding the man to be paroled. The idea of placing municipal jails under the Provincial authorities instead of under the municipal councils and of having trained jailors instead of untrained men to look after jail conditions in the prisons, was also discussed and concurred in both by the Commission and the gentlemen present. The only trouble in regard to carrying this matter out at the present time, was the financial one, it being feared that the burden would be too much upon the government and that there was already too much of a tendency to force municipal burdens upon the government. At the same time it is felt that different municipal jails, which at the present time are not being administered satisfactorily, could be very much improved by coming under provincial jurisdiction.

The matter of jail farms was also discussed and all agreed that where practical it was much better to have men employed rather than to have them sitting idly in a room day after day as is the case in the York County jail at the present time.

Rev. Dr. Kierstead discussed with the Commissioner the report of the Nova Scotia jail conditions which were said by the Commissioner to be "terrible." Dr. Kierstead stated that at the times he had visited our York County jail he could not see where conditions were much better in that institution.

Both Councillor J. F. Doherty and Rev. H. T. Buckland discussed conditions in regard to the York County jail and both made rather damaging statements regarding it. Mr. Neville, while contending that the York County jail menu rations were the worst of their kind in the province of New Brunswick today, also stated he believed that the conditions in regard to overcrowding and sanitation were very much better at the local institution today than they were when that institution was visited by the Ministerial Association a year or more ago. Mr. Neville claimed that much of the credit for this change in better jail conditions in York County had been brought about through the efforts of The Daily Mail, which paper had fought a lone battle for the purpose of trying to improve the condition of the unfortunates and the lowly, who from time to time, were confined to that institution. Many of these offenders, the majority of whom are not in jail for criminal offences, had never had a chance or an even break in life. Mr. Neville praised Sheriff Goodspeed's work.

COMMISSIONER CRAIG STATED THAT DURING THE MORNING HE HAD MADE A SHORT VISIT TO THE YORK COUNTY JAIL. HE STATED THAT THE BUILDING HAD A DE LUXE APPEARANCE, AS ANYONE WOULD SAY WHO APPROACHED THIS FINE GRANITE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER CRAIG STATED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO MAKE A MINUTE INVESTIGATION OF THE JAIL. HE HAD NOT INQUIRED INTO THE MATTER OF THE JAIL RATIONS. ANY DISCUSSION WHICH MR. CRAIG HAD WITH THE PRISONERS, HE SAID MUST NECESSARILY BE KEPT PRIVATE. COMMISSIONER CRAIG STATED THAT HE HAD ONLY BEEN ABLE TO VISIT TWO JAILS IN THE PROVINCE, ONE OF WHICH WAS IN THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN AND THE OTHER IN THE COUNTY OF WESTMORLAND. THEREFORE, HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY COMPARISONS BETWEEN OUR JAIL AND ITS CONDITIONS AND THE JAILS AND CONDITIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES. An attempt was made to misconstrue the remarks of Commissioner Craig in regard to the few words he said about the de lux condition of the York County jail. This attempt has fallen as flat as a pancake amongst those who know of the real conditions at the York County jail and who have been working earnestly for the betterment of these conditions. Whilst those intelligent people, who know what is going on, appreciate the improvements which are being made for the betterment of jail conditions here, at the same time they recognize the fact that the time has not yet arrived when they may be called "de luxe."

## NEWSPAPERMEN SAID HONORABLE AND RELIABLE

VANCOUVER, Oct. 28—Newspapermen today had a bill of health terming them reliable, honorable and accurate from Mrs. George Black M.P., for the Yukon.

"There is no need to license or muzzle the press in Canada," she said, addressing the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club last night on "Parliamentarians and the Press."

"Most Parliamentarians," she added, "welcome the opportunity of presenting their policies and views to the public through the press. During my sixteen years in Ottawa as the wife of an M.P. and now as one, I have always found the members of the press most reliable, with a sense of honor on releasing copy, and accurate in important matters. I have never known a member of the Press Gallery to betray a confidence, and I have known several to sacrifice big 'scoops' rather than break faith or release their knowledge ahead of the appointed time."

## NEW BATTLESHIPS NAMED FOR LATE KING, EDWARD VIII

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Oct. 28—King Edward announced today his request to have the two new naval battleships of Great Britain named after King George V and the Prince of Wales. Sir Samuel Hoare explained at the annual naval banquet today that it was not customary to name battleships after departed monarchs, but, due to the fact that King George had always been known as the "Sailor King" and that the Prince of Wales always held high ranks in the navy, that it had been decided to make a change from past custom.

These two new battleships, said Sir Samuel Hoare, are as powerful and as modern as any now in existence.

