

Downward Trend in Pensions and Relief

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Weather: Fair today; Wednesday, cloudy with showers

CANADIAN NATIONAL FISH WEEK OCTOBER 18TH TO 23TH



LORD NUFFIELD donates huge sum to surgery and nursing

Time Has Reduced Large Amount Pensions Bill

Million-Dollar Drop for Present Year Is Shown by Ottawa Figures

Steady Decrease Seen in Pension Offset by Rise War Veterans' Allowances

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—A rising death rate amongst pensioners, the re-marriage of pensioners' widows and the passing of children of pensioners beyond the pensionable age, are all responsible for a drop of about \$1,000,000 in the pension bill for the year 1936-37, and it is believed this trend will also be reflected in the figures for the current year, according to a computation issued from the office of the Minister of Pensions and National Health, Hon. C. G. Power.

1,279 Pensioners Die

In the last fiscal year there was a decline of disability pensions of 66, and there were altogether 1,279 pensions cancelled because of the death of the previous recipients. There was a drop, too, of 1,000 in the number of pensions for dependents and during the fiscal year 1936-37, the cancellations on account of deaths amounted to 967. Canada's pension bill for the fiscal year 1936-37 was \$40,783,023, a drop of \$1,000,000 from the year 1935-36.

A moderate trend towards a decrease in the pension bill is now believed to be firmly established because of the three factors already mentioned, but to offset the reduced cost of pensions is the rise in the war veterans' allowances, due largely to the depression and the consequent unemployment and also to the progressive disabilities of pensioners due to increasing age.

It is due also to the policy of the Pension Commission of extending payments in the case of children who pass the age of expiry and whose parents cannot further educational facilities.

There has been a rapid increase in money paid for war veterans' allowances. In the fiscal year 1931-32 the first year of the new plan, \$1,000,000 was spent, and for the present year \$4,290,000 was voted by Parliament.

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FRANC ISSUE SPLITS CHAUTEUPS CABINET

Popular Front Regime Is Endangered by Division of Opinion on Means to Protect Currency

PARIS, Oct. 5—Conflict developed tonight between Socialist and Radical-Socialist members of the Cabinet as the Council of Ministers gathered to decide the future of the franc.

The franc, barometer of France's fortunes, was steady at 29.20 to the dollar, but frequent declines recently, coupled with the expense of operating the stabilization fund, made the question of strengthening the currency of foremost importance.

Sections of the Socialist wing of the Ministry were represented in political quarters as favoring exchange control, while the Radicals, actually more conservative than the Socialists and headed by Premier Camille Chauvignac and Finance Minister Georges Bonnet, insisted the currency remain free.

Popular Front Threatened

A definite split between the two factions would mean the end of the Popular Front which has governed France for sixteen months.

Two principal subjects were up for

APPOINT TWO TO VOCATIONAL STAFF AT F. H. S.

Meeting of N. B. Board of Vocational Education Held Today

Two appointments to the vocational staff of Fredericton High School were approved today by the New Brunswick Vocational Education Board, which met here. The meeting also featured the report of W. K. Tibert, director of Vocational Services, on the operation of the department for the last quarter year, and the passing of several requests for the organization of vocational and night classes.

The local appointments approved were those of Miss Josephine Burt to teach grade eight vocational subjects, and Miss Helen Scott to teach commercial subjects. Miss Burt for the past three years had been eighth grade teacher in the York Street School, and replaces Miss Dorothy Burpee, who resigned this year. Miss Scott replaces Miss Beatrice Phillips, who was granted leave of absence for one year.

To Organize Classes

The board approved the request of the Dalhousie school board to organize vocational and night classes, and also considered requests from the various vocational committees, and other appointments to staff.

J. D. Palmer, chairman of the board presided, while others present were Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of education; A. J. Brooks, M.L.A., Sussex; George Melvin, Saint John; Dr. H. H. Hagerman, principal of the Provincial Normal School; and Mr. Tibert.

ALBERTA ASKS OTTAWA TO NOT AID JAPAN

(Special to The Daily Mail) EDMONTON, Oct. 5—Two bills were brought in to the Legislature which are to be presented to the Dominion Government. The bills were brought in by S. A. B. Barnes and A. L. Blue. One of the bills is to petition the Government to not aid Japan with goods or any other way. The second bill is in regard to the action of the Government delegate to the League of Nations for his attitude when he protested over the delegate of Central Spain taking his seat at the League Assembly.

Our Marriage Laws

A PECULIAR and complicated technical legal case was brought to a close in the court here last night when the jury in the Phillips case found the accused not guilty on one count and disagreed on the other. Phillips was charged with bigamy on two counts. The evidence showed that he had gone through a form of marriage on three different occasions, with three different women, before three different regularly ordained clergymen and yet a jury presumably of intelligent men, selected to try the innocence or guilt of a fellow man, gave the decision above mentioned.

The lawyers for both the Crown and for the defence put up an able presentation of their sides of the case. Both sides dwelt on the technicalities so far as the law was concerned rather than on the facts of the case.

