

IS THERE ANY TRUTH IN THE RUMOR REGARDING THE RAILWAY BRIDGE HOLDUP?

Hon. E. Lapointe Explains Bill and Its Raison D'etre

Bill Bars King or Descendants' Claim to the Throne
C.C.F. Leader and Conservative Agree to Differ
Critique Action of Canadian Government Re King's Abdication

Conservative and radical found themselves in agreement yesterday in the House of Commons, as the bill assenting the change in the succession to the Throne consequent on the abdication of King Edward VIII received second and third readings.

Supporting the bill were Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Conservative Leader Bennett and Justice Minister Lapointe. Opposing it were Hon. C. H. Cahan, Conservative member for Montreal, and J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader.

Mr. Bennett said the bill should become law out of an abundance of caution although it was not strictly necessary. Its purpose was to bar the former King or his descendants from setting up any claim to the Crown in future.

While agreeing he would have taken the same action on the abdication as the prime minister had taken, Mr. Bennett said he would have taken a different method. He questioned the propriety of the order-in-council by which the King government indicated the consent of Canada to the bill passed at Westminster giving effect to the abdication, but declined to say what methods he would have adopted.

Mr. Cahan joined Mr. Woodsworth in condemning the administration's procedure. They did not attack the government from the same point of view but they were equally emphatic in claiming the government was wrong.

Mr. Cahan took the ground that no legislation in Canada was needed to give effect to the succession of George VI to the Throne. Mr. Woodsworth claimed Parliament should have been called together and consulted before any step was taken to recognize the abdication of the former King.

There could be but one King in the British Empire said Mr. Cahan. There could be no King of Canada apart from the King of the United Kingdom. When the British Parliament passed the bill, it was a declaration of the fact that there was only one King.

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Condition of His Holiness is Still Critical

(Special to The Daily Mail)
THE VATICAN, Rome, Jan. 20—The condition of the Pope today is reported to be still critical and he is not allowed to get up. His Holiness is planning on making a broadcast from his bed on February 7th.

THOUSAND SUDBURY CHILDREN ARE HOME WITH THE MUMPS

SUDBURY, Jan. 20—More than 4,000 children stayed home from Sudbury schools today with sore jaws and swollen faces. They had the mumps.

Since the Christmas holidays an epidemic of mumps, believed to be the worst in Ontario history for a single district, has been raging here, and at one time or another in the past weeks half of the children of Sudbury are believed to have been stricken.

Schools have not been closed, but classrooms have been only half-filled since the holidays. Teachers tell pathetic stories of large numbers of youngsters with great bumps in their faces struggling into classes every day. They are sent home.

The epidemic was caused by the mild midwinter weather, Dr. W. J. Cook, Medical Officer of Health, said today. It has reached its peak, he said, and all the children would soon be back to school.

There are ten schools in Sudbury, with an enrolment of about 4,000 pupils.

It is believed the epidemic spread to the surrounding districts, but that the toll was not so heavy.

Police Commission

AN editorial on the Police Commission appeared in a local paper last evening. The editorial contained a whole lot of statements but contained no arguments whatever in favor of retaining the Police Commission. The editorial seeks to make people believe that the placing of the control of the Police Commission under the administration of justice committee is a retrograde step. IF IT BE A RETROGRADE MOVEMENT TO HAVE A CHANGE IN OUR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SO THAT THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT DEPARTMENT, THE SOONER WE RETROGRADE THE BETTER. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE A COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HOLDING CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS TO WHICH NOT EVEN THE ALDERMEN, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, ARE ADMITTED. THIS COMMISSION CAN CONTRACT WHATEVER BILLS THEY LIKE, BUY THEIR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT AND EVEN AUTOMOBILES FROM ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WITHOUT TENDER IN THIS CITY, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE TO DO IS TO O.K. THE BILLS AND PAY THEM. THIS IS TOO MUCH POWER TO GIVE TO ANY BODY OF MEN NOT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE AND HAVING CONTROL OF THE THIRD LARGEST SPENDING DEPARTMENT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The way the Police Commission goes on at the present time, there is not one alderman at the City Council in a position to give an answer to the question of how the Police Commission carries on, what powers it has, or just how much control is in the hands of that mysterious body. It is only a few weeks ago when the Mayor of this city who is an ex-officio member of the Police Commission was asked the duty of the Police Commission. After a whole lot of side-stepping he suggested that we "ask the police magistrate." Imagine for one moment having the affairs of such an important department in the hands of the police magistrate, who is not even appointed by the city, but that the city has to pay. The conditions under which this magistrate was appointed naturally make him an arbitrary official. He is thrust upon the citizens by the Provincial Government and the citizens have to put up with him and to pay his salary, fees and other expenses which amount to a goodly sum yearly.

As has already been pointed out, the Police Commission was established away back in the old days when the enforcement of the Scott Act or the Canada Temperance Act, which then existed, rested with the city authorities. This condition no longer exists. In recent years the Police Commission seems to have carried on and performed duties which might very well be under the direction of the Administration of Justice Committee of the city council, which body is directly responsible to the people. The commission, which is appointed by the provincial government, is not responsible to the elected members of the council.

The matter of the Police Commission has been discussed at length on various occasions, both in The Daily Mail and at the council board, and nobody has yet been able to come forward and defend its usefulness or to the point where it is of any benefit to the city of Fredericton.

