

SPANISH WATER BLOCKADE
FACES UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES

Edmundston to Put
Mayor and Aldermen
On Salary Basis

Would Pay Mayor Three Hundred Dollars and
Aldermen \$150 Each

The Bill Study Over

City of Fredericton Bills Next Week --- Includes
Police Commission Bill

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)
The Town of Edmundston by a bill now before the Provincial Legislature seeks to secure authority to pay salaries to the Mayor and Aldermen of that town in remuneration for their services. The aggregate amount of such salaries not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars. It is suggested that the Mayor should receive three hundred dollars and each of the aldermen one hundred and fifty dollars each. After some discussion, however, it was decided to lay the bill on the table for one week to give the Town Council of Edmundston an opportunity to set out the exact amount which the Mayor and Aldermen would receive.

In supporting the bill Mayor J. H. Proulx of Edmundston said that the object was to secure qualified councillors for the town.
Other bills from the town of Edmundston which were before the Municipalities Committee yesterday sought to provide arrangements for the payment of rates or fees for sewerage by making such fees alien upon real or personal property. After discussion by H. A. Porter, K.C. of Saint John, A. M. Chamberlain, town solicitor of Edmundston, and others the bill was stood over for re-drafting.

W. J. West of this city appeared before the Committee in connection with the bill dealing with the town of Edmundston Assessment Act. Mr. West on behalf of Fraser Companies, Ltd., discussed some minor points in the bill and these changes were agreed to.

The Municipalities Committee continued in session yesterday afternoon still dealing with the Edmundston Assessment Bill. The committee will continue its consideration of this bill on Friday morning the different bills from the city of Fredericton including the bill to abolish the Police Commission will be taken up.

C. H. Blakeney of Moncton was chairman of the Committee which is one of the most important Committees of the Legislature.

Yesterday's sitting of the Legislature was short on account of the meeting of the Municipalities Committee which took up the major part of the day.

The Municipalities Committee yesterday had their first meeting and considered three Edmundston bills. The following bills were read a second time today: To provide for the redemption of \$500,000 provincial debentures falling due in 1937; to

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SPANISH PREMIER CABALLERO
NOT GETTING FULL SUPPORT
GOV'T THREATENS TO RESIGN

VALENCIA, Feb. 27—Premier Francisco Largo Caballero threatened last night to resign unless there is a halt to domestic political obstacles which, he admitted for the first time, are being thrown in the day of his government.

After a conference with ministers representing every shade of Leftist opinion the premier disclosed in a communique to the press that he was ready to step down if he could not feel certain of undivided support.

SASK. JUDGES
HAVE TO PAY
INCOME TAXES

LONDON, Feb. 27—An appeal by the judiciary of Saskatchewan seeking exemption from provincial income tax was dismissed by the judicial committee of the privy council yesterday.

Their Lordships remarked that members of the Saskatchewan appeal court which originally gave judgment in favor of the province, were in an embarrassing position by being from the nature of the case personally interested in the point in controversy.

In the judgment of the lower court answering both questions in reference affirmatively, it was pointed out, that the judges in question, being persons residing in Saskatchewan and in receipt of salaries from the revenues of the Dominion, were prima facie subject to taxation by the province in respect of incomes just as other residents.

Insurgent General
Says Government
Destroying Oviedo

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SPAIN, Feb. 27—General Gonzalo of the insurgents has given statement that the government forces are slowly destroying Oviedo. 12,000 soldiers have been killed on both sides.

Canadian Horses
Enter Richest
Horse Race

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SANTA ANITA, Feb. 27—The richest horse race in America, the Santa Anita handicap, has listed among its entries four Canadian horses. One of these is Indian Brown who holds the world's record of one and one-eighth miles.

DR. DAFOE RECOVERS FROM 'FLU

(Special to The Daily Mail)
CALLANDER, Ont., Feb. 27—Dr. Allan Dafoe has recovered from an attack of the 'flu and has returned to his home and quints.

