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Weather: Northwest winds, clearing
and colder tonight and Tuesday

"CLOSER UNION OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES WILL PREVENT WAR" - OPPENHEIM

Definition of Our Canadian Nationality Is Demanded

"Colonial" Frame of Mind is Scored --- Legislative Action Urged

Clarifying Legislation Wanted

Hon. C. H. Cahan Stresses Entire Freedom in Our Legislation Action

OTTAWA, March 22—Statement of Canada's complete freedom from the operation of statutes of the British Parliament, and a demand for direct and clear definition of the status of Canadians, were features of a speech made in the House of Commons by Hon. C. H. Cahan, former Secretary of State. His statement came during the debate which saw the passing of the Government's new Foreign Bill, by which Canada, on her own sovereign status forbids her citizens to engage in wars against countries friendly to the Dominion.

In this bill, the Dominion enacts on her own count a statute which has long been on the books of the Parliament at Westminster and has effect in Canada. This gave Mr. Cahan his chance to make out a general case for Canada to stand on her own feet in a legislative way, for herself all the statutes standing in the same class, on the basis that she is now free to do this through the Statute of Westminster.

The call for the definition of Canadian citizenship and nationality was founded on the fact that the new act imposes regulations on 'Canadians.' Mr. Cahan complained that the British Privy Council, or at least the Judicial Committee of that body, showed in its decisions that it still considered Canadians, with Canadian ancestry stretching back for more than a century, colonials of the same class as those who settled here 150 years ago.

It was a 'shameful' condition, he declared. The Privy Council looked on Canadians as having an 'inferior mental complex,' and he believed that this feeling was, to some extent, engendered by the attitude often taken by the Canadian Parliament.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, voiced his agreement with the stand taken by Mr. Cahan. He agreed that there should be a complete survey of Imperial legislation, which is operative in Canada, and if the law officers of the Crown were not capable of doing it, someone else who have to attempt the work.

The bill itself slipped through with little opposition. J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader, was the only person to

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OPPENHEIM SAYS ENGLISH NATIONS CAN STOP WAR

JAMAICA, March 22—An English writer of world wide fame believes that it lies in the power of the British Commonwealth of Nations to avert war.

Closer union of the English-speaking countries of the world was the only thing that would make another world war impossible, E. Phillips Oppenheim, English novelist, said in an interview here Saturday before he sailed for New York. "If England, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa join together and say firmly there will be no war, there can be no war," he said.

FRENCH GOV'T NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES

(Special to The Daily Mail)
PARIS, March 22—The Government of France has now nationalized nearly all her war industries.

Premier Blum's government last year provided measures enabling this proceeding. The huge Snyder works, the Hotchkiss Machine Gun Company and the Bleriot Warplane Factories Corporations are among those taken over to date. Under this plan the shareholders are allowed to keep one-third of the stock and the Government takes over the remaining two-thirds.

LONDON, March 22—King Leopold is in London today. He is to visit Buckingham Palace and to call on several foreign Embassies. A keen interest is shown in Belgium recently on account of King Leopold's speech which he made in regard to neutrality.

Salaries and Expenses

THOSE who have followed the fortunes of the once great Conservative party in this province cannot help but feel disgusted and discouraged at the exhibition of small bore politics presented to the House by the leaders of that party during the present Session. One is apt to ask, "Where, oh where, is the Tory party that I knew once long ago?" When the leaders of a party have nothing more to complain about and to divide the House upon than a matter of dealing with a few dollars of increase in salaries which have been given in the ordinary course of events to hard-working officials who have served the country for years, and to a few young lady stenographers who have given adequate service for every dollar that they have received. This is small stuff and is unworthy of men who would like to lead their party in its councils. It reminds one of the years gone by when the back benchers in the Legislature used to take up the time of the House complaining about the price of the ties and gloves that were bought for the little pages, and about how much cotton was used in the dust rags with which the charwomen dusted the woodwork.

Another equally small matter and one which acted as a boomerang to themselves was the matter of the expenses of Premier Dystart, both in his office as Premier and in his office as Minister of Public Works. It is probable that the Opposition party regret bringing this matter to the fore, because the comparisons made by the Premier showed up his Tory predecessors in office to a great disadvantage.

