

CITY ALDERMEN GO OUT TONIGHT

No Council After Midnight Tonight, Election to be Called

Council Rejects City Solicitor's Unique Suggestion and Advice

Unprecedented Condition Arises

In Extreme Case Government Might Be Called Upon to Appoint Commissioner to Run City

Figuratively grabbing "the bull by the horns" and ignoring two suggested courses of procedure, His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen claimed the right to call an election to fill the vacancies which will be caused by the resignations of seven aldermen of the Fredericton City Council which will take effect when the clock tolls the hour of midnight tonight. The announcement was made by His Worship at a meeting of the council last night that he would call an election on Thursday, April 8.

Facing the alternative of holding a session prior to midnight tonight at which time the seven resigning aldermen would retire before the meeting adjourned, thus permitting the remaining members to transact further business of the meeting, or allowing the city to go into "technical" bankruptcy, the chief magistrate claimed the right to call for an election, basing his contention of the provisions of section 33 of the Act of 1859. The latter was termed by the city solicitor as "inconsistent with another section of the Act," but as such decision was just a matter of opinion, the chief magistrate claimed it was "consistent."

Legal Solutions Offered
The announcement of the mayor followed a three-hour discussion in which the aldermen endeavored to find a "loop-hole" in the unprecedented constitutional problem which threatens to leave Fredericton without a governing body. The solutions offered by City Solicitor P. J. Hughes, K.C., were unique and it is believed that the proposed actions were unprecedented in the history of British or Canadian constitutional law.

The situation, which arose when the seven aldermen resigned to show their disapproval of the rejection of the bill to abolish the Fredericton City Police Commission, presents an intricate problem. It is fraught with danger, according to many interested persons, who contend that any action which might be taken might jeopardize the legality of the civic corporation and thus leave the open for legal action.

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HULL GIRLS CANNOT WEAR SHORTS IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE IN CITY

Will Censor Bathing Beauty Pictures on Billboards

(Special to The Daily Mail)
OTTAWA, April 7—Girls in Hull are prohibited from wearing shorts, according to a municipal decree signed by Mayor Moussette today on his return from Toronto.

The bylaw banning shorts from Hull streets, parks, public places and even beaches, was drafted last Fall, but was not put into effect then, since Mayor Moussette said there was no danger of girls wearing shorts around Hull streets in winter. The Hull League of Public Morality entered strong protests last summer and autumn against advertising posters portraying girls in scanty bathing suits smoking a favorite brand of cigarette.

The Hull edict, which is sponsored by Alderman Archille Morin, chair-

MAYOR'S VIEWS ARE UNCHANGED

Facing a situation unprecedented in the constitutional history of the Empire, His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen is endeavoring to find solution for a problem which threatens to completely paralyze the civic administration of Fredericton. Following the decision of the seven retiring aldermen, whose terms of office conclude tonight at midnight, that an election be held on April 26th, the chief magistrate still contends that he has the right under section 33 of the Act of 1859 to call for an election after the seats are vacated. His contention is contrary to the opinion of P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, who contends that the section referred to is "inconsistent" with other sections of the Act.

Following the meeting this morning, Mayor Kitchen stated that his views remained unchanged, and despite the action of the aldermen he will call for an election tomorrow. He contends that his suggestion is the only reasonable step to follow, arguing that the action of the aldermen was "out of order." He, however, was obliged by the city constitution to accept the motion when it was presented this morning.

The situation is possibly more intricate than ever before and is apparently no nearer solution. The matter is being viewed with the keenest interest by legal authorities throughout the Dominion as it is the first time in British constitutional history that such a situation has arisen.

TEXTILE CONFERENCE IN LONDON

LONDON, April 7—Belgium, Poland, Canada and Great Britain are in favor of a 40-hour week. The Japanese Government and representatives of employers are against this.

Boost Fredericton

THE other day The Daily Mail published a news story to the effect that certain parties were here looking over the ground with the idea of establishing a clothing factory. It would be a good idea for the City Council, as soon as it gets rid of the present tangle into which it was thrown by the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature, to consider the advisability of getting after smaller industries and inducing manufacturers to establish industrial units in this city.

A few days ago there appeared in an American paper a news item that a small city in the United States had found difficulty in creating a community spirit amongst its people. The inhabitants of the town in question were in the habit of doing their purchasing at the mercantile establishments of larger cities in the vicinity where the smaller town was located. As a result the merchants of that town were up against a serious proposition.

The City Council of the little town, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, got together and decided to boost their town and its advantages so that industries would be induced to establish plants in their city. A number of the larger manufacturing establishments located smaller units in the town referred to.

