

FREDERICTON POLICE COMMISSION BILL NOW BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Hon. F. C. Squires Calls Attention to Subsidies from Federal Gov't Favoring N. S.

Opposition Leader Points Out Freight Discrimination Against New Brunswick

Will Stand Behind Government in Coal Inquiry

Scores Government in Opening Debate on Address in Legislature

Hon. Fred C. Squires, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislature addressed the House yesterday afternoon on the debate in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Squires, who was in fine form delivered the address in his usual eloquent manner. He attacked the Government's policy in regard to Old Age Pensions, free school books and hard surface roads using the same arguments that have been used by Opposition speakers and Opposition newspapers during the past several months. Hon. Mr. Squires seems to be opposed to the Government's modern policy of providing hard surfaced highways for the residents of this country as well as for the tourists who bring money to our doors.

Hon. Mr. Squires, who is a former school teacher, does not seem to quite approve of the modern policy of the present government in their efforts to improve our antiquated school system. Mr. Squires advised the government to go slowly in regard to the educational policy and not to destroy "our splendid school system."

Hon. Mr. Squires, continuing, scored the delay in the securing of the national park and criticized the appointment of the fair wage officer who, he said, did not have the sympathy of the Labor party in the province. He discussed the increased debt of the government and criticized the way the unemployment relief problems were being handled.

Mr. Squires said the Dominion Government is standing by the Nova Scotia operators to cut the throat of the New Brunswick operators and pointed out that Federal aid has been given to Nova Scotia to the exclusion of New Brunswick.

Speaking of the need of improving conditions in the coal mining areas of the Minto district, Mr. Squires said, "I wonder that the second of the address did not make more of this case."

The freight rate assistance rendered to the Dominion Coal Company, which produces over two-thirds of the coal mined in Nova Scotia, stands out in bold relief. In 1931 the loss to that company in the industry was \$1,223,000. In 1933 their net profit after paying all charges and interest was

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HON. F. C. SQUIRES

Leader of the Opposition, who opened the debate on the Address in the Legislature

DIGNITARIES RETURN AFTER ENTHRONEMENT

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONCTON, Feb. 24—Among the church dignitaries returning on the Ocean Limited of Canadian National Railways today after attending the enthronement ceremonies of the new Archbishop of Moncton, His Excellency the Most Reverend L. J. A. Melanson, were Archbishop J. G. McGuigan, Toronto; Archbishop W. M. Duke, Vancouver; Auxiliary Archbishop A. E. Deschamps, Montreal; Bishop A. Forget, St. Jean, Que.; Bishop Georges Courchesne, Rimouski; Auxiliary Bishop M. Desmarais, St. Hyacinthe, Que.; Mgr. Humberto Mazzani, attache at the Papal Legation in Ottawa.

Why The Police Commission?

THE bill aiming at the abolishing of the Police Commission in the City of Fredericton was introduced into the Legislature yesterday afternoon. This bill will come before the Legislative Committee and also before the House within the next few days. It is up to those who are guarding the affairs of the city to see that no effort is spared to prevent those who are opposed to the bill going through from having it killed in the House or in the Committee.

The resolution to abolish the Police Commission was passed through the City Council with only two dissenting voices. The City Council is elected by the people, and it is safe to say that ninety-five per cent. of the electors of Fredericton are opposed to the Police Commission. The Police Commission, which is appointed by the Government and is responsible to nobody but themselves, have arbitrary powers and can entirely ignore the City Aldermen who represent the people.

Those who are in favor of retaining the Police Commission have so far been unable to produce any arguments whatever in favor of their contention. Some of the people seek to make the public believe that the placing of the control of the Police Commission under the Administration of Justice committee of the City Council is a retrograde step. IF IT BE A RETROGRADE MOVEMENT TO HAVE A CHANGE IN OUR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SO THAT THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT DEPARTMENT, THE SOONER WE RETROGRADE THE BETTER. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE A COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HOLDING CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS TO WHICH NOT EVEN THE ALDERMEN, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, ARE ADMITTED. THIS COMMISSION CAN CONTRACT WHATEVER BILLS THEY LIKE, BUY THEIR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT AND EVEN AUTOS FROM ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WITHOUT TENDER IN THIS CITY, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE TO DO IS TO O.K. THE BILLS AND PAY THEM. THIS IS TOO MUCH POWER TO GIVE ANY BODY OF MEN NOT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE AND HAVING CONTROL OF THE THIRD LARGEST SPENDING DEPARTMENT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The way the Police Commission does on at the present time, there is not one alderman at the City Council in a position to give an answer to the question of how the Police Commission carries on, what powers it has, or just how much control is in the hands of that mysterious body. It is only a short time ago when the Mayor of this City who is an ex-officio member of the Police Commission was asked the duty of the Police Commission. After a whole lot of side-stepping he suggested that we "ask the police magistrate." Imagine for one moment having the affairs of such an important department in the hands of the police magistrate, who is not even appointed by the city, but that the city has to pay. The conditions under which this magistrate was appointed naturally make him an arbitrary official. He is thrust upon the citizens by the Provincial Government and the citizens have to put up with him and to pay his salary, fees and other expenses which amount to a goodly sum yearly.

