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Of Nation-Wide Concern

The work to be undertaken by the Royal Commission on Public Finances, under direction of the Dominion Government, has been described as the most important national inquiry proposed since Confederation. If the scope of the survey follows the lines of the advance announcement, this will be the case. It cannot be too broad, and it ought not to be assumed it is for the special benefit of sections of the country.

The relative positions of the various Provinces in the whole picture undoubtedly will be disclosed, and probably remedies suggested will correspond with needs. But let it not be forgotten that the Dominion of Canada, the Provinces and the municipalities—all of them collectively and most of them individually—have been drifting and shifting for years, until now they don't know where they stand.

The Prime Minister's statement said: "In these circumstances we propose to appoint a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate the whole system of taxation in the Dominion; to study the division of financial responsibility between the Dominion and the Provinces, and to make recommendations as to what should be done to secure more equitable and practical division of the burden to enable all governments to function more effectively—and, I may add, more independently—within the spheres of their respective jurisdictions."

This means, obviously, that a new set-up is expected to end, if possible, the interminable handouts of the central Government to the Provinces, and of the latter to the municipalities. A programme of the sort must cover the country and consider the necessity of all jurisdictions.

Seventy years ago this month Royal assent was given to the bill which made Confederation. On July 1 next the Dominion will have survived three-score and ten years under the financial and taxation structure then devised. It has been comprehensive enough to work well generally, but no detailed record is necessary to show how desperate have been the steps taken time after time to keep within the framework and meet changed conditions.

Recall only that the British North America Act decreed that the following sums were to be paid yearly by Canada to the several Provinces for the support of their Governments and Legislatures: Ontario \$80,000; Quebec \$70,000; Nova Scotia, \$60,000; New Brunswick \$50,000; and that an annual grant in aid of each Province equivalent to 80 cents per head up to a population limit was to be made in full settlement of all future demands on Canada. With this compare total ordinary expenditures of the Provinces in 1934 at \$217,700,000, adding Dominion grants in aid in 1936 totalling \$29,000,000, loans of \$11,000,000, and millions in other forms of assistance. Think of Provincial and municipal debts aggregating billions.

The meaning of this change in terms of taxation is fully understood—and also in terms of payment defaults. The municipalities want to know how to get more revenue, and accuse the Provinces of encroaching on their preserves. The Provinces are anxious for revenue collected by the Dominion. It is not a trouble confined to any locality, although degrees of need vary.

The marvel of it is that we have gone through seventy years, through the greatest and most costly war and the severest depression in history without a reorganization and a new understanding.

With another upward trend in business conditions, with prospects of relief from the extraordinary demands and a measure of stability in sight, the time seems to be at hand to grapple with this problem and ensure a more serviceable alignment of both taxation and expenses.

The prospect ought to be welcomed. Every Government should lend a hand to help in reaching an equitable adjustment, terminating the critical nation-wide situation.

Where Wages Are Good

In view of the plan for a minimum wage in Ontario, and accompanying revelations regarding the low pay many men have been receiving, there is something satisfying in turning to the Province's mining industry and noting the remuneration its workers receive. The Northern Miner refers editorially to this contrast, and stresses the important feature that employment in the mines is continuous, not seasonal as in many other industries.

In Dome Mines, for example, the annual report shows that the average wage, exclusive of the higher executives, is \$5.32 per day. At the Howie Mines, in the Red Lake neighborhood, the average wage, outside of salaries, was \$5.08 daily, indicating an average yearly income of \$1,857. Shift leaders and shaftsmen received, respectively, \$7 and \$6.50 a day. At Hollinger the lowest pay about the mine is \$4 per day for clerks, and the general average in the mill is about \$4.80 per shift.

The Northern Miner comments on another important feature to the credit of the mining industry:

"Something that is frequently overlooked is that the mines pay good wages whether they are making profits or not. For a considerable period before they come into production, when they are in the exploratory or development stages, the mines provide the standard wage. If the project finally fails the miners are not left stranded. Their wage claims constitute a prior lien, and the property is invariably equipped with machinery and has other assets which ensure payment of the workmen. Moreover, there is plenty of work to be had, so that if one property closes the men can quickly find employment in another, often in the same neighborhood.

This condition at the mines brings out again the value of the industry to Canada, and especially Ontario, during the years of depression. Throughout these years thousands of men have been steadily employed, and whether or not on profitable ventures, wages have been paid. The minimum wage administrators will have little or no work to do about the mines of Northern Ontario.

