

ADVANTAGES OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MARITIME PROVINCES EXPLAINED IN THE LEGISLATURE BY C. H. BLAKENY

Union Legislative Council Suggested By Moncton M.L.A.

Albert County For National Park Favored by
Blakeny

Would Discuss Matters of Common Interest to
Province

Refutes Charges of Financial Critic

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

C. H. Blakeny, of Moncton, yesterday, continuing the debate on the budget, made some forceful suggestions and dealt with questions of interest to the province in an impartial and fearless manner. Rebutting the accusations made the previous day by the financial critic of the Opposition had had far greater deficits and many more in their day of Administration. He refuted the charge that the report of the high percentage of illiteracy in the province was not a fair report and proved that illiteracy does exist in our province in a much greater degree than should exist. Touching the question of constitutional reforms, the speaker had some constructive suggestions to offer to the House in place of the much dreamed of Maritime Union of years gone by which he hardly expects to see accomplished, at least in our present day. Mr. Blakeny suggested as a method of producing co-operation between the people of the Maritimes the establishing of a Union to be known as a "Union Legislative Council" of the Maritime Provinces, or some such similar name. Mr. Blakeny explained the purposes of the Union and the benefits that would be derived therefrom.

Mr. Blakeny stated that he was not in full concurrence with the present policy of hard surfaced roads of the Government. He did approve of a certain amount of construction but he believed that some of the money spent on secondary roads might well be diverted to the Department of Agriculture.

The member from Moncton made a strong plea before the House for Albert County as the proper site for the proposed National Park. Among the principal reasons why Mr. Blakeny believed that the National Park should be in Albert County was the fact that this site would necessitate travelling through the province by tourists in order to reach the Park, the proximity of Albert County to the sea, its beautiful scenery, its game advantages and other natural phenomena which are peculiar to that locality of the province.

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C. H. BLAKENY

NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER WANTS REVIEW B.N.A. ACT

HALIFAX, March 5—Premier Angus L. Macdonald told the Nova Scotia Legislature yesterday he would insist that conferences between the Dominion and the provinces be reopened to view the British North America Act now that the privy council had settled the control of social legislation.

The position of the Nova Scotia government representatives at previous conferences held in Ottawa to discuss the matter "was sure to satisfy exponents of the most advanced social legislation," the premier said.

"The financial position of the province now is definitely better than it was last year," he said, touching on that subject. (In 1936 the premier, who is provincial secretary, budgeted for a deficit of \$361,000.)

The premier claimed refusal of (Continued on Page Four)

At the Legislature

THE debate at the Legislature was enlivened yesterday by the remarks of G. W. Perry, M.L.A. for Carleton County. Mr. Perry is always humorous and is listened to with pleasure by both sides of the House. He gave the members a happy half hour yesterday and relieved the dreary round of facts and figures. Mr. Perry referred in humorous terms to the Minister of Lands and Mines and his aeroplane. He stated that the up-to-date Minister was driven off what Mr. Perry termed was the bad roads, and was obliged to take to the air to avoid our terrible highways. He figured out how the popular Minister would take to the woods next year.

Next Mr. Perry produced a large sketch of the egg boiler which was purchased by the former Government to boil eggs for the patients at the Provincial Hospital in West Saint John. Mr. Perry, who seemed to speak with authority on eggs, explained the difference between egg-boilers and egg-beaters. The whole speech was funny and kept the different members in roars of laughter. One would think to hear Mr. Perry describe the Minister of Lands and Mines and his aeroplane that the Minister was a sort of "daring young man who sailed through the air in the flying trapeze." Hon. Mr. Pirie, the Minister, enjoyed Mr. Perry's remarks as well as anyone.

Last year the Mover and Seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne properly referred to the regrettable death of King George V., and every one of a dozen speakers who followed on both sides of the House echoed these remarks. This year reference was made to the more recent changes around the Throne, and nearly every member who has got up since has kept harping upon this. It puts one in mind of the old U.N.B. Valedictories, where the students delivering this annual offering, one year after another, used to think it necessary to refer to "climbing the old hill for the first time on a September day."

Take it all in all, both this year and last we have had at the Legislature speeches of an exceptionally high order. They have been of a constructive character and have been followed by some constructive legislation.

Fred Tweedie, the popular member for Northumberland County whose father for years occupied a leading place in the House, being in his later years Premier and later Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, reviewed with the writer the other night the giants of the past—men like Blair, Pugsley, Hannington, Stockton, Alward, Mitchell, Emmerson and others of the nineties, including Mr. Tweedie's father, when Fred, who still looks like a young man, was as a youth well posted on affairs as they were then. These men were wondrous in debate and in action. It is probable, however, that our Legislators of today have more weighty problems to handle than had the men of thirty years ago.

