

OTTAWA SAYS THERE WILL BE NO LET UP IN REARMAMENT, NAVAL, ARMY AND AIR FORCE

Announcement as Sequel to Report Manitoba Finances

Thorough Study of Taxation in the Dominion is Planned
Prairies to Get Help in Interim
Royal Commission is to Be Appointed in the Near Future

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—A Royal Commission of inquiry to investigate the whole system of taxation in the Dominion will be appointed Premier Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today. This announcement followed tabling of the report of the Bank of Canada on Manitoba's financial position.

The Prime Minister intimated that in the meantime temporary aid would be extended by the Federal Government to assist Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The assistance will appear in the supplementary estimates.

The Royal Commission, Mr. Mackenzie King said, would investigate the whole system of taxation in the Dominion, study the division of financial powers and financial responsibilities between the Dominion and the Provinces, and make recommendations as to what should be done to secure a more equitable and practical division of the burden to enable all governments to function more effectively and, I may add, more independently, within the spheres of their respective jurisdictions.

"The Commission will be faced with a great volume of work and will require some time to formulate its recommendations," he said. "Its appointment, therefore, cannot represent an immediate solution of the pressing financial problems of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. If these provinces are to continue to discharge their present responsibilities some immediate financial assistance



H. J. Humphrey, vice-president and general manager, Eastern Lines, Canadian Pacific Railway. In Saint John today with Sir Edward W. Beatty

CLAIM LONDON EASY TARGET IN AIR RAIDS

Faces Prospect of "Horrible Destruction" Few Hours After War is Declared.

LONDON, Feb. 17—London will become a primary battleground within a few hours of the outbreak of war involving Great Britain, with prospects of "horrible destruction" unless bold measures of defence are taken, says a former officer of the Royal Air Force, writing under the pseudonym of Frank Morrison, in "War on Great Cities."

Morrison envisages frightful havoc in the metropolitan area by an enemy

ASK \$705,000 FOR AIR MAILS

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—An increase of \$390,500 in air-mail appropriations is included in this year's Postoffice estimates, Postmaster General Elliott told the House of Commons yesterday.

This will be added to last year's appropriation of \$314,500, Mr. Elliott said, to provide for service on the Trans-Canada air service.

CONSERVATIVES CLEVERER AT COINING CATCHWORDS CLAIMS COLLECTOR OF CASH

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—Conservatives have been more successful than Liberals in coining effective phrases for Canadian elections, Revenue Minister Isley told the Canadian Club here Saturday in a speech on historical phrases and their effect.

Not that the Liberals had not tried, Mr. Isley said, but over the course of Canadian history beginning with the "National Policy" of Sir John A. Macdonald, the phrases coined by the Conservative leaders had been better vote-getters than those advanced by the Liberals. However, the Liberal phrase "King or chaos" used in the last election had been effective.

Famous Phrases
Macdonald's great ending to his manifesto in 1891 when there was

talk of Canada breaking away from the British Empire, "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die," had much to do with winning the election, Mr. Isley said.

The phrases of Sir Wilfrid Laurier brought a touch of chivalry into the 20th century. "Follow my white plume" was such a phrase. "The 19th century was that of the United States, the 20th century belongs to Canada," and "Canada a nation in the galaxy of British nations," were other famous Laurier phrases.

"Many phrases," Mr. Isley said, "some of them slogans, some of them catch-cries, many of them with very little literary merit, have won wars, lost elections, delighted or enraged millions, made or marred many a public career."

Opening the Legislature

THE second session of the present Legislative Assembly will be opened here tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren, G.M.C., P.C., LL.D., M.D., with the usual time-honored ceremonies. At three o'clock His Honour will drive to the House accompanied by his official secretary, Major T. C. Barker, A.D.C., and his staff and also by his Aide-de-camp. The usual guard of honour will be present. The boys of the University of New Brunswick C.O.T.C. will parade in front of the Parliament Buildings and will be inspected by His Honour who should know how to do this as he has had the advantage of extended military services.

This year the Governor's party will be supplemented by the Sheriff and a Coroner who will ride in state behind the Governor's car. This is a revival of a custom which was in vogue for years and one which was discontinued over a quarter of a century ago. Some people say that it comes down from the time when they used to drag the Kings in by their neck and make them open Parliament.

