

# HEPBURN FORESTALLS POSSIBLE RELIGIOUS WAR IN ONTARIO OVER SEPARATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TAXES

## Ambassador from Russia Proposes Check-up in Spain

Declares Italy Has Violated War Embargo on Spain

Dangerous Situation, Declares Moscow Note

Fear Italy May Plunge Europe Into a World War

LONDON, March 25—At a plenary session of the international intervention committee yesterday the Russian ambassador proposed that the committee send investigators to Spain to check up on the "whole situation." The proposal was in a note from Moscow.

The Soviet note proposed a special commission to investigate the number of Italians at present engaged in the civil war in Spain, as well as the number sent to Spain after the international ban was proclaimed effective on February 20.

The commission finally, it is suggested, should discover whether the Italian government is sending troops to Spain since February 20, and violating the embargo on war materials to either side in the Spanish conflict.

He declared those alleged violations had created a "dangerous situation." Premier Benito Mussolini intends to call in his principal ambassadors in Europe to obtain personal reports of the attitude in foreign capitals towards Italy's present position in foreign problems.

French opinion is displaying considerable anxiety over Mussolini's present tenor of mind and persons close to Foreign Office predicted that a new international crisis might result.

Vittorio Cerruti, Italian Ambassador to Paris, already has gone to Rome to report to Mussolini.

The view is held that the situation in Spain is uppermost in Mussolini's mind, particularly foreign repercussions to Loyalist reports of a disastrous defeat of Italian volunteers, who, it is alleged, formed the nationalist shock force on the Guadalajara front northeast of Madrid.

The fear here was that Mussolini might send heavy reinforcements to Spain to avenge the reported defeat. Such a course would be calculated to precipitate a crisis.

Informal opinion is that at the moment both France and Britain are considering the advisability of supporting a course.

## ICE BREAKERS FROM MONTREAL EMPLOY 25,000

Inland and Deep Sea  
Navigation Scene  
Activity

OTTAWA, March 25—Idle for the major part of the winter, 25,000 Canadians who go down to the sea in ships and do business on the great waters are finding employment in a score of lake and river ports as giant ice-breakers clear the thousand-mile channel from Montreal to the sea, and a dozen specially equipped vessels stand by ready to place on the Great Lakes and the connecting rivers eight lightships, 300 gas and signal buoys and 2,500 unlighted buoys to warn navigators of the dangers and perils of the sea.

It is a busy period for the Marine Branch of the Department of Transport, which is working at high pressure to have everything in readiness for a navigation season which will see forty million tons of freight passing through Canada's inland waterways in great cargo carriers laden with grain, coal, iron ore and other freight.

### Expenditure of Millions

Millions of dollars will be put in circulation in wages and for supplies and equipment, such as groceries and meats, paint, fuel, ropes, tackle, and everything else that goes to outfitting freighters and passenger ships. The Dominion Government alone will spend \$15,000,000 for marine maintenance expenses.

It has millions invested in equipment and has expended \$400,000 in dredging channels and building harbors since the days when the Indian with his birch-bark canoe and the early explorers were the only navigators of the Dominion's inland seas.

The first ocean liners are due at Montreal, the nation's greatest sea-port.

## The National Council of Education of Canada

It is perhaps fitting at this season of the year to make note of the great work which is carried on throughout the year by the National Council of Education. Through the efforts of this organization speakers and authors of the highest order and of best authority from far away lands are brought to our doors. Our citizens throughout the land are thus given the benefit of years of research and reading by these various leaders from many countries. The National Council is an institute of intellectual and cultural co-operation. It is under the special patronage of H. H. Princess Helena Victoria and H. H. Prince Marie Louise, and the Executive comprises the following names: Sir Edward Beatty, G. B. E., K. C., LL. D., Montreal; Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, P. C., K. C., LL. D., Calgary; Hon. Randolph Bruce, LL. D., Victoria and Tokio; Mr. W. J. Bulman, Winnipeg; Hon. Howard Ferguson, LL. D., Toronto and London; Col. The Hon. Henry Cockshutt, LL. D., Brantford; Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, LL. S., D. D., Toronto; Dr. C. W. Colby, Montreal; Sir Douglas Hazen, K. C. M. G., Saint John; Mr. G. W. Hutchins, Winnipeg; Major J. M. MacDonnell, M. C., Toronto; Mr. D. MacGillivray, LL. D., Halifax; Major F. J. Ney, M. C., LL. D., Toronto; Brig.-Gen. V. W. Odum, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., Vancouver; Mr. James A. Richardson, LL. D., Winnipeg; Mr. F. N. Southam, Montreal; Hon. L. A. Taschereau, LL. D., Quebec.

Among the speakers who have addressed large audiences in Fredericton during the past years have been such men as Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Henry Newbolt, Sir Norman Angell, Dr. Alfred Zimmern, Dr. Hans Simons of Germany and Luigi Villari of Rome, Italy.

The purpose of these well selected lecturers is to reach the public, the topics dealt with being on subjects of practical international interest. There is, therefore, no fixed admission, a silver collection being taken at the door to help defray expenses.

