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Weather: Fair today and Sunday;
some snow or rain on Sunday night

THEIR MAJESTIES FIRST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TODAY WITNESSED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND

Government Cutter Pulls Up Near Load Illegal Catch

Orders Boat to "Go On" After Seeing the Name of
Owner of the Boat

Never Been Bothered by Officers, Says Witness

Review of Lobster Poaching From as Early as
1925

SHEDDIAK, Feb. 12.—The wholesale "poaching" and running of lobsters back in 1925 and 1926 was reviewed before a Royal Commission inquiring into illegal fishing of lobsters and smelts during 1936 here this afternoon by Arthur Bourque, Robichaud Post Office, who told the commissioner, Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc, that he hauled as many as 90 tons of illegally caught lobsters from Point Sapin to District 8 and 7, and added that he knew of another boat that conveyed 100 tons of illegally caught lobsters from the same area and to the same destination.

Bourque also declared he never had been molested by patrol boats, but related that once, the Margaret, a cutter employed on coastal work under the direction of the customs department, pulled up alongside his boat off St. Louis at night and someone on the cutter looked at the name and remarked, "It's Paturel's boat. Go on." He said that at the time he was employed by Emil Paturel and had his biggest load of illegally caught lobsters on board.

Further evidence that Point Sapin was once a fine fishing ground was given by Henry Pellerin, veteran fisherman of this town, who said that in 20 days at Point Sapin in 1916 he himself landed more than 15 tons of lobsters during the open season and that 16 boats would land as many as 20 tons of lobsters in one day.

Pellerin, the first witness called this afternoon, stated that in years gone by he had fished in various sections, but had been inactive since 1919. Prior to that, he was employed by Emile Paturel. There did not seem to be much attention paid to berried lobsters when delivered at the Paturel factory, as they were accepted together with the other catch, he said.

Never Bothered By Officers

He explained that he and 13 other fishermen who fished lobsters during the closed period between seasons last year had their traps placed within a radius of three miles along the shore and that while they were fishing they never had been bothered by any officers, but they kept a man along the shore "to watch things."

"Why is it you were not afraid of the officers? Was it that you had no confidence in them?" asked the commissioner. "Yes."

"What was the signal the man on the shore was to give you when you

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DISHES DIRTY, SAY INMATES OF REFORMATORY

QUELPH, Feb. 13.—Controversy regarding the quality of food served in the Ontario Reformatory and the method by which it was handled was heard today by the Madden Royal Commission.

Throughout the day the inmates walked to the witness box and, under oath, consistently and flatly contradicted almost every piece of evidence previously offered by guards at the institution.

They complained bitterly and loudly against the kitchen management, charging the dishes were dirty and greasy, that some of the kitchen help were dirty, that cockroaches and other insects were found in the food, and that cockroaches were sometimes "cooked into the bread."

Colorful stories of prison life were told by most of the prisoners. They alleged a privileged class of inmates existed in the prison, and these men they termed the "politicians" of the reformatory. Any man who worked in the "front office" as a trustee, or who had any other white-collar job was a "politician." At night the inmates gambled in the dormitories, shooting dice with the favored class of prisoner, who usually had more goods of value, or perhaps money.

Day by day, it becomes more clear that the riot was started almost spontaneously, and with little previous planning. The boys, most of them youngsters under 21, were almost sheeplike in the influence the older, hardened criminals had over them. To day they testified they joined the riot "just to be with the rest of the boys."

A new and startling reason for the outbreak was offered in the morning by one prisoner, who claimed the inmates heard that mental examinations were shortly to be ordered and that they feared they would be declared criminally insane.

Another alleged reason, not mentioned before, was that blankets were almost never changed in the reformatory. Some of the men had slept six and eight months on the same bedding, which had not been washed, one prisoner claimed.

Mentally Deficient

FOR some years there has been an agitation, especially amongst different women's organizations, for the establishment in New Brunswick of a home for the mentally deficient. Some years ago the Governor Carleton Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire approached the then government, but the powers that be at that time could not see their way clear to take the matter up. The last five years the different branches of the Women's Institute scattered throughout the province very generously contributed of their means for a fund to go towards this institution whenever the government may see fit to establish one.

It is understood that New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are the only two provinces in the Dominion where the mentally deficient are not properly cared for. A survey made a couple of years ago by Dr. Mabel Hannington of Saint John and other social workers showed the great need that existed in the province of New Brunswick for such an institution. There are mentally deficient scattered today throughout the length and breadth of New Brunswick and they require proper attention. There is more than one instance in the City of Fredericton where such a home is needed. The Daily Mail pointed out one such glaring case a few days ago—that of an unfortunate boy who should be provided for at such an institution. This boy should be looked after in the interests of himself and the public and there is no such institution where he can be properly placed. In conversation recently with a representative of The Daily Mail this case and others were referred to by Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health. Dr. Roberts stated that his department was helpless as they could not provide for such cases until a properly equipped home for the mentally deficient was established in this province. Scores of other cases within a radius of fifty miles of this city and many more scores in other parts of the province could be pointed out and the need of such a home shown. It was only about a year ago that in an advertisement in this paper the directors of the Protestant Orphans' Home at Saint John gave glaring instances of cases where there was need that something be done.