The amounts collected by the Baxter-Richards-Tilley Administrations and by Hon. Mr. Stewart and others of the Conservative administrations were more than 100 per cent. higher than those collected by the present Premier and Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Dystart's expenses were less by 100 per cent. than that of his predecessor, Hon. Mr. Stewart. Mr. Dystart's travelling expenses as Minister of Public Works totalled \$869.83. By way of comparison the expenses of his predecessor, Hon. Mr. Stewart, for the corresponding period of the preceding year was \$1,904.00; for 1933, \$1,896.00 and for 1932, \$1,938.26. In regard to postage and telegrams Mr. Dystart's expenses for 1936 was \$182.00, while Mr. Stewart's expenses for like service in 1934 were \$504.00, in 1933 were \$492.00 and in 1932 \$430.00.

In regard to the Premiership and expenses, Mr. Dystart's total expenses in this office for 1936 were \$981.00, while in 1934 Hon. Mr. Tilley, his predecessor, cost the country for expenses \$2,741.00. Hon. Mr. Richards in 1932 had an expense account for the same office of \$1,664.00. If one follows the debates of the Legislature and reads the comparative statements in all these expenses they will find that Hon. Premier Dystart's expenses are much more than 100 per cent. less than the Tory predecessors in every case brought up by the Leader of the Opposition.

One Tory newspaper published in this Province was unfair enough to publish a statement of Premier Dystart's expenses under the caption "Mr. Dystart Did Well," in which a record was given of hotel expenses, telephone and telegraph charges, and the like. As everyone knows, Premier Dystart is obliged to pay hotel charges wherever he goes. Anyone who has fairness in his makeup will agree that these charges are legitimate and are not excessive. If the Premier of New Brunswick travels for the good of his province, he is not expected to pay his own expenses. Mr. Dystart has to pay many times out of his own pocket expenses in different ways for which he can never be reimbursed. If the Premier of New Brunswick travels for business for his province, the people do not expect him to travel at his own expense. Mr. Dystart's salary as Premier and as Minister of Public Works is definitely established by law. There has been no change in it for years. Mr. Dystart receives \$2,400.00 as Premier and \$3,500.00 as Minister of Public Works. This makes a combined salary of \$5,900.00 a year, an amount which is altogether inadequate for the Premier of New Brunswick. Any man in commercial life filling a position similar to that held by Mr. Dystart and working night and day as is that gentleman, would receive a much higher salary. It is unfortunate, however, that we in the Province of New Brunswick are not yet able to pay our public men anything like the amounts which they earn. The private expenses of a man like Mr. Dystart mount rapidly when he is travelling around, and the figures shown for his expense account do not begin to show what he paid out, because many dollars during a month are paid out of his own pocket, coming out of his private fund and not out of the Province of New Brunswick.

If our Tory friends in the Legislature can find nothing more to pass resolutions about than the small increases in the salaries of the poor little girls down in the Departmental Building and of the Premier's telephone messages and so on, they are getting to a mighty poor end and the Government of the day are to be congratulated that there is nothing serious about which their Tory opponents can complain. Therefore it would have paid the Opposition quintet to have put the soft pedal on the expense account of the present Premier and his Cabinet.

SCHOOL GAS LINE HAD BEEN JOINED TO GAS COMPANY

Connection Made Without Consent of the Authorities

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 22—Testimony that a gas line serving the explosion-shattered London Consolidated School had been connected to a gas company line 'without knowledge or consent' was heard by a military inquiry over the week-end while the funerals of the 455 child victims proceeded with tragic sequence.

D. Clark, field foreman for the Parade Gas Company, gave the testimony.

"I know that no person had permission to connect the school line to the Parade Gas Company's residue gas line," he related.

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Easter Within Two Days Earliest Possible Date

Easter Sunday, falling on March 28 this year, was within two days of the earliest possible date permitted for this festival under the regulations of the Nicene Council which, centuries ago, ruled that the holiday must be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox.

Last year the holiday was observed on April 12, and next year it will be April 17. The latest possible date for it is April 26.

In the days of the early Christian Church there was much dispute among theologians about the proper date of Easter. Some favored a date corresponding to the celebration of the Jewish Passover. Many opposed this with other suggestions. Finally the Nicene Council made the ruling in force ever since to settle the dispute.

REPEATED PROGRESS FOR GOV'T IN SPAIN

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MADRID, March 22—The Government forces are making rapid advances in the northern front today. They have taken town after town, is reported. This follows serious reverses for the insurgents which took place on Saturday.

Canadian Contingent List Includes Several New Brunswickers

SPANISH GOV'T SUCCESSES ARE CONFIRMED

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, March 22—Successes obtained by the Government forces in the northeast of Madrid have been confirmed. It is reported that heavy losses have been inflicted on the insurgents and that the Government troops have captured a considerable amount of ammunition, machine guns, tractors, planes, bombs and rifles.

