

## "LEAGUE NATIONS 20 YEARS OLD, FIGHTING FORCES 1000 YEARS OLD, WILL YET COME TO THE FORE"-LAPOINTE

### Conscription of Canadian Resources Debate in House

Bye-Town Reject Neutrality Bill Proposed by  
C.C.F. Leader

League Will Again Come to the Front

Expenses to Date Are Less Than Price of First-  
Class Cruiser

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—The future policy of Canada in the event of attack was openly discussed yesterday in the House of Commons. The neutrality bill sponsored by the C.C.F. leader was rejected and a bill providing for the conscription of resources in the event of war at once laid before the House and keenly debated.

Th Woodsworth resolution was rejected without a recorded vote after Justice Minister Lapointe, speaking for the government, declared that in a mad world Canada must take steps to defend its shores and that he would not shirk his duty to support proper defence measures.

State Secretary Rinfret declared the resolution was 'either futile or abominable.' If some power sent an expeditionary force against this country, he declared, it would not suffice for Mr. Woodsworth 'to stand on the wharf at Halifax or Vancouver and wave his resolution.' Canada would cease to be neutral if foreign airmen started bombing, he added.

Mr. Woodsworth ended the debate by asserting that 'armaments mean war.' He attacked increased expenditures proposed in the national defence estimates and declared Canada appeared to be building up forces that would fit into the 'imperialistic machine like spare parts.'

Mr. Douglas' resolution asked that in the event of the nation being involved in war 'every agency, financial, industrial, transportation or natural resources, shall automatically be conscripted.'

He suggested industries such as nickel and copper production, essential to modern warfare should be removed from the hands of 'private profiteers and international racketeers. He urged immediate steps to control exports of nickel lest Canadians be killed in some future war by metal they had mined from this country's soil.

Mr. Lapointe declared Communism and Fascism were fanatical political doctrines equally abhorrent to Canadians and if any war developed in Europe out of a conflict of these doctrines he would not spend a single

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### IMMEDIATE DOMINION AID SEEN NECESSARY FOR WEST IF PROVINCES TO SURVIVE

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—Appointment of a royal Commission with an outstanding British Economist as Chairman to study the economic and financial basis of Confederation is understood to be receiving the consideration of the Dominion Cabinet.

The matter is rendered urgent by reason of the temporary difficult financial position of the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and if the Dominion Government fails to act it is running the risk of legislative action by hard-pressed Provinces which may conceivably have an unfavorable reaction upon Canadian credit.

100,000 Farmers on Relief  
Saskatchewan is probably in a more serious financial predicament than Manitoba owing to the heavy burden placed upon the resources of that Province by successive crop failures in the drought area which have

### RY. WORKERS TO RECEIVE PART DEMANDS NOW

A message has been received by the president of the strikers of the railway unions from Sir Edward Beatty, president of the C.P.R., and J. S. Hungerford, president of the C.N.R., that the demands of the strikers will for the most part be heeded especially the one giving the workers part of their cut at present and the rest later.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5—Declaring the men were 'just fed up with the delay' in restoration of wage cuts, Howard B. Chase, chairman of the general committee representing 17 railway unions, said tonight the unions were moving with the 'utmost despatch' to circulate a general strike ballot.

The poll of the 117,000 union workers, who Chase claims could paralyze Canada's railway traffic with a walk-out, went forward as the union leaders' reply to a conciliation board's

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### North and South Of Arabia Unite for Mutual Protection

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MUSCA, Feb. 5—The north and south of Arabia have made a military alliance to the effect that if either part of the country is attacked the other has pledged to give its support.

### EXPECT LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL RECOGNIZE CONQUEST

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
GEEVA, Feb. 5—At the next meeting of the League of Nations Assembly it is considered in authoritative circles that the conquest of Abyssinia will be recognized.

### Why Not a Survey?

FOLLOWING up the idea of an independent audit of the books at City Hall expressed in yesterday's Daily Mail, a prominent business man in this city expresses the idea that a thorough survey of our city affairs and its requirements be made by a competent authority such as Dr. Horace Brittain of Toronto. Dr. Brittain has at different times been engaged to go into the affairs of different cities and suggest improvements in the way in which civic affairs were being conducted.

