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HOUSE OF COMMONS URGED TO MAKE DRUNKEN DRIVING CRIMINAL OFFENSE

Prime Minister Mindful Serious Situation B. C.

Canada at Present Must Maintain Even Balance Between China and Japan

OPPOSES EXCLUSION LAW

Must Not Go Risk Offending Japs Present Time

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—In view of the serious situation arisen as result of the Sino-Japanese conflict Prime Minister MacKenzie King told the House of Commons yesterday that this is not the time for Canada to run the risk of offending Oriental pride and dignity by passing an exclusion law against the Japanese.

International affairs, particularly in the Orient, were had enough without Canada adding fuel to the fire that might strike back not only against the Dominion, but the British Empire as a whole.

The prime minister made his statement before adjourning debate—a parliamentary manoeuvre tantamount to ending discussion for the session—on a bill sponsored by A. W. Neill (Ind. Comox-Alberni), which would have amounted to an immigration exclusion against the Japanese, placing them on a parity with the Chinese.

The prime minister agreed with the British Columbia members who supported the Neill bill that a serious situation existed in the Pacific coast province because of Japanese immigration with consequent unfair competition against white Canadians resulting from conflicting standards of living.

At the same time, Mr. Mackenzie King noted that immigration from Japan under the present gentlemen's agreement with that country was limited to 15,000 Japanese a year and had averaged \$1 in the past five years.

He promised an active campaign by every agency at the government's command against illegal entry of Japanese and a continuation of a check-up among the Japanese to weed out those who had come into Canada illegally.

The prime minister agreed with Conservative Leader Bennett and other members that an immigration parity should exist between Japan and China but he believed this could be created best by an agreement between the countries.

When the United States passed its Japanese exclusion law in 1924, an acute international crisis arose, Mr. Mackenzie King said. If that happened in 1924, when world conditions were comparatively peaceful, he asked what might be expected today, considering the Sino-Japanese conflict and the fact that a section of

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DONALD FRASER, FAMILY OUT ON CARIB. CRUISE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

NEW YORK, February 17—The Canadian Pacific's 21,000 ton cruise ship Empress of Australia, which returned to port this morning after cruising for 32 days to West Indies ports and Rio De Janeiro, will sail on Saturday morning on another cruise, this time bound for eight Caribbean ports and 19 days of cruising.

First port of call will be St. Pierre, Martinique, then the Canadian cruise ship will go to Fort De France, also on Martinique, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Willemstad, Curacao; Cristobal, Canal Zone; Kingston, Jamaica; and Havana, Cuba.

Canadians among the cruise list for this trip include: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fraser, Alex. A. Fraser, D. MacF. Fraser and Miss Kathleen Fraser, of Plaster Rock, N. B.

Movement On Foot In Austria Against Hitlerism

(Special to The Daily Mail)

VIENNA, Feb. 18—A decided movement is rising up in Austria against the incoming influence of Hitlerism since the reshuffling of the Austrian Cabinet in which two men strongly approved by Hitler were included. The Austrians say that the German Nazi's do not make good Austrians.

French Steamship Reports Attack By Spanish Fleet

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MARSEILLES, Feb. 18—A French steamship "Elmars" has signalled a message to French headquarters this morning to the effect that it had been attacked by ships from the Spanish fleet. A shell fell one hundred and sixty five yards away from the bow of the ship.

AGRICULTURIST SAYS THAT CRITICISM NOT IN ORDER

FREDERICTON, Feb. 18—"If every farmer in Canada today had the money to buy what he actually needed and wanted, every factory in the Dominion would be kept running twenty-four hours a day," declared Dr. G. I. Christie, President of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. Dr. Christie was the guest speaker at the banquet held tonight in conjunction with the Ontario Cheese Producers' convention.

"One of the most ridiculous performances carried on today is the criticism of people in comfortable homes who are organizing to boycott milk producers," said Dr. Christie.

The speaker declared city people must realize more about what the

farmer has to contend with. He is asked to remove from his herd first one cow with a certain infection and later inspectors reject others. This is all costing money, but is improving both the quality of meat and milk marketed today.

"I say that the public is getting more for its dollar than at any time in history."

The speaker praised the men who had sufficient foresight to organize, because only through such association could the best be accomplished.

The speaker also paid tribute to the Ontario farmers who had stepped up the shipments of bacon and hams to the British markets from eleven million pounds in 1931 to over 200,000,000 in 1937.