Why could not our City Council and our Board of Trade, with perhaps the assistance of our Provincial Government Publicity Bureau, make a bid to have small industrial units located in this city? There are many large manufacturing establishments located in Central Canada which might well see the advisability of locating branch units in the Maritime Provinces. It would be an incentive for the Maritime people to buy their goods.

Fredericton is the centre of a good locality for distribution. Land could be procured cheap and there is no doubt that exemption from certain forms of taxation, free water rates, and other concessions might be made. It is also probable that arrangements for cheaper power might be made with the people who control the electric light service. We have one of the most pleasantly located cities in the Dominion of Canada. Our educational system is such that a child can start in the primary grade and graduate from the University with either an Arts or Science degree without being compelled to spend a day away from home. These are only some of the advantages that should induce factories to come here. The advantages are both economic and social and require only a good boosting campaign to get at least some results.

How would it do for the Board of Trade and City Council to arrange for a joint meeting at which the matter could be brought up and a strong publicity campaign pointing out the advantages of this city as a manufacturing centre be put on? The Daily Mail submits these suggestions for the consideration of those who are, like ourselves, interested in the welfare of our city.

SERIOUS FIRE AT MANILLA, MANY HOMES DESTROYED

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MANILLA, Philippines Island, April 7—A serious fire in the Philippines has left twenty thousand people homeless and damages valued at four hundred thousand pounds. The strong winds and low motor pressure rendered fire fighting very difficult. The United States Army was called to assist.

Aged Citizen Laid To Rest Today

The funeral of William H. Maxwell was held this afternoon from the home of his son J. Brown Maxwell, followed by service at Christchurch Cathedral conducted by Very Rev. Dean Moorhead. The large attendance at the funeral and the many beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which the late Mr. Maxwell was held and was a fitting tribute to one who had during his lifetime served faithfully both his church and state.

The pallbearers were W. P. Steen, Sterling Brannen, Chas. Patterson, Warren J. Maxwell, G. Alvah Good and Albert Rowan. The chief mourners were J. Brown Maxwell, Charles W. B. Maxwell Sr., A. T. Murchie, W. W. Maxwell, Chas. W. B. Maxwell Jr. W. J. Maxwell. Interment was made at the Lincoln cemetery.

BRITISH VESSEL IS BOMBED IN MEDITERRANEAN

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, April 7—British destroyer speeding on her way through the Mediterranean to investigate the bombing of the British vessel Gallant. The vessel was the object of several insurgent air attacks. The Gallant beat off the planes with anti-aircraft guns.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ORIENT BETTER

(Special to The Daily Mail)
TOKYO, April 7—Japanese banks turned over to Chinese authorities recently half-million pound silver. It is reported that the two countries are quite optimistic in regard to conditions.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of the late William Henry Morgan was held this afternoon with prayers at the home at Nasonworth followed by service at the Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Ricker conducted the service at the church and at the grave-side. A large number attended the services to pay final tribute to the late Mr. Morgan.

ICE STILL FIRM

The heavy amount of rain which fell in this vicinity yesterday brought about an eight-inch rise in the waters of the Saint John river here. The ice in the river is still very firm with no sign of an immediate break-up.

NEW UNEMPLOYED POLICY IS NOW IN DEMAND

Member Says Problem is One of National Responsibility--Provinces to Be Aided.

OTTAWA, April 7—Demands for a new unemployment policy were heard in the House of Commons and Ralph Maybank, Liberal member for Winnipeg South Centre, said the municipalities would be well advised to go on strike against relief unless the federal government assumed a larger share.

The House spent the whole day on the 1937 relief bill sponsored by Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, minister of labor. It provides for grants-in-aid to the provinces to assist in direct relief payments and in the financing of works projects as in other years.

"Unless a larger share of relief is assumed by the Dominion government the cities would be well advised to go on strike. They might serve notice on the Dominion that after 30 days they would pay out no more money for relief," said the member who was formerly a Winnipeg alderman.

If the cities were going to be driven into bankruptcy they might as well get out from under the load of relief. The Dominion should at least withdraw from its present stand of refusing to deal directly with the municipalities and take steps to examine their position.

Eighty Thousand Men to Work After Chrysler Strike

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WASHINGTON, April 7—Eighty thousand men returned to work today after the settlement of the Chrysler strike. Chrysler recognized the union as the sole bargaining body and the union have agreed not to join any sit down strikes and to deal only with a Chrysler body. The agreement was signed for one year by John Lewis and W. Chrysler.