The insurgents have lost another fierce attack on the Valencia Road and have met with stiff resistance. An insurgent seaplane today dropped four bombs on Valencia Harbor but since Valencia is four miles from the harbor no damage was reported to the town.

There is nothing new in the world. Young people only think there is.

Had Valuable Session with United States President

Prime Minister King Favors More Interchanges of Views With Heads of Governments

Discusses St. Lawrence

Declined to Say How He Would Use Information in Future

Congratulations



HON. A. A. DYSTART

Premier of the Province, who is 57 years young today

SMITH TAKES COVETED HOCKEY PRIZE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 22—The National Hockey League's most coveted award goes to Norman (Pudgy) Smith. This goal keeper allowed only 102 pucks to slip by him during the entire N.H.L. hockey campaign.

MONTREAL, March 22—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, after a visit with President Roosevelt and holiday in the south, came back to Canada Saturday expressing belief there should be more interchanges of views between the heads of governments in Canada and the United States.

Declaring he considered his just-concluded talks with Mr. Roosevelt had been 'valuable,' the Canadian Prime Minister said he looked for more conversations of this kind. "I had long hoped," he said, "that we could have more of these exchanges."

Mr. King, looking fit and rested, and asserting himself eager to get back to the work of government, left for Ottawa after only a few minutes in Montreal. He had come here by way of New York from Virginia Beach, Va., where he spent the last week or so holidaying by the sea.

Though he declined to go into detail on the outcome of his talks with the U.S. President, Mr. King discussed them informally and generally with newspapermen. Their discussions, he said, had touched on the St. Lawrence waterway and other questions of mutual interest to the two countries, on the European situation and on neutrality.

"All in a general way," he emphasized declaring no commitments had been undertaken on behalf of either Canada or the United States. "There was nothing that committed anybody to anything," he said.

The Prime Minister said he had obtained much 'background' in his talks, though he declined to say how specifically, he intended to use it. Asked if it was preparatory to anything, perhaps the forthcoming Imperial conference in London, he merely smiled and said, "Preparatory to nothing."

In Washington, the Prime Minister

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Author Attributes Success to Patience Postage and Pluck



L. M. Montgomery.

TORONTO, March 22—Happy link with school days, L. M. Montgomery, creator of the "Anne" and sister books, was speaker when a deep-gonged bell brought Withrow School Old Girls to order for their annual banquet at Eaton's Round Room. "Patience, perseverance and postage stamps, coupled with an insatiable ambition to write," were necessary for success, the writer gave as her prescription. She had collected rejection slips enough to paper the Round Room, she said, and sometimes one of her stories had gone out forty times before it stayed. "Anne of Green Gables" went the rounds of many publishers, before

it found sale. Whether her fan mail is a blessing or a curse, L. M. Montgomery hasn't quite decided. Canadians postal clerks, she thinks, must be very diligent, for she gets letters addressed not only to herself, but to characters from her books at all sorts of places, real and imaginary, mentioned in her stories. Requests for photographs and locks of hair she has been unable to meet, for she would be both bald and bankrupt," she told her audience.

An American bank President had requested a cheque for one cent, telling her he was making a framed collection of authors' cheques. Many

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JAPAN WILL NOT ACCEPT 14-INCH AGREEMENT

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 22 — Japanese Naval authorities have decided not to accept the Naval Agreement in regard to the size of the guns used on their warships. The agreement called that no gun should be larger than fourteen inch. The Japanese claim that they will use a 16-inch gun.

The naval treaty was drawn up in 1936 at the Naval Conference which was held in London. Great Britain is now constructing several battleships which are designed to use 14-inch guns and Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord of the Admiralty, has stated that up to the present there would be no change to 16-inch guns.

Most people travel so they can talk about it. I talk about it so I can travel more.—Burton Holmes.

Many War Veterans Date Departure Not Announced

The names of Sgt. Major G. Clynick 90th Field Battery and Sgt. W. S. McKnight, Carleton-York Regiment, of this city appear in the list of names of those making up the contingent which Canada will send to the Coronation.

A total of 273 officers and other ranks, representing all arms of the Canadian militia, naval and air forces, will be commanded by Col. J. E. L. Streight, Liberal M.P., for York West, Ontario. This is just slightly more than one-third of the party which represented this country at the coronation of the late King George V.

Second in command of the contingent, according to the announcement made today by Defence Minister Ian Mackenzie, will be Lt.-Col. R. E. Fafard of Matane, Que.

More than half of the Coronation personnel are men who have seen

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