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FEARLESS IN  
VIEWS  
LATEST IN  
NEWS

CABINET MINISTERS, MEMBERS LEGISLATURE  
TAKE OATH ALLEGIANCE TO KING GEORGE VI.

N. B. Legislature  
Opened Here Today  
By Lieut.-Governor

Second Session of Present House Gathered With  
Appropriate Ceremonies  
Brilliant Scene in House  
Important Legislation is Forecast in the Speech  
From the Throne --- New Gov't Departments

The second session of the present Legislature was opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon with the usual pomp and ceremony when His Honor Lieutenant Governor MacLaren read the speech from the Throne. Ideal weather prevailed for the opening. Long before 2 o'clock the usual crowds including hundreds of students began to flock to Parliament Square. A large crowd entered the building and filled the galleries and by the time His Honor had reviewed the guard of honor and entered the Legislature the gallery and the corridors of the House presented a brilliant and animated appearance. Sharply at three o'clock a fifteen gun salute fired from two 18 pounders situate on the river bank in front of the Parliament buildings announced the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and his staff. The salute was fired by the 90th Howitzer Battery R.C.A. Before entering the building Governor MacLaren inspected the guard from the University of New Brunswick C.O.T.C. The guard with Major R. E. D. Cattle as officer commanding and accompanied by the band of A Company Carleton and York Regiment paraded to the Legislative Building and were drawn up in front awaiting the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

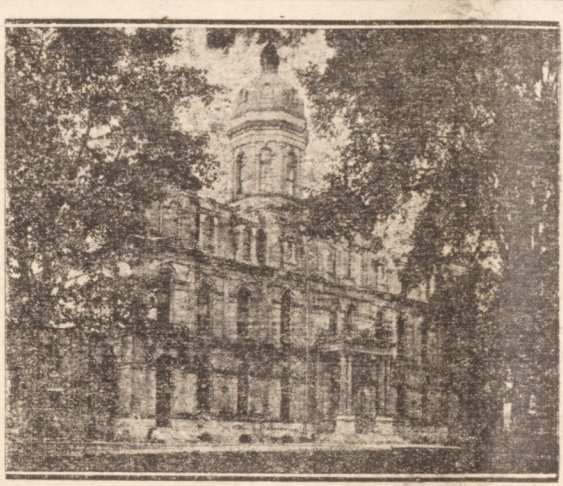
This morning at 11 o'clock the Oath of Allegiance to the new King George VI was administered to the members of the Legislature by Chief Justice Baxter. Following the Oath the different members signed the Legislative roll. An unusual feature of this ceremony is that it is the second Oath of Allegiance that has been taken by the present members of the House since the general election of 1935. They were elected in June 1935 during the reign of King George V. King George died in January 1936, and when the House assembled on the 5th of March last year the members took the Oath to His Majesty King Edward VIII. This morning they took the oath to the present King George VI. The Cabinet, on the other hand, took three oaths of Allegiance, one on July 16, 1935 to George V, one on March 5, 1936, to Edward VIII, and this morning to George VI. Hon. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor who is ill at his home in Saint John, is the only absentee of the Provincial Legislature at today's opening session. The Doctor is at present suffering from an attack of influenza. It is expected that he will return to the Legislature in a few days.

CORONATION GIFT TO QUEEN  
12 PAIRS SHOES, SIZE 4 1-2B,  
HAND-MADE BY CANADIANS

TORONTO, Feb. 18—Twelve pairs of magnificent hand-made Canadian shoes will be presented to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth by the shoe trade of Canada, the joint annual convention of shoe manufacturers and retailers of Canada decided yesterday at the Royal York Hotel.

The gift will include three pairs of lisle-work high-cut sandals, one pair of which will be studded with diamonds and rubies and the others with rhinestones; a pair of patent leather pumps on which no stitching at all will be used; one pair of white satin and one pair of black satin pumps; one pair of silver kid tie shoes with a jeweled crown at the instep; one pair of silver kid with a gold tongue; a pair each of Coronation red and red earth calf; a pair of blue suede and a pair of grey suede; each with crown design in red earth at the instep.

THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING



WHERE SECOND SESSION OF PRESENT LEGISLATURE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON.

OUR GOVERNOR



HON. DR. MURRAY MACLAREN  
C.M.G., P.C., Lieutenant Governor  
of New Brunswick, who this  
afternoon opened the House.

CLUB NAMED  
FOR PLAXTON

TORONTO, Feb. 18—Ontario Gazette today announced granting of letters patent to the Plaxton Ladies' Liberal Club. The new organization is named after Hugh J. Plaxton, Toronto M.P., selected by Miss Agnes Macphail last year as the "second handsomest" House of Commons member. Denton Massey, Toronto Conservative, was Miss Macphail's first choice.