Apart altogether from the guilt or innocence of any particular man charged with the violation of the law, there is surely something the matter with our marriage laws when any person in this country may, if he sidesteps smartly enough, be able to go through the ceremony of marriage three different times with three different women and be able to live with his partner as man and wife and still keep within the law. If, as has been contended, a marriage by a well-known and respected clergyman is illegal because the man's name happened to be written wrongly in the public records, then this is a most serious matter and one which will affect hundreds of respectable people, many in this city, who were married by this clergyman and hundreds more of innocent people who were born as a result of such marriage.

It looks as though our marriage laws need an overhauling in the interests of public decency and of public welfare in a country which is supposed to have Christian standards in regard to marriage.

If we had a proper marriage law there would be no chance for any technicality to arise in regard to any case where a man went through the ceremony of marriage a second time while his first legally recognized wife was still alive. When a duly ordained clergyman marries a couple, such marriage should be binding and sufficiently binding so that there would be no question at law regarding the case and that no lawyers or no body of jurymen intelligent, or otherwise, would have a chance to quibble over it, and still be within the law.

WOUNDED BRITISH DIPLOMAT SLATED FOR 5,000 POUNDS

LONDON, Oct. 5—The Foreign Office announced tonight Parliament would be asked to vote £5,000 (about \$24,750) to Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to China, who was seriously wounded by Japanese aircraft Aug. 26.

The vote would be asked "in view of the grievous injuries suffered and the possible prejudice to his future health," the announcement said. It followed today's Cabinet meeting.

Sir Hugh, now convalescing in Shanghai, is scheduled to sail Oct. 4 with his family for a vacation in the Dutch East Indies.

Says Governments Should Advertise

OTTAWA, Oct. 5— Governments should advertise more, William E. Mosher, director of the school of citizenship and public affairs, Syracuse University, told the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada today.

"There is a dearth of interpreting to the public what the government is doing," Mosher said. "Public authorities are almost entirely lacking in appreciation of the necessity of informing the public of plans or accomplishments."

The assembly opened its annual convention today with delegates emphasizing the growth of the merit system among public authorities. Delegates from all parts of the continent attested to the spread. William Foran, secretary of the Canadian Civil Service Commission, declared the merit system had a permanent root in this country.

WILL ENCOURAGE USE OF FISH ON NATIONAL WEEK

(Special to The Daily Mail) MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 5—In recognition of Canada's Fish Week which this year will be observed from October 18 to 23, travellers on trains of the C. N. R. Railways will find on the dining car menus for breakfast, luncheon and dinner a choice selection of tasty fish dishes, according to W. W. Swinden, Gen. Supt. of sleeping, dining and parlor car services of the system.

While fish is served on these dining cars regularly throughout the year, special dishes are prepared for the travelling public during Canada's fish week, which serves to direct attention to one of Canada's chief industries and to encourage the consumption of Canadian fish. Owing to the serving of fish native to the various regions of Canada, this commodity is becoming increasingly popular in dining cars of the Canadian National Railways, the demand for cod and haddock predominating in the east. Fish from the Great Lakes being in most demand in the more central parts, while the Winnipeg gold eye and Pacific coast species are very popular in the west. The hotel department of the Canadian National Railways is also participating in this event and are placing on the menus of the several hotels across Canada a wide variety of fish dishes. Similar menus will also be featured in station restaurants.

FISHERIES OFFICIAL HERE D. H. Sutherland, Halifax, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Queen. While here he conferred with L. H. Parks and other local officials of the Department.

Premier Mussolini 20 Year Old Son Reported In Spain

In Charge of Planes Piloted By Italy's Best Flyers

Bombed Valencia, Many Killed

Members Balbo's Trans-Atlantic Pioneer Flight

OFFICIALS DEPT. FISHERIES MEET

Discuss Fishery Conditions on the Saint John River

Officials of the Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries gathered in the city this morning to attend the meeting of fisheries superintendents and inspectors which took place this afternoon. L. H. Parks, of this city presided at the meeting which convened at 2 o'clock in the Fisheries Office of Canada in the Customs Building.

Although no official announcements have been made regarding the main points of discussion, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss fisheries conditions on the Saint John River, and it is understood that the salmon situation was the chief topic before the gathering.

Visit Burpee Stream

Following the meeting those attending the conference visited the Burpee Stream to inspect the fisheries developments there. Two dams have been constructed on this stream for the purpose of retaining the fish in the lower waters. The stream was stocked three years ago, and this season licenses to fish the stream were offered for the first time.

Those attending the conference here are: Major D. J. Sutherland, chief superintendent of fisheries; superintendents L. H. Parks, J. F. Calder, Welchpool; members of the advisory committee M. F. Cameron, Hampstead, B. S. Moore, Andover, and C. Irving, Saint John; and inspectors, C. K. Kilpatrick, Woodstock, A. J. Levesque, Grand Falls, and J. D. Robertson, Hampton.

A similar meeting will be held in Newcastle on Oct. 8 for the consideration of fisheries on the Miramichi River.

Family of Ten Flee Flaming Home Near Minto

MINTO, N. B., Oct. 5—A family of ten narrowly escaped death early today when their small home on the Post Road, about two miles from here burned to the ground.