As has already been pointed out, the Police Commission was established away back in the old days when the enforcement of the Scott Act or Canada Temperance Act, which then existed, rested with the city authorities. This condition no longer exists. IN RECENT YEARS THE POLICE COMMISSION SEEMS TO HAVE CARRIED ON AND PERFORMED DUTIES WHICH MIGHT VERY WELL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WHICH BODY IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE. THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS APPOINTED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT BEFORE, FREDERICTON WITH ITS SMALL POPULATION AND ITS SEVEN POLICEMEN DOES NOT NEED A POLICE COMMISSION.

There is, we venture to say, not a practicing barrister in the city outside of those who are directly interested in the Police Commission, who is in favor of that body being continued. If there is to be a fight regarding the Police Commission either before the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature, or before the Legislature as a whole, let it come. NINETY-FIVE PER CENT. OF THE CITIZENS OF FREDERICTON ARE OPPOSED TO THE POLICE COMMISSION, AND THE CITY COUNCIL ARE ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED TO IT. THE NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE SHOULD THINK TWICE BEFORE OPPOSING THE WISHES OF OUR CITIZENS IN THIS REGARD.

The opinion is expressed that the administration of the Police Commission should continue until something better is offered and that something better is not the city council. THIS IS A MIGHTY POOR COMPLIMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL WHOSE PRESENT MEMBERS CAN COMPARE FAVORABLY IN TACT AND JUDGMENT WITH ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF PRESENT

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"DERBY" CLAUSE OF MILLAR WILL HELD AS VALID

Will Not Count Illegitimate Children of Mothers Claiming \$500,000.

TORONTO, Feb. 24—The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled today the "Stork Derby" clause of Charles Vance Millar's will was valid but held in a judgment delivered at Osgoode Hall that illegitimate children of mothers claiming the \$500,000 estate should not be counted.

On both counts the Appeal Court decision upheld the judgment of Mr. Justice W. E. Middleton, of the Ontario Supreme Court, who handed down the first decision on the clause's validity and later will determine the baby derby winner.

Dozen Claimed Prize

The disputed clause bequeathed the residue of Millar's estate to the Toronto mother registering the most births in the 10-year-period following his death. The maternity race ended Oct. 31, 1936, with a dozen mothers, claiming between seven and 13, eligible children, in the running.

Next-of-kin to the wealthy Toronto lawyer asked that the clause be upset on the ground it was against public policy.

Mrs. Pauline Clarke, red-haired mother of nine children, appealed the Middleton judgment that illegitimate children were ineligible. Five of her children were born after Mrs. Clarke separated from her husband.

Building Program C. P. R. for Year Announced Today

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Feb. 24—Announcement of the Canadian Pacific Railway equipment building programme for the year was made here today. The programme includes a total of 50 locomotives, 30 cars for passenger and express purposes and 3,600 freight carriers of various types, and comprises a total expenditure of over \$20,000,000. In all cases the equipment is of the most modern and efficient design. Actual work has already been started on some of this equipment and, since it will extend over many months, the effect of this order upon the country's general business conditions will be immediate and far-reaching.

VIENNA, Feb. 24—The Duke of Windsor and the Duke of Kent had breakfast together today in Vienna. This is the first meeting of the brothers since the abdication of Edward VIII.

Citizens of F'ton Aim to Abolish Police Comm'n

Bill Before Legislature Will Give Citizens Relief From Present Condition

Council Wants Change

Ninety-Five Per Cent. of Citizens Are Opposed to Arbitrary Police Commission



HON. J. B. MCNAIR, K.C.
Attorney General, who is addressing Legislature this afternoon

Citizens of Fredericton, ninety-five per cent. of whom are opposed to the present police commission, will this week watch the proceedings of the provincial legislature relative to the bill now before the house. The bill aims to abolish the present police commission. Application for leave to introduce the bill was presented to the legislature yesterday afternoon by H. Ralph Gunter, M.L.A., of this city. The bill will go before the legislature today and will reach the municipalities committee this week.