New Brunswick is spending several hundreds of dollars each year for the improvement of dairy herds and other stock—and rightly so—at the same time it would seem to be apparent that the improvement of the condition of human beings is even much more necessary. It is only in recent months that a glaring instance was given in the courts of this country showing the results which the want of such a home produced in the Province of New Brunswick. Not only this, but the Province of New Brunswick, or one of the counties of the Province, was put to the cost of somewhere in the vicinity of thirty thousand dollars in different legal expenses that possibly might have been avoided had the governments of bygone years provided a home for mentally deficient.

Perhaps at the approaching session of the New Brunswick Legislature this matter might be considered and an effort made to establish a home even if it were on modest, inexpensive lines so a start would be made towards this much-needed institution.

CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY, BASES IMMEDIATELY

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Britain's vast rearmament programme proceeded in high gear tonight following the announcement of a 400,000,000 pounds defence loan.

The Liverpool municipal council agreed to transfer to the government the title for a 100-acre strip of land near the Mersey River for the construction of an aircraft factory. Construction of the factory will start on Monday. This will replace the one originally proposed for Maidenhead, near London, but later abandoned.

The air ministry also closed a contract with a Glasgow firm for construction of an air-base at Evanton, Rosshire, Scotland. Work on the new base will be completed in six months at a cost of 70,000 pounds, the ministry announced.

Political opponents of the government banded together to attack the loan plan announced by the chancellor of the exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday. They charged the rearmament programme was a direct result of weak foreign policy.

The Labor opposition prepared to attack the plan during next week's parliamentary debate.

It is expected the government will publish another white paper on Tuesday next on the situation of the national defence programme. The paper

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MANY VALENTINE MESSAGES COMING C. N. TELEGRAPH

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONCTON, Feb. 13.—While unromantic business messages are what generally passes over the telegraph wires from day to day at certain seasons these are intermingled with messages of more human interest. Many, these days are making use of the telegraph to convey their messages of greeting and regard on birthday anniversaries, etc., and this has extended to those romantic sentiments that St. Valentine's day inspired, according to D. A. MacNeill, superintendent of the Canadian National Telegraphs here. The telegraph messenger thus plays the role of Cupid on this day.

Valencia Still in Hands of Rebels

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SPAIN, Feb. 13.—Violent fighting is reported today in the southern parts of Spain. Dispatches state that all insurgent attacks around Madrid yesterday were repulsed. Nine insurgent planes were brought down near Madrid. Insurgent reports partially confirm this statement. The government forces are fighting furiously to regain the road to Valencia but the insurgents are still holding strategic points along the road.

KING GEORGE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH FIRST ENGAGEMENT

Sovereigns Interested in
Vast Youth Organiza-
tions

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Feb. 13.—The streets between Buckingham Palace and the People's Palace were lined with interested spectators today as King George and Queen Elizabeth, Britain's new sovereigns, appeared for their public engagement.

Their Majesties inspected a guard of honor which consisted of ex-service men.

The people's palace is a community centre for the public and large crowds outside sang community songs. Their Majesties were very much interested in the youth organizations who sang a couple of selections at the request of the King and Queen.

Belgium Replies To Note --- Not Prepared to Help

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BRUSSELS, Feb. 13.—Belgium has replied to the British note regarding the five-power pact which was sent to European countries a few months ago. The text of the note has not been published yet but it is understood to contain the information that whilst Belgium wishes to have her own safety guaranteed but nevertheless she is not willing to promise aid to France if she is attacked by Germany. It is understood, however, that Belgium is willing to live up to her legal obligations.

Of the five countries to receive these notes only Belgium and France have so far replied.

Earl and Countess Of Harewood Leave For London

(Special to The Daily Mail)
VIENNA, Feb. 13.—The Princess Royal and her husband the Earl of Harewood left Vienna today for London after a week's visit to the former's brother, the Duke of Windsor. The Duke accompanied his sister and brother-in-law to the station.

COL. AND MRS. LINDBERGH NOW AT ALEXANDRIA

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 13.—Col and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh after visiting points along the Mediterranean Sea and Egypt have landed today at Alexandria.

