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Weather: Fair and warmer Wednesday

THE GOVERNMENT REVENUES ARE UP ABOUT \$15,000,000

Ontario Voters Will Go To The Polls On October 6th

Premier Hepburn This Morning Arranged With Lieut.-Governor to Dissolve the Legislature

THREE ISSUES PROMINENT

Opposition To C.I.O., Hydro Contracts, Succession Duty, Funds the Platform

Ontario voters will go to the polls on October 6. This announcement was made last night by Premier Hepburn.

Premier Hepburn this morning called upon Lieutenant Governor Bruce and asked for the dissolution of the Legislature, which was granted.

Liberals and Conservatives have nominees in the field for many of the 90 seats, while the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation has announced it will contest practically every riding.

As enunciated by Premier Hepburn in recent speeches, the Liberals seek a new mandate on a platform with three major planks: Opposition to the Lewis Committee for Industrial Organization in the Ontario labor scene; its cancellation of Hydro power contracts with four Quebec companies; and continued investigation into alleged frauds practised on the succession duty branch of the Ontario treasury.

Hon. Earl Rowe, Conservative leader, has in recent addresses attacked the Hepburn government's administrative record. He has declared his labor stand as one opposed to "lawlessness, and as favoring the granting of the right of free association to labor in the matter of organization.

The Liberals came into power after polling June 19, 1934. They elected 70 members to the Conservatives' 17. The other seats went one each to an Independent Liberal, a C.C.F. and a United Farmers of Ontario representative.

Present party standing or the Legislature remains unchanged from election day with the exception of two empty seats, vacated by death of two Liberal members, Dr. George A. McQuibban of Wellington North and J. A. Sangster of Glengarry.

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A BALANCED BUDGET BY THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT

Government Revenues Are About \$15,000,000 Higher Than Anticipated

OTTAWA, Aug. 24—With one-third of the fiscal year over, Government revenues are about \$15,000,000 higher than what was anticipated when the budget speech was delivered in February, and if the improvement is maintained, a balanced budget will be possible next spring.

This will depend, however, upon the absence of any undue special expenditures, such as further deficits of the Canadian National Railways, or unexpectedly large disbursements for the drought areas.

When the budget was brought down last February, a deficit of \$35,000,000 was forecast. Since then, the west has been visited by another disastrous drought, which threatened to increase the deficit. Other lines of business, however, have risen surprisingly well, and promise to offset the drought largely if not completely.

LONDON ROTARIANS PUZZLED AT ORDER FROM GERMANY

(Special to The Daily Mail) BERLIN, Aug. 24—Notice has been given to all Nazis who are Rotarians that they must resign from the Rotarian organization by December 31.

COOLIES COULD NOT LAND AT SINGAPORE

(Special to The Daily Mail) SINGAPORE, Aug. 24—2000 coolies were unable to land today due to an outbreak of cholera on board ship. Quarantine Island could not accommodate the sick and it is expected that the coolies will land tomorrow.

100TH BIRTHDAY FIRST FRENCH RY. IS CELEBRATED

(Special to The Daily Mail) PARIS, Aug. 24—The first French railway ever opened for regular service is celebrating its 100th birthday today. The first train consisting of 6 coaches, travelling at a speed not exceeding 20 miles per hour was believed to be beyond anything that human wisdom could expect.

Fredericton School Board As Seen By Outsiders

A few days ago The Daily Mail came out strongly against the closed door secret meetings of the Fredericton School Board. We pointed out that the Board each year spent one hundred thousand dollars of the ratepayers' money, or about one-half of the total assessment of the city.

The action of the Fredericton School Board has at different times been criticized by different papers and by different people all over the Maritime Provinces and was even recently the subject of an amusing article in an Ontario paper, which published a cartoon of the Fredericton School Board behind closed doors with the public outside trying to peek in to see how the Board was handling the people's business.

This week several papers in this Province made reference to the article regarding our School Board and its antiquated methods.

The Sackville Tribune, one of the brightest papers in the Maritime Provinces, thinks that arrangements should be made to give the Fredericton School Board a course in adult education.

Here is what the Tribune says: "I am not always in accord with Mr. J. L. Neville, managing editor of The Daily Mail, Fredericton, but as regards his protest against the Star Chamber methods of the Fredericton School Board, I agree with him one hundred per cent. According to the present custom the School Board of Fredericton conducts its business behind closed doors. THAT THIS SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN A DEMOCRATIC CITY IS BEYOND MY POWER OF COMPREHENSION. The ratepayers pay their good money and should know what becomes of it. If the Fredericton School Board have nothing to conceal then that exclusive body should not object to the presence of newspaper reporters. IF THE BOARD HAS SOMETHING TO CONCEAL THEN THE SHUT DOOR SHOULD BE BATTERED DOWN BY INDIGNANT RATEPAYERS.