U. S. to Build  
Three Battleships

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—The United States is considering building three large battleships to match the three that Great Britain proposes to build in their new defense policy.

Welcome to Legislators

CITIZENS of Fredericton who are always glad to see the Members arrive will extend a hearty welcome to all the Members on both sides of the House. During the last session the gentlemen who came to Fredericton for the first time as members of the Provincial Legislature, as well as those who have been here at previous sessions, made many warm friends amongst the citizens of Fredericton. It is safe to say that New Brunswick has never had a finer body of members of the Legislature than are those who sit at both sides of the Speaker's Throne today.

New Brunswick is today and always has been fortunate in the character and ability of the men who in one walk and another have adorned the political history of our Province. We have had men in our Provincial Legislature who would have been a credit to any Legislative body in the world. Many of them have made names for themselves that will go down in history and will be remembered as long as New Brunswick lasts. Any country which is worth living in is worth helping to govern well. We know that while they may differ in their ideas of how a country or a province should be governed that the members of the Legislature, irrespective of party affiliations, are all willing to do their part towards helping to govern their country and all, while they may disagree, have the interests of their country and province at heart.

Some people have the idea that all the great men of this Province are of the past. It must be remembered, however, that the problems of our present-day Legislators are probably much heavier than were many of those that had to be handled by the Legislators of by-gone years.

We hope that our Legislators will enjoy their stay with us and that their deliberations will be fruitful and in the best interests of the Province which all, irrespective of political affiliations, are sincerely doing their best to promote.

Ex-King Alfonso  
Sends Congratulations

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
SPAIN, Feb. 18—The Government Air Force raided the territory in Spanish Morocco and met with some success. It is also reported that heavy fighting is going on in the north and west of Madrid.

DOMINIONS CONSIDER  
BRITAIN'S DEFENSE

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 18—Britain's defense plan is being considered by the Dominions and has raised wide comment. The matter will be brought up at the Imperial Conference. They figure that Great Britain must have a good cause to be embarking on such an enterprise.

INSTALLED LAST NIGHT

Rev. S. C. Gray, rector of Fredericton, was installed as Archdeacon by His Grace Archbishop Richardson last evening at Christchurch Cathedral. The installation service took place before the regular Wednesday Lenten Devotions.



HON. FRANCIS BRIDGES,  
M.L.A., Member for Restigouche,  
and Speaker of the House

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
SPAIN, Feb. 18—The insurgents have again attacked the railroad between Barcelona and France but according to reports the raid was not successful. Late last night fifteen insurgent bombers raided Madrid and the damage was quite heavy.

LONDON HAS NO  
INTENTION CALLING  
ON DOMINIONS

Is Looking After Own  
Individual Defenses

LONDON, Feb. 18—There was no intention of calling upon the Dominions to make any contribution to a common defence fund, Neville Chamberlain declared late last night in winding up the first day of debate in the House of Commons on Britain's great \$7,500,000,000 rearmament plan. Chamberlain said the Dominions had spent a great deal of money upon perfecting or improving their own defences and that was their contribution to the common fund. No other form of contribution, that he was aware of, was under discussion at the present time. Labor and Opposition Liberals joined in challenge of the vast rearmament. References to the dominions during the day-long debate brought Chamberlain to his feet late in the session. The chancellor of the exchequer earlier had moved a formal resolution.

SHOE PRICES  
TO ADVANCE  
BY A DOLLAR

TORONTO, Feb. 18—Shoes this summer and next fall will cost the consumer from 50 cents to \$1.00 per pair more than the present price, according to a forecast made by Alfred Marois, President of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada, which, in conjunction with the National Shoe Retailers' Association opened a two-day convention yesterday at the Royal York Hotel.

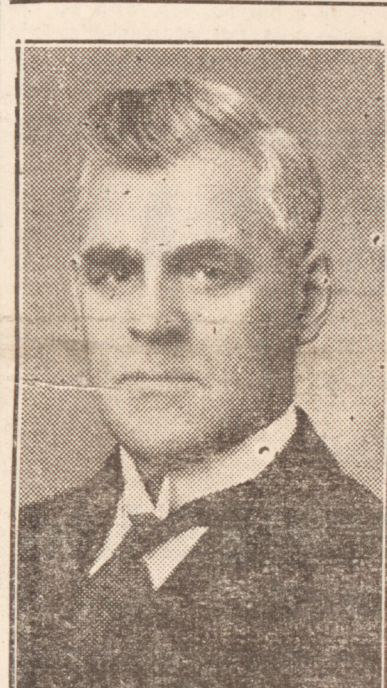
Manufacturers Squeezed  
Manufacturers and retailers are attending, from all parts of Ontario, Quebec and from the United States.

