

CO-OPERATION, HARMONY BETWEEN RACIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROVINCE AS OF BASIC IMPORTANCE SIGNALLED BY J. A. DOUCET

Protection of N. B. Timbers Urged by Doucet

Gloucester Representative Signals Out Loyalty of
Acadians

Need Change in Educational System in New
Brunswick

Stresses the Value of Supervision and Help to
Settlers

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville).

Much that was constructive and of sound policy in the interest of the welfare of the citizens of New Brunswick was contained in the speech delivered in the Legislature yesterday by J. André Doucet of Paquetville and member for Gloucester.

Mr. Doucet in his opening remarks stated that he was proud of the achievements of the Liberal Government since coming into power. The loyalty to the British Throne of the Acadians and the French Canadians, the economic improvement of conditions and prospects for a balanced budget were some of the points ably dealt with by the speaker.

He chided the Opposition for sowing seeds of distrust and distraction with motive that had its origin in jealousy on the part of the Opposition. The benefits of Old Age Pensions, increased prices for farm products, reduced number of unemployed and a freedom of trade policy were also pointed out. The speaker decried the deleterious system and noted that relief had almost disappeared. Mr. Doucet advocated measures for better wages and living conditions of the workers in the lumber districts and drew a comparison between existing conditions in New Brunswick and the province of Quebec across the line. The speaker also wondered what the consequences would be if there was not enforced a proper protection of timber in our forests. The past Administration had permitted too freely the cutting of undersized trees which would eventually prove as destructive to our forests as fires. The Government had a definite policy and a definite programme in regard to the present construction of hard surfaced roads.

For several years past the member for Gloucester had interested himself in colonization which he considered a question of paramount interest. The speaker dwelt at length on this national problem and had some valuable suggestions to make in this respect. Touching on education he gave his views on the advantage of knowing French as well as English, citing as an example eloquent speeches which had been made in French and English leaders of thought in Eng., and the United States. The French population were anxious to learn English as well as French and he would like to see the Englishmen studying French, each child in the primary grades learning his own mother tongue first. In the words of Mr. Fisher, President at the University at Oxford, England, French culture and the French language will never interfere with the loyalty of the Acadians to the British Crown.

Mr. Doucet's speech in full appears on page 7.



HON. A. C. TAYLOR
Minister of Agriculture, Con-
tinues Debate in Legislature

Italian Indignant Over London Remarks

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ROME, March 10—Indignant remarks are being heard and seen in Italian papers in connection with statements made in London regarding the recent bombing at Addis Ababa. As a comeback Italian officials state that the British airforce in northern India when quelling disturbances there used bombs loaded with poison gas.

State They Were Part of an Italian Division

(Special to The Daily Mail)

VALENCIA, March 10—Four Italian soldiers who were recently captured claimed that they were part of five thousand soldiers which landed at Cadiz on February 1st.

STRIKE NOT SETTLED, NORMANDIE WILL SAIL

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PARIS, March 10 — The strike aboard the Normandie has not yet been settled. The owners of the ship say that the Normandie will sail tomorrow regardless.

Free School Book History

WHEN discussing free school books and criticizing the efforts of the present Government to provide these books it might be well for the Opposition party to recognize the fact that our educational system is at present undergoing a transformation, and until this reorganization has been completed it will be impossible for the Government to extend its present system in regard to the school books.

If the members of the Opposition want to trace the history of free school books it might be well to remember that before the Hazen-Fleming Government came into power in 1908 it was the habit of members of that party to go about from platform to platform throughout the Province telling about what they were going to do to provide "cheaper school books for the children of the poor." The party managed to get into power in 1908 and instead of providing free school books they were sold to the people by the government vendors. These books were distributed to Tory storekeepers throughout the Province and were sold by them on a commission basis of 10 per cent. The only trouble with the arrangement was that many of these storekeepers scattered throughout the province sold the books and got the money and did not make any returns to the Government. Case after case arose where these vendors defaulted in their remittances and some of them refused to pay, and owing to their pull with the party they were never made to do so.

It is probable that there is not one member of the Legislature of the present day who has been sufficiently long in politics to remember the various evils that arose under the "school book ring" of the early years of the present century.