## FORMER PASTOR OF MONTREAL WEST HONORED

Rev. George Ross, D. D., of Fredericton, N. B., former pastor of the Montreal West Presbyterian Church who has been nominated by the Montreal Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for the office of Moderator of the General Assembly has had an interesting career.

Dr. Ross is well known here, having served not only as pastor to the Montreal West Presbyterian Church, but also as pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, and of the Lachine Presbyterian Church.

Following his graduation from Pine Hill College, Halifax, N. S., Dr. Ross served for some years as Presbyterian missionary in British Guiana. He also had charges at Charlottetown, P. E. I., and at Gooderich, Ont.

After Dr. Ross left Montreal a few years ago, he became pastor of Eriksine Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, and since that time has been minister of the Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, N. B.

New Brunswick has not given the Presbyterian Church a moderator since 1880, and the Montreal Presbytery took this opportunity of honoring the Maritime province as well as a former member of the Presbytery itself.—Montreal Standard.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet on June 2 in Ottawa. The moderator will then be elected from the floors of the House.

## Brought First Carload of Tea To Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 25—A smoldering heap of ashes being gently fanned to coolness by the breeze which fifty years ago swept her across the Pacific Ocean to create history, is all that is left today of the famous W. B. Flint, the American barque known throughout the country as the first vessel to bring a cargo of tea into Vancouver, and at the same time supplying the first freight shipment from west to east over Canadian Pacific Railway lines in 1886.

## TO PLANT ACORNS FROM NEW FOREST OF OLD ENGLAND

"Men of Trees" to Commemorate King's Coronation

OTTAWA, March 25—An organization known as the "Men of the Trees" has shipped 10,000 acorns to Canada from the New Forest, Eng., to be planted on May 12 to commemorate Coronation Day, Hon. Fernand Rinfret, Secretary of State, informed G. H. Purdy (Lib., Colchester-Hants) in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Rinfret said there was no official information respecting another shipment supposed to have come from England to the Automobile Association of Canada.

## RIGID SECRECY SHROUDS DOINGS OF CONFERENCE

After the fourth meeting since the heads of the Canadian Railway lines and the Canadian Rail Labor gathered here last week for a verdict on the strike proposal—there was no indication from either camp that it had served to span the cleavage between the disputants. Both sides held to their policy of official silence.

Among the rank and file of the labor parley delegates there were signs of belief the bargaining stage was reaching an end. One brotherhood delegate said he thought it probable the six-day conference would close today.

Before that, the half-hundred delegates from 18 running trade organizations were to decide either for or against the Canada-wide walkout of their 117,000 members. They had, they claimed, authority from a majority of the members to call the strike in the event the roads persisted in refusal of full restoration of pre-depression pay scales.

Signatures are never written twice exactly the same, however careful the writer may be.

## AUCTION SALE ANGLING LICENSES

Leases to Be Offered  
For Five Years

A sale of salmon and trout angling leases covering stretches of the Little Southwest Miramichi, the Tobique and South Branch of the Nepisiguit is currently announced by Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines.

The leases to be offered will be for a period of five years and will expire on March 1, 1942. Leases of the several stretches will be required by the terms of their leases to furnish adequate guardian service to protect the waters. As in the past, the sale will take the form of a public auction. The date is set for noon of April 1 and the indication is that both guide and outfitters of the Province and various non-resident sportsmen will be represented in the bidding.

"The leases being offered on the Little Southwest Miramichi and Tobique Rivers apply only to waters which have been under lease and represent no encroachment on the present open waters of these rivers," Hon. Mr. Pirie said in making his announcement today.

The several sections of water are described in a Departmental bulletin as follows:

"Little Southwest Miramichi River not including branches from the mouth of Devil's Brook to but not including the mouth of Libby Brook, to include Devil's Brook Pool. Also including that portion of the lower North branch from its mouth to a point one-quarter of a mile above the mouth of Guages Stream. Upset price \$400.00.

"Little Southwest Miramichi River and branches which includes the North Pole and including lakes from and including the mouth of Libby Brook to the source of the Little Southwest Miramichi River. Upset price \$400.00.

"Tobique River not including its branches from the highway bridge in the vicinity of Plaster Rock to and including the Davis Pool. Upset price \$200.00.

"That portion of the South branch of Nepisiguit River lying below the mouth of the West branch of the said South branch of Nepisiguit. Upset price \$150.00."

SALEM, Ill., March 25—The Salem Hospital today reported that it had been informed 18 persons had been killed and five injured seriously when a special chartered bus crashed into a bridge abutment two miles west of here and overturned today.

## Maryland First State Penalized by Loss Of Federal Funds for Misusing Road Money

## ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL TODAY

Roderick Beers, 20-year-old miner, who suffered multiple body, arm and leg injuries as result of a detonator explosion in the G. H. King mine at Chipman on Tuesday afternoon, passed away at the Victoria Public Hospital here, early this afternoon.

Beers, a native of Coal Branch, Kent county, was admitted to the hospital here on Tuesday afternoon. An inquest will likely be held at Chipman.