"I am convinced that the New Brunswick Department of Education should instruct the Fredericton School Board to open their meetings to the public. In these days we hear a great deal about adult education. My suggestion is that Hon. Dr. Paterson and his able assistant, Dr. Fletcher Peacock, should try their prentice hands on the members of the Fredericton Board. If ever adult education was needed it certainly is needed right in the centre of light and learning — in Fredericton on the Rhine of America."

SIX UNITED STATES PILOTS CRASHED TO THEIR DEATHS "BRIDGE OF SIGHS" ROOF WAS STOLEN

(Special to The Daily Mail) SAN DIEGO, Aug. 24—Six United States pilots crashed to their deaths today in the Bay when their plane crashed into the sea, after hitting the mast of a boat that was lying at anchor in the Bay.

AUSTRALIA MUST BE PREPARED ON LAND AND AIR

(Special to The Daily Mail) AUSTRALIA, Aug. 24—Premier Lyons of Australia stated recently that his country must have effective, naval defense. The budget would have to provide for air and land defense as well. The government would establish manufacturers and plants for the providing of foodstuffs and war material so that Australia would be self sustaining if the policy would be endorsed by the United Kingdom.

(Special to The Daily Mail) MONTREAL, Aug. 24—Store workers have formed a union and have sent a petition to the Minister of Labor Tremblay. The union is asking for a 48 hour week with holiday observance.

VENICE, Aug. 23—The 400-year-old roof of the historic "Bridge of Sighs," connecting the Doge's palace with the dungeons of the republican era, has been stolen. The curator of the palace found that the bridge had been flooded, and on investigation discovered that the roof was missing. It was made of lead and weighed four tons. The "Bridge of Sighs" famous to thousands of tourists, is one of the landmarks of Venice.

BRITAIN STILL PAYS THE PRICE OF GREAT WAR

LONDON, Aug. 23—The 23rd anniversary of the Great War occurred this month and Britain is still discharging her liabilities. According to official statistics, there are still 129,000 widows in receipt of pensions. In addition there are: 5,385 war orphans; 33,000 officers and men without a leg or arm; 30,000 suffering from neurasthenia; and 27,000 victims of tuberculosis. Sadder still, 2,447 officers and men apart from insanity cases, are still receiving treatment.

Banner Year For N. B. Lobsters Says Hon. J. E. Michaud

Will Arrange With Provincial Government To Rejuvenate Caraquet Oyster Beds

MINISTER IS OPTIMISTIC

New Brunswick's Oyster Culture May Be Vastly Improved

HUGE BOMB KILLS OVER 300 PEOPLE IN SHANGHAI

Chinese Blame Japanese For the Bloody Carnage

SHANGHAI, Aug. 24—A huge aerial bomb crashed into Upper Nanking road, between the big Chinese-owned Wing-On and Sincere department stores today and killed from 300 to 700 persons.

More than 1,000 were wounded including Anthony Billingham, a correspondent of the New York Times, and Miss Blanche Tenney, an American, born in Shanghai. Several European also were hurt.

Japanese said the bomb came from a Chinese plane which had been flying high over the city. A second aerial bomb, 18 inches in diameter, crashed through the roof of the U. S. navy warehouse, adjacent to the U. S. and British consulates general, but did not explode.

It is in the hands of U. S. naval authorities. While the bombings were going on Japanese threw more than 75,000 soldiers and sailors into a great offensive designed to crush more than 200,000 Chinese soldiers who have been besieging Japanese positions in this city for 12 days following the killing of two Japanese navy men by Chinese militiamen the night of Aug. 9.

Today's bombings brought civilian fatalities in the Anglo-American area of the International Settlement to more than 2,000.

Most observers were confident that it came from a Chinese plane which has been partly disabled by the fire of Japanese anti-aircraft guns.

Two big Chinese salients into the Japanese lines in the northern part of the International Settlement had been wiped out, the Japanese said, and they were ready for a general offensive to drive all armed Chinese from the Shanghai area.

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THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SAVED GIRL'S HANDBAG

VENICE, Aug. 23—The Duke of Windsor rescued an American girl's handbag from one of Venice's waterways.

The girl was one of a group of tourists on the quay at St. Mark's square when the Duke and Duchess of Windsor approached in a launch.

She called out, 'It's the Duke,' and dropped her handbag into the water. The Duke fished it out amid the applause of the by-standers.