A Farm Problem

FOR a couple of days past The Daily Mail has been discussing Farm Problems in their relation to the importing of dairy products into this province and in regard to their raising of dairy herds. Yesterday an agricultural authority figured out how a farmer could make herds pay. The gentleman quoted yesterday has had charge of a large farm in connection with Saint Joseph's University.

Today The Daily Mail publishes a letter on the same subject. The letter is written by W. W. Hubbard of Burton Hill Farm, Sunbury County. Mr. Hubbard has for years been recognized as an agricultural authority and has held agricultural positions under both the Federal and Provincial Services. Mr. Hubbard writes as follows:

A FARM PROBLEM

Editor, Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.
Dear Sir:—

Your leader under the above heading in your issues of the 16th and 17th instants, deals with a subject that has been perplexing our people not in the dairy business for many years. On the one hand our farmers have been claiming that they were prevented from increasing production because they could not find profitable markets, and on the other hand we were as a Province importing millions of dollars' worth of dairy, poultry and other products that apparently could be well produced here. To cover the whole field would be beyond the scope for a single article, so I will confine myself to a few remarks on the dairy business.

We have natural advantages in our pasture and abundant hay crops that lay the foundation for the feeding of cattle, but we have disadvantages in that our grain feeds cost us more than almost anywhere else in the world. Through the manipulations of millers and railways our mill feeds cost us a flat \$4.00 per ton more than is paid by farmers in Ontario and Western Quebec and we also pay substantially more for Canadian mill feeds than do our competitors in Denmark and Sweden.

Then perhaps the greatest handicap we labour under is the lack of that special live stock aptitude among our farmers that many of our competitors have. In other words, the majority of our farmers dislike cows and the increasing work involved in their care, milking, etc.

The selection, breeding, care and feeding of dairy cows for profitable milk production calls for technical knowledge and skill of a high order, and the margin of profit is so small even with the

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APPEAL WILLIAM ROBICHEAU WILL BE HEARD MAR. 3

The appeal of William Robicheau, Saint John, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Aaron Cohen, Saint John merchant, will be heard at Saint John Thursday, March 3, according to the announcement made by Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter at the sitting of the Appeals Division of the Supreme Court, this morning.

The announcement that appeal papers had been filed was made on Wednesday. The sittings of the appeal court will begin at 10.30 a.m.

Robicheau will have to wait until almost the eve of his death to learn the decision of Ottawa on the jury's recommendation of mercy, unless the appeal is granted. The evidence of the case, along with a petition of mercy and the verdict of the jury is now in the hands of the Federal Department of Justice. The decision from Ottawa on the case will be made April 19, while Robicheau is sentenced to die on April 20.

The Governor-General may override the ministry's recommendation and exercise clemency, but such has happened only once since Confederation.

Say Need of More Co-Operation With Anglicans

(Special to The Daily Mail)

CALGARY, Feb. 18—A speaker on behalf of the United Church of Canada today addressing a meeting at the Anglican Synod expressed his opinion there should be more co-operation between the United Church of Canada and the Church of England.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—Congress learned today the United States labor department has an informal agreement with Canada which permits aliens illegally in this country to enter the Dominion to try to obtain the required visas.

Drunken Driving Should Be Criminal Says T. L. Church

R. B. Bennett Also Advocates Use of Amended Criminal Code On Problem

SHOULD BE A CRIME

Minister of Justice is Considering the Proposition and Terms of the Bill

ONTARIO MAN DIES EXPOSURE REDFERN PARTY

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Feb. 18—Dr. Fred T. Fox, New York scientist, who had taken part in an expedition to find Paul Redfern, died Jan. 5 on Devil's Hole Island in the Cuyuni River district, and the other three members of the group reached safety at Warwah Feb. 7, according to word received today after a rescue boat returned from the hinterlands of the British colony.

Letters About Deep Waterways To Be Published

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—Early next week the Government will issue a white paper containing all correspondence relating to the St. Lawrence deep waterways, export of power and diversion of Northern Ontario Rivers into Lake Superior, Premier Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons yesterday.

Hon. Sir George Perley Estate Is Worth \$1,999,295

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—Rt. Hon. Sir George Perley, veteran Conservative member of Parliament for Argenteuil and former cabinet minister, who died Jan. 4, left an estate valued at \$1,999,295 according to his will filed for probate today. Trustees of the St. Paul's School of Concord, N. H., were bequeathed \$5,000.

