

FEDERAL MEMBER BELIEVES LAND HUNGRY NATIONS MAY BE WATCHING CANADA

New Elections Law Is Introduced In The Local Legislature

Married Women To Be Designated on Election Lists In Husbands' Names

MARKING THE BALLOTS

An Amendment to the Old Act Gives Revisors Power To Strike Off and Add Names On Own Knowledge

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General introduced a bill making amendments to the present election act. The bill which is a lengthy one does not contain many new features...

IN LEGISLATURE

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 25—Lieutenant Governor Murray MacLaren today visited the New Brunswick Legislature and assented to 13 government and 36 private bills that had been given third reading...

Numerous provisions in the old act respecting eligibility of members to sit in the Legislature have been taken out and will be incorporated in a new Legislative Assembly act...

Throughout the measure introduced today an effort has been made to make its provisions intelligible to the laymen and to clarify meanings as much as possible.

"So far as principles are concerned," Mr. McNair said, "there are no changes. We are not departing from (Continued on Page Four)

MR. FOSTER, M.L.A., KINGS, TAKES ISSUE ON THE B. N. A. ACT QUESTION

Son of Dominion Senate Head Does Not Agree With Provincial Government Contentions On British North America Act

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon W.W.V. Foster, Liberal (Kings) rose to question a privilege and corrected a statement made on Wednesday last by Hon. J. B. McNair in the budget debate. In that debate Mr. McNair stated that eleven members of the House in 1936 had approved the action of the Dominion Government at the Dominion Provincial Conference of 1935...

with the principle agreed upon by other provinces that power of amending the B. N. A. Act should be transferred from Westminster and lie with the Dominion and provinces by mutual consent. Mr. Foster wished to put himself on record as being opposed to the stand taken by the Attorney General and other members of the Government.

Mr. Foster is the son of former Premier Hon. W. E. Foster who was later Secretary of State in the Mackenzie King cabinet, and who is now Speaker of the Canadian Senate. Whether this fact unconsciously influences Mr. Foster in regard to the stand which he takes we do not know. Mr. Foster is one of the bright young men in the Legislature and is fair and square, which of course does (Continued on Page Five)

Prevent The Mosquito

LAST year the residents of this city, especially those living in the rear end of the city, were very much inconvenienced from a plague of mosquitoes. The condition last year was worse than former years owing to the fact that in the early spring season the proper precautions to guard against mosquito conditions had not been taken. According to authorities connected with the Dominion Entomological Station in this city the matter of fighting the mosquito nuisance is a simple and a comparatively inexpensive one...

The proper time to deal with the mosquito nuisance is in the early spring following the spring rains. If, when the proper time comes, the City Engineer's department, which department, we understand, has charge of the work will get busy, much of the inconvenience experienced last year, and which was remarked upon by tourists and other visitors to the city, should be eliminated. It is to be hoped that those who have the responsibility in connection with this matter will act on this suggestion.

In other cities, notably in Winnipeg, the citizens spend many hundreds of dollars a year to fight the mosquito menace. We in this city can get off comparatively easy if we take the matter in hand in time, otherwise this menace will grow.

Province Pays For Board of Certain School Children

An expenditure of Four Hundred Dollars which was passed in the estimates yesterday by the House in Committee at the Legislature was explained by the Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education. In certain sections of the province there are children residing in districts that are organized but where there is no school. In such cases the children's board is paid by the province until such time as there is a school provided in their own district which they can attend.



Clarence Darrow, famous United States "counsel for the defence," who died recently in Chicago

BERLIN, VATICAN NEAR ACCORD

BERLIN, March 26—Roman Catholic quarters predicted yesterday that an understanding would be reached soon on starting negotiations between Berlin and the Vatican on disputed points in the concordat. Msgr. Cesare Orsenigo called on Joachim von Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister today and conversed with him at length. Another conversation took place a few days ago. It was assumed that when the talks had been completed, the Vatican would issue an important message concerning relations between the Reich and the Roman Catholic church which would be read from the pulpits of all Roman Catholic churches in Germany.

Czechoslovakia Reported Making Coup Impossible

PARIS, March 25—Informed persons said tonight Czechoslovakia had informed France that the Praha Government had taken adequate precautions to render "impossible" a successful internal coup by the German minority.

POPE ACTS TO HELP NOTED JEW'S FAMILY

VATICAN CITY, March 26—Pope Pius was revealed yesterday to have intervened personally to bring relief to the impoverished family of the German-Jewish savant, Heinrich Hertz, now a refugee in England. The Pontiff, learning of their plight instructed Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, to extend them all possible help. Hertz's wife and daughter are Christian Protestants.

GIVE PAINTING OF CORONATION TO HIS MAJESTY

LONDON, March 26—A painting of the coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth—a gift from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—was presented at Buckingham Palace yesterday by the High Commissioners of the Dominions, acting for their respective Prime Ministers. The painting, by Frank O. Salisbury, depicts the scene in Westminster Abbey last May 12, with the King crowned and holding the two sceptres after having received the Bible from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BR. LABOR COUNCIL CONDEMNS POLICY OF PREMIER CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, March 26—At an emergency meeting called by the National Council of Labor a manifesto was prepared and issued in condemnation of the policy of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain which was disclosed in the British House of Commons on Thursday. The Labor leaders demanded an immediate meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations to consider "the appeasement of Europe" and declared "the government's continuance in office is a grave menace to the peace of Europe."

The council's political wing rallied trade union representatives—whose co-operation is essential to the success of Mr. Chamberlain's re-armament speed-up plan—to support the attack. But despite it, some quarters believed Labor would co-operate.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR PRESENTED BUST

OTTAWA, March 26—Lord Tweedsmuir today received a bust of himself done in bronze, the work of Mrs. Silvercruys-Farnham, jr., of New York, sister and hostess of Baron Silvercruys, Belgian consul-general to Canada.