WASHINGTON, March 25—Representative Rabant (D., Mich.) told the United States House of Representatives today the Chrysler automobile strike in Detroit had been settled and that the settlement would be announced officially at 3 p. m. EST.

## Ontario Premier Abandons Separate School Legislation

Accepts Bill of the Conservatives to Avoid  
Trouble

Stormiest Session, Dramatic Scene, Closure is  
Adopted

Member Legislature Defies Speaker's Ruling, is  
Ejected From House

## FIRST READING TO BILL FOR TRANS- CANADA AIR LINE

OTTAWA, March 25—Details of a national air service to be inaugurated by the Federal Government, control of which and participation in which have been the objects of an intensive lobby on Parliament Hill ever since the present session opened, were revealed finally in the Commons recently when Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, proposed a motion preliminary to the introduction of legislation to organize the Trans-Canada Air Lines.

### Main Features

As indicated in Mr. Howe's explanation, the following will be the central features of the scheme of organization upon which the Government has at last decided:

1. The service will be organized under the aegis of the Canadian National Railways, which will underwrite the stock of the enterprise. The Government directly will thus hold more of the stock in the service.

2. The stock thus underwritten by the C.N.R. will be disposed of to existing flying companies who may desire to participate in the service. The C.N.R. will work out the basis upon which individual companies will be allowed to participate.

3. The Company will operate a trans-Canada air-mail and passenger service, and will enjoy an exclusive franchise over the routes it flies. It will fly only the main cross-Canada route, and such other branch routes as the Government may designate as of national importance. It will not compete with flying services already operating.

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In order to avoid what he considered the possibility of a religious war in Ontario, Premier Hespburn yesterday accepted a bill brought in by the Conservative Opposition and moved for closure.

Strong agitation on the part of Leopold Macaulay, who defied the rulings of the Speaker, caused the forceful ejection of Macaulay by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

"It is my responsibility to forestall at whatever cost the possibility of a religious war in this province," declared Premier Mitchell Hespburn, in announcing acceptance of a Conservative bill to repeal the legislation.

As the Sergeant-at-Arms moved toward Mr. Macaulay, the member shouted to the House and gallery to see "the dirtiest trick perpetrated in Canadian political history for 100 years."

The Sergeant-at-Arms grabbed the protesting member and rushed him out of the House.

So far as could be learned during all the excitement, Mr. Macaulay became the first member ever to be ejected forcibly from his seat in the Legislature.

Mr. Hespburn's move for closure, following his statement that abandonment of the legislation was a bitter pill for him to swallow and that bloodshed had been threatened, brought cries from the opposition, coupled with Mr. Macaulay's removal. "Contemptible," "The dirtiest trick ever," "Hitlerism," were words that flew from the opposition benches.

Closure has not been used in the Ontario House for a decade or more.

The uproar in the House was terrific. Liberals countered with shouts of "Can't take it;" "Take your medicine."

Argument across the floor soon grew personal between members. It

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## THREE PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH IN REXTON'S WORST TRAGEDY IN YEARS

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
REXTON, N. B., March 25—One of the worst tragedies in the history of this historic village occurred two hours before dawn this morning when three persons lost their lives in the flames which destroyed the humble cottage home of A. Robichaud, situated on the outskirts of the hamlet.

### The Dead

The dead are:  
Mrs. Mary Robichaud, wife of Mr. Robichaud.

Lazare Robichaud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robichaud.

Mrs. Emily Arsenault, aged 63 years.

Mr. Robichaud made a valiant attempt to save his family and succeeded in rescuing his youngest son. He courageously attempted to re-enter the burning building but was driven back by the flames which transform

ed the humble dwelling into a seething volcano of fire. He received severe burns about the face and body. His condition, however, is not regarded as serious.

### Commence Inquiry

Coroner Dr. Bourque commenced an investigation this morning and it is understood that the inquest will open late this afternoon. The origin of the blaze was unknown, although the police believe there is a possibility that the fire started as result of an overheated stovepipe.

The fire broke out at 3 a. m., while the occupants were asleep. Mr. Robichaud, who was the first to awaken, aroused the family and made an effort to guide them to safety. He carried his youngest son from the burning building, and plunged again into the blazing inferno only to be forced back by the flames which transform

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## MIGHT SUCCEED R. B. BENNETT TO LEADERSHIP

OTTAWA, March 25—Rumors that Right Hon. R. B. Bennett may retire from the leadership of the Conservative party in Canada has led to the mention of four names of men who might be suggested as possible successors to the leadership post.

"There are four men whose names are prominently mentioned as successor if Mr. Bennett should retire. They are Gordon Harrington of Nova Scotia, Maurice Duplessis of Quebec, Earl Rowe of Ontario and Erick Willis of Manitoba. They stand out with possibilities of leadership."

Mr. Harrington is a former Nova Scotia premier, Mr. Duplessis is premier of Quebec and Mr. Rowe and Mr. Willis are Conservative leaders in their respective provinces.

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