

First Step Taken in Ottawa to Amend B. N. A.

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Weather: Strong winds, decreasing tonight; fair and cool on Sunday.

MINING POSSIBILITIES ARE TO BE PROBED

B. N. A. Amendment Passes House Of Commons

Opposed by Leaders of Conservative and Social Credit Parties

Next Step to Senate

Finance Minister Says Finances of Dominion Must Be Strengthened

OTTAWA, May 15—In spite of the protests of opposition parties, the House of Commons passed a resolution tonight as the first step in amending the British North America Act, the written constitution of the country. It now goes to the Senate and eventually to the Parliament of the United Kingdom for final action.

Two changes would be made in the constitution. The first would widen the taxation field of the provinces by permitting them to impose sales taxes on all retail transactions with the exception of liquors and tobaccos. The second would empower the Dominion to guarantee provincial borrowings and permit the provinces to hypothecate their federal subsidies as securities.

Conservative Leader Bennett said the taxation change was unwise and the guarantee provision unnecessary, the power already existing.

Finance Minister

The revenues of the provinces, said Finance Minister Dunning, were not equal to their demands and something had to be done to strengthen their finances. In the past six years, the Dominion had loaned \$15,000,000 to the Western Provinces and "if we continue along the road we have been travelling we will soon reach the stage where in connection with several provinces the Dominion will be the principal creditor."

Replying to the criticism from the Social Credit group, the finance minister said there was nothing sinister about the guarantee provisions. There was no attempt being made to dominate the provinces or subordinate them to the Dominion in financial matters.

The government, continued Mr. Dunning, was attempting to co-operate with the provinces in some regularized way to take them out of the morass into which they have drifted in recent years. He defended the proposal for the Dominion to dictate terms under which its guarantee would be made, claiming it was necessary if Parliament was not to abdicate its control over Dominion credit.

Says Power Exists

The Conservative leader claimed that the provinces and the Dominion had the power to give and accept guarantees without more legislation.

Minister of Justice Lapointe said all provinces desired the taxation changes, going on record at the December Dominion-Provincial conference. It was not an ill-considered move but done only after months of consideration and study.

MONCTON EDITOR PASSES SUDDENLY AT SAINT JOHN

Was in Fredericton Yesterday—Former U. N. B. Student Who Owned Moncton Transcript.

(Special To The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 16—Death came suddenly at an early hour this morning to Otty L. Barbour, editor of The Moncton Transcript. Mr. Barbour had just returned from Fredericton and was enroute to Moncton, when he was taken ill at the Admiral Beatty Hotel at 7:30 o'clock last night. He died at one-thirty this morning.

Mr. Barbour, who had left home in Moncton early yesterday morning by motor in company with A. H. Grainger, general manager and director of T. Eaton Company (Maritime) Ltd. Moncton, visited Fredericton via Saint John on business. He and Mr. Grainger returned to the city late in the afternoon intending to proceed through to Moncton before night.

It was decided, however, to stop overnight in Saint John and they were dining leisurely when Mr. Barbour became ill. Dr. L. A. Donovan and Dr. D. C. Malcolm ordered his immediate removal to the General Hospital where it was reported the Moncton publisher was suffering from intestinal hemorrhage.

Previous to taking over the Moncton paper Mr. Barbour was city editor of The Daily Telegraph in Saint John and later managing editor of The Telegraph and Evening Times. He was for some time city editor and later news editor of The Saint John Standard and previous to that was a news editor of The Daily Sun when the late S. D. Scott was prominent as its editor-in-chief. He was a graduate of U. N. B. in the class of 1904.

A man of high integrity, Mr. Barbour was an able writer, and a staunch supporter of the party of which his paper has always been an effective organ. Quiet and methodical (Continued on Page Four)

Maritime Rights

C. C. Avard, editor of the Sackville Tribune, who generally has some snappy things on his front page, has been in Ottawa. Here is how Mr. Avard sizes the situation up at Ottawa insofar as the Maritimes are concerned:

"As I sense it the attitude of the Central Provinces—not forgetting the West—towards the Atlantic Provinces is about summed up in the parody:—

There little Maritimes, don't you cry,

We'll throw you a bonus, bye and bye!