The presentation took place last night at a dinner party at the Belgian Legation. While the Governor-General sat informally in his study, the bust was completed in four sittings.

Canada Might Be Juicy Morsel For Land Hungry Nations

Defense Minister Urges Establishment of Adequate Air Force To Guard Coasts

PUBLIC SHOULD DECIDE POLICY

If Britain Goes To War Canada Need Not Follow, Is Bulk Of Opinion

Sir Howard D'Egville Is Given Tribute By Prem. A. A. Dysart

Sir Howard d'Egville, of London, England, is at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, and was the speaker at the Empire Club yesterday. He will leave later for Ottawa and Quebec, and will tour the United States before returning to England. In his honor Hon. N. O. Hipel and Hon. Peter Heenan entertained at dinner in the Yellow Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

N. B.—Premier Dysart in his speech in closing the debate on the budget this week in the Legislature referred in terms of praise paid a tribute to Sir Howard d'Egville as follows: "One cannot overlook the wonderful contribution, energy and skill of Sir Howard d'Egville, shall I say that Empire builder, who virtually founded and developed the British Empire Parliamentary Association."

OTTAWA, March 26—Seeking the approval of a defense program of an expenditure of thirty-four million dollars for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1939, Defense Minister Hon. Mr. McKenzie stated his opinion that there was a possibility the day might come when Canada might be called upon to take a stand against brute force, might and ruthlessness in common with other democratic nations.

Canada's defense policy now is the same as a year ago, he declared. It is a long-range armament policy directed to the defence of Canadian neutrality, of Canadian coasts and Canadian ports against aggression or raid from any quarter. There are no commitments and no plans for operations outside Canada or for participation in any war beyond Canadian territory.

Canada was definitely opposed, to extraneous commitments and entanglements and public opinion favored a rational policy of defence. The vast bulk of opinion was against the doctrine that when Great Britain was at war Canada should be at war and (Continued on Page Five)

Insurgent Troops Have Advanced To Within 25 Miles Of Catalonia

Gov't. Town Burjaraloz Surrenders Readily to Franco's Troops

HENDAYE, France, March 26—Spanish insurgent troops broke through the government's defences yesterday and advanced to within 25 miles of Catalonia, target of the northeastern campaign. General Franco's forces swept through the government stronghold of Burjaraloz and pursued fleeing government troops down the Zaragoza-Barcelona highway.

Their next objective was Fraga, 25 miles to the east and a gateway to Catalonia, Spain's northeastern corner. The highway leads from Fraga to Lerida, key Catalonia city, and on to Barcelona, present government capital. North of the highway, another insurgent army was aimed at Lerida. A Spanish government statement declared Franco's onrushing armies included "40,000 Italians, 60,000 Moors, 10,000 Germans" and Portuguese, Rumanians and Hungarians. It added that the retreat was orderly, and that "our will to resist is entirely unchanged."

General Franco's insurgent forces pushed eastward today and captured Burjaraloz, government stronghold on the highway to Barcelona. Government troops yielded the town without a struggle to insurgent forces, driving to add Catalonia, Spain's northeastern corner, to already-conquered northern and western Spain. Burjaraloz is only 45 miles west of Lerida, Catalonia's key city.

Hard-fighting insurgent infantry, cavalry and artillery units crossed the Ebro River on hurriedly thrown up pontoon bridges and fanned out over a wide area to the north. Troops advancing along the Lerida highway, a smooth paved tourist route to the French frontier, encountered only slight resistance on a 10-mile march from Ventade and Santa Lucia. To the rear, long columns of troops continued to pour across the Ebro near Quinto, about 30 miles south of Zaragoza.

Japan Trying To Buy Oil From Mexico

TOKIO, March 26—Through private companies Japan is preparing to offer Mexico a huge oil contract for the purchase of nearly 500,000 barrels of crude oil annually, it was learned today. The contract would provide for Japanese technical assistance in the construction of pipelines and the improvement of harbors on Mexico's Pacific coast.

FINANCIAL EXPERT IS REORGANIZING COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Conditions Deplorable When Present Administration Came Into Power

Replying to the Opposition in answer to an enquiry as to the duties of the financial expert A. B. P. Williams of Montreal who was at present on the staff of the Department of the Comptroller, Premier A. A. Dysart gave the following explanations: When the present administration came into power they found the financial affairs of the province in a deplorable condition. The Government got in touch with the firm of P. S. Ross and Sons of Montreal internationally famous accountants whose services had been retained by

Ontario Dept. Has Ordered Inquest Into Death Sask. Premier

GUELPH, Ont., March 26—Dr. E. R. Frankish, medico-legal expert of the Ontario attorney-general's department, returned to Toronto last night after examining the body of Hon. Walter Scott, Saskatchewan's first premier, who died in Homewood Sanitarium near here Wednesday.

It was learned the department will decide tomorrow whether to conduct an inquest when Dr. Frankish submits his report. The result of his examination was not disclosed. Dr. Frankish came here to examine the body after Dr. J. P. Mackinnon, coroner, announced he would conduct an inquest on instructions received from the department.

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the Opposition when they were in power and who have since audited the accounts and been familiar with the whole financial setup of the province. The manager of this firm advised securing the services of a financial expert and recommended A. B. P. Williams of Montreal whose duties are to reorganize the department. There is no stated time as to his employment due principally to the fact that the service of Mr. Williams were secured with difficulty. Mr. Williams felt that he could not very well leave his business in Montreal, but he however consented to come to the province and help to reorganize the department. The work of the Comptroller General's Department has steadily increased during the last fifteen years. (Continued on Page Five)