

"WESTERN AND EASTERN PROVINCES HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES" - HON. A. P. PATERSON.

Confederation has Proved Harmful To New Brunswick

Implementation of B. N. A. Act Not as Intended, Says Hon. A. P. Paterson

Why Nova Scotia Gets Bigger Coal Subventions

Welfare of Ontario, Montreal and U. S. Placed Ahead of New Brunswick

(By Mrs. J. L. Neville)

In a masterly style which showed thorough knowledge acquired by years of research and study of his subject, Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education, Federal and Municipal Relations, yesterday delivered one of the best speeches that has been heard in the New Brunswick Legislature for some time. Mr. Paterson with remarkable clearness showed how big interests in the Upper Provinces and in the United States had for years since Confederation been exerting their influence to their own advantage and much to the detriment of the Maritime Provinces, especially New Brunswick.

He explained why it was that to suit their own purpose that Nova Scotia was receiving much greater coal subventions than New Brunswick. The purpose of this was to appease the ire of gentlemen in Cape Breton who suggested a boycott on Montreal and the Canadian National Railways who own and operate coal mines in the United States. New Brunswick did not get the increased grant because there was no coercion from our Province.

The Honourable speaker in his opening remarks paid glorious tribute to the late Hon. P. J. Veniot and made fitting reference to others recently deceased. He held the attention of the House for over two hours and produced a vast amount of information regarding the B. N. A. Act, what it was intended to do and how its original purpose had not been carried out by the Central powers above. In several ways the speaker showed how New Brunswick was paying to the Federal Treasury much more than she was receiving. Ontario and Montreal were great tax collectors. They collected much more from New Brunswick than New Brunswick received from Ottawa in return. He argued that the Conservative party did not have in mind first of all the welfare of New Brunswick, but rather the profit of the big ruling interests.

In his fifty years of business experience the Hon. speaker had seen Saint John and the province of New Brunswick deteriorate from a thriving business centre and a progressive province to the state of depression and unemployment in which the present government found New Brunswick.

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ELLIOTT CONSIDERS PLAN TO EXPAND SERVICES OF POSTOFFICE BANK

OTTAWA, March 13—With a surplus last year of nearly \$2,500,000, the largest in 16 years, Hon. John C. Elliott, Postmaster-General, is planning greater service to the Canadian public, and among the plans that are receiving consideration is one for the expansion of the Postoffice Savings Bank.

The Minister has been turning the matter over in his mind for some time, and he has been encouraged to proceed by the Dominion Postmasters' Association, which speaks for nearly 10,000 Postmasters in towns and villages from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Spokesmen for the association made representations to the Post-

PROCESSION ACCOMPANIES IL DUCE TO LIBYA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LIBYA, March 13—Mussolini is continuing his trip along the frontier of Libya. He is accompanied by a procession of 120 motor cars extending a distance of eight miles. Now and again Il Duce leaves the procession to inspect defences and catches up again to the procession by air plane.

Severe Storms in Ireland, Scotland and Wales

(Special to The Daily Mail)

IRELAND, March 13—Great storms have been experienced recently in Ireland, Wales and Scotland. In Belfast snow banks have been three feet deep and the worst blizzard in the history of these countries has been raging since last Thursday. In some places the drifts have blown right over the houses.

Some vans and motor cars which left Belfast yesterday have not been heard of and many search parties are out.

Egypt May Enter League of Nations

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 13—It is reported that Egypt is likely to enter the League of Nations on May 26. The League of Nations Committee on Raw Materials have adjourned until the end of June. They are to extend the debate on foodstuffs and immigration.

JEW STABBED, SHEEP STOLEN

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PALESTINE, March 13—Two Jewish shepherds were found stabbed yesterday and nearly four hundred sheep stolen.

Hon A. P. Paterson And New Brunswick

HON. A. P. PATERSON'S address on the budget delivered in the Legislature yesterday afternoon was one of the best presentations of affairs in regard to New Brunswick's position under the Confederation, that has ever been heard in the House.

Mr. Paterson referred to the way in which the province had been discriminated against by different Federal Administrations in the past. He referred to the fact that most of the trickery and deception came from the Conservative Administrations.

Reviewing the political history of New Brunswick and the Maritimes since Confederation, and coming down to later years, Hon. Mr. Paterson said that in 1911 came perhaps the greatest tragedy in the history of the confederation—the Conservative party was elected under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden and the people of those Maritime Provinces helped substantially to bring about that tragedy, said Mr. Paterson.