Under different civic boards of aldermen there has for years a feeling that there was room for improvement in our system at City Hall. This feeling is shared by the majority of the members of the present City Council. The Aldermen cannot be expected to be expert in the inside handling of civic affairs. They are giving the city much service as it is free of charge, and cannot be expected to investigate the internal affairs at City Hall, even were they all experts in such affairs.

For instance, they will find out before the job is completed and the building finished that the proposed new High School building and equipment will cost much more than the figure submitted to them by the School Board.

There has never been—at least not in the memory of men now living—a proper, independent audit of the City Hall affairs. By audit we mean a real honest-to-goodness probe into city affairs and all its works. Whilst probably everything may be found "O.K.", at the same time such an investigation, and one amounting to more than the mere auditing of a few figures, is absolutely necessary. Such an investigation should have taken place years ago, and it should be made now so as to include a probe going back for years. This is only good business and does not reflect upon any person's honesty or on their system of doing things.

This is a suggestion which has often been put forward by business men, including different Aldermen, in recent years. It is like what Mark Twain said about bad weather: "Everyone talks about it but no one does anything to remedy it."

### EXCURSION RATES GIVE OPPORTUNITY SKIING IN ROCKIES

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONTREAL, Feb. 5—Gratifying interest is being shown by the travelling public in the bargain fare excursions from Eastern to Western Canada which come into operation by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways Feb. 20, and will continue until March 6, with a return limit of 45 days from date of issue of ticket, according to reports coming into the passenger departments of the two railways. Fares, good in coaches only, are approximately one cent a mile. Where sleeping car space is required the following special bargain fares apply: Tourist sleeping cars at approximately 11-4 cents per mile plus regular berth rate; standard sleeping cars and parlor cars at approximately 11-2 cents per mile, plus regular berth or chair rate.

A big attraction of this offer is the opportunity given for superior skiing in the Rockies, the Dominion Ski Championships being scheduled for Banff, March 5 to 8. Summer in winter is also offered in the chance to visit Canada's evergreen playground on the Pacific coast and a choice of golf on first-class courses.

Restaurant lunch service at low prices for passengers is offered over their transcontinental trip. By this arrangement quick lunches at low cost are furnished, including meat pies, sausage rolls, sandwiches, bread and butter, pies and beverages.

Tickets, with a few exceptions, are good going via Port Arthur, Ont., Armstrong, Ont., Chicago or Sault Ste. Marie, returning via the same route and line only. There are generous optional routings.

Within the limit of the ticket stopovers are allowed at Port Arthur, Armstrong and West; also at Chicago, Ill., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and West in accordance with the tariffs of United States lines.

"MEET UNCLE SALLY"  
At High School Play this evening.  
Don't miss it.

### SAINT JOHN LAW STUDENTS DEFEAT U. N. B. DEBATERS

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 5—Speaking in opposition to the resolution "that it would be to the best interests of the Dominion of Canada that the Federal Parliament have the power to amend the British North America Act," representatives of the University of New Brunswick Law School, Saint John, defeated the debating team of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, in a debate in the Law School last night.

Fleur C. Foohey was leader of the Law School team and Edwin Brakefield-Moore was the second speaker. The university was represented by James R. Mallory, leader, and William A. Gibbon. F. M. Scanders was chairman and the judges were C. F. Sanford, K.C., Horace A. Porter, K.C., M. L.A., and M. Gerald Teed.

Mr. Foohey reviewed the history of the B. N. A. Act and spoke of the Compact Theory and gave precedents to show that "the financial, industrial and economic advantages had accrued to Upper Canada." Mr. Brakefield-

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### MANY WOUNDED PASS THROUGH GIBRALTAR

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MADRID, Feb. 5—The insurgent general claims that his forces have made no attack on Malaga yet but fierce fighting has been going on in the suburbs. The government has been quite successful in repulsing these attacks. Reports from Gibraltar state that many of the insurgents wounded are being brought back through Gibraltar.

### VISIT THE KING

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—Sir Malcolm MacDonald and Sir Ormsby Gore today visited King George VI at Buckingham Palace.

### ARCHIVES RECEIVE "PASS" TO COMMUNION

Days When One Must  
Have Token to Receive  
Communion in Presby-  
terian Churches Re-  
called by Collection.