Our School System

HOW many pupils out of possibly a hundred graduating from the Fredericton High School in June next will be able to walk out equipped to take a position in the world? Only recently a boy applied for a job. He wanted any kind of a job. On being asked what he was qualified to do, his mother replied, "Oh, he cannot do anything, he has only just graduated from the Fredericton High School." The boy was nearly eighteen years old. He had taken the Academic Course at the Fredericton High School. He did not intend to go to the University and at eighteen years of age he was starting out to face the world entirely unequipped for anything. It is true he knew something about algebra and geometry and whatever little bit of Latin he could gather. It is probable that within a year or two the boy will have forgotten all the geometry, algebra and latin that he has studied and the time he put on these subjects has proved to be lost time. Out of seven graduates of Fredericton High School who applied recently to learn the newspaper reporting, not one was qualified. Several of them could not spell ordinary words.

The day is past when boys can secure worthwhile employment unless they have something to sell in the way of skills. We are living in a day of the specialist. When you want a job done you look for a man who knows how to do the job—that theory holds good in every department of life.

The majority of boys and girls will go directly from school out into life where they must assume certain obligations and responsibilities. The first and most important of these are supporting themselves. Does our present school system prepare the boy or girl so that when he steps out from school he can support himself?

There are too many pupils taking the Academic course at High School who do not intend to go to the University or Normal School. There are only a small number of pupils in any school who possess the qualities necessary to making a success of the Academic High School course. It is for this reason that so many boys and girls drop out of the High School. They feel that they are up against an impossible task. Another reason is that the system is wrong. Take two boys, one having a decided bent towards Academic work and the other of an industrial turn of mind. The first will find academic studies easy while to the other lad they are meaningless and impossible. DOES THE SCHOOL TODAY OFFER TO THESE BOYS EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES? THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO THE SMALLER HIGH SCHOOLS AND PROBABLY THE RURAL SCHOOLS.

DOES THE SCHOOL OFFER THESE BOYS EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES? DOES NOT ONE BOY START WITH A HANDICAP THAT SPELLS DEFEAT FOR HIM FROM THE BEGINNING?

Anyone who has worked at a job that they know beforehand that they were not capable of completing can sympathize with boys and girls who recognize, after getting into high school, that they cannot complete the course because certain subjects are beyond them. That does not mean that these pupils are less intelligent than those who can, but merely show that their abilities are along other lines.

It is feared that even our educators have failed to grasp the fact that the pupil who is obviously designed for practical life represents just as high a degree of intelligence and mental capacity as the pupil with academic tendencies, and that he is just as valuable to society.

In fact, he contributes more to our enjoyment and creature comforts. Where would the doctor be without the mechanic who furnishes his means of getting around? We are dependent upon the craftsman every day we live, and craftsmanship calls for skill that is possible only through trained intelligence.

The school's task is two-fold. First, it must give boys and girls a grounding in those subjects which will be of assistance in helping them to make a living; and second, it must ground them in subjects that will help them to live good, wholesome and helpful lives.

Do not think that, because a boy cannot master a subject like Algebra or Latin that he is stupid. It is only that his natural ability runs along other lines. This world would indeed have been a monotonous place if we all looked alike, acted alike, or all had the same tastes or talents.

BLOCKADE OF
SPANISH WATERS
NOW COMPLICATED

Britain Now Rushing
Legislation Through
Parliament

LONDON, Feb. 27—European nations trying to set up an international 'barricade' around Spain faced unexpected difficulties last night.

Decision of Russia and Portugal not to join a naval blockade of Spain with four other powers at first promised a clear-cut way for the others to launch the programme. Then it was recalled it would be necessary for each of the 27 nations in the neutrality combine to take separate measures to require shipping to comply with the control scheme.

Some nations presumably can meet the situation with existing government regulations, but Great Britain pushed preparation of a bill ordering ships bound for Spain to call at "control ports" or "anchorage" to take on committee agents. They will see that no foreign arms or men are aboard.

Informed sources said last night it might be impossible to have the full details of the neutrality programme in effect by the March 6 deadline, but expressed hope it could be made substantially effective then.

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CAPTURE MADRID CONCEDED
NOT BEFORE MARCH 15

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SPAIN, Feb. 27—The insurgent leaders report that due to strong defence of the government forces that the insurgents will be unable to capture the capital before March 15.

GERMANS PLAN FOR HUGE AIR-
SHIPS LIKE HINDENBERG

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Feb. 27—The German Air Ministry here today stated that they are interested in the new trans-Atlantic air service. They expect that by 1940 four huge airships similar to the Hindenberg will be in action.

