

The Weather

Partly Cloudy and colder today and tomorrow

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McNAIR INTRODUCES LEGISLATION PROTECT LABOR AND INDUSTRY



W. E. GOLDING

of Saint John, generally regarded as New Brunswick's foremost lumberman. He is president of the McKean Lumber Company and the River Valley Lumber Company, and manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company the last named being the largest owner of granted lands in the province. In the course of a brief speech at the conference of lumbermen and forestry officials in the Legislative Chamber last evening, Mr. Golding declared that Premier Dymally should be proud of Hon. F. W. Pirie, his Minister of Lands and Mines, whom he described as the right man on the job.

C. N. S. BOAT SAILS FROM HALIFAX; BIG LIST PASSENGERS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

HALIFAX, N. S., March 24—The liner Lady Nelson, Canadian National Steamships will sail from this port tonight via Boston bound on a months long voyage to Bermuda, the Leeward and Windward Islands, Barbadoes, Trinidad, and British Guiana on the coast of South America carrying a good list of passengers.

Passengers from the Maritime Provinces will include Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Archibald, J. Buckley, Miss J. R. Salton, Halifax, Mrs. C. M. Martin, Digby, N. S. and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stewart, New Glasgow, N. S. There will be also passengers from Winnipeg, London, Ont. and other Canadian centres, as well as from various centres in the Eastern and Middle West States.

Mexican President Is Anxious To Retain For. Oil Markets

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MEXICO CITY, March 24—Before a mammoth demonstration of workers in the oil industry President Cardenas reiterated the intention of the Mexican Government to proceed with expropriation of the oil leases of seventeen British and American oil producing companies. However he showed his anxiety to maintain friendly relations and discount the possibility of an embargo upon Mexican oil markets and foreign oil transport facilities by stating that an effort would be made to increase the recompense given to foreign countries. For this purpose a national Mexican subscription fund is to be opened and the whole of the nation invited to give contributions to it in an effort to raise the compensation paid to something approaching the estimated value of four hundred million dollars.

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SEEKS SUPPORT OF ORGANIZED LABOR

Policy Expected To Be Announced Today In House Commons

LONDON, March 24—Prime Minister Chamberlain last night asked organized labor support to speed up rearmament before disclosing to the House of Commons today Great Britain's position in a uneasy Europe. There were indications the prime minister and the cabinet had decided upon a declaration of policy which would include no promise of military support of Czechoslovakia. Without naming any particular dominion, newspapers affirming that the dominions are opposed to any extension of British commitments, Canadian circles in London declared Canada had not expressed any opinion one way or the other. Mr. Chamberlain was expected to declare against any intervention in the Spanish civil war; to call the Russian proposal for an international conference "inopportune" at this time

JAPAN CONCERNED OVER INCREASED U. S. NAVAL POWER

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TOKYO, March 24—A high Japanese naval official whose name was withheld commented on the United States billion dollar naval program today. He said that the program could be aimed at no one else but Japan and if aimed at Japan the increase in strength must mean that the United States considered the possibility of using their increased fleet in far eastern waters. The scale of the additions to the American navy were, he said, much larger than were necessary for a defensive policy. Japan said the naval official still based her faith upon a defensive policy for her own needs but could not help but give serious consideration to the American naval expansion.

Railway Question Was Brought Into House By Opposing Factions

Government Cannot Own a Railway and Have It Operated Free From Political Control

SERIOUS RECESSION TRAFFIC

C. P. R. and C. N. R. In Vastly Different Positions, Says King



R. K. FINLAYSON chief secretary of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who is persistently mentioned as the new organizer of the Conservative Party.

OTTAWA, March 24—The policy of the Federal Government is against amalgamation of the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways, Prime Minister Mackenzie King indicated to the House of Commons today.

The Prime Minister's statement concerning unification came late in the day as he joined in debate regarding reports that the Canadian National was about to lay off large numbers of employees.

Hon. C. D. Howe, the Minister of Transport, gave assurance to the House that if possible there would be no general lay-off, and in the course of his remarks he stated there was a campaign being carried on to amalgamate the two railroad systems.

Explanation Asked

Demand was immediately voiced by J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. Leader, that the Minister explain the Government's position with respect to amalgamation.

"May I say the Minister's remarks, as I understood it, and as I believe the House understood it, far from being an argument in favor of unification, was an argument directly the opposite," Prime Minister King declared in following Mr. Woodsworth in the debate.

The railway question was brought into the House of Commons by A. A. Heaps (C.C.F., Winnipeg North). When Parliament opened at three o'clock the Winnipeg member moved adjournment of the House "to discuss a matter of urgent public importance." He won the support not only of the left wing groups, but of the Conservative Party, in asking permission to introduce the motion. The matter of urgent importance was that the management of the Canadian National contemplated laying off "many thousands of employees," said Mr. Heaps.