Still the Cornerstone

The Institute on Family Relations in Philadelphia calls together for an exchange of views nearly every agency concerned with the problem. The Women's Interdenominational Union, the sponsor, has summoned clergymen, educators, psychiatrists and health experts into consultation.

All these groups have separately studied and discussed phases of the many complexities that face the family in a changing industrial and social order. But in all the remedies which the more sophisticated and better trained psychologists have suggested, there is hardly one where family relations does not play a dominant role. Our schools have in the last generation developed new and more effective ways of imparting learning. Serious study has especially been given to badly adjusted children. The experts have been able to diagnose, and possibly discover, strange mental ills hitherto unknown.

But when it comes to cures for even these ultra-modern ailments, the family is the starting place. Discipline, morals and manners all are largely governed by what takes place around the home table. If the spirit there is conducive to learning and proper conduct, difficulties may arise, but these our experts can handle. But if it is not, there is no modern technique which can replace the loss.

SNAPSHOTS

Alderman F. S. Mundle cannot be beat on organizing a social gathering. He had everything in great shape at the Love feast last night.

Fredrickton loses a good citizen in the departure of Bryce Love. Here's success in the new field.

York County's Member, Mr. Stairs, can make a good speech when he takes the notion.

The college student with the nice blue car made a quick plunge into the ditch last night. The young ladies in the party seemed to enjoy the plunge.

Tommy Boyd gave some choice selections at the banquet last evening. But he cannot touch Philibert LeBlanc's story about the telegram.

It is nearly a year since the bridge was carried away. There is no sign of any start being made yet in connection with the new one.

British Laborites will refuse to wear court uniforms at the coronation. This may scandalize sticklers for form, but so long as the Labor members don't insist on appearing in overalls they will probably avoid being manhandled by the bouncers. What about our Labor Clerk in the Legislature, who looks swell in his gown and bib?

Liquor Question Tie Vote is Settled

ESSEX, Mass., March 11—The celebrated tie vote on the liquor question, an object of controversy since last November, was settled yesterday—in favor of the wets.

At the annual town election, citizens voted to allow liquor sales in Essex, 427 to 247.

At the general elections last November, the vote on a referendum was 300 yes and 300 no. Wets petitioned that the absentee ballot of Miss Mary McKenzie, personal maid for Mrs. Alvan T. Fuller, wife of the former Governor, be thrown out. But they lost. So the wets petitioned the Legislature for permission to place the question before the voters at the town election.

Improvements

(Continued from Page One) ment in economic situation which was being generally felt today throughout the world and which applied also to his own constituency. After paying respect to the memory of the late Mr. Durling and Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot who had been a lifetime friends of the speaker, Mr. Tweedie reviewed the achievements of the present government since coming into power. One significant statement made by the speaker was that "The granting of Old Age Pensions alone would justify the record of the present government since coming to power.

The speaker answered the accusations of the Opposition member concerning the assistance to the Miramichi which there was every reason to believe will have a mill. The former Government had not been supposed because their policy had not been considered a good one. As to the National Park he did not know where it would be, but he wanted to see it in the place where it would create the most traffic and be in the best interests of the province. He strongly supported the policy of the government in extending hydro electric lines to the rural districts. Efficient farming and increased production were needed and the consumption of home products were advocated. He spoke in favor of better protection for game. A scheme for more efficient game supervision by the construction of shelter camps for full time game wardens was suggested by the speaker. The reforestation of depleted timber lines was essential in order to safeguard the rights of future generations.

As to the members of the government selling corrugated iron to the government he would tell them that they had a right to do so and were going to do so. He knew of large quantities of the same that had been sold to the old government by the old government. He regretted the effort of the attempt on the part of the Opposition members to create an impression of waste. The tourist industry and the allocation of return from the sale of fishing licenses to the areas from where they originated, in the erection of small tourists information bureaus in various points of the province were some of the suggestions made by the Northumberland member.

A planning mill was to be in operation soon in his own constituency at a cost of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and for this the present government were responsible and this would aid greatly in relieving unemployment.

M. S. Bernstein and S. Falk, Saint John, are among visitors in the city from Saint John.

STOP SPITTING ON SIDEWALKS IN SAINT JOHN

Plans Outlined for Drive Against This Filthy Habit

SAINT JOHN, March 11—The spread of tuberculosis, which is to be noticed in each succeeding report of the local hospital, is greatly facilitated by sidewalk and housing conditions in Saint John, it was declared at a regular meeting of the Saint John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, in the Health Centre yesterday.