"It was the transportation capitalistic interests on both sides of the line that elected that party which were pledged to prevent the operation of the National Transcontinental Railway overseas trade route. They carried out this pledge to such an extent that even today the National Transcontinental is scarcely used enough to keep the rust off the rails, and the development of the Port of Saint John promoted by Laurier, Pugsley and Fielding was definitely squelched. This is only one example of what Saint John has suffered at the hands of the Conservative party. To those who know the record, the glib sympathy of the honourable leader of the opposition for the port of Saint John is pure hypocrisy.

"In 1912 the Borden government started viciously to prevent Maritime shippers competing in the Central and Western Provinces by imposing unjust freight rates against them in the operation of the Intercolonial Railway under the direction of imported managers.

The Duncan commission exposed what was done during the period 1912 to 1926 and I need not refer to the iniquitous treatment our shippers received during that period: 1912 and 1913 was the period when this province should have stood with its back to the wall and refused to submit. The war started in 1914 and the injustice was overlooked except by the interests that were being crushed.

"So much has been published about the deplorable actions of the Borden, Meighen Conservative governments in connection with railways and other enterprises in Canada and the United States, that I need not refer to them in detail. The Canadian National Railway is an outgrowth of that regime.

"In November, 1918, the federal government, by order-in-council and without the consent of Parliament, transferred the management of the Intercolonial Railway from Moncton to Toronto. I believe that action of the Meighen government is the most barefaced robbery ever perpetrated on a British people to be found in the history of the Empire. Knowing from my experience with Borden's imported managers what would happen to the trade of this province by that change, I tried to stir up protest but without much success because the change was actually being endorsed in this province by some leading people whom I subsequently found were Conservatives.

"New Brunswick pays at least three dollars into the confederation for every dollar she gets out of it. The amount New Brunswick contributed for capital expenditure in the other provinces plus the amount this province is held responsible for in connection with Canada's white elephant, the so-called Canadian National Railways, runs into hundreds of millions over what has been spent in New Brunswick.

"New Brunswick is taxed for relief in other provinces an amount several times greater than she receives from the federal government for relief. In other words New Brunswick is not only providing for her own unemployed but is contributing a large amount for that purpose in other provinces. We should keep in mind the fact that the people of the provinces are the only source of revenue that Canada has. The provinces are carrying the Dominion, not the Dominion carrying the provinces.

"As an illustration of injustice imposed upon New Brunswick and how federal taxation works, may I refer to the coal transaction that has been drawn to the attention of this House several times. Following public attention being drawn to the fact that the Canadian National Railways own and operate coal mines in the United States and that the previous year they brought into Canada about one million tons of coal for use on confederation railways, a gentleman in Cape Breton suggested a boycott of Montreal by Nova Scotia. The Bennett government hurried to protect Montreal and granted Nova Scotia about two million dollars per year in subventions and reduced freight rates.

"New Brunswick at the same time made a huge sum from which we received practically no advantage."

The Daily Mail publishes today the full text of Hon. Mr. Paterson's speech. This speech, which is a valuable contribution to the archives of the province, is well worth preserving by any person who is a student of our economic and political affairs.

RAPS STORK BABY STORIES

Indiana Doctor Wants Children Told the Truth Always

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13—Dr. Thurman B. Rice, hygiene chief for the Indiana Public Health Division, today branded "fairy stories about the origin of babies" as the "ultimate in blasphemy and ignorance."

He said he referred to the stories about "babies coming via the stork and the doctor's satchel, or sliding down rainbows from heaven."

Dr. Rice, also professor of bacteriology and public health at the Indiana University School of Medicine, declared "apparently men and women do not understand the role they should take. At last the time is coming when we can come before men and women and talk of important things."

"There is nothing dirty in the true story of sex," he said. "Tell the children the truth. They may not be able to grasp some of it, but that which they can't grasp, smooth over as well as possible."