The debate lasted nearly 3 hours, with members from all parties, in-

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INSURGENT DRIVE MENACES THE KEY CITY OF LERIDA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SALAMANCA, Spain, March 24—The insurgent thrust against Loyalist front has veered in a new direction to the northeastward, menacing the key city of Lerida. In accordance with their usual recent strategy the insurgent drive was preceded by efforts directed towards smashing the government communication lines by aeroplane bombardment and artillery preparation. The rebels opened their drive behind six smoked screens under the protection of which their infantry advanced in a succession of waves against the hard pressed loyalist defenders. Some slight gains have been already reported.

CHEAP RATES FOR COMING HOLIDAY SEASON ON R'WAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, March 24—With the Easter season just around the corner profiting an opportunity to travel in more spring-like weather economical fares will be in effect on the railways of Canada during the whole holiday period, according to C. P. Riddell, Chairman Canadian Passenger Association. "These fares will apply not only to the general public but to teachers and pupils who will be granted an extended time allowance for travel during the school vacation period."

These fares will consist of single fare and one-quarter for the round trip good in coaches or in sleeping cars or parlor cars on payment of regular charge for such accommodation. Tickets will be good going from Thursday April 14 up to 2 p. m. of Monday April 18 with return move-

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Labor Legislation

ONE of the most important pieces of Legislation brought down in the House this session was the Labor Legislation introduced yesterday afternoon by the Acting Minister of Labor, Hon. J. B. McNair. This legislation has the backing of organized labor in this province. Yesterday President James A. Whitebone and others interested in Labor conferred with Mr. McNair before the bill was introduced. The bill recognizes the right of collective bargaining and has other features which should make it popular with the labor organizations throughout the province. While the bill gives protection to the employees of labor it also gives protection to the employer.

Features of the bill are the right of collective bargaining by employees through their duly elected representatives in the Unions. It makes it unlawful for persons to make any contract which will restrain either employer or employee from exercising his rights under the act. The employer may suspend or lay off or discharge any employee only for sufficient cause. Both the employees and employers shall file proper returns with the Government.

In case of dispute the Minister of Labor may appoint a Conciliation Commissioner at the request of either the employer or the employee. If the Commissioner is unable to affect an amicable settlement a Board of Arbitration consisting of three may be appointed by the Minister, one on nomination of employers, one on nomination of employees and a third by the members so chosen. This Board is to hold office until the report of the dispute has been reported to the Minister. Parties to the dispute may either accept or reject the recommendations of the Board. The Commissioner and the Board of Arbitration are to serve without remuneration but the Governor in Council may set a per diem allowance and reasonable expenses. Any Commissioner or member of the Board accepting a gratuity from any other source interested is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars.

The bill provides for an appointment of a Fair Wage Officer as at present and for a Fair Wage Board of five persons, two from the employer class, two from the employee class, and one disinterested person to act as Chairman without remuneration. The Fair Wage Board officer is to conduct an investigation into the hours of labor and wages and also into conditions surrounding the industrial establishment and to adjust the same if these conditions are found unfair or inadequate. The Board has power to fix rates of wages when conditions warrant and may establish special rates for handicapped or part time workers or apprentices.

Any person who threatens loss of employment to compel an employee or an employer to refrain from laying complaint or from taking any part in any investigation will be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars.

Any employee who has received wages lower than those to which he is entitled under the Board shall in addition to any other remedy be entitled to sue for the amount so underpaid. No employer shall cause a lock out and no employee shall go on strike on account of any dispute unless the matter of dispute shall first

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IN LEGISLATURE

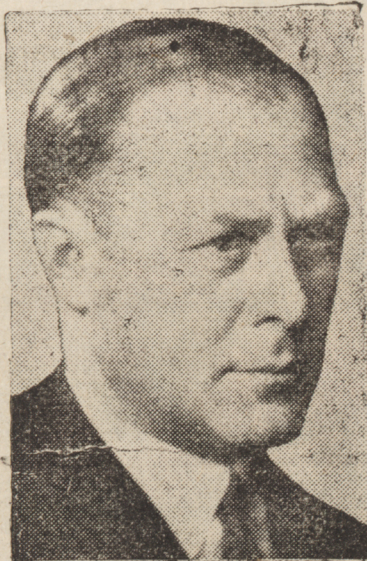
FREDERICTON, N. B., March 24—The following bills were read a third time and passed today by the New Brunswick Legislature.

Relating to the Town of Dalhousie; to amend the rates and taxes act so far as it relates to Madawaska; to authorize and empower the City of Moncton to acquire lands for the purpose of a public airport, to construct an airport thereon, and to issue debentures therefor.