"We must enforce the law against spitting on the sidewalks," the meeting agreed. "This along with houses containing rooms with no outlet or inlet for light and air, is one of the gravest menaces to health and one of the biggest factors in the spread of tuberculosis that could be found anywhere."

Detailed plans for a concentrated local drive against tuberculosis, were outlined. There were 523 cases under care by the nurses of the Association, it was reported, during the past month.

Dr. H. A. Farris, the president, was in the chair. The Saint John organization was warmly congratulated in a letter from Dr. G. J. Wherrett, executive secretary of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, for its splendid work in the recent Christmas seals campaign.

Lumber Knots

(Continued from Page One) Since knotless lumber is of far greater value than knotty timber, Paul went to work to discover how to develop knot-free trees.

In releasing the results of his studies, Paul pointed out that side branches on the tree trunks are responsible for knots in a log. Natural pruning of side branches is a snail's progress brought about by the limbs dying from exclusion of sunlight, he said.

"The decayed branches drop to the ground, leaving irregular stubs that often cling to the tree for 50 or 100 years before they are inclosed by new growth layers as a fence post by drifting sands," Paul explained.

It is these broken branches that appear as knots when the trees are cut up for lumber.

To escape knot formation Paul recommended early pruning of forest trees. That makes the pruning scars smaller and restricts them to the center of the tree. Branches, he said, always should be removed with a saw rather than an axe. A smooth cut close to the trunk permits immediate formation of clear lumber according to the silviculturist's work.

Nova Scotia

(Continued from Page One) cation when the 1936-37 budget would be brought down.

Income of the province during the year was \$10,289,368 against expenditures of \$10,137,650, the premier and provincial secretary-treasurer said. Actual revenue exceeded the estimate by \$290,486 and expenditures were \$222,423 under expectations.

Seven of the province's 10 departments had lived within their estimates, he said. The attorney-general's department, the department of education, the department of agriculture and marketing, the department of public health, and the departments of public works and mines as well as labor. The provincial treasurer's department spent \$101,252.95 less than estimated.

An over-expenditure of \$5,000 was recorded in the department of highways, and in that of the provincial secretary of \$9,000, due, the premier said, to "unusual expenditures in the succession duties office." The department of public service had an over-expenditure of \$670.75.

Increase in revenue over the budgeted amount was recorded by the attorney-general's department, the department of the provincial treasurer, and the department of highways and public service. Other departments showed declines from expected revenue.

Notice of MEETING

A meeting of the Retail Merchants Committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held on FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 12th, at 10 o'clock in the Council Chambers, City Hall. All Retailers and others interested in the Coronation display are requested to attend this meeting.

ALEX. MURRAY, Secretary, Fredericton Board of Trade.

SENATOR GETS AFTER DISHONEST STOCK BROKERS

OTTAWA, March 10—Dishonest brokerage practices must be stopped in Canada in the promotion of the Dominion mining and other resources, Senator Arthur Sauve (Cons. Rigaud), today declared in the Senate, says a C. P. despatch.

"Let us stop dishonest exploitation of the public and wage war against all such abuses," he urged. In order to obtain a rational development of the country's natural resources, "we must base the confidence of our people on the solid rock of scientific truth and seek technical men who are prepared to place their knowledge at the disposal of the state."

He believed in the honesty of most of Canadian stock brokers but said prudence must be exercised and the public should beware of unscrupulous stock sellers. All governments should exercise "a close supervision of all activities tending or pretending to develop our natural resources."

Senator Sauve was speaking on his resolution for an extended Canadian mining policy, the taking of steps against dishonest brokerage and fallacious prospectuses and misleading publicity.

In ten years, Senator Sauve predicted, Canadian natural resources will represent a national asset of more than \$30,000,000,000, and Canada's annual production in this domain will amount to \$5,000,000,000. Last year, 11,652 Canadian mines paid to 73,000 workers a total of \$88,000,000 in salaries. Several million dollars also were spent in mining equipment and supplies.

CONSERVATIVES ARE BEING ORGANIZED

SAINT JOHN, March 11—The formation of a young men's Conservative club will be gone ahead with in the near future, it was announced at a meeting of city Conservative workers, held last night in the Admiral Beatty Hotel. A committee was chosen to go ahead with plans in this regard.

Following A. W. Carton's address, telling of the reorganization plans which are being made by the Conservative party in various sections of the province, it was announced that party reorganization will be effected in all Saint John wards.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore was in the chair. Herbert J. Keyes was secretary.

