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Weather: Fresh winds; possibly rain or snow Tuesday

SPEAKER STATES B.N.A. ACT SHOULD SAFEGUARD LIBERTY OF INDIVIDUAL



SIR CHAS. GORDON President of the Bank of Montreal who sees improvement in Canada's business.

Relief Without Work Worst Method End Unemployment

Road Building In Forest Areas Has Proved Beneficial to Individual

ADVERSE BALANCE WPEG BUDGET

Unfair Burden Places Winnipeg In Bad Financial Position

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7—The fact that relief without work is the worst method possible to adopt in trying to solve the unemployment situation was brought out at the meeting of the Rowel Commission, which is sitting here this week. The members of the Commission were told yesterday that the financial situation of the city of Winnipeg is so unfavorable that it has recently been unable to market its bonds. Even the Bank of Montreal has refused to "carry the city any longer." One of the explanations given for the cause of this adverse financial situation was the establishing of various public services by the Province and turning them over to the city for implementation. If some drastic action by the Ottawa Government were not taken, Winnipeg would be without funds to finance relief. The Province of Manitoba has had an increase of revenue of three million dollars a year since 1931, while the city's revenue had dropped one million dollars. Some of the suggestions made by J. Prudhomme, Winnipeg city solicitor, included the relieving the city of unemployment relief costs, including past relief debts and old age pension contributions. Assistance in defraying the cost of education and police and a share in the taxes on commercial undertakings and gasoline and automobile licenses. The Province had exempted railways from municipal taxation and imposed a provincial tax on railway earnings, which yielded about \$600,000 a year. If railway properties in Winnipeg were taxed on the same basis as other property, it would produce about \$500,000 a year. Since the city had to provide services for railway properties, it should receive a substantial part of the provincial revenue from the railways. Since 1934 the general tax rate in the city had been 34 1-2 mills, to which was added another 12 mills for

MAN'S QUEST TO KEEP YOUTH HELD HOPELESS

If He Succeeded Trouble Would Follow, Biologist Maintains

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Dr. Alex's Carrel, Nobel prize winner, who has kept a chicken's heart beating in a bottle since 1912, reported to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents recently that while fresh air and sunshine and plenty of exercise may be all right in their way, they have no true effect upon making man live longer. He warned the insurance men that a sudden increase in the life span would create economic and social catastrophe. Prolongation of man's life span, the biologist said, depends upon improvement in the body's tissues and blood, not on hygiene and medicine, which have almost finished their work in longevity. "Each one of us knows," he said, "that hygiene, comfort, good food, athletics, fresh air, sun baths, have failed to increase the span of life. Senile deterioration will manifest itself in the future at the age of 60 to 65 years, as it does today and did in the past. Experiments With Mice "Any true prolongation of life will require, not only protection against disease, but improvement of the quality of tissues and blood. That is, more resistance of the body to wearing out. Experiments on mice, he related, showed that longevity, although a hereditary tendency, can be modified in a large measure.

Winter Funerals

THE DISCUSSION of matters connected with our cemeteries is not always a cheerful subject but on the present occasion we feel that the suggestion which we here make is worthy of serious consideration. The suggestion was made some time ago and received some very favorable comment at the time but no action was taken in regard to the matter.

Fredericton has long needed a receiving vault in connection with our cemeteries, where in the winter time bodies could be placed and remain until the following spring. The handling of our winter funerals while it is done in a respectable manner is very much antiquated. The grave has to be dug through snow and frozen ground, and many times between the digging of the grave and the holding of the funeral a storm comes and a very disagreeable and difficult situation arises. When the funeral is held people have many times to wade through snow to reach the graveside and the service at the grave is conducted in below zero weather to the detriment of the health of the mourners and those who wish to attend the funeral. We know of one case in this city in recent years where a prominent business man contracted pneumonia on one Sunday afternoon while standing at the graveside of a departed friend and his own funeral took place the following Sunday afternoon.

A neat receiving vault and mortuary chapel combined could be erected in a central place in one of the uptown cemeteries and could be contributed to jointly and used jointly by those who control the different cemeteries in that section. Such a chapel could be erected in a becoming and dignified style. One part of the structure could be used for the mortuary chapel where the last service could be conducted. Following the committal service the coffin, as is done in other places, could be wheeled in behind folding doors and placed in a repository where the remains would lie until such time as it was proper to consign them to the grave.

Such a way of handling funerals and disposing of the departed is much more humane and not so heartrending to the mourners as is the manner of conducting the committal portion of the funeral in this city during the winter months at the present time. This is the method which is used in Saint John, Moncton and also in some of the smaller towns in the province. It is a method that is endorsed by physicians, clergymen, funeral directors and others, and it is a wonder that those who are in authority in connection with our cemeteries and with the burial of the dead have not long since considered such a plan.

