

# Amendment Providing Pensions for Blind Goes to Senate

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Weather: Partly cloudy, colder to night and Thursday; snow flurries.

# SUBJECT OLD AGE PENSIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

## Mr. Doone, Charlotte, Suggests Fisheries Bureau for N. B.

Fights Hard For Charlotte County Park Site and Submits Claims

Flays Opposition Speakers

Believes Nationalism Should Be Dropped in Church and State--All New Brunswickers First

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

In an address which was one of the most eloquent delivered in the Legislature this Session J. J. H. Doone, M.L.A. for Charlotte held the attention of the House for an hour and a half.

Mr. Doone strongly advocated a bureau of Fisheries Information in connection with the Provincial Government Service at Fredericton. He stated that there was no place in the province of New Brunswick where information which might be of benefit to the fishermen could be obtained.

Speaking in regard to this matter Mr. Doone said:

Corrective measures should be under present consideration and data incidental to our needs should be urgently solicited. This observation is made in view of the lack of information available for submission to the Federal Government at the time of the Imperial Conference. The latter had forwarded an earnest request for all necessary data, and while the Provincial administration was willing and anxious to assist it was found there was not in any Department under their control a single solitary syllable of information with respect to the great fishing industries of this Province. Being presently cognizant of the fact through being called upon to prepare the data on that occasion, as early as 1934, I had suggested the appointment of a deputy whose duties might be confined to an exhaustive survey and subsequent administration of all matters pertaining to fishery problems. I reopened the matter in 1935, and subsequently, but in the same year, I suggested the appointment of a development commissioner, believing that through this channel we might find someone directly taxed with the undivided responsibility towards promotional effort in advancing our fishing interests. Such an official was later appointed, but as yet our fishing problems are not centralized under the direct control of any one Department of the Government.

Acting independently and with a like purpose in view, my desk-mate Mr. Foster G. Calder, amplified and extended all suggestions, submitting to the Government a carefully-prepared and well-considered brief setting forth the needs of the fishing

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## St. Patrick's Day

In every spot in the civilized world Irishmen today do honor to Saint Patrick. Irishmen in Canada have celebrated the day since March 17, 1765, when the sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Rev. Dr. Brooks at a Church of England service in Quebec. Also in Quebec in 1819 the first St. Patrick's Day parade in Canada took place.

It is only right and proper that tribute should be paid to such a saintly life, whose influence is felt all down through the centuries. It is only natural too that such tributes should take the form of celebrations both religious and patriotic. St. Patrick is revered and honored by the Church, and a day is set apart by the State as one of the National Feasts.

It does not appear to be definitely known where St. Patrick was born. Some claim he was born in France, but it is generally conceded that he first saw the light of day in a village called Banavon Tabernal in the north of Britain. This village is thought by some to be Kilpatrick in Scotland. According to some writers his mother was a niece of St. Martin of Tours. He was born about the year 372 and when he was about 16 years of age was carried away as a slave by a body of men variously described as pirates, barbarians or Scots. He was carried to Ireland and was sold into slavery to one of the chieftains and was employed as a shepherd to look after the flocks in the County of Antrim. Here for seven years he labored as a slave, exposed to hunger, cold and privation. During that time he acquired a knowledge of the Irish language and familiarized himself with the manners and customs of the people.

It was in the year 432 that he returned to Ireland as an Apostolic envoy of the Pope, and then began one of the most successful missions in history when, as we are told, chieftains were persuaded of the error of their ways and were baptized as Christians. Churches were founded, schools established, monasteries reared, missionaries ordained, and the whole social and religious aspect of Ireland and the Irish people underwent a complete change. And so he earned the title of "Patrician" which Pope Celestine had given him. It is a very remarkable fact that St. Patrick's journeyings can be traced practically from his birth to his death by the names of the places which are called after him.

## MUSSOLINI TO UNVEIL STATUE TO JULIUS CAESAR

TRIPOLI, March 17—Mussolini addressed a gathering of 100,000 Moslems and Arabs yesterday from a huge platform and promised that religious rights would be respected. He told them that Italy rearmend on land, air and sea because of the world armament race. A notable feature of his visit in Libya was the unveiling yesterday of a statue of Julius Caesar.

