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R. L. CALDER K. C. SAYS THAT HE NEVER WAS AND NEVER WILL BE A COMMUNIST

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FAITHFUL PUBLIC MAN

Death Followed Many Months of Illness; Is Widely Mourned

(Special to The Daily Mail) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 11—Whilst not unexpected the death of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor for New Brunswick which took place at 10.00 o'clock last night was heard with sincere regret as it will be heard with regret throughout the province where he was widely known. Dr. Roberts' illness extended over several months. After undergoing an operation at Montreal he had shown steady improvement until a couple of weeks ago when he suffered a relapse. He rallied early this week but his condition again became grave. Dr. Roberts was sixty-eight years of age. His death is the second within a month of representative citizens of Saint John. Hon. W. M. Ryan, M.P. for Saint John—Albert having passed away a few weeks ago.



HON. DR. W. F. ROBERTS Minister of Health and Labor, who passed away at Saint John Last Evening

Hon. William Francis Roberts, minister of health and labor in the government of New Brunswick, had the distinction of being the first minister of health in the British Empire. He was a lifelong citizen of Saint John and during his entire career lived at the place where he had been born—4 Douglas Avenue.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1869, son of John Vincent and Hannah Sheek (Porter) Roberts. His mother belonged to Ward's Creek, Kings county, and his father was of Welsh extraction. His father early was employed in the shipbuilding industry, and then became a singing master and by his own industry and efforts prepared himself for Normal School, from which he graduated. He had the distinction of teaching the first school in the North End under the public school system.

Dr. Roberts was educated in the public schools of Saint John and matriculated from the University of New Brunswick. He graduated in medicine from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City on March 26, 1894. During his entire life, Dr. Roberts had very close affiliation with the Liberal party and was prominent in all its organizations. He was in the front rank when political strife was keen and the party was passing

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Hon. Dr. Roberts

A KINDLY HEART WAS STILLED, a loyal citizen, a loving husband, a true friend and a conscientious faithful public man passed to his reward at ten o'clock last evening when Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor and the man who established the first health ministry in the British Empire died at his home in Saint John. Dr. Roberts had been in failing health for many months. Only his immediate friends knew how keenly he suffered at times, but he bore his sufferings with christian fortitude and with cheerfulness that was amazing. Only a few weeks ago the writer received a cheerful letter from the doctor in which no intimation whatever was given of the sufferings through which he was passing.

Dr. Roberts was a skilled physician and a man of many fine qualities. To him is due the credit of establishing the first Department of Health, not only in this province but throughout the British Empire. This department was started entirely through vision and determination on the part of Dr. Roberts and in the face of active opposition, but Dr. Roberts lived to see the day when this department of which he was the father not only flourished but it was copied by many other provinces throughout the Empire. The opposition to the establishment of this department was strong at first. So strong was it that Dr. Roberts threatened to resign from the Cabinet unless this department was established and he offered to serve as the first Minister of Health for one year without salary in order to see the department established. The writer of this article had intimate connection with Dr. Roberts in promoting a publicity campaign in connection with the Public Health Department being convinced that Dr. Roberts was absolutely sincere in his work to promote public health. He put this work above all matters of politics and the fact that he was a member of the Cabinet and a member of the Legislature was only a secondary consideration with him and only of value to him insofar as it aided him in promoting the scheme for the public good which was nearest his heart. One has only to go into the figures and statistics of health conditions in this province to recognize the benefit which has accrued from the Department of Health. Dr. Roberts passes from the scene, but his efforts in connection with public health will live after him and when the history of New Brunswick or of the Health Records of the British Empire come to be written and read, the name of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, the first Minister of Health should occupy a prominent place on these Records.

One has only to examine the statistics of the last decade or so to see what strides have been made in public health in New Brunswick in that period. During the same period there have been many advances, the credit for which may justly be given to Hon. Dr. Roberts.

The death of Dr. Roberts is a distinct loss not only to the city of which he was a native but to the province of New Brunswick which he served so faithfully and well.

UNIONISTS NORTH IRELAND DID NOT LOSE SINGLE SEAT IN THE ELECTION

BELFAST, Feb. 11—With thirty-five seats conceded and the Nationalists parly with eight, Viscount Craigavon's Unionist government remains supreme in Northern Ireland.