But there are others who have been around long enough to remember some of the facts. The records and the official reports of those days will tell the story.

The present Administration have pretty well carried out the promises which they made before the last general election. The matter of giving free school books is one of these promises and if given sufficient time the public will find out that in the matter of free school books they will be treated even more generously than they are at present, or than they have been in the past.

It might be a good idea for some of our friends in the Provincial Opposition when they talk about the moat in their brother's eye to think something about the beam in their own eye.

C. N. R. FIGURES IMPROVE OVER MANY YEARS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 9—Business conditions in Eastern Canada are showing a much greater improvement this year than for any year since 1929, according to traffic figures quoted by W. U. Appleton, vice president and general manager of the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways at a conference of agents on the region which opened here today. With the exception of 1929, density of freight traffic for the month of January this year on the region surpassed in volume that of any corresponding months since the amalgamation of the various system lines in 1923. While this year's net ton mileage per mile of road was 18.5 per cent, less than the 1929 figure, it reached nearly 120 per cent. over 1933, and in comparison with 1936, a gain of 33.5 per cent, was shown. Loaded cars delivered to the central region increased 66.6 per cent, and receipts were up 21.7 per cent.

Insurgents Continue To Gain Victories

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, March 10—Insurgent army is continuing to gain victories. Northeast of the capital they are sweeping on and are making further advances towards the Valencia road. They are threatening to cut off two lines of communication from Madrid.

DUTCH WARSHIP WILL PATROL MEDITERRANEAN

THE HAGUE, March 10—The Dutch Government is taking further measures to protect its shipping in the Mediterranean. It has ordered a warship to patrol the waters.

LEARN FRENCH, ENGLISH FOLK ARE ADVISED

TORONTO, March 10—Not until the English-speaking people of Canada offer to meet their French-speaking fellow-citizens halfway, by learning the language and customs and problems of the race that forms one-third of the Dominion's population, will true confederation be realized and the spirit of nationalism in Quebec be overcome, in the opinion of Major John Basset, President of the Gazette Publishing Company of Montreal and prominent newspaperman. Nationalism, said Major Basset yesterday, is a defensive development that has been erected by the aloof attitude of English-speaking Canadians. Yet the French in Quebec, he said, were the "warmest, most reasonable people in the world," trusting in English customs and ideas and eager to form strong friendship with all the people of Canada. Indicative of the strength of this belief in the man who joined the Gazette as a junior reporter 27 years ago, is his personal record.

Became Teacher

He came to Canada, fresh from an Ontario university, and went into newspaper work. Four months later he gave it up, became a master in an academy where he would talk and think in French. A year later he went back to newspaper work, and covered political campaigns of such men as Laurier and Bourassa. Ten years later he was Vice-President of his newspaper.

Today Major Basset has carried that belief to the extent that his son, destined to become a newspaperman, is attending the University of Brussels. His daughter is at the same university. Every reporter on his paper must be able to speak French (Continued on Page Four)

NEARLY 1,200 CARS REGISTERED IN FREDERICTON

Total Revenue From
York County
\$28,811.85

The number of automobiles licensed in Fredericton during the year 1936 was 1,104. Of these 191 were new, and 913 had previously been in use. In the Town of Devon, there were 191 cars, 20 of which were new. In Marysville there were 120 cars, 11 of which were new. The number of cars in York County, outside of the places already mentioned, last year totalled 1,659, of which 84 were new, 1,576 having been previously used.

The total revenue received by the Government from cars in York County was \$28,811.85. From the City of Fredericton \$20,554, from Devon \$3,481 and from Marysville \$2,190.

Saint John City boasted a total registration of 4,593 cars, 533 of which were new. The automobile owners from Saint John City paid into the Government \$86,000.

FRENCH LINER BOMBED WHEN MAKING REPAIRS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, March 10—Five bombs were dropped at a French liner, two of them striking the ship but failing to explode. The ship was escorted in to port by a French cruiser. A French vessel which struck a mine recently is also reported to have been bombed while attempting to make repairs.