New Government To be Chosen at Soviet Election

100,000,000 Soviet Citizens Will Cast Vote Next Sunday

CHANGE ONLY SUPERFICIAL

First Time All 18-Year-Old Russians Have A Chance To Vote

C. N. R. EXHIBIT GETS 1ST. PRIZE PARIS EXPOS.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 6—A cable received from Paris announces that the grand prix has been awarded the Canadian National Railways for their exhibit at the Paris Exposition which has just closed. This display in the Canadian Pavilion brought to the observer a picture of various phases of Canadian activities of Canada's work areas and playgrounds together with the extent to which these areas are made accessible to the tourist visitor by the lines of the Canadian National System. This display was designed and completed entirely by the exhibit services of the railway in Montreal and erected overseas under their supervision.

MOSCOW, Dec. 7—Approximately 100,000,000 Soviet citizens who are 18 years or older will elect a new government of the Soviet Union next Sunday. In its size, it will be the largest election the world has ever known; in its paradoxes it will be one of the most baffling. What is the election all about? In its simplest terms, it is the election of 1,143 members of a new Supreme Council, the highest governing body of the Soviet Union according to the new Constitution adopted a year ago. Roughly half the members will sit as a Council of the Union, each deputy representing 200,000 inhabitants; the others will be members of a second chamber, or Council of Nationalities, which will represent the many races and nationalities living inside the Soviet Union. Franchise Universal For the first time in history, all Russians eighteen or older who are not insane, feeble-minded or disfranchised by special court order will elect their highest governing body directly and with secret ballots. They will have the right to recall their repre-

sentatives. Peasants will be represented equally with industrial workers. Any "social organization or society of toilers" has had the right to nominate a candidate. The Supreme Court, which must meet within 30 days after the election, will hold office for four years unless disagreement between its two houses requires an earlier election. It will meet twice a year, eventually in the Palace of Soviet, designed to be the world's tallest building, on the bank

PRODUCTIVE C.A.N. ENTERPRISE SHOWS MARKED PROGRESS

MONTREAL, Dec. 7—Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank of Montreal, was enthusiastic over the marked improvement in Canadian business during the past two years. Business conditions in Canada were described as a "happy contrast with the conditions of only two years ago." Taken as a whole, Sir Charles said in his presidential address at the Bank of Montreal's annual meeting, "the one really serious setback" was in the Prairie Provinces, where drought caused "total or partial failure of the crops." But, the president added, "this partial failure of our greatest cash crop is partly offset from the national standpoint by the higher price for this year's crop and by the fact that the general crops in every other part of Canada have been, on the whole, 'remarkably good.' He noted as "perhaps even more important" the fact that Canada has demonstrated "a remarkable resiliency in productive enterprise," pointing out that world demand for gold has been reflected by a marked increase in production and discovery.

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Sees Possible Jeopardy to Individual Rights in Years to Come

Suppression of Freedom Of Press, Removal Of Right To Ownership of Property, Civil Rights Must Be Carefully Guarded Against.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7—Insertion in the British North America Act of a provision similar to that in the American constitution, guaranteeing the liberty of the individual, was advocated before the Royal Commission on Dominion-provincial relations yesterday by the Winnipeg Board of Trade. "If there is to be national unity, there are certain rights that must inhere in Canadian citizenship," said C. E. Stockhill, board president. "A certain minimum of property and civil rights must be preserved throughout the whole of Canada." While it was inconceivable that physical slavery would be revived by any provincial legislature, that being largely a deprivation of civil rights, it was "not impossible that the props of freedom may be conceivably removed one by one." "Suppression of freedom of the press may be followed by a law dealing with alleged inaccurate statements by individuals, the accuracy to be arbitrarily determined by a government appointee and imprisonment or fine imposed. Property rights might be confiscated, civil rights suspended," Mr. Stockhill said. "Habeas corpus might be suspended in such cases so far as it comes within provincial jurisdiction. This would apply to Canadians from other provinces who might be unfortunate enough to be temporarily within the particular province." No provinces were named. Every Canadian citizen had certain

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ABERHART STILL SEEN AS POWERFUL FORCE BY OTTAWA LEADERS

Coalition Opposition Parties Believed Only Way to Defeat Him On Showing At Lethbridge

OTTAWA, Dec. 7—Leaders of the two old parties in Ottawa tonight saw a warning in a recent Alberta by-election that the Social Credit Party is still a very powerful force in Alberta and that the regime of Premier William Aberhart cannot be overthrown except by a fusion of all the anti-Aberhart groups in the Province. Though Dr. Peter M. Campbell, the successful candidate for the Unity Party, was backed by Liberals, Conservatives, United Farmers and the People's League, the Social Credit Party dropped only 500 votes in the by-election, a comparison with the general election on August, 1935, shows. In 1935, the Social Credit Party polled 3,700 votes in Lethbridge and recently polled 3,200. Furthermore, with a total of 7,190 votes cast, the Unity Party was able only to gain a majority of 770.