With all counting in yesterday's general election completed today with the exception of the four-member constituency of Queen's University, the Unionist government was returned stronger than before.

It did not lose a seat while gaining two. Its victories today, with 14 acclamations on nomination day, gave

it 35 seats. In the last House the government held 37 seats, including the four Queen's University seats. Results in that constituency, where proportional representation voting was used, will be announced today.

Flank attacks by dissident Unionists failed. The Independent Unionists retained two seats they had before but lost their leader, W. M. Wilton. The Progressive Unionists failed to elect a single candidate, their leader, William J. Stewart going down with all his supporters.

A third party leader to be defeated was Harry Midgeley, head of the Labor group, who lost in a three-cornered fight in the Dock division of Belfast. He lost the Nationalist vote, which previously supported him, by his attitude in backing the Spanish government in the civil war. The (Continued on Page Five)

Lawson Wants Information New Broadcast Station

OTTAWA, Feb. 11—Four questions in yesterday's House of Commons Votes and Proceedings relate to the operations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and all are asked by J. Earl Lawson (Conservative, York-South).

Mr. Lawson wants to know about the purchase of the property near Hornby, Ont., for the erection of the Corporation's 50,000-watt station. Who acted as purchasing agent of the Corporation, what commission was paid, who were the valuers, what remuneration did they receive and, in general, what amounts have been spent on the Hornby station, are all queries Mr. Lawson wants answered.

Cabinet Will Attend Funeral Hon. Dr. Roberts

SAINT JOHN, Feb. 11—It is understood that Premier Dysart and other members of the Provincial Cabinet will attend the funeral of Hon. Dr. Roberts, which is expected to take place in Saint John on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Warwick, deputy minister of health, and other members of the Department and of the medical profession will be present. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

SEE SILENCING OF MEDIATOR PARTY IN BR. COMMONS

Carefully Laid Plans of London Conservative Group Blasted

LONDON, Feb. 11—Far from being a mere Cabinet crisis, the second Nazi purge so far bloodless has proved to be a political earthquake with more serious implications to Europe than any event since Adolf Hitler seized power. The shock was severely felt in London, where the carefully laid plans of a powerful group of British Conservatives to effect a British-German settlement seems to have been destroyed.

While there is unanimity here as to the cause of the Berlin upheaval, there are two questions on everybody's lips which only the future can answer. Have the main shocks of this German crisis passed, or are there still more to come? What will they mean to Europe?

The German working-class girl now honeymooning with ex-War Minister von Blomberg at Capri is recognized as only the occasion of the crisis.

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ROBICHEAU PETITION IS CIRCULATED

Sponsors Seek Commutation of Sentence; Announce Appeal

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 11—That grounds for an appeal of the verdict at the trial of William Henry Robicheau would be given on February 16, was the announcement yesterday of G. Earle Logan, who acted as Robicheau's defense counsel when he was tried for the murder of Aaron Nathan Cohen on Dec. 17. Robicheau was sentenced to die, by Mr. Justice Fairweather, on April 20, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The appellate division of the Supreme Court has already commenced its sittings and has announced that the Robicheau appeal will be heard at any time it is presented.

Petitions for the commutation of the death sentence are being circulated around the city and it is understood

German Authorities Deny Sensational Reports Upheaval

Spokesmen Weary Answering Inquiries From Various European Countries Proposed Changes

HITLER'S HEALTH FAILING

Rumors Continue to Circulate Despite Official Assurance

COUSIN OF DR. ROBERTS DIED AT SAME HOUR

(Special to The Daily Mail) VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 11—Dr. Frank B. Patterson, leader of the Opposition of the British Columbia Legislature passed away last evening. Dr. Patterson who is a native of St. Martins, N. B., and a graduate of McGill University practiced at Westfield, N. B., for three years before taking up his residence in the west.

Dr. Patterson is a cousin of the late Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts who died at Saint John last evening and the death of these two gentlemen at about the same hour is a strange coincidence. Both practiced medicine, each of them took an active interest in Legislative affairs in their respective provinces, both were natives of New Brunswick and both passed away at practically the same time.