CONFER THIS AFTERNOON

His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen will confer with Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of education, federal and municipal affairs, this afternoon on relief assistance for the city. The city has borne its own relief burden for the last seven months. Hon. Mr. Paterson arrived in the city last evening.

37th Annual Meeting I. O. D. E. Well Attended

Mrs. T. C. Barker Extends Welcome to the Delegates

Civic Welcome by His Worship Mayor Kitchen

Work of Chapters of a High Order --- Progress Noted

GOOD FRIEND TO THE MEN OF THE SEA

The report of Miss Alice Fairweather, I.O.D.E. Convenor for the Navy League which she delivered this morning at the first session of the 37th annual convention shows that the order has been ever mindful of the Sea Cadets of Saint John and the members of the Seaman's Institute which is also located in that city. Miss Fairweather's report also denotes what could be done in further encouragement and support to this worthy class of citizens in our province.

Saint John, N. B., April 6, 1937.

Madam Regent Officers and Members of the Provincial Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, As Convenor of the Navy League I beg to submit the following report for 1937.

Greetings from the I.O.D.E. and good wishes have been extended to the seamen at the Institute this season and your convenor has attended all entertainments there to which she has been invited. At the opening entertainment there were over three hundred men assembled. At all times the Chairman of the Institute or representative of the Navy League states that our Order is a good friend to the men of the sea and tells them that the contributions of the Order to the work of the Institute, through which Navy League operations are carried on in Saint John, is a very valued assistance.

At the Christmas entertainment a large number of seamen attended.

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A large number of delegates from all over the province registered this morning at the opening session of the 37th annual meeting of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire which met in the vestry of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. After the formal opening which included the singing of God Save the King, the salutation of the flag, and the prayer of the order, the address of welcome was given by Mrs. I. C. Barker of this city and responded to by Mrs. Roscoe Allen of Moncton. The civic welcome was extended by His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen.

After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting the address of the president, Mrs. A. T. McMurray was heard.

Reports were read by Mrs. J. H. Ramsay on behalf of Mrs. W. C. Allison of Rothesay, provincial organizing secretary. Mrs. Harold Limerick, of Fredericton, provincial treasurer and by Miss E. A. Mahoney, provincial echoes secretary, of Moncton; Mrs. F. W. Mitchell of Woodstock and Miss Alice Fairweather of Saint John. The last item on the agenda for the morning session was the election of 25 provincial councillors.

The provincial treasurer Mrs. Harold Limerick showed most encouraging results and the work of all the primary chapters being of high order, and Mrs. Limerick was complimented for the splendid arrangement of her report.

Other reports given included that of the provincial echoes secretary by Miss E. A. Mahoney of Moncton, and the report of Immigration and Canadianization of Mrs. F. W. Mitchell and given by Mrs. J. F. L. Brown of Woodstock.

A recommendation attached to this report that greeting cards be not granted to anyone unless it was as-

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Fear of Drastic Taxation Measures is Driving Cash From Province of Alberta

AN INCREASE ITALIAN NAVAL ESTIMATES

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ROME, April 7—In view of the recent plans of Great Britain, United States and Japan to fortify certain islands in the western Pacific, Italy has set aside an estimate which shows an increase of two million six hundred thousand pounds. Italy is considering strengthening her position in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean to protect her conquests in Abyssinia.

Reference also made to Sir Samuel Hoare statement made recently in London in regard to the importance in the Mediterranean of the island of Cyprus.

Thirty Million Left Province During the Past Year --- Vast Bulk of Loose Cash Has Moved From Province.

EDMONTON, April 7—Conservative estimates over the week-end indicate that at least \$20,000,000 in cash and negotiable securities have been transferred from Alberta to Toronto, Montreal, Pacific Coast cities and even to Spokane and Seattle across the border, during the past six months.

Fear of drastic taxation measures, and the general uncertainty arising from the unprecedented political situation here have been responsible for this action on the part of Alberta citizens.

Opinions of legal men that any taxation measures which could imperil savings accounts or negotiable securities held in strong boxes in (Continued on Page Five)

IL DUCE TIRED OF SEEING HELP GOING TO SPAIN

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ROME, April 7—Mussolini is said to be growing tired of what he says is aid being given to Spanish Government by France and Russia. Some sources expect the joint withdrawal of Italy and Germany, the two big Fascist countries, from the neutrality League.

DANGER OF RELIGIOUS WAR IN MANILLA

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MANILLA, April 7—The is grave danger of a religious war in Manila and army reinforcements have been sent there.