The following bills were read a second time; to make certain bonds issued by the Saint John Masonic Temple, Ltd., authorized investments for trustees; to amend the acts relating to the Victoria Public Hospital; relating to the Saint John Tuberculosis Hospital; to amend the gasoline tax act; to amend the workmen's compensation act; to amend the county courts act; to amend the registry wills; to amend an act respecting cemetery companies; to amend an act to revert in the Crown abandoned lands.

The House went into committee of the whole with C. H. Blakeny in the chair. Following consideration of certain bills the committee rose and Mr. Blakeny reported the following as approved: Bill No. 12, to authorize Shediak to issue debentures; No. 44, amendment of the towns incorporation act so far as it applies to St. Andrews; No. 39, to amend the government of the City of Saint John act;

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JOSEPH LEOPOLD

Nazi leader, was reported recently as the newest addition to Reichsfuehrer Hitler's personal staff. Last January he was arrested in Vienna, but now the official press says he is to be near the Fuehrer "during the ensuing month, when events of historic importance will transpire."

NEW YORK, March 24—Blonde Hope Chandler, former show girl and night club entertainer, became the bride of 22-year-old David Hearst, son of William Randolph Hearst, in a simple ceremony today in the Chapel of Grace Episcopal Church.

Wants New Brunswick Link With Empire To Remain Unimpaired

Removing Connection With Westminster Would Endanger Position of Province As Self Governing Unit

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEALS DISCUSSED

Attorney General McNair Defends Government And Reviews Record of Former Administration

In one of the best addresses delivered in the Legislature in recent years Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney-General and acting Minister of Health and Labor yesterday made his contribution to the budget debate. Mr. McNair placed himself on record as being strongly opposed to any attempt to abolish appeals to the Privy Council. He criticized those who would remove the charter of this province out of the custody of Westminster and thus endanger the position of New Brunswick as an independent self-governing unit of the Empire, sovereignty within the sphere of its legislative powers, and place it in a position of subordination to the Dominion Parliament. He referred to our direct connection with the mother country which would be maintained so long as the charter of our Government remains at Westminster. While that condition obtains no action of any Canadian authority other than the Legislature can separate us from the Empire. He did not know what action might be taken by parliament in regard to the question of abolishing Privy Council appeals but in any event, he stated, there is some consolation for the people of this province in the knowledge that their old prerogative right to carry their grievances to the foot of the Throne may be impaired by the Federal Parliament but cannot be completely destroyed.

Speaking in regard to the changes which had been suggested in regard to the Union Jack Mr. McNair spoke strongly against any such proposed changes. The Union Jack had been our protector and had proven a mighty symbol in the past and he hoped that no change would be made in regard to our flag.

Mr. McNair scored strongly the tactics of the opposition and said that the exhibitions put on by the Leader

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH OF HON. J. B. McNAIR, K. C.

Says Leader of Opposition lent his efforts to encourage strikes in this province.

Shows how the different members of Opposition contradicted each other on public questions.

Leader of Opposition delivers one speech in House and another kind in the country.

How old government sidestepped introducing Old Age Pensions.

How they manoeuvred the liquor question.

The whole of New Brunswick is a National Park.

The Grand Falls Deal; the Miramichi pulp mill deal; Padded Pay Rolls; Provincial Hospital Contracts; Smith Foundry deal; Normal School Contracts; Machinery purchases; the Phantom Banquet and the Atkinson Stumpage deal are amongst record of old government.

Wants New Brunswick charter to remain at Westminster. Opposes abolition of appeals to Privy Council.

Would maintain Empire link and preserve the Union Jack.

Says severance from Westminster might eventually make Canada the Spain of the Empire.

BRITISH COLUMBIA IS OPPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF DOMINION JURISDICTION OVER INSURANCE

Favors Uniformity For Old Age Pensions With Provincial Administration

BLUM GOV'T. HARASSED BY CRITICISM

(Special to The Daily Mail)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 24—Premier T. D. Pattullo today placed before the Rowell Commission the British Columbia government's answers to 22 written questions that J. M. Stewart, commission counsel, had submitted at the close of the government's main presentation.

The questions, covered in discussion and in submission at hearings in other provinces, dealt with basic phrases of Dominion-provincial relations.

The British Columbia government was opposed to federal control over borrowing, the setting up of a grants commission, enlargement of the income taxes, enlargement of Dominion jurisdiction over insurance.

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PARIS, March 24—The Blum government appeared to be reaching a domestic crisis today being under severe criticism from discontented French political groups. An appropriation was made of nine million dollars in British money toward air raid precautions and it was decided that provisions should be made for gas masks for the entire civilian population. It is considered doubtful whether the Blum Government can continue to function much longer in the face of adverse criticism and discontented elements within the ranks of his Coalition Government.