The procedure of opening the House runs like this: Long before the opening hour people begin to flock towards the Parliament Building. The Normal School students and other strangers usually go down to the Parliament Buildings about 1.30 o'clock and stand around in the cold with their hands up to their ears until 3 o'clock when His Honour and party arrives. They watch the Governor drive up, they hear the band play and the cannon shoot. In the meantime the wise ones who know the ropes or "know their onions" to use a later expression, have gone into the building and have secured all the available seats in the gallery.

After the Governor has inspected his troops he proceeds into the House, accompanied by his bodyguard. Then the students and others who have waited outside to hear the cannon shoot make a grand rush for the inside of the buildings. Of course it is too late for many of them to get seats, so they push and pull one another around the corridors. They go into the members' lounging rooms and stand on chairs and talk out loud to each other while the Lieutenant-Governor is reading the Speech from the Throne. If they are from Charlotte or Saint John City or Carleton they will probably try to pick out Hayes Doone or H. A. Porter or Fred Squires, as the case may be. The girls who are after the bachelor members point to "Red" Foster or the Speaker and say, "My, my, don't they look nice." Some of them have their eye on the good-looking Minister of Agriculture who adorns one of the front seats on the right of the Speaker. Last year one Normal student with a scant knowledge of political affairs spent some time trying to pick out Mackenzie King.

While the Governor is reviewing his troops outside the members have had time to take their seats in the large Legislative Chamber and Hon. Francis Bridges of Campbellton, the Speaker, enters the small door from the Speaker's room, attired in silk hat, black gown and white gloves, and proceeds to the Speaker's chair. He is accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Karl Walker, in a very dignified uniform which is a cross between a Windsor uniform and that of the North-west Mounted Police. The members are all dressed up in their best clothes. The invited guests, including the ladies, occupy sofas and seats "on the floor of the House." This does not mean that they are sitting on the floor Indian-fashion. It means that on the opening day they are allowed in where on ordinary days "angels fear to tread." Many of these ladies have been busy during the preceding weeks getting toggled out in all their best-attire to come to the Capital and make a good show on the opening day. Some of those in the Capital have been saving up all year to buy their extra toes to make an appearance at the opening. Under the new line-up with the Clerk's desk and Press Gallery in the middle of the floor between the two rows of desks there will not be much room for seats on the floor, and the Speaker's Gallery may be used for the official set.

Well, while they are all lined up a knock is heard on the Assembly Hall door. It is the Sergeant-at-Arms in full uniform who announces that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has arrived. The Speaker replies "You may admit him." This shows the rights of the people to assemble in Parliament and their right to admit the Lieutenant-Governor or not as they see fit. We do not know what would happen if they refused to admit him. We have never heard of anyone trying to fire him out.

Then the Speaker with a dignified Clerk (they like to pronounce it "Clark") and the "Clark" Assistant, with barristers' gowns and proper head gear, leave the Chamber through the Speaker's room at the rear. The Lieutenant-Governor and party come into the Chamber and His Honour takes his seat upon the Throne. The Speaker and the two Clerks who previously took the short-cut through the Speaker's room, come through the corridors and re-enter the door to the Chamber just used by the Lieutenant-Governor. They are accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying a long black rod surmounted by a golden crown. They proceed half way to the Clerk's table and make a pretty bow "all at once" to His Honour, who then proceeds to read the Speech from the

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PARIS REBUILDS GREAT AIRPORT

Plane Terminal Boasts All Conveniences of Vast Rail Station

PARIS, Feb. 17—Begun less than a year ago, the new air station of Le Bourget, airport of Paris, will be completed in time for the opening of the Paris exposition in May, when Le Bourget will rank with the world's greatest airfields in equipment, as it is already one of the greatest in renown and in amount of traffic handled.

The big field, with a few hangars and a modest restaurant onto which Lindbergh dropped 10 years ago, is now flanked by a massive structure containing all the conveniences of a great railway terminus, in the form of two long wings sprouting on either side from the lighthouse and control tower in the center. Before this structure the grass surface has given away to a wide sweep of concrete, from which the planes start their take-off run, and where they pull up after landing.

The Moree, an inconvenient brook which runs along one side of the field and used to worry transatlantic fliers who needed a long run to get their heavily loaded planes into the air, is being ruthlessly thrust underground, making the distance available for gathering speed before taking off more than 2,000 yards. It is requiring 1,000,000 cubic meters of earth to level off the field over the newly subterranean Moree.