New Brunswick Represented by St. Luke's, Bathurst, St. Paul's, Fredericton, and St. Andrew's in Saint John

HALIFAX, Feb. 5—The days when one had to have an identification token to attend communion services in Presbyterian churches of Canada are recalled by a collection of 136 such tokens presented to the Nova Scotia Archives here by E. J. Vickery Halifax collector.

"In former days," Mr. Vickery explains, "faithful church goers had to guard their privileges against the inroads of unbelievers who sometimes invaded their sanctuaries and made mock of their services." Hence the tokens, metal disks of various kinds which were distributed by elders of the church, and without which no one could be admitted to communion services.

Sixty-six of the collection are from Nova Scotia and compose the greater part of the 69 Nova Scotian disks known to be in existence. Twenty-five are from churches in Ontario, 18 from New Brunswick, 13 from Quebec and

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### French Loan Subscribed In One Hour in England

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
PARIS, Feb. 5—The French Minister of Finance today replied to an attack in parliament. He said in part "in 1937 is there one Frenchman who would refuse his help to aid his country?" This attack was in regard to the loan which the French government procured from the banks of England. The Minister said that he was opposed to devaluation also to further taxes and the only alternative was to borrow. The loan which was secured from the English banks was bought up within an hour which was a record.

PLINT, Feb. 5—No further developments are reported this afternoon in the General Motors employees strike. However, it is reported that John Lewis, the organizer, is now busily engaged organizing another strike among the iron and tin workers.

## Thousands Prayed in Manila at International Eucharistic Congress

### Nazi Salute Given to King George VI. by Von Ribbentrop

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—A great amount of discussion has been caused in London by the incident in which the German ambassador, Von Ribbentrop yesterday greeted King George on his arrival in London.

Instead of the usual bow Ribbentrop clicked his heels together and brought his hand up in the Nazi salute. King George returned with the usual bow.

LONDON, Feb. 5—The Regency Bill was given its third reading today in the House of Commons and was sent to the House of Lords.

### Air Service Data Is Still Being Kept a Secret

Test Flights Are to Be Held Up, is Latest  
Report

Three Companies Want to Enter Private Service

Railways Would Relish 50-50 Division of Main  
Service

### ALBERTA BOND HOLDERS ARE NOW WORRIED

EDMONTON, Feb. 5—Sixty-five hundred Albertans, most of them elderly retired folks or widows, holding approximately \$8,000,000 Provincial Government savings certificates are beginning to wonder if Mr. Aberhart's now-famous fountain pen—with which he promised to create all the credit the Province wanted—has disappeared.

From 10 to 100 calls daily worry Treasury Department officials, your correspondent learned today. Holders of the certificates didn't mind so much when the late U.F.A. Government temporarily suspended payment of demand certificates because interest payments were then being met in full.

But step by step the Aberhart Government has driven all confidence from many, and they fear for even

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### STARVING ANTELOPES INVADE ALBERTA RANCHES

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 5—Antelope herds are becoming a menace to ranchers in Southern Alberta. Gaunt and hungry, their feeding grounds piled under deep snowdrifts the animals are wandering from their natural haunts, destroying ranch and farm property and devouring haystacks.

A herd of 30 was reported within a few miles of Lethbridge today, the first time in years the animals have come so close to the city limits.

### SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SPIRE NEEDS REPAIRS

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—Ten thousand pounds sterling is needed to repair the famous cathedral. The iron work in the spire which is the highest in England is rusted and is causing damage to the masonry. It has not been fully repaired since the great gale of 1930. Church authorities are seeking overseas contributions.

### Instrument of Abdication Now in Public Records Office

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—The instrument of abdication of King Edward VIII has been placed in the public records office with many other historical records. These can be inspected by the public at any time.

### Duke of Windsor May Receive Invitation to Coronation Event

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—A barraged of reports is to the effect that the Duke of Windsor may receive a formal invitation to at least one of the major social events in connection with the coronation celebration. It is expected, however, that he will decline.

### SIR ANTHONY EDEN OFF ON A HOLIDAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 5—Sir Anthony Eden left England today for unknown parts on a holiday trip. During his absence, Lord Halifax will be in charge of the Foreign Office.