It may be that there will be a fight before the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature when the bill comes up before that body. As has been pointed out before, Fredericton with its small population and its seven policemen does not need a Police Commission.

There is, we venture to say, not a practicing barrister in the city outside of those who are directly interested in the Police Commission, who is in favor of that body being continued. If there is to be a fight regarding the Police Commission either before the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature, or before the Legislature as a whole, let it come. Ninety per cent. of the citizens of Fredericton are opposed to the Police Commission, and the city council are almost unanimously opposed to it. The New Brunswick Legislature will think twice before opposing the wishes of our citizens in this regard.

The opinion is expressed that the administration of the Police Commission should continue until something better is offered and that something better is not the city council. THIS IS A MIGHTY POOR COMPLIMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL WHOSE PRESENT MEMBERS CAN COMPARE FAVORABLY IN TACT AND JUDGMENT WITH ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF PRESENT COMMISSION, AND ANY REFERENCE TO THEIR INABILITY TO HANDLE SEVEN POLICEMEN IS A MIGHTY POOR COMPLIMENT.

This high hat Police Commission will be abolished and a body of aldermen elected by the people and responsible to the people will take its place. The people are sick of Hitlerism in the administration of our police affairs.

SERIOUS RELAPSE TAKEN BY THE POPE

Pains in Both Legs Described as "Simply Atrocious"

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 20—The Pope has suffered a serious relapse, authoritative sources said today.

A high authority said neuritic pains in both legs were "simply atrocious" and that the Pope's general condition had become decidedly worse, to that there was renewed alarm among church officials.

An authoritative Vatican source said a progressive worsening of the Pope's condition, which began on Saturday afternoon, took a more alarming turn shortly after noon today.

"Pope Pius is now having a serious relapse," this source said.

"The varicose veins in both legs, which everyone hoped would soon improve, have worsened to such a degree that the swelling is very great."

Wants New Chair

The first outward indication that the Pope is suffering intense pain came when he was reported to have told Cardinal Mariani that morning that he is dissatisfied with his wheel chair and believed a new one should be constructed affording more peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KING GEORGE V. WHO PASSED AWAY JAN. 20, 1936.



Is Work on the New C. N. R. Bridge Being Held Up By The Canadian National Authorities?

WINCHELL SAYS DUCHESS OF KENT SEEKS DIVORCE

BOSTON, Jan. 20—The Boston Daily Record, in its column, "Man About Town" by Walter Winchell, has recently published the following item:

"England's next sensation will be the separation (pending divorce) of Marina, Duchess of Kent, from George, Duke of Kent. It is anticipated within a pair of fortnights. The co-respondent to be named was hinted at in British mags recently. A divorcee."

Disquieting Rumor About the City Today Seems Authentic -- Engineers Leaving.

There is a persistent rumor around the city today that engineers who have been making the preliminary survey of the new C. N. R. bridge have been ordered to suspend their work and return to Montreal at once. It is stated that for the time being the work will not be continued. For the past several days engineer E. R. Evans of the Canadian National Civil Engineering Service has with a crew of three other engineers been working on the site of the approach of the old bridge and also on the river and on the (Continued on Page Four)

Quebec Members Holding Caucus

Government Moves to Solidify the Liberal Vote

"Not Enough"---Conservatives

Fantastic Rumors of Hundred Million Dollar Plan Are Recalled

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS VICTORIES, INSURGENTS DENY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Jan. 20—Government troops today claimed the capture of "Hill of the Angels" an important hill on account of its location as it guards several roads leading from Madrid. The government claimed also several successes but the insurgents deny all of these. Rebel planes raided Madrid and the government planes dropped bombs on cities in Spanish Morocco.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20—The constitutional crisis over the abdication of former King Edward practically has collapsed in the House of Commons, and the estimates for national defence promise to provide the outstanding feature of the parliamentary session.

The figures show how exaggerated were some of the reports of what was to be done, these varying from a programme of \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Considering that the items are purely military, and detaching those of a civilian character like relief camps and civil aviation, the total is \$33,750,000. This, however, is an increase so substantial that there were signs today that opposition will be forthcoming from without, and to some degree from within the Government ranks.

Domestic Defence

The programme as outlined (and the Department has gone to extraordinary pains to explain what it is all about) clearly contemplates a scheme of domestic defence. The expenditures are to be confined to the defence of Canada—defence of the coasts—and, as largely as possible, the equipment is to be made in Canada. There is no provision for an external contribution except to the extent that improvement of the defences of Canada, as a part of the Empire, can be construed as a contribution to Imperial defence.

The Cabinet has been struggling over this matter for many months, being forced to regard to two (Continued on Page Four)

Roosevelt Inaugurated in Office Today

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20—President Roosevelt was inaugurated in office today. Many thousands turned out amid snow and rain to witness the ceremony, following which the President issued his inauguration statement.

RAILWAYS VITAL TO ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE DOMINION

SHERBROOKE, Que., Jan. 20—The value of Canada's railways to the people of the Dominion was stressed by A. A. Gardiner, assistant general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National Railways, in an address delivered at a dinner of the Rotary Club here this evening. It was not new to state that the railways are vital to the industrial life of Canada, he declared. From the time of the operation of the first Canadian railway train between La Prairie and St. Johns, Que., just over (Continued on Page Four)