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Vines Resting After Victory Celebration

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17—Ellsworth Vines is resting today after the celebration which took place last evening in his honor. Vines conquered Fred Perry yesterday afternoon in a terrific battle of tennis wits and speed. The score was 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. The record of matches is 11 for Vines, and 8 for Perry.

INSTALLATION SERVICE REV. S. C. GRAY

The installation service of Rev. S. C. Gray Archdeacon elect of Fredericton will take place at 7.30 o'clock this evening at the Cathedral. A number of clergy from outside centres are expected to be present. His Grace Archbishop J. H. Richardson will be the celebrant.

1937 Taxis Provided For Plane Passengers in the Frozen North

COMMISSION SAYS PROVINCIAL JAILS ARE TERRIBLE

TORONTO, Feb. 17—Chief Commissioner J. Archambault commenting on testimony by Rev. C. E. Silcox, general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, before the Commission on penitentiaries, remarked today:

"We have seen our provincial jails that is some of them, and we must agree that some of these are terrible."

"If all I have heard is true about

Civilization's Outpost Reached as Casually As Journey by Train

Six Hundred Mile Non-Stop Flight Described by Passenger

Airplanes, Radios Bring Comforts of Inland
Music, Tennis Courts, Fresh Foods and Regular Mail Delivery



SIR EDWARD W. BEATTY
Entertained today by the Saint John Board of Trade

NEW SPRAY FOR KILLING DANDELIONS

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17—A 100 per cent. satisfactory method of killing dandelions was described to the Manitoba Horticultural Association convention here last night. Developed by Dr. G. P. McRostie, now of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, a solution of copper nitrate and water is sprayed.

William H. Silversides, University of Manitoba student, told the convention of the discovery. He collaborated with Dr. McRostie, who recently left the Manitoba University.

Six years' experiments were behind the discovery, Silversides said. The solution is made of 1½ pounds of nitrate to 7½ pounds of water, a

CAMERON BAY, Bear Lake, N.W.T., Feb. 17—Through a blanket of white clouds on the rim of the Arctic, Eldorado's Silver Radium Express dropped late yesterday after a 600-mile non-stop flight from Fort Smith.

Caribou herds, that looked like crawling ants, grazed on the chocolate pudding far below as Yellow Knife and Fort Rae passed far to the West. Passengers casually read magazines and books and gazed on the empty, humanless barren stretch of territory beneath. Suddenly it faded as Hottah Lake appeared.

Through the clouds Pilot Marlowe Kennedy talked with Staff Sergeant Larken at Cameron Bay somewhere far ahead in the limitless sea of white clouds. Behind him was Yellow Knife, where he had picked up his last weather and was told to go ahead.

Friday night we had dinner at Chippewyan, 700 miles back. Steak, combination salad of fresh lettuce, tomatoes and celery were served. The noon-day lunch was picked up at Fort Smith, and high above the empty land we enjoyed hot coffee, fresh sandwiches, pie and cake.

With the last settlement far behind suddenly loomed Cameron Bay, with its yellow log houses, bright lights, two restaurants and its busy postoffice.

Tons of freight are unloaded from the machine. First come the flowers from Brampton, Ontario, and Pilot Kennedy grins and nods his head as some one suggests that the airplane has licked the northland.

Dog sleighs, heavily loaded, move on to nearby warehouses. Women approach the plane and receive parcels with mail-order labels and children swarm down the gleaming slope to see what the plane has brought for them. Manager Em' Walli and his wife stand by as a dog team loads up with a chesterfield chair, some lettuce, tomatoes and eggs. Later a tractor train will jog 700 miles over Frozen Lake to Eldorado where electric lights, running water and plumbing bring civilization into the ancient badlands of our north.

No longer is this radio outpost remote. The radio played "In a Little

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STEEPLECHASE IS NOW SWEEPTAKES CLASSIC SUBJECT

MONTREAL, Feb. 17—Grand National fever, once confined to lovers of the steeplechase only, has grown to huge proportions, steamship people say, since the world's outstanding jumping race became a sweepstake subject. The importance of the steeplechase classic may be gauged from the fact that for years past the departure of the weekly Canadian Pacific sailing from Liverpool has been delayed on Grand National day.

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