## DUBLIN IRISHMEN PAY TRIBUTE TO ST. PATRICK

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
DUBLIN, March 17—Irishmen in the city and the world over paid respects today to St. Patrick who over fourteen hundred years ago labored to convert the Irish to Christianity.

## Shipments of Machinery Delay Arrival of Trains

According to reports received this morning, equipment and machinery to be used in the construction of the Canadian National Railways bridge spanning the river between Devon and Fredericton, arrived here today. The shipment of machinery has resulted in delaying the arrival of the C.N.R. train from Saint John, which pulled into Union Station last night about seven hours behind schedule. It was explained that the shipment of machinery, which came from the west via Montreal and Moncton, was late arriving in Saint John, thus delaying the departure of the Fredericton-bound train. Similar circumstances delayed the arrival of the train this afternoon, and it is not expected to reach Fredericton until about 8 o'clock tonight.

## REV. MR. MACLEOD AND REV. MR. BELL MONCTON MAROONS CARRY A RABBIT'S FOOT FOR LUCK

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONCTON, N. B., March 17—When the Moncton Maroons left here this afternoon on the Ocean Limited of the Canadian National Railway for Ottawa where they meet the Hull Volants on Saturday night in the first round of the Eastern Allan Cup playdowns they travelled in the same sleeping car "Woodstock" with the same porter in charge "Bill Prevost" which was used in their trips in the capture of the Maritime Senior Amateur Hockey championship. The team look on Bill Prevost as their mascot and believes he carries a particularly lucky rabbit's foot. The famous Moncton Hawks winners of the Allan Cup for two consecutive seasons also put great faith in Bill Prevost's rabbit's foot whenever they travelled they always requested that he be in charge of their sleeping car.

gaged in this fight, in view of the desperate need in this Province today for total abstinence and sobriety he urged the reorganization of York Division No. 2 of Fredericton, the second oldest division on British soil it having been organized in 1847.

Following the address Rev. T. D. Bell made an urgent appeal for financial support and an offering of \$7.87 was received. An application for membership was then opened and 18 signatures secured.

A further meeting for reorganization purposes will be held later.

R. J. Gill, M.L.A., Barnaby River is staying at the Queen Hotel. J. L. Bernard and Fred Bateman both of Dalhousie, are registered today at the Queen Hotel.

Hon. C. T. Richard, Bathurst, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

## THIRD READING GIVEN TO BILL FOR PENSIONS TO BLIND

Amendment to Old Age Pensions Bill Enabling Clause

Third reading was granted the bill providing pensions for the blind and final approval of the House of Commons. In one sitting the bill to amend the Old Age Pensions Act in such a way as to make old age pensions available to blind persons at the age of 40 received second and third readings and was sent to the Senate.

Finance Minister Dunning, piloting the measure, said he was anxious to get it through so that action on it might be taken by the provincial legislatures now in session. The pension scheme is a joint undertaking of the Dominion and provinces, the Dominion contributing 75 per cent. of the cost of pensions and the provinces 25 per cent. for the administration.

No opposition met the proposal to bring blind persons over 40 under the pension plan although there were a few suggestions the age limit was too high or the amount of income allowed apart from the pension too small.

The measure provided an opportunity for a general discussion of the Old Age Pension Act and Mr. Dunning informed the House a conference with the provinces, exclusively devoted to administration of the act, was planned. It would review all phases of administration and strive to eliminate defects and abuses which had come to light.

He expressed alarm at the increases in outlay for pensions, recent and prospective and at the prevalence of abuses.

The conference will be held between now and the next session of Parliament and any proposals agreed upon will be submitted to Parliament.

There were now nearly 160,000 persons receiving old age pensions, said Mr. Dunning, and the 75 per cent contribution to the pensions from the Dominion government would require \$27,500,000 in the next fiscal year. By 1941 the total cost of old age pensions (to Dominion and provinces) on the basis of the present system would be \$46,000,000 and by 1951, \$62,000,000.

Abuses in the system necessitated the appointment of inspectors and numerous cases of persons with substantial property and real income obtaining the pensions had come to light, said Mr. Dunning. Possibly these difficulties were due to the inherent weakness of a system which required joint action of two independent authorities, one contributing most of the money and the other spending it.