"I once knew a man who never got at the root of any trouble. If a machine went wrong he would put a patch on it so that the machine would operate in some sort of a way, but he never tried to discover the cause so as to find a cure rather than a temporary remedy. It strikes me that our federal government, too often, does the same thing. The Maritimes get a pat on the back, with the injunction to run along home, be a good boy and mind Papa and Mama. Possibly the Maritimes themselves are to blame for this paternal—or maternal—way in which we are treated. Certain it is that our failure to act together makes us easy marks for the majorities, which, too often, misrule rather than rule Canada."

Most everyone will agree with this.

People down in this end of the Dominion are about fed up on being made the goat for the Central and Western part of Canada, and of the magnates on St. James Street, Montreal.

It is time that the Maritime Provinces pulled together and took a stand for Maritime rights. Just as long as we sit back and allow the Western sections of Canada to do as they wish just so long will we have our "legs pulled."

We want a few more men like Hon. A. P. Paterson of Saint John who are not afraid to proclaim Maritime rights. We also want joint action. We have stood by since Confederation and have let all Federal parties at Ottawa give us the go by. If it had not been for the Maritimes there never would have been a Confederation. We were dragged into the Confederation by promises, many of which have never been fulfilled.

FIDDLEHEADS BIG SELLER AT MARKET

Bees' honey sold at 25 cents per bottle in the market at Phoenix square this morning. Fiddleheads sold at 25 cents per peck. Prevailing prices were as follows:

Wood, per cord, \$5.50 to \$7.00.
Live pigs, each \$4.
Rhubarb, per pound, 10 cents.
Veal, per pound, 5-9 cents.
Beef, per pound, 9 cents.
Butter, per pound, 25 cents.
Eggs, per dozen, 18-20 cents.
Chicken, per pound, 25 cents.
Fowl, per pound, 22 cents.
Calf's liver, each, 50 cents.
Smoked ham, per pound, 23 cents.
Turnips, per barrel, \$1.
Squash, each 25.
Fiddleheads, per peck, 25 cents.
Potatoes, per barrel, \$2.50-\$3.00.
Beets, per peck, 20 cents.
Shad, each, 20-25 cents.
Maple Syrup, per bottle, 40 cents.
Bees' honey, per bottle, 25 cents.
Buttermilk, per gallon, 25 cents.

PROVINCES MAY BE GIVEN RIGHT TO SALES TAX

OTTAWA, May 16—Taxpayers will shortly be asked by several provinces to pay a Provincial sales tax in addition to the 8 per cent levy on nearly all commodities which is imposed by the Dominion Government.

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Several of the provinces already levy an income tax in addition to that of the Federal Government, and it is learned that some of them propose to invade the sales tax field. Moreover the tax amendments in the B.N.A. Act are to have a retroactive effect.

The Federal income tax yielded \$80,000,000 last year, and the income tax produced \$82,000,000.

If Ontario adopts the sales tax and follows its precedent in respect to income tax, it will levy an impost of four per cent on sales, which would yield approximately \$25,000,000 to the province.

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Premier Dysart Pays Tribute To Mr. O. L. Barbour

The following tribute was paid to the late O. L. Barbour by Premier Dysart today:

"As he was in my office yesterday, it certainly came as a shock to learn that Mr. Barbour had passed away. Just at the zenith of a distinguished career, his death is indeed untimely. The entire province will feel the loss and it will be felt most keenly in his chosen profession which he graced with such honour and dignity.

"In his newspaper, Mr. Barbour reflected a high order of public service, and won for himself far beyond the borders of the province an enviable reputation for the manner in which he maintained the finest principles of journalism. His insight on public matters was remarkably keen, possessing, as he did, an acute analytical mind, and, to a rare degree, the quality of gauging public opinion.