The increase in the price of shoes is necessary because of increases in the prices of leather and of labor. Mr. Marois explained. Hides and skins are selling today at three times the prices which prevailed in 1932, and leather prices have advanced from 50 to 75 per cent. Shoe prices, however, have increased on the average only 10 per cent, and if quality and style are considered, the prices of cheap shoes actually are lower today than they were at the depth of the depression, he said.

Federal Probe Into  
B.N.A. Act Changes  
Coming by Spring

Provinces Are Soon To Be Put On "Their Own"  
Scope is Broad  
Commission Likely to Include Overseas Authorities --- Appointed Soon

OUR PREMIER



HON. A. A. DYSART  
LL.D., K.C., M.L.A., Premier, who  
heads the Legislature

Portugal's Attitude  
Towards Blockade

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 18—The sub-committee of the Non-Intervention Committee at London held a meeting this afternoon in connection with Portugal's attitude toward the blockade of Spain. Considerable progress is reported and another meeting is to be held tonight. J. L. Montgomery of Montreal, is staying at the Queen today.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—The coming appointment of a Royal Commission—it may not be for a month or so yet—to inquire into the financial relationship between the Dominion and the Provinces with a view to re-arrangement and redistribution of taxation powers is regarded here as of great importance.

B. N. A. Act Change Required

Two reasons may be cited. First, it is a prelude to constitutional amendments to the B.N.A. act, because only in that way could the present set-up be altered. Secondly, it will be designed to place the provinces "on their own," and obviate those pilgrimages to the Federal Treasury which have been both frequent and insistent. The hope is to bring about such readjustment of powers that each authority will be able to live within its own sphere and resources, and also that, in degree at least, duplication of taxation will be avoided.

The idea is not new. It was discussed at the December conference here while the course to be taken was indicated in the House a month ago. But the view of the Minister of Finance has prevailed, and instead of a sectional commission the one to be appointed will cover all the provinces.

Personnel Unknown

Its scope is broadly outlined, but its personnel and even its size were described today as being "in the realm of conjecture." In the latter line, however, some progress is already reported, even in the Government has not yet considered the matter. It will need to find out people of high qualification who will serve. Presumably as chairman someone from overseas will be sought, as was done in the case of the Duncan Commission, the banking inquiry, and other investigations.

Queen Elizabeth's Purchase at British  
Industries Fair Sets New Nightgown Vogue

HIGHLY ESTEEMED  
RESIDENT PASSES  
AT ADVANCED AGE

City Mourns Death of  
Mrs Margaret Hughes  
-- Aged 97 Years

Fredericton's oldest citizen and a lady who has held the esteem and respect of the community for many years, passed away today when Mrs. Margaret Hughes, widow of the late John Hughes, died at her home on Queen Street, at the age of 97 years. Mrs. Hughes, who before her marriage many years ago, was Miss Margaret Haney, was born at Maryland, not far from this city, on the 22nd of June, 1840. She is the last surviving member of a family which was (Continued on Page Four)

LONDON, Feb. 18—Queen Elizabeth bought a nightgown today—the saleswoman said there hadn't been one like it worn in the last 200 years—and then hustled away to move her family into Buckingham Palace. The nightgown is of peach velvet cut in staid, high-waisted "Empire" style and was purchased at the British Industries Fair. When Edward VIII opened the fair a year ago he hoisted a trouser-leg to prove to a sock manufacturer that "I've been wearing them for a year." Moving day for the King and Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose was an easy affair. They just drove over to Buckingham from their "rented palace" at 145 Piccadilly—a scant quarter of a mile. Occupy Temporary Suite Although the Royal family was officially installed tonight in what is called "London's most draughty and uncomfortable house," at the end of Pall Mall, they spent their first night in temporary quarters. (Continued on Page Four)

INSCRIPTION ON  
NEWLY-LAID EGG,  
WAR 1937, JUNE 20

BERRYVILLE Va., Feb. 18—An unidentified hen of mixed breed belonging to Mrs. John Levi joined the prophets of disaster recently by producing a perfectly formed egg on which witnesses declared was plainly inscribed the message: "War—1937—June 20." The lettering of the message on the light brown egg was plainly inscribed beneath the surface of the shell in a shape slightly darker than the egg, a Berryville newspaper man said. W. H. Howell, Moncton, is a guest today at the Queen Hotel. Brian Cooke, London, Eng., is a guest today at the Queen. F. D. Rivers, Saint John, is spending a few days at the Queen.