Perhaps in recent years we have got too far away from the proper dignity and decorum about the Assembly Chamber. In the days referred to by Mr. Tweedie we had no mace. On the other hand junior reporters and others were not allowed to wander out of their semi-official seats assigned to them in the House and to sit on the sofas, and the man on the gallery would not be allowed to stand in the gallery upstairs with his cap on his head. And so. The Legislature is the highest court in the land and the proper dignity of this court should be upheld.

Gold Restrictions Lifted in France Today

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PARIS, March 5—The French Government has made a popular move in regard to finances and has decided to restore free market for gold and to lift restrictions in connection with those who are hoarding. Gold is to have freedom of importation and it is hoped to place the franc on a monetary basis as is Great Britain and the United States. Although the franc has weakened government bonds have raised in value. Efforts will be made to try to standardize the franc at 105 to the pound sterling to float a big loan for national defence purposes following the example of Great Britain. This will be the only Government loan this year. Premier Blum is to make international speech tomorrow and other important cabinet ministers will speak on Saturday and Sunday. The Minister of Finance said today that no Frenchman will be able to evade his obligations. Complete plans for the new defence plans have not been given out.

JOHN PETTIE, ONE OF OLDEST ORANGEMEN, DEAD

One of the oldest Orangemen in Canada—having been a member for 69 years—John Pettie died early yesterday at his home at South Clones, Queens County, following an illness of a few days.

Mr. Pettie was born on Feb. 2, 1850, in the county of Fermanagh, Ireland, a son of the late John and Susanna Pettie. He came to Canada with his parents when only four months old and had resided continuously in the South Clones district since. He was one of the best known residents of that area.

LONDON, March 5—German news papers are criticizing a speech made over the weekend by the mayor of New York. Reference in the speech was made to Hitler and his brown shirts as being a menace to the world.

CARLETON COUNTY MEMBER EXPECTS HELP FOR FARMERS

Defends the Policy and
Achievements of
Former Gov't

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

G. W. Perry, member for Carleton was in his usual humorous mood when he rose to continue the debate on the budget yesterday in the Legislature. His various criticisms thrown across the house in a piquant style were received in the right frame of mind by the members of the government who enjoyed the wit of the member for the Opposition. Mr. Perry made certain corrections in regard to the "egg beater" which was truly a full sized egg-boiler of which the member for the Opposition displayed proper plans and specifications in defence of some of the constructive programme of the past administration he complimented the present administration on their clever canvasses which he claimed have had desired results. He could buy a fan for fifteen cents where they had paid \$49.50 he defended the school book policy of his party and reflected on the condition of the roads along the St. John River Valley Counties and used of his wit to show why the Minister of Lands and Mines had taken to the air. Mr. Perry intended to ask the Government for some concessions for Carleton County. (Continued on Page Four)

PAUL MUNI WINS GOLD CUP FOR BEST ACTING

LOS ANGELES, March 5—Reports from Hollywood state that Paul Muni won the award for the best screen performance of 1936. The acting which won him the gold cup was his portrayal of the role in "The Story of Louis Pasteur."

Spencer Tracy as the priest in "San Francisco" gave Muni the most keen competition in the trial.

Luise Rainer received the award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences tonight for the best performance by an actress in 1936, for her work in "The Great Ziegfeld."

Awards for the best supporting actress and actor went to Gail Sondergaard for her work in "Anthony Adverse," and to Walter Brennan for his performance in "Come and Get It."

The best production was held to have been "The Great Ziegfeld."

Frank Capra won the best direction award for his "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town."

Sheridan Gibney and Pierre Colings were double winners, taking the awards jointly for the best original screen story and the best screen play, "The Story of Louis Pasteur."

Opposition to Police Commission Bill Fizzled Out Today

City Aldermen Supported Bill Before Municipalities Committee of Legislature --- No Serious Opposition

Mayor Kitchen Plays Lone Hand

Kitchen Regretted Citizens Not There to Oppose Bill --- W. G. Clark, M.P., Wants Same Continued

BILLS GET SECOND READINGS, NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

Reports Are Laid on
Table of the
House

The following bills were read the second time: to amend the several Acts incorporating the Town of Milltown; to authorize the purchase of said land and expense of alterations to the buildings on said lands; to authorize the Town of Edmundston to issue debentures; to authorize the Town of Campbellton to issue debentures; to authorize the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Campbellton to make further issue of debentures; to provide for superannuation and payment of retiring allowances to permanent employees of the Town of Campbellton; to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Restigouche and Bay Chaleur Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, 9 George V, Chapter 94, to authorize the erection of a Nurses Home, to exempt it from Taxation and to authorize the issue of debentures; to fix the assessment valuation of Swift Canadian Company, Limited, within the School District of the City of Moncton; to amend 63 Victoria 1900, Cap. 69, entitled "An Act to incorporate Saint John Home for Incubables;" to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John; respecting Insurance; to provide for the installation of a sprinkler system in the Provincial Building, Saint John; to provide for the redemption of Nine Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars Provincial Debentures falling due in the year 1938; to authorize the Funding of the Floating Indebtedness of the Province. (Continued on Page Five)