DAILY TRAIN TO TIMMINS, ONT. FROM TORONTO

TORONTO, March 13—"The Northland" is the name selected for the business man's new fast overnight train which will operate daily between Toronto and Timmins, and Toronto and Noranda, commencing on April 25. Announcement of this new service was made today by W. A. Kingsland, vice president in charge of the central region of the Canadian National Railways and A. H. Cavanagh, general manager, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, of North Bay. This new service is designed to suit the travel requirement of the business man and it is therefore timed north bound to leave Toronto six p.m., arrive Kirkland Lake at 6.35 a.m., Noranda 8.40 a.m., and Timmins 9.15 a.m. Southbound it will leave Timmins at 4.45 p.m., Noranda 5.50 p.m., Kirkland Lake 7.12 p.m., arriving Toronto 7.45 a.m. Arrangements are being made whereby air conditioned sleeping cars of an im-

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THE TYNE RIVER BRIDGE WILL BE FROM FROM TOLL AT CORONATION

(Special to The Daily Mail)

EDINBURGH, March 13—The bridge on the Tyne River is to be free of its toll charge to celebrate the Coronation. The cost to the government will be 157,000 pounds.

Minto Residents Appreciate Work Of Hon. J. E. Michaud on Their Behalf

CORONATION MUSIC PLANS COMPLETED, 59 IN ORCHESTRA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 13—Plans for the Coronation music have been completed. An orchestra of 59 players, and a choir of 400 voices including some from the dominions have been booked. The post office department had worked out the telephone system linking places so that gun salutes can be fired at the moment that the Crown is placed on the King's head.

Arthur Huntley, well known resident of Fox Cove, N. S., is visiting friends in the city.

Liberal Opposition Fails to Appear In Quebec Session

Protest Made Against Duplessis Despotism and Injustice

Liberals Walked Out of House

Premier Fails to Observe Rules of the Legislature --- Opposition Benches Empty

NEUTRALITY BILL FAVORS ENGLAND

LONDON, March 13—As the mandatory cash and carry neutrality bill now before Congress in Washington approaches the point of becoming law, it becomes evident that it will not be half as damaging from the British viewpoint as it might have been, had more radical isolationists had their way.

To this extent the recent Washington visit of Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, can be said to have been a success. While Runciman carefully avoided any appearance of interfering in American domestic affairs, it was his task to tell President Roosevelt how serious the position of European democracies might be were they to be completely deprived of American goods in case of war. Mr. Roosevelt was not even in a position to promise anything on behalf of Congress, but it is evident from the final form of the bill, which was shaped largely by Administration orders, that the President was anxious that the door should not be entirely shut against France or Great Britain in the event of hostilities.

Although the mandatory section of the bill presented to the Senate might prove embarrassing to this country by preventing it from obtaining badly needed credits when its cash reserves were exhausted, the "cash and carry" provision would inevitably react to the advantage of France and Britain, the only two countries having sufficient ready money to "pay on the barrel head" during the early stages of a war and enough ships to transport goods thus purchased across the Atlantic.

To this extent the President was evidently willing to join a united front of democracies and, in view of the growing American feeling in favour of the Allies, it is not surprising that the Assembly continued to sit with the Opposition benches bare.

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QUEBEC, March 13—The Liberal opposition which staged a walkout Thursday night failed to appear in the Legislature as the Assembly resumed its session yesterday.

Deputy Speaker Maurice Trudel, who was in the chair, adopted Premier Duplessis' suggestion that the sitting be suspended for 10 minutes while a message was sent to T. D. Bouchard, leader of the Liberal Opposition, to inform him the House was ready to start.

At a lengthy communique issued today Mr. Bouchard said the Liberal members were refusing to attend the session as a protest against the "despotism and disregard for justice of Premier Duplessis."

He charged the Premier was denying the Opposition the legal means to which they were entitled to fulfill their duties in the House.

"Apparently the Premier's word is law," he continued. House rules that no important and non urgent matter could be passed by the Assembly before adopted to the address in reply to the speech from the throne were flagrantly violated, the communique continued. The Premier, he said, failed to obey the regulations that all evening sittings of the House must end at 11 o'clock unless unanimous consent was given to continue.

"If the Opposition can no longer make itself heard in the House it will certainly make its felt heard outside the Legislature," Mr. Bouchard concluded.

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SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGAIN TAKES INITIATIVE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, March 13—The Spanish Government troops have again taken the initiative and have recaptured a three-mile road north of Madrid. It is said that airplanes have put the Italian columns to flight.

MIGRATING ROBINS ARE REPORTED DAY LATE THIS YEAR

ST. THOMAS, March 13—The migratory robins were a day late in returning from the south this year, according to a report made this evening by Superintendent W. A. Allan, of the Waterworks Department. He has noted the arrival of the robins that go south for the winter for years past and states that they usually appear from about March 8 to 10. These birds differ from a hardier species of robin that remains here during the winter, finding shelter in the wooded ravines. Many of the migratory robins were seen today, despite the wintry weather.