The bill being introduced to abolish the commission is the result of a resolution passed, almost unanimously by the city council at a meeting held last November. There were only two dissenting voices. The council decided to introduce legislation to abolish the Commission.

It has been felt by the citizens that a small city such as Fredericton with seven members on its police force has as much use for a police commission as a "dog for two tails." It is felt that the commission is an arbitrary body appointed by the provincial government and not responsible to the city council. This commission can let contracts for cars, police uniforms and any other equipment to its friends, without tender, and the only way that the council has is to pay the bills. The meetings are not open to the press and even members of the city are forbidden to know what is going on.

History of the Police Commission
How was the Police Commission established and why?

The Police Commission was established in 1905 by Act of the New Brunswick Legislature. This was in the days of the old "Scott Act." Those responsible for the establishment of the Act felt that the conditions which existed at that time warranted the appointing of a Police Commission which would be independent enough to enforce the Scott Act or the Canada Temperance Act, as it then existed. Some years the city elected a council which winked at the Temperance Act, and allowed a

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DEATH OF SENATOR PATRICK BURNS AT CALGARY, ALBERTA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

CALGARY, Feb. 24—The death of Senator Patrick Burns, veteran Senator and veteran meat packer took place this morning at his home in Killarney Castle, Calgary, Alberta. Senator Burns has been ill for several months and has been unable to attend to his duties in the Senate.

The late Patrick Burns was one of the pioneer residents of Calgary. He came to the west as a poor boy in the early eighties shortly after the C. P. R. had placed its lines across the

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Industrial Machine Lagging, Statistics in Soviet Disclose Following Commissar's Death

ALL THE KING'S HORSES MOUNTS FOR CORONATION

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Feb. 24—"All the King's horses and all the King's men," so far as Canada's contribution to the Coronation of King George VI is concerned, will include 35 scarlet-coated members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their smartly schooled horses.

Horses and men will not travel together. The mounts, accompanied by six troopers, are scheduled to leave Montreal five days ahead of the party and will travel direct to London in the Canadian Pacific fast freighter Beaverhill. For their accommodation padded stalls will be specially constructed in Montreal. Horse-loving members of the Beaverhill's crew will

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Passing of Russia's No. 2 Strong Man Second Successive Blow to the Leadership.

MOSCOW, Feb. 24—The Soviet Union faces an admittedly serious industrial situation. The lagging heavy industrial machine was left without a monitor with the death of Gregori K. Ordzhonikidze, heavy industries Commissar.

Thousands filed past his bier in the opening phase of what Russian leaders believed would be the greatest funeral Moscow has seen since that of Nicolai Lenin in 1924.

Statistics today showed a bad industrial start for the Soviet Union in 1937. The tractor industry was the only one ahead of its schedule for January with other basic industries 15 to 20 per cent. below the planned production.

The death of Ordzhonikidze was the second successive blow to Soviet

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N. MARKS MILLS PASSES AWAY AT ST. STEPHEN

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ST. STEPHEN, Feb. 24—The death occurred at his home on Main Street, St. Stephen, at 5:30 this morning, of N. Marks Mills, one of the most prominent and outstanding men in New Brunswick.

Mr. Mills has been confined to his home for a few weeks but has been in poor health for a number of years. He was born in St. Stephen the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Mills and has resided here all his life. He was for years chairman of the St. Stephen School Board, a past president of the St. Stephen-Milltown Rotary Club, a prominent member of the St. Stephen Rural Cemetery Company, in which he took a keen interest

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NURSES RUSH QUINTS INSIDE AS PLANE APPEARS OVERHEAD

SUDBURY, Feb. 24—The Dionne quintuplets were highly interested in an airplane which was flown over Dufresne Hospital by Boyd Smith and Harold Milligan this week-end, the two air-men reported. The nurses of the hospital, however, quickly gathered up Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Yvonne and Marie, and hurried them into the nursery at the first sign of the plane.

"They must have thought we were the kidnappers coming to snatch the children by airplane," grinned Milligan, in telling of the incident.

"They kept looking up at the plane and toddling around in the yard.

Then the nurses got wise to the fact that there was a plane overhead," related Smith. "They rushed out into the yard, tucked a quint under each arm and hurried them into the house."

"Did the children object to such treatment?"
"Well, they seemed very interested in the plane and kept pointing at it. When they finally got on to the fact that the nurses were after them, they kept running all over the yard. Finally, each of the nurses tucked a quint under each arm and brought them kicking into the house. There was one quint left over, and a nurse came out and picked her up, too. Then we flew away."