That the citizens of Fredericton were no ways interested in opposing the bill to abolish the Police Commission was the statement made to the Municipalities Committee this morning by His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen. Mr. Kitchen said that if the citizens wanted the bill passed he did not care. Mayor Kitchen who appeared before the Municipalities Committee in an endeavor to oppose the bill was unsupported. He was the only member of the City Council and the only citizen of Fredericton who was present in opposition to the bill. It is well to remember that Mayor Kitchen is a member of the Police Commission and is naturally opposed to the bill to abolish the Commission of which he is a member.

It is understood that a letter from W. G. Clark, M.P., was received from Ottawa in which Mr. Clark expresses his opposition to the bill. Mr. Clark as Mayor of Fredericton for nine years was a member of this Commission and when he retired from the Commission his business manager, George H. Clark, of J. Clark & Sons, succeeded him as a member of the Commission.

At the Legislature this morning in support of the bill were Deputy Mayor Ray T. Forbes, Aldermen Dr. R. B. Ross, T. Earle Doohan, R. A. McMillan, Ivan McKnight and Murray Hagerman, all of whom put up strong arguments in favor of the Commission being abolished, and placed in the hands of representatives of the citizens who are responsible to the people.

It was pointed out by the different speakers that the Police Commission as at present constituted could contract bills for police equipment including uniforms, cars, etc., without any check-up by the City Council who were compelled to o.k. the bills and to pay them. It was also pointed out that the police, of course, were in no way responsible to any member of the City Council or to any committee thereof. It was also pointed out that a citizen no matter how much a grievance he might have against the city for mistreatment on (Continued on Page Four)

GENTLE CASTIGATION OF TRADE PACT MAKES OBSERVERS WONDER

OTTAWA March 5—The mild-mannered and well-groomed gentleman who opened the Opposition attack on the Budget was a vastly different individual from the combative Conservative chief whom cartoonists liked to portray as a two-gun Western bronco-buster who shot up the town. Mr. Bennett might have been addressing the annual meeting of the Bank of Canada this afternoon as he analyzed the new Canadian-United Kingdom trade agreement and calmly deplored the injury that might be done to Canada's woollen industry by the slashing of customs duties on British woollens.

The biting sarcasm and the devastating criticism of old Opposition days when he used to tear Liberal policies to shreds and make the Prime Minister and his Cabinet col-

leagues squirm in their seats was entirely absent, and the crowded galleries gradually melted until the House was half deserted an hour before the dinner bell.

The Conservative chieftain showed a few flashes of the old fire, as when he took a crack at Toronto's J. C. McRuer, K.C., counsel for the Royal Commission on the Textile Industry, who, he said, was getting \$150 a day and expenses for reading free-trade pamphlets.

Mr. Bennett gravely feared that the slashing of Canadian textile tariffs to admit to our markets the products of Yorkshire and Lancashire would destroy the woollen industry of Canada. He was convinced that only by getting a certain percentage of the home market for woollens—not (Continued on Page Four)

Ottawa Clings to July 1937 as Opening Date For Operation of Imperial Airways Trans-Canada Air Route, Experts Differ as to Date

Air Force Estimate Greater Than For Army

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 5—For the first time the estimate for the Royal Air Force is greater than the army estimate. The greater part of the eighty-two and one half million dollars for defence purposes will be spent on the air force. A considerable amount of this will be laid for the defence of London which is to have for its defence 17,000 planes of first line strength.

Canadian Government Will Insist on Landing at Montreal First Stop After Leaving Ireland.

OTTAWA, March 5—The western section of the Trans-Canada Airways, from Winnipeg to Vancouver, will begin operations this summer, according to the plans of the Ministry of Transport, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The proposed opening date of July 1 still stands, so far as the Government is concerned. Government facilities will be ready before that time. The radio beam service (Continued on Page Four)

Passenger On Sleeping Car Recovers Money

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONCTON, March 4—A resident of this city received an agreeable surprise today when handed a bill-fold containing a considerable sum of money that had been lost about two months ago.

Last December a passenger boarded a Canadian National sleeping car attached to the Ocean Limited bound for Montreal.

Shortly after leaving Moncton, he discovered he had lost the bill-fold (Continued on Page Five)