HERE ON BUSINESS

Guy Welch of Bristol motored to the city this morning on official business. Mr. Welch is a forest ranger in the service of the Department of Lands and Mines.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24—A big year looms ahead for lobster fishermen of New Brunswick.

Such is the optimistic declaration of Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries in the Dominion Government.

Lobster operators of the province can expect a large catch and good prices this season, the federal minister, Hon. J. E. Michaud, states. One reason for this, he said, was because there was little or no poaching during the spring and early summer and it is believed that the large quantity of this shellfish in Northumberland Strait is undiminished. The market price for lobster is excellent.

"Tuna fishing has been most successful in Nova Scotia," declared Mr. Michaud. He lauded the efforts being made by the New Brunswick Deep Sea Angling Club, recently organized, to put this sport on a firm footing in the Bay of Fundy. "It will doubtless attract many sportsmen and tourists to this province," he said.

The Federal government is looking into the possibilities of fishing tuna commercially, he intimated.

An important phase of the New Brunswick industry touched upon by the minister during his recent tour here was oyster culture. In regard to the oyster "farming" being undertaken in the Maritimes, Mr. Michaud mentioned the outstanding success made at the famous Malpeque beds in Prince Edward Island. The biological station at Ellersley has improved the prospects in this locality through scientific culture.

Prior to this action started by the Federal Department of Fisheries, the Malpeque oyster beds were threatened with extinction. Some time ago some 60,000 barrels were obtained annually in this district and during the last few years, because of overfishing and disease, the annual take has been reduced to about 200 barrels a year.

The Dominion Government has made an agreement with the province of Nova Scotia regarding experimental

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SERIOUS CONDITION IN WESTERN PROVINCES OF CANADA

Terrible Picture of the Drought Is Presented By Western Farmers

SASKATOON, Aug. 23—Belated total failure also in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. This situation, joined to that in Saskatchewan and Alberta, will affect the world supply.

He gives a terrible picture of the drought, for he says that the situation has been aggravated by the cutworms, caterpillars and several other kinds of grubs he has neither seen nor heard of before that attack flowers, plants, vegetables and trees.

"Grasshoppers in vast armies are eating everything before them here," he adds, "in spite of poisoning campaigns. Last night we had a little rain—the first since May. The feed situation for stock is serious. They will have to ship fodder to every beast in the country about here because although there is hay 150 miles north, its inaccessibility makes it difficult to cut it extensively.

"The crop," the letter says, "is a

(Special to The Daily Mail) SHANGHAI, Aug. 24—The Japs are reported to have taken the offensive and to have launched several new attacks since the landing of reinforcements yesterday.

The attacks are supported by heavy artillery on boats as well as from the air. The greater part of the Japanese army is in the vicinity of Shanghai.

On the northeastern front the Japanese forces are not so strong. The Chinese are endeavoring to break the Japanese lines. The Chinese lines at Shanghai are still holding firmly despite heavy attacks.

LONDON—The Chinese ambassador yesterday advised the British Foreign Office that China will agree to the proposals made by the British Government if Japan will agree to it. No word has been received from Japan yet in reply to the British proposal.

The city of Hong Kong is already overcrowded with refugees. The government has asked the Straits Settlements to make provision for a large number of British refugees.

DIVORCE RING IS LATEST FASHION

PARIS, Aug. 23—Engagement ring... wedding ring... divorce ring. That's the way romance goes in fashionable Paris. Women are now wearing a divorce ring or a "broken-off-engagement" ring to betoken the end of their romance.

These are thin platinum circlets, and are worn on the little finger of the right hand.

But, unlike mourning rings, they are not perpetual trinkets. They are discarded as soon as a new romance begins.

MAN SPENT 100 YEARS IN CARAVAN

WEYMOUTH, ENGL., Aug. 23—Over 100 years ago, Thomas Penfold, of Weymouth, was born in a caravan.

He became one of the largest horse dealers in Dorset, and went on living in a caravan. Before he retired he owned a good deal of property, but still lived in a caravan.

A few months ago he fell ill. His son and daughter could buy him everything he needed, but all he insisted on was his daily pint of beer at the little village inn.

He died the other day—in his caravan.

MILLIONS STILL DRAW PENSIONS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 23—Approximately 1,000,000 people are still drawing war pensions in Great Britain, the annual report of the Ministry of Pensions reveals.

The report estimates that \$5,960,000,000 has been spent on pensions since 1914, and that the 1,000,000 pensioners still remaining are drawing \$20,000,000 a year. The total is expected eventually to reach \$10,000,000,000.

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