Various phases of the reorganization program were discussed by Mr. Wigmore, whose remarks were supplemented by those of Councillor A. B. Gilbert, D. King Hazen, K.C., J. Starr Tait, K.C., C. A. Emmerson, William J. Swanton and others.

Among other things, the "tremendous increase in the public debt of the province which has taken place under the regime of the present Liberal Government" came under fire, in a discussion of the financial situation in New Brunswick.

Premier Dysart

(Continued from Page One) matter the Premier said "Certain inclusions of the bill are of such vital importance to the province and to the shipping interests in particular we feel that in justice to us this bill should be stood over."

In reply to Premier Dysart's wire a wire came from Hon. Mr. Michaud stating that the matter had been placed before the Senate for its consideration. It is understood that similar requests to the Federal authorities had been made by Premier MacDonald of Nova Scotia and Campbell of Prince Edward Island.

These protests are against the regulation of shipping from the Maritimes to St. Lawrence river ports. These matters came up before the Senate yesterday. The Senate hoped to reach a final decision on the bill today.

E. J. White

(Continued from Page One) Salmon Arm, B. C., was elected vice-president.

Recommendations included: That the post office be sole vendor of radio licenses; that postmaster vacancies be filled by promotion and not by advertising; that lower mail rates be established on commercial papers and books and a smaller fee be charged for small c. o. d. parcels; that an educational campaign be conducted to get the public to address letters properly, and a more extensive training in this regard in schools was suggested.

In the case of a small office of \$400 revenue a postmaster may be dismissed on the statement of a member of Parliament that to his personal knowledge the postmaster was guilty of partisanship. The executive asked that the statement be required to include the specific act of partisanship.

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ABERHART IS THE MAN OF THE HOUR IN ALBERTA

EDMONTON, March 11—Premier William Aberhart is the man of the hour in the eyes of observers here. That he faced the worst crises of his short but meteoric political career Thursday night is beyond question. That he emerged at the end of a four and a half hour caucus in the early hours of Friday morning, champion with the great majority of his Social Credit supporters, is as certain.

He agreed to the rebel majority's desire for speedy implementation of Social Credit, probably with a technical adviser to avert a break-up of the present regime. In an exclusive interview he pledged himself to the introduction of Social Credit machinery this session. The appeal of the bond interest cut judgment is interpreted as forestalling forced collections of Government guaranteed securities. Budget plans are reported to have been switched after last night's caucus.

Senators

(Continued from Page One) It may be pointed out that Hon. Ian Mackenzie is doing just twice as much to strengthen the Dominion's fighting force as the former Administration considered it necessary to do when it was in office from 1930 to 1935. The war-mad dictators of Europe were just as menacing two or three years ago as they are today, yet the head of the former Government, just before the recent general election, found it judicious to declare that Canada would take no part in war in any country in which this Dominion had no direct stake.

Conservative Senators who have suddenly discovered that they cannot sleep soundly at night because Canada has not a modern navy, with dreadnoughts, battle cruisers and all the rest, made no complaints about insomnia when Canada's best war vessels were two obsolete destroyers which are now being replaced with more modern ships, when the Government is strengthening the coastal defenses and assembling a fleet of more than 100 of the latest fighting planes.

So Canada they say, will have to depend for protection upon the British Navy, and they even go the length of urging the Prime Minister, when he goes to the Imperial Conference, to ask the British Government to commit itself to the defense of Canada, and to assure Canada as part of the Empire, that we shall be protected in case a world war breaks out.

Liberal Senators rise to ask if that is not precisely what Britain has been doing since Canada became a British Dominion.

The Government feels that it has done well to double this year the defense appropriations of the former Administration, and is convinced that until national emergency arises it would be difficult to secure larger vote for military purposes without precipitating a serious trouble in the country.

Saint John visitors in the city city today include B. H. Williamson and W. K. McDonald.

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Hon. Mr. Pirie

(Continued from Page One) upholding the merits of the site nearest to them and from which they feel they would derive the most benefit.

Included in the correspondence is a copy of a letter from Mr. Pirie to Hon. T. A. Crerar, federal minister of mines and resources, under date of February 5, 1936, asking that an amount of at least \$100,000 be included in the federal estimates of that year so that the money would be available "if and when a definite site has finally been decided on."

A previous letter dated January 29, 1936, from Mr. Pirie to Mr. Crerar asked that a park be established on the Mount Carleton site, which takes in an area of about 400 square miles.

Mr. Crerar replied to that request that—"quite frankly"—the Ottawa expert who surveyed possible sites in New Brunswick had not considered the Mount Carleton site the most suitable.