Japs, Italy and Germany Join Anti-Communist Pact

TOKYO, Feb. 18—Judging from diplomatic movements at Tokyo today it would seem as if Japan might turn Fascist. Tokyo has signed an anti-Communist pact in conjunction with Italy and Germany.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—Advocating the making of drunken driving a criminal offense T. L. Church, Conservative member for Toronto Broadview yesterday strongly urged the suspension of fit and run drivers license for six months and a year in jail for racing on the highway or cutting in and out of traffic, highway killers to be barred from driving for two years, no drivers' licenses for anyone under 18 years of age, confiscation of cars for some offences and re-wording of sections dealing with drunk-driving. These were some of the provisions of a bill sponsored by the veteran Toronto member.

Justice Minister Lapointe moved adjournment of the debate on the bill to give him time to study its terms before presenting a government measure. He said the government bill would incorporate many changes in the Criminal Code, some of them dealing with automobile traffic.

Meanwhile, the justice department would give careful consideration to the terms of the Church bill, Mr. Lapointe said, and anything found to be practical would be incorporated. At the same time he pointed to administrative difficulties because of provincial traffic laws which might come in conflict with federal legislation.

The minister agreed with members from all sections of the House that stringent methods must be adopted to stop the annual toll of lives and damage to property on the highways. Perhaps a conference with provincial officials might lead to uniform legislation of sufficient strength.

Conservative Leader Bennett led the members, irrespective of party, to press for use of the Criminal Code in attacking Canada's highway traffic problems. Only then could there be universal application of drastic laws which would have sufficient teeth in them to act as deterrents, he said.

Conservative Leader Bennett said the whole question was whether traffic violations should be made criminal offences. He believed they should.

Young children up to 15 or 16 were not strong enough to handle a car on the highway, Mr. Bennett said. To allow them to drive was carelessness on the part of those charged with responsibility. Licenses were not

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COMMISSION IN CAPITAL CITY APRIL 19



Members of the Royal Commission on relations between the Dominion and the Provinces which will sit in Fredericton on April 19th. The chief purpose of the commission is to "provide for a re-examination of the economic and financial basis of Confederation and of the distribution of legislative powers in the light of the economic and social developments of the past 70 years." The commission will hold public meetings in all parts of Canada. Left to right, our picture shows H. F. Angus, professor of economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Hon. Thibadeau

Rinfret, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa; Hon. Newton W. Rowell, Chief Justice of Ontario, Toronto, chairman; John W. Daeoe, president and editor-in-chief, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg; and R. A. MacKay, professor of government at Dalhousie University, Halifax. Hon. Thibadeau Rinfret shown above has retired and has been replaced by Dr. Joseph Sirois.

The Commission has already sat at Winnipeg, Edmonton, Halifax and Charlottetown.

Premier Dymally in making the announcement this morning of the sit-

ting in the Capital stated that on April 19th, it is expected, the Legislative Assembly will have completed its session and the Assembly Chamber will be available for the sittings of the Commission.

"It cannot be said at the moment," added the Premier, "how long it will take to receive the submission of the Provincial Government and presentations that may be made by public bodies, but it is learned that the Commission is free until the following Monday when hearings open elsewhere."

B. C. WANTS TO LEARN IF JAPS BOOTLEGGED

Pattullo Asks Ottawa to Probe Reports Immigration Agreement With Tokio Is Being Violated

VICTORIA, Feb. 18—Premier Pattullo said today he has asked the Dominion Government to make careful investigation to determine if there has been any "bootlegging" of Japanese into British Columbia.

The Premier said he had referred to Ottawa the reports of violation of the "gentlemen's agreement" allowing 150 Japanese to enter Canada each year. This, he said, should be closely investigated by the Federal authorities.

Allegation that the "gentlemen's agreement" may have been disregarded and that Japanese in excess of the agreed limit were entering British

Columbia was made by Captain MacGregor Macintosh, Conservative member of the British Columbia Legislature for the Islands, who urged a special census of Japanese.

The Premier said he had not asked for a census, but for the investigation to show whether there was "bootlegging."

A survey by the Economic Council, made at the Premier's instructions last month, disclosed the Japanese now exceed Chinese in the Province and have increased their numbers from 15,000 to 25,000 in fifteen years partly by natural growth and partly by immigration.