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SPRING BEAR HUNTING GOOD SAY SPORTSMEN

S. L. Froelich of New York City Shoots Large Bear in This Province — See a Number of Moose.

Current reports on spring bear hunting from the wooded districts of New Brunswick, Canada, indicate good sport in store for those desiring to come for a bit of spring hunting.

S. L. Froelich of New York City has just ended an eleven-day trip in the Tracy district with Maurice Phillips. During his stay the New Yorker brought down four of the bruisers, one of them reputedly the largest ever shot in New Brunswick. The approximate weight of the carcass was 600 pounds, and the pelt measured eleven feet in length when dressed. Walter Tyler, also of New York City, accompanying Mr. Froelich, also brought down one good bear.

It is of interest to note that on this present trip Mr. Froelich has bettered his own previous record. He was in New Brunswick for spring bear hunting just a year ago and on that occasion shot a bear whose size was remarked upon by guides and taxidermists.

On the trip just completed Mr. Froelich and Mr. Tyler saw a number of full grown moose and have concluded arrangements with Phillips for a moose and deer hunting trip this coming autumn.

From the present time until the end of June is pointed to as the best time of year for bear hunting and the expectation is that within the next six weeks many visiting sportsmen will take advantage of the five-dollar non-resident spring bear license recently fixed in New Brunswick.

SHANGHAI, China, May 16—Several large earthen jars of Shaoshing rice wine, prized as the finest wine in China are put aside by parents on the birth of a baby girl in the Shaoshing district of this province. The wine is presented to the bridegroom when the girl grows up and takes a husband.

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Canadian Mining Prospectors Will Make Investigation

Have Already Prospected in Southern Part of the Province

They Were After Copper

There is Said to Be Red Ochre and Other Minerals on Miramichi-Tobique Highway

DISMANTLING RELIEF CAMPS SUNBURY CO.

With the Sunbury relief camps almost a thing of the past, and hundreds of men from these camps being absorbed into maintenance work on the C.P.R. and C.N.R., the work of dismantling the camps at Colter's Siding, Bull Pasture, Noonan, Burpee and Little River is now going on. It was officially stated today that only about one hundred men are now at these camps, the remainder all being taken into railway work at various parts of the province. Fifty six men left yesterday for railroad work.

At the present time Noonan camp headquarters is being used as a supply base and all the supplies at the other camps are being taken to Noonan camp for distribution there. J. C. Veness, who is in charge of forestry work, stated today that the work on the four new buildings is being continued and that work there would be continued apart from the ordinary relief camp routine. The absorption of the men from the relief camps is being done under an agreement by the railroads with the federal government. On the railways the men will receive pay at the rate of twenty five cents an hour, half of which will be given them as they labor and the remaining half held for the winter months when it will be doled out periodically.

It is understood that a number of private mining concerns are to send representatives to this province with, in the next week or two to make a thorough survey of New Brunswick's mining possibilities. It is said that there is a feeling that New Brunswick is rich in mineral resources which have only to be developed in order to turn out untold wealth.

A couple of days a man who is familiar with the country in the vicinity of the new Tobique-Miramichi road states that there are quantities of red ochre as well as many minerals in that section which only remain to be unearthed.

Speaking today regarding the visit of the mining experts to this province, W. E. McMullen, inspector of mines, of the provincial lands and mines department stated that he had no official notice of when these people will be here. He understood, however, that some of these people already had investigated the possibilities of copper mining in the southern part of the province and it was expected that they would be back again to make further investigation.

MOUNT CAROL, Illinois, May 16—The poor fish—they can't take it. Poisoned by alcohol and mash dumped in Waukarusha Creek last Saturday after officers raided a huge illicit still, hundreds of fish were reported dying along the seven mile stretch of the stream. Sportsmen moaned loudly because only game fish suffered while carp and bullheads "took it and liked it".

New Brunswicker Heads New Control Power and Pulp Co. Ltd.