Lawrence LeBlanc, head of the family, was awakened by the crackling of flames. He thought one of his sons was putting more wood on the range in the kitchen, where there was a fire. As he opened the kitchen door to investigate, flames leaped through at him and quickly enveloped the entire wooden building.

He awakened his wife and eight children, the youngest of them a baby in arms, and helped them through the dense smoke to the safety of the open air just in time. So quickly did the flames spread that they had to flee in night attire, not even stopping for shoes. They took refuge in the home of a neighbor.

The rapidity with which the house burned made impossible any attempt to control the flames. Within twenty minutes there was nothing left but smouldering embers. The LeBlancs who had no insurance, lost everything. While the cause of the fire was not known definitely, it was believed to have caught in some manner from the fire in the range.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ROME, Oct. 5—Mussolini's twenty year old son has left for Spain today in charge of three airplanes. The staff of the planes is composed of the best fliers in Italy, several of whom are men who formed part of the Italian Armada which crossed the Atlantic a few years ago under the famous leader Italo Balbo. Last night the planes bombed Valencia when thirty people were killed.

The Italian Government has given its opinion in regard to the first act of piracy since the Nyon agreement over the patrol of the Mediterranean waters against submarine attacks has occurred.

It was stated by Mussolini's government that in their opinion there was no doubt that a Spanish government submarine was guilty of this deed of piracy in their attempt to stir up a war in Europe which would afford them a chance to protect their interests.

LONDON, Oct. 5—Great Britain today launched two new submarines and one destroyer which will be used to assist in the patrol of the Mediterranean waters.

ALICANTE, Spain, Oct. 4—An exciting six hour hunt for a pirate submarine by seven British destroyers, and two seaplanes apparently ended tonight with a mysterious explosion and fire at sea.

Shore observers heard numerous explosions as if from depth bombs and reported that at least one was followed by a large column of smoke which hung over the sea for ten minutes.

Two British warships cruising 25 miles east of Cape San Antonio, the scene of the attack on the destroyer Basilisk, were seen to increase their speed suddenly just before the explosions were heard.

VALENCIA, Oct. 4—Two British destroyers engaged in the western Mediterranean antipiracy patrol were (Continued on Page Four)

QUEBEC JUDGE SCORES LAX MARRIAGE METHODS

Anglican Archdeacon and License Clerk Come Under Fire In Hearing of Action for Annulment

MONTREAL, Oct. 5—Mr. Justice Alfred Forest declared in Superior Court today "it is a crying abuse the way many marriages are celebrated nowadays, and the abuses are due to the fact that the public officers charged with celebrating marriages do not do their duty."

The Judge made his remarks in questioning Francois MacKay, holder of marriage licenses, who was called as a witness at the hearing of application for annulment of his marriage on the ground his wife was a minor at the time of the ceremony, Jan. 7, 1935.

Archdeacon A. P. Gower-Pace, who conducted the ceremony at St. George's Anglican Church, also was called as witness, and the Judge wanted to know why it was stated in the church records that the bride was of age when actually she was a minor. The Archdeacon said the church records were made to coincide with information contained in the marriage license.

HUGE SUM GIVEN FOR NURSING AND SURGERY

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, Oct. 5—Lord Nuffield who has during the past year on several occasions shown great generosity with his wealth towards the relieving and the welfare of the less fortunate classes has again donated the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the South African hospitals. The money is to be spent to improve methods of surgery and nursing especially among cases of crippling and orthopedic work.

CO-OPERATION OF PEACE LOVING PEOPLE URGED

(Special to The Daily Mail) CHICAGO, Oct. 5—In a speech delivered today President Roosevelt called for the co-operation of all peace loving people to do their utmost to prevent the spreading throughout the world of what is now going on between China and Japan. The President especially deplored the bombing of innocent citizens without the declaration of war.

WILL SEEK TO END CONFLICT IN FAR EAST

(Special to The Daily Mail) GENEVA, Oct. 5—The nine powers which signed the agreement regarding China and Japan in the present conflict in the far east are to meet again in the near future in an endeavor to end the conflict. Steps will be taken to help China and to do nothing which will weaken the latter's country resistance.

(Special to The Daily Mail) SHANGHAI, Oct. 5—There has been heavy fighting in the surrounding areas of Shanghai for the past several hours. The Japanese have now advanced through the second line of Chinese defence. In the northern parts serious hand to hand fighting has been going on day and night and the Japs claim that the Chinese are fleeing in confusion.

Matter for Government "Supposing that two children of 14 or 15 years appeared before you," asked Judge Forest, "would you perform the marriage?"

"No," replied the Archdeacon. "But you celebrated it in this case," said the Judge, "why?"

"Because the young lady had the appearance of being of age," replied the witness, "and besides she was known to me as a girl who satisfied me on that point. I didn't know she was not of age."

"But you are supposed to know," insisted the Judge. "That's a matter for you."

MORE OFFICIALS PUT TO DEATH

(Special to The Daily Mail) MOSCOW, Oct. 5—More drastic measures have been taken by the ruling powers in Soviet Russia. Thirteen more officials have been put to death as a result of charges which were laid against them in regard to the poisoning of grain.