TO AUGMENT FORCE

LONDON, March 10—England's police road patrols may be augmented by 800 men with a view of establishing a higher standard of road sense and behavior of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

The new police will undergo a special training course, using the Metropolitan Police facilities at Hendon. Following the training period the new scheme will be put into operation in experimental areas in the north and south of England.

LONDON, March 10—A royal commission is to be set up to discuss the geographical prospects of new industries especially in regard to the city of London.

Spanish Freighter Not Sunk in Bay of Biscay, Afloat With Rich Shipment of War Supplies Taken Over by Insurgents

AIR SERVICE TO PEACE RIVER IS PLANNED

EDMONTON, March 10—Air-mail service from Edmonton to the Peace River country will be inaugurated in two weeks, according to information received by James A. MacKinnon, member of the House of Commons for West Edmonton. The service will operate from Edmonton to Peace River and Grande Prairie, Alta, and Dawson Creek, B. C., Mr. MacKinnon said.

A. J. Gordon, Toronto, is staying at the Queen for a few days.

A. E. Morgan, Montreal is a registered guest today at the Queen.

Market Carleton County Products Urged Yesterday

E. W. Melville Pleads For His Own County in
House

Expenses of Cabinet Member Too High, Says
Carleton Member

Retort From Government Side Makes For Lively
Debate

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville).

E. W. Melville, M.L.A., member for the Opposition, was in a critical mood yesterday when he rose to continue the debate on the Budget. He opened his remarks by announcing that he was going to criticize various doings of the government to counterbalance some of the hot air that had been present in debates of the Legislature since the opening of the session.

He paid a tribute to the late Dr. P. J. Veniot and the late Mr. Durling, whom he said would be much missed in Carleton County. The speaker did not agree with the mover of the address in his views in regard to the teaching of French. He commented on the speech of the Attorney-General, who along with the member for Kings had laid stress on the proposed amendment of the B.N.A. Act. Personally he did not believe that New Brunswick ever got her rights since Confederation and he believed that we should not now give away what rights we did possess. Mr. Melville, who has only recently recovered from a serious illness, had some good suggestions to offer. He hoped that the government would soon be able to present a balanced budget and a reduction of debt just as Premier Hepburn of Ontario had done. He warned the Government that they must balance the budget.

He concurred with Dr. W. M. Jenkins, member for Queens, in the ideas which he had expressed in the House during the past week in regard to social legislation. The matter of limiting the propagation of the mentally unfit was a question which must be grappled with and which his own party had previously introduced into the House. The speaker brought smiles to the faces of his listeners by calling Hon. A. P. Paterson the "Minister of All Affairs." He cited certain expenses of the Minister and within the period of six months to which the Minister of Federal Affairs and the Premier took exception stating that such expenses dated from the time that the government was sworn in. (Continued on Page Four)

MOTOR BUS STRIKE SPREADING IN SCOTLAND

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SCOTLAND, March 10—The strike of motor bus drivers and conductors is spreading. There are now nearly 8,000 on strike. This makes it very inconvenient for people who are going to work on account of the very bad weather which they have to face.

Dr. A. D. Dyas, M.P.P., St. Stephen, is registered at the Queen today.

ANTI-RACKET FORCE URGED FOR DOMINION

MONTREAL, March 10—A Dominion-wide police force, specializing in racket destruction, was advocated recently in an address by J. J. Penverne, the lawyer who likely will head Mayor J. A. Raynault's projected probe into rackets and vice.

Penverne, who has estimated rackets take a \$200,000,000 toll yearly in Montreal alone, declared there was need for a force with power to work against them anywhere in the country, otherwise, he declared, organized crime could not be smothered.

Admitting the value of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Municipal forces, the lawyer felt they (Continued on Page Four)

TRAPPING BY PLANE BANNED IN NORTHWEST

OTTAWA, March 10—An order-in-Council prohibiting use of airplanes in trapping operations in the Northwest Territories was published last night in the Canada Gazette.

"Aircraft shall not be used in trapping operations except as a means of transportation between the settlement where a trapper is outfitted and his principal base camp," the order

said. "Every trapper when applying for a license shall designate the settlement where he will be outfitted and his principal base camp."

This action was taken when it was feared the game supply on which natives depend for their livelihood was in danger of depletion owing to trappers using airplanes to extend their trapping operations.