This situation, it is said here, is decidedly not a healthy one for the two old parties and should create a demand in Alberta for a coalition which would see party differences completely submerged. At the present time a coalition is proposed, but due to dickering within the ranks of the various parties, a fusion has not yet been achieved. There were many prominent Liberals on Parliament Hill tonight, however, who were free in their prediction that Mr. Aberhart was doomed to defeat at any time he decided to call an election. The Liberals, they

AIRPLANES WILL BE FLYING OVER CONTINENT SOON

(Special to The Daily Mail by Dean TORONTO, Dec. 6—Intimation that airplanes of trans-Canada Airlines would be flying the continent from Vancouver to Toronto and Montreal by midsummer was given by J. A. Wilson, comptroller of civil aviation, Department of Transport, Ottawa, a director of trans-Canada Airlines, in an address given Saturday evening before the Royal Canadian Institute, during which he outlined the history of the establishment of the air lines throughout the Dominion. By use of slides and maps, he showed the progress made and Canada's premier geographical position in the world as a possible future centre for trans-Atlantic flights.

INOCULATION IS PLANNED FOR WHOLE QUEBEC TOWN

City Fathers of Megantic to Take Drastic Steps to Stop Spread Of Typhoid Epidemic

MEGANTIC, Que., Dec. 7—Determined to rid Megantic of typhoid fever which has raged since late September, attacking about 200 persons and claiming 11 lives, town authorities today undertook measures to make the entire municipality immune to the disease. The town fathers in special meeting yesterday consulted Provincial Health Department officers sent here to prevent spread of the epidemic beyond Megantic's borders and decided the first step will be inoculation of every member of the population of nearly 4,000. Besides on the advice of Dr. A. R. Foley of Quebec, the Health Department's epidemiologist, who attended the session, the Council decided to establish a water purification plant, appoint a Municipal Health Officer, and lend its support to proposed setting up of a health unit for the county.

The campaign of inoculation went forward immediately with three provincial officers and two nurses lending a hand to Megantic's six practicing physicians. Every house will be visited and every member of every Megantic family will have received complete immunization treatment in about 3 weeks' time. Immunization is achieved through three inoculations at one week intervals, according to Dr. Foley. About 1,000 of the people already are immune, 1,500 are under treatment and the remainder will be treated as soon as possible. It has not been necessary to close Megantic College, the convent and the two primary schools since the typhoid germ is taken only "by eating," said the epidemiologist.

QUEBEC PADLOCK LAW WILL BE MAINTAINED RIGIDLY, SAYS QUEBEC HEAD

QUEBEC, Dec. 7—In continuance of the firm stand already taken by Premier Maurice Duplessis against Communist activities, he stated today that Quebec workers' organizations preparing petitions requesting repeal of the province's "padlock law" are "wasting their time, playing the game of Communism whether they know it or not," Premier Duplessis said today. "The government," he said, "is firmly decided to maintain this law (against Communism) and apply it more than ever. Those who sign petitions requesting its repeal are playing the game of Communism and their action will have no results. Therefore, it is useless for them to sign these requests; it's a loss of time, to say the least." The law had been passed with all respect for tradition "and to save our heritage." The government never would tolerate in Quebec "any regime that produces murder, anti-religious action and other Stalinisms."

The Premier said from documents seized in raids operated here it was evident that as far back as 1933 Stalin had organized a bank in Russia to provide funds for Communist propaganda in other countries "and especially in Quebec."

HALIFAX, Dec. 4—The travelling public from the viewpoint of sleeping conductor was the subject of an address broadcast this evening from Radio Station CHNS here by J. Lewis Macdonald, a sleeping car conductor of the Canadian National Railways, who is familiar to man travellers in trains of the company operating between Halifax and Montreal.

WINNIPEG JOBLESS ASK DOUBLE RELIEF FOR CHRISTMAS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7—A delegation of Women's Federation of Unemployed members today sought a double relief voucher from Winnipeg relief funds for Christmas, amounting to an additional cost of \$60,000 to the city. The request is being considered by the Manitoba Unemployed Advisory Board.

TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT OF TALK SIR ED. BEATTY

MONTREAL, Dec. 7—A national network of 32 radio stations from Sydney, N. S., to Vancouver, B. C., will be linked on Wednesday with the Chamber of Commerce of Windsor, Ont., to hear an address by Sir Edward Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on "Transportation." Sir Edward's address will be broadcast from 2 to 2:45 p.m. AST., Dec. 8, to Sydney, Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton, St. John and Fredericton in the Maritimes.