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## Premier MacKenzie King's Holiday Ends This Week

Prime Minister Expected to Resume Drive for Early Prorogation

Badly Needed Rest

Problems of Premier Seen as Increasing Tenfold Since Pre-War Days

## PIRIE CLEARS MYSTERY OF WACO BIPLANE

Replies to Queries of Leader of the Opposition

The "mystery" which the Provincial Opposition has been trying to create regarding the Waco biplane of Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, was "cleared up" yesterday in the Legislature by replies to a series of questions asked by Hon. Mr. Squires, leader of the Opposition. Mr. Squires asked, amongst other things, when the plane was purchased and for what purpose. The answer coming from Mr. Pirie was that the plane was purchased in 1936 for the purpose of "being flown through the air." He explained that it was bought and paid for by the Minister of Lands and Mines and has been used at his own personal expense in his official duties and experimental work in the provincial forestry service.

The cost of this machine to the tax-payers of this province has been "nothing" either for the machine itself or for its operation.

In answer to inquiries regarding Arthur Crowley of this city, the information was disclosed that the total amount paid to Mr. Crowley, contact man, for wages, services and expenses, etc., was \$1,933.00.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 17—The Duchy of Cornwall was visited today by the King. Great crowds cheered his Majesty this morning as he drove past St. James Park in a closed car on his way to the Duchy of Cornwall where he inspected the building and was warmly welcomed by the tenants.

## Lively Clashing in the House Yesterday, Opposition Leader in Critical Mood of Gov't

## Sharp Reply From Members of Cabinet and Gov't Supporters

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

Hon. F. G. Squires, leader of the Opposition, held the attention of the House yesterday for over two hours, during the greater part of which he refuted accusations which he claimed had been levelled at his party by Government speakers. Frequent interruptions from the government side of the House made for a lively session. The Government speakers expressed themselves as feeling the necessity of preventing an unfair impression from being given out to the public whilst the leader of the Opposition repeatedly contended that his

accusations had not been truly denied.

Hon. Mr. Squires would not allow the sins of the Conservative party of years gone by to be attached to the reputation of the present Conservative party. He claimed there was a direct challenge to the Premier to tell what was being done in the Department of Federal Affairs and Municipal Affairs as well as in Educational changes. He believed that the Government of the province was at variance with the Federal Government on Constitutional points. He claimed that the past Administration had done much to increase the coal tonnage and showed figures to bear out these statements. He dwelt at length on the unbalanced budget of the present Government who had used a promised bal-

anced budget in their pre-election campaign and he pointed out Nova Scotia and Ontario as glowing examples of surplus producing provinces. He made stock of the alleged expenditures which his government had incurred, claiming that the present-day Government had done much worse. The Hon. Provincial Secretary was on his feet more than once to defend the alleged non-providing of sinking funds and ably defended his department in this respect notwithstanding the claim of the Opposition leader that there was

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GERMANY, March 17—Germany has expressed her intention to send a representative to the International Sugar Conference which meets in May in London.

## VIOLENT RIOT NEAR PARIS-SIX KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED

PARIS, March 17—Reports from hospitals state that six persons were dead and more than 300 injured in violent rioting last night between Communists and Rightists in Clichy, industrial suburb of Paris.

Ten others were near death said officials of the hospitals, where 78 wounded had been received in addition to scores given first aid for lighter injuries by bullets and missiles. Nearly 300 were in several hospitals.

After the rioting had been suppressed in Clichy it broke out again in Asnieres, connected with Clichy by a bridge across the Seine. The stream of wounded continued to flow to the hospitals, with the casualty list steadily mounting.

Shortly after midnight the Com-

munist took possession of the Clichy town hall. They held it against the mobile guards patrolling that district who refrained from rushing the hall, fearing they would provoke a new battle. The Communists denied entrance to all comers.

In a side street paralleling the town hall the Leftists erected a barricade of wood and iron bars five feet high.

The rioting was the most serious France has seen since the fatal "Bloody Tuesday," Feb. 6, 1934.

Among those suffering from bullet wounds was Andre Blumel, chief of the Blum cabinet's secretariat. He was taken to hospital for an operation. He had been hit in an arm and a leg.

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