## Maritime Electric Company Bonds Were Before Public Utilities Board

## COLDS CAUSE CANCER, SURGEONS ARE TOLD

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28—Proof of increased occurrence of cancer of the eyes resulting from colds and ordinary sunlight was announced today before the closing session of the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Laura Lane of the University of Michigan reported that an analysis of about 100,000 cases of cancer showed a markedly higher occurrence among individuals subject to continuous bright sunlight, particularly in the tropics, and in patients following recovery from influenza.

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## STORM IN EUROPE TAKES TOLL OVER FORTY LIVES

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Oct. 28—A terrific gale which has been beating north-western Europe for the past several hours has taken about forty lives. Three small steamers have foundered with a loss of their crews.

Mrs. V. O. Key, Washington, is a visitor to Fredericton today.

## Criminal Code Changes Advised By the Bench

Judge Claims That Courts Are Hampered By Existing Code

### Many Sentences Not Justified

One Gets 3 Years for Stealing Twenty-Five Cents, Another 3 Years for Stealing \$10,000

## COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE CANADA'S CORONATION PLANS

OTTAWA, Oct. 28—Arrangements for Canada's representation at the King's Coronation in May will be placed in the hands of a committee following the return of Prime Minister Mackenzie King from Europe early in November. While a London cable today indicated formal invitations to the Dominions Prime Ministers were now being forwarded, it is understood Mr. Mackenzie King will personally discuss the arrangements during his present visit to London.

Canada's status has altered since the last Coronation ceremonies in London, with passage of the Statute of Westminster, which gives the Dominion right of direct access to the Sov-

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### ATTACK CHAIRMAN

MOSCOW, Oct. 27—The Soviet press tonight unleashed a barrage against the Earl of Plymouth, chairman of the Spanish non-intervention committee in London. Lord Plymouth the authoritative Pravda said, was a 'simpleton' and the committee might try to continue its 'comedy of non-interference.'

MONTREAL, Oct. 28—Members of the Canadian Progress Club at their weekly luncheon meeting in the Windsor Hotel today were urged by Judge Amedee Monet to try and induce the Federal Government to take steps towards making much-needed amendments to the Criminal Code.

His Honor cited several criminal cases to prove his contention that the judge should not be blamed by the public when they read what appear to be judgments and sentences lacking in sense. "Very often the law is the judge, and not the judge sitting on the bench in certain cases," he said.

He compared the case of the man found guilty of stealing 25 cents from a letter and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary to that of a man who escapes with a similar sentence for defrauding a widow of her last \$10,000 by false pretenses and leaving her destitute. He explained that the Criminal Code article covering the first offence calls for a sentence of "not less than three years," while the article covering the second offence calls for "not more than three years," even though the man in the second case might have a bad record. "But, of course," His Honor said, "the man or boy stealing from the letter never serves the three years in penitentiary. A petition is usually made to the Minister of Justice and the prisoner gets out on ticket-of-leave after serving probably six months. For the rest of his days that

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## \$42,094.44 GOES TO 139 TUNNEL WORKERS MOOSE RIVER MINE

All Who Aided in Rescue Will Share in Fund of \$78,544.14

TORONTO, Oct. 28—Norman Sommerville, chairman of the Moose River fund, stated recently that 346 persons had been declared entitled to participate in the distribution.

All who aided in the spectacular rescue would receive shares of the fund, Mr. Sommerville said. He explained details of the distribution as follows:

"The sum of \$11,700, or 15 percent of the fund, has been allocated for distribution among 175 persons who are classed by the committee as surface workers. This includes the names of 30 women workers, diamond drillers, who performed exceptional services, and the telephone men who made possible the maintenance of communication with the entombed men."

"The balance of the fund, amounting to \$66,844.44, has been allocated to 171 persons who worked in the Reynolds shaft from the time it was opened until the rescue was accomplished. Of these men, 31 face workers receive a total of \$24,700 while the 140 tunnel workers will have distributed among them a total sum of \$42,094.44."

Mr. Sommerville said the fact no deduction in the fund was made for administration or other expenses was made possible "by the generous assistance voluntarily given to the committee, by the Canadian Red Cross Society, for which the committee desires to express its very great appreciation as well on behalf of the recipients and of the donors of the fund."

## COMMANDER OF QUEEN MARY DIED TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
SOUTHAMPTON, Oct. 28—The commander of the Queen Mary, Sir Edgar Britton, died here today. He had been in the service of the Cunard Line since 1901, having been many times in charge of hospital ships. He is one of the few who have held master's ticket in sails as well as in steam.