Dr. Patterson was a prominent physician. He once attended on His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester following an accident in which the latter suffered from a broken collar bone.

BERLIN, Feb. 11—Reports of army revolt, street fighting, execution of generals and closing of German frontiers has been emphatically denied by German authorities.

It is also reported that Reichschancellor Adolf Hitler is in poor health and that he has been ordered to take a complete rest. His friends are urging the Fuehrer to take a vacation immediately after his speech to the Reichstag on February 20, when he is expected to explain his concentration of military and diplomatic power in his own hands and outline Germany's future course.

Part of Hitler's physical reaction was said to have come from personal disappointment of the fact Marshal Werner von Blomberg, his friend and resigned minister of war, was the immediate cause of the crisis.

Von Blomberg asked Hitler to be the best man at his wedding to Erika Gruhn, a carpenter's daughter, without explaining she was unwelcome to the Army. Army leaders' insistence she was "socially impossible" precipitated the crisis that led to the shake-up and Nazification of the Army. Hitler was at his Berchtesgaden Mountain retreat in Bavaria where he went with Dr. Hans Heinrich Lammers, chief of his private cabinet, for important conferences after the government sweep was decreed.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, formerly ambassador to London, returned to

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(Special to The Daily Mail) MOSCOW, Feb. 11—Russia has declined to go into the war in co-operation with China on a large scale. The Soviet country does not wish to get entangled in a Russo-Japanese conflict.

stood that a number of people have already affixed their signatures to these petitions. The source of these petitions has not yet been learned.

Saint John Police To Send Men To Fredericton For R.C.M.P. Instruction

Seeking to Improve the Force of That City

(Special to The Daily Mail) SAINT JOHN, Feb. 11—The Saint John police force recognizing the necessity of improving police conditions at headquarters, have sent Detective George E. Stubbs to Fredericton to receive a two months course of instruction in the R.C.M.P. The police officials state that they will take advantage of every opportunity to increase the efficiency of the Force. Last year one of the members of the police department, Detective Kilpatrick, attended a similar course at Ottawa.

At the training school at Fredericton the detective will be given instructions in finger-printing, photography, Criminal Code, provincial laws and general police work. Since joining the detective dept. of the force, Detective Stubbs has at his own expense and initiative, put in much time in study of the work in which he will be instructed at Fredericton and this course will give him an opportunity to further advance his knowledge of scientific crime detection.

CALDER DENIES THAT HE IS A COMMUNIST

In regard to letters which have been circulated among some university students since the arrival of Col. Calder, the Colonel says that "they contain a half truth which amounts to a whole lie." "I am not," said Col. Calder, "never have been, and never shall be a Communist." He stated this in addressing the university students at a local restaurant today. The address today was the same as has already been delivered at other points.

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, Feb. 11—Tokyo will not be the scene of the 1940 Olympic Games. This decision has not come from political reasons but due to a sense of fair play. Those in charge of the arrangements of the games do not think that it would be fair to China to do otherwise.

Small City Is Said To Be Ideal By Commissioner

Proper Zoning and Traffic Care Described by Tracy leMay

TORONTO, Feb. 11—The ideal city would be one of 35,000 people, properly zoned as to industrial and residential districts, with ample facilities for the movement of traffic, and surrounded by a green belt which would restrict its area to a set size, Tracy leMay, Commissioner of City Planning and City Surveying, told the Toronto Real Estate Board last night. Zoning, Mr. leMay pointed out, should be the fundamental consideration. Consideration would be made for prevailing winds, and the industrial area placed in that corner of

the city where the least dust and smoke would be blown over the rest of the city.

"We've also got to take into consideration the fact that the methods of transportation in use today may not be in use 100 years from now. From an economic standpoint, automobiles are the most uneconomic of any mode of transportation; they utilize too much space for the number of persons carried," he said.

"Within a hundred years, some one may have invented an atomic motor you can stick in the heel of your boot, that will propel you much more swiftly and safely to your destination than do automobiles," he suggested.



J. EARLE LAWSON, K.C.

M.P. for South York, Ont., who sought information on CBC yesterday in House of Commons