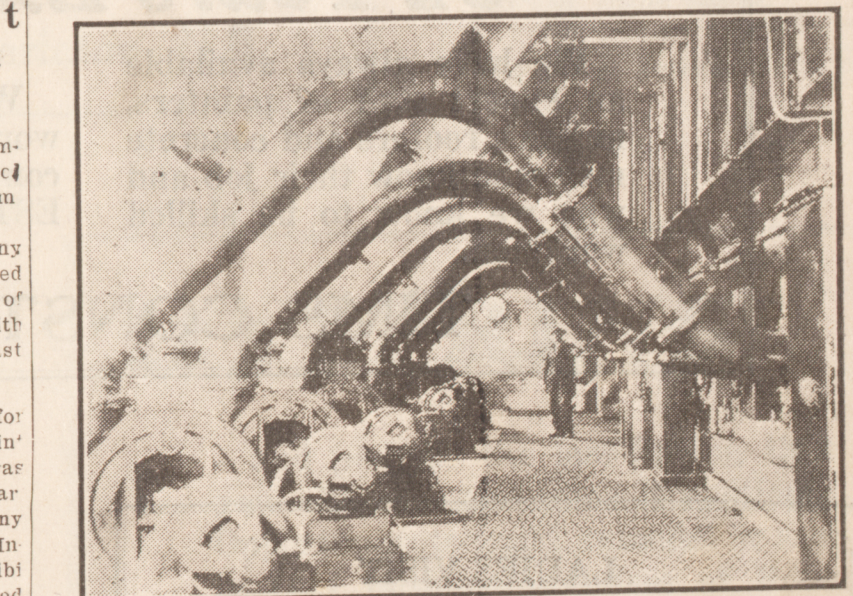
New Arrangement Frees Company From Outside Dictation

The Nesbitt, Thomson and Company, Ltd. have taken over control of the Bathurst Power and Paper Company, Ltd.

Word that control of the company is now vested in a company headed by Arthur J. Nesbitt, a native of New Brunswick was received with gratification in the province last night.

Control of the company has for some years rested with Newsprint Bond and Share Company, which was formed in 1928 under a Quebec charter. The shares of this company were owned chiefly by Canadian International Paper Company, Abitibi Power and Paper & Co. Consolidated Paper Corporation with Price Brothers, Brompton and M. & O., also participating.

A Montreal financial service firm commenting yesterday on the probability of the present transaction observes that it will free the Bathurst Power and Paper Company from dictation by other members of the industry which is considered a "favorable development" for the company. The Bathurst Power and Paper Company, Limited was organized in 1928, taking over the assets and undertakings of Bathurst Company Limited which had been in operation



INTERIOR VIEW BATHURST POWER AND PAPER MILL
ERECTED BY THE LATE ANGUS McLEAN

since it was established by the late Angus McLean in 1909. Prior to that a lumbering business had been carried on by the Summer Company. Mr. McLean shortly afterward also took over ownership of the Burns Adams Lumber Company and for a number of years continued to conduct a large lumbering business at East Bathurst and West Bathurst under the name of the Bathurst Company, Limited. These mills were

among the largest and most up-to-date in the industry. The pulp mill was erected under the guiding hand of Mr. McLean in 1914 and in 1920 he added to his properties the first newsprint mill in the Maritime Provinces. More recently the Bathurst Power and Paper Company has been concentrating on the production of kraft liner board, box, board and corrugating materials but they also are manufacturers of (Continued on Page Four)

KING EDWARD MAY GREET MANY CANADIANS AT VIMY UNVEILING

His Majesty Would Travel to Paris by Airplane

PARIS, May 16—It has been unofficially announced that King Edward will go to France July 26 to attend the unveiling at Vimy of the giant memorial to Canada's war dead.

His Majesty would travel by airplane and the occasion is regarded here as a significant gesture of Anglo-French friendship.

The King's presence would give him an opportunity of greeting a large number of his Canadian subjects, and many of the soldiers with whom he served in France.



KING EDWARD VIII.
Who Served During World War.