MINES PICKED UP GERMAN
MANUFACTURE

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Feb. 27—Several mines have been picked up off the coast of Spain and have been found to be of German manufacture. Photographs and descriptions of these will be sent to the non-intervention committee.

Premier Aberhart Urges Eastern
Canada to Support Experiment

Only Aberhart Able
To Beat Aberhart,
Is Alberta's View

EDMONTON, Feb. 27—As legal financial and political sensation-tumble in profusion from the Social Credit Administration of Alberta, Liberal Conservative and People's League parties stand back in an attitude of letting Albertans have lots of what they asked for.

Neither of the old-line parties is saying anything to say about the present political set-up and what it is doing. They undoubtedly sincere effort to "end humanity's poverty and suffering." Spokesmen for all three opposition groups take the view that nothing but Aberhart can defeat Aberhart. They add that such defeat is inevitable, maybe not if the verdict were to be rendered tomorrow, but certainly next election.

The size-up is that the Conservative Party is negative in force and will make little or no impression (Continued on Page Four)

R.C.M.P. Contract
With Province will
Expire on April 30

At Present Time Only Working Under Temporary
Arrangements

Government Considering Renewal

Force Has Done Good Work in Rural New Brunswick, and is Needed

FUNERAL LATE
N. MARKS MILLS,
MANY ATTEND

Members Government
Present Many Tele-
grams, Messages

The funeral of the late N. Marks Mills, K.C., took place yesterday from his residence at 2:30 o'clock and was one of the largest funerals ever held in St. Stephen.

People of all walks of life were present and the front hall of the home, where the body lay, was a bower of beautiful flowers from friends and organizations from all parts of the Maritimes, and included set pieces from the St. Croix branch of the Canadian Legion, the Red Cross Society, New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd., Maritime Trust Co., Canadian Cottons, Ltd., trustees of St. Stephen schools, Charlotte County Barristers' Society, the mayor and Town Council of St. Stephen, St. Stephen-Milltown Rotary Club, Trinity Church and Mitchell & McConnell, Saint John. In addition there were hundreds of bouquets, sprays and baskets from relatives and friends.

Among business associates at the funeral were Howard P. Robinson, Saint John; F. R. Sumner, Moncton, and E. W. Mair, Woodstock, directors of the Telephone Company; N. E. Moore, O. J. Fraser and F. J. Nisbet, officials of the Telephone Company, and F. C. Beattie, vice-president of the Maritime Trust Company.

Among others from outside who attended (Continued on Page Four)

The present contract between this province and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will expire on the last of April next. The matter of the renewal of this contract will be taken up by the Provincial Government at an early date. In this connection, Major General Sir James H. MacBrien, Chief Commissioner of the Police, was here a few days ago and discussed the whole matter with the Deputy Attorney-General, J. B. Dickson.

The original contract between the province and the R.C.M.P. was made in 1931. This expired in 1934. Since that time temporary contracts have been made from time to time. These contracts were of such a nature that they might be terminated at any time by either the Provincial Government or the Mounted Police. It is understood that when Sir James MacBrien was here that the Provincial Government was requested to enter into a more definite contract in regard to time. This more permanent arrangement is sought by the Mounted Police in order to bring New Brunswick into line with the other provinces which have contracts for definite terms of years, such contracts providing that the R.C.M.P. will administer provincial laws as well as Dominion laws.

During the six years or more that the Mounted Police have been established in this province they have given general satisfaction and were of especially good service in the smaller towns in the rural districts in the province. It is to be hoped that the provincial government will see its way clear to renew the contract.

On the 31st of October last there were 142 men on the force of the Mounted Police in this division and it is understood that the number at the present time is just about the same.

Increase in Sugar
Taxation Will Create
Surplus For India

(Special to The Daily Mail)

DELHI, Feb. 27—In order to balance their budget and create a surplus for the coming year, the Indian Government has decided to increase taxation on sugar and silver from one rupee to five annas to two rupees. The increase will not affect the price of sugar to the consumer. It will cause a surplus of 50,000 pounds for the year 1937. The cause of the dropping in the revenues during the past year has been on account of the dropping of duties on the import of British piece goods and sanctions against Italian goods.

The many friends of Master Billy Gibson, son of Prof. and Mrs. J. Myles Gibson, will be pleased to hear that his condition is improving although he is still in bed with an attack of the 'flu.