Workmen Busy Night and Day Transforming Westminster Abbey, Hereditary Claims To Perform Services Now Being Heard

WILL SEE MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES IN MONTREAL

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONCTON, Feb. 13.—Over 300 passengers from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island passed through Moncton yesterday on the coach excursion operated by the Canadian National Railways from stations in these provinces to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, Quebec City and Three Rivers, Que., were also included in the des-

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Record of Seventy Years in Member For Yukon's Story

Biographical Sketch of Mrs. George Black, M.P.,
Ready For Press

Mrs. Price Following Interview Chose Biography

Saw Chicago Fire --- Life in the Gay Nineties ---
Hostess in Ottawa

ARCTIC ANNUAL MASQUERADE A 'WOW' AS FORECAST

Northland Celebration
Lasts From Wee Sma'
'Oors of Monday to Dit-
to of Tuesday, as the
Hardy Pioneers Make
Most of Annual Get-
Together.

FORT SMITH, N. W. T., Feb. 13.—Men of the North, trappers, traders and prospectors, were stealing back to claims and trappings tonight. The fourth annual Fort Smith masquerade ball was history.

More than 135 attended the annual get-together—the event of the season at this sub-Arctic outpost 550 miles north of Edmonton and a gay interlude brightening the weary winter months.

From early Monday until early Tuesday morning they counted their days. Fiddles scraped while hardy trappers and their ladies paced off novelty and square dances until the wee small hours of the morning.

Today they were back on the trail by dog team and afoot, on snowshoe and ski, heading for homes and chores for another year.

Many had come from Fort Fitzgerald, to the south. Others attended from Cameron Bay and Great Slave Lake points and a few came from their cabins situated far from any settlement.

Surprise celebrants were crews and passengers of two airplanes which stopped here on trips to and from the north.

About 100 costumes were brought from Edmonton by airplane here—jumping-off place for trips into the

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OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—What does a woman member of the House of Commons do with her spare time when she's not attending to the nation's business in Parliament?

She writes a book, promptly replies Mrs. George Black, F.R.G.S., M.P., for the Yukon territory, as she rests after a hard day in her Ottawa apartment. One of the gayest, most vivid members of the Capital's parliamentary circle, Mrs. Black says she found time between sessions, lectures and social affairs last year to "tell all" to her friend Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey Price, honorary President of the Canadian Women's Press Club. Now that Mrs. Black is spending what she calls her "borrowed time," after 70 in Parliament, she decided it was time to look back over a full and exciting life, and record it for whatever interest it might hold for fellow Canadians.

The idea sprouted when Mrs. Price went to interview the member-elect for the Yukon, following a strenuous campaign of canvassing by outboard motor, dog team and on foot of 200,000 miles of her constituency—the Yukon. The reporter wanted to put Mrs. Black's life into a brief article for a national magazine in Canada. When she started what appeared to be an innocent interview, she was thrilled and excited over the possibilities of a record of those 70 years, stranger it seemed than the wildest dime novel she had ever read. So Mrs. Price journeyed from her home in Vancouver last year, and spent several weeks with Mrs. Black in Ottawa where she went over diaries, maps, journals, scrap books and translated to typewriter something of the spontaneity and personality of Mrs. Black, clothing in words a series of gay, hazardous adventures that made a most amazing 70 years for a woman of this era.

"Have I given away the secrets of Ottawa backstage, during the years I played hostess as the Speaker's wife? Of course," laughs Mrs. Black, her bright eyes twinkling, "but that's a

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RADIO IRRITATES FOREIGN CAPITALS— PROPAGANDA IRKS ALL COUNTRIES

LONDON, Feb. 13.—At the outset of another broadcasting year in Europe at least, there is a promise of more instead of less radio pin-pricking.

In Germany, if you are a good Nazi you will keep clear of any transmissions from big and little stations in Soviet Russia. What is more, you will be encouraged by the German Government to ignore the Russian effusions by the threat of fines and possibly imprisonment.

There are other States in Europe which also object to the Soviet propaganda output, more particularly as local transmissions suffer because of the use of so much power by the Soviet's giant stations.

Even here in England there has been complaint in Parliament about Moscow's garrulity in English, as most moderate priced receiving sets have no difficulty in picking up the Russian transmissions; in fact, it is sometimes difficult to prevent Moscow's intrusion. But there is no governmental support for a policy of a direct boycott of what the Russians have to say. The listener is left the discretion of dealing with the problem.

In the opinion of many British listeners there is something almost ludicrously inconsistent about the determination of the German Government (particularly its propaganda ministry)

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ARMS DEMAND SWAMPS IRON, STEEL PLANTS

LONDON, Feb. 13.—If it were not deemed necessary in Britain to outstrip all others in the armament race this country, it is agreed, could enjoy the greatest prosperity ever known. On the Continent the demand for arms has swamped the iron and steel industry with munitions orders. It is no longer able to accept ordinary business. Thus there are unlimited opportunities for British plants, if

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