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Weather: Fair and cold; Milder Sunday.

DOMINION HOUSE WILL OPEN AT OTTAWA ON THURSDAY NEXT

Proposal To Boost Canadian Radio Fees After April First

Licenses Will Be Increased To \$2.50 After Present Radio Year

CLAIM INCREASE NECESSARY

In Maritimes People Are Not Now Getting Satisfactory Service on Radio

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 — One of the most unpopular moves yet made in regard to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is announced today from Ottawa. It is to the effect that radio license fees will be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per year, starting on April 1st next.

So far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned there is much need for improvement in the broadcasting service and at the present time the people are paying a sufficient amount considering the comparatively poor service which they are receiving.

The new regulations also provide that a separate license will be required for each receiving set, the present arrangement permitting a license to cover a house and car radio, being cancelled.

The license increase will represent a net revenue of \$650,000 a year to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, boosting to \$2,575,000 its income from this source.

The Minister said the increased revenue "is required to enable CBC to carry out its program of expansion, particularly in the direction of better programs any more complete coverage."

The Corporation, Mr. Howe said, had improved its services during the year "sufficient to indicate that further worthwhile betterments, made possible by increased revenue, will fully justify the new regulations."

"A considerable improvement in coverage already has been effected and the added revenue will enable the Corporation to extend similar improvements to the less densely populated areas of Canada," he said. "It is anticipated that the hours of broadcasting over the national network, which on Oct. 1, 1937, were increased from six to 12 hours daily, will be further increased."

"It is the problem of the Corporation to bring broadcasting service to all parts of Canada, and to do this the Corporation must necessarily look to revenue from license fees for its main financial support. Responsibilities

COMMONS WILL OPEN THURSDAY AT OTTAWA

Preparations are Being Completed; Members Going to Ottawa

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 — Preparations are rapidly being completed for the opening of the House of Commons, which takes place on Thursday afternoon next. Already many members from all parts of the Dominion are hastening back to the Capital to commence their parliamentary duties. It is expected that one of the most important programs in many years will be dealt with during the approaching session. And it is also expected that the session will extend into the summer months, when the heat of Ottawa will influence the members to wind-up their parliamentary duties.

Nearly all Cabinet Ministers who have been away at different times during the last month have returned to the capital. The last of the group, Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, who spent the week in the Maritime Provinces, is expected to arrive back in Ottawa this evening. The ceremonies at the opening this year promise to be in accordance with the time-honored customs and when the cannons on Parliament Hill boom forth on Thursday afternoon announcing another session as being opened, the social season at the Federal Capital will have commenced.

ties of public service broadcasting make it desirable to limit the commercial activities of CBC to within reasonable limits.

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Why The Secrecy?

DURING the past couple of weeks tenders have been received by the Fredericton School Board for a quantity of coal to be supplied to the different city schools. The School Board as was their right to do, accepted the tender of S. S. Baird for a certain quantity of coal. The coal in question comes from one of the Minto mines and from one of the best mines located in that area. The complaint however is made by certain parties who tendered that when they went to the School Board to find out at what figure the tender was given, and who was the lowest tenderer this information was denied them. It would seem to be the right of those who tendered for supplying the coal to know just how they stood in regard to their tender and just what the figures of their competitors were and whether or not the lowest tender was accepted. Of course the lowest or any tender may not always be accepted. One has to consider various things including the quality of the article to be supplied before accepting the same.

The Fredericton School Board however, true to form, forgets that it is a public institution spending the money of the public to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars per year, and, that the public should know the facts in regard to these expenditures. BUT THE PUBLIC DO NOT KNOW ANY FACTS CONNECTED WITH THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD UNLESS THAT BODY DEEMS FIT TO PUBLISH THE SAME. As has been stated in this paper many times THE MEETINGS OF THE FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE PRESS. After each meeting of the Board the Secretary acting under orders from the Board publishes a "report," NOT OF EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON AT THE MEETING, BUT JUST SO MUCH OF WHAT GOES ON AS THE FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD WISHES THE PUBLIC TO KNOW. The Daily Mail has consistently refused to publish this report because we believe that it does not contain all the information which the public should know. We believe that the meetings of the School Board should be open to the public in the same manner as are the meetings of the Fredericton City Council and that the public and the press should be allowed to be present at these meetings. On one occasion a couple of years ago The Daily Mail sent a reporter to the School Board and he was refused admission on the order of the Chairman of the Board. THE ACTION OF THE FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD IN HOLDING ITS SECRET MEETINGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF CRITICISM FROM VARIOUS PAPERS THROUGHOUT CANADA. It was only a few months ago that a leading paper in this province referring to the matter stated that "An indignant public should batter the closed door down, and go in and see what was going on." We imagine that this was meant in a figurative sense. The School Board however sticks to its antiquated ideas and refuses to make its meetings public. Whether true or not the idea prevails that when secret meetings are held by any organization which acts on behalf of the public that there must be something to hide.

In almost every city, town and hamlet throughout the province the meetings of the school boards are open to the public who

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Life Companies Back Dual Control of Insurance Business

Brief to Rowell Commission Supports Present System

SUGGESTS REALLOCATION AUTHORITY

Also Suggests Amendments To The British North America Act

RECOGNIZE WOODS AS LIVING UNITS SAYS PROF. GIBSON

U.N.B. Professor of Forestry Addresses University Alumni

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 22 — Likening forestry as an economic mainstay, Prof. J. Miles Gibson, professor of forestry at the University of New Brunswick, last night declared: "Forestry is part of the motor power not only in our national economic life but particularly in our provincial economic life." Prof. Gibson was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Associated Alumni of the University of New Brunswick at the Admiralty Beatty Hotel.

He described the part played by the department, its students and its graduates as economic factors, tracing the development of forestry from the days of the Greeks and Romans, principally through economic necessity. He told of its influence in Canada, saying Dr. C. C. Jones, president of the university, was largely instrumental in its establishment as a department at U.N.B. in 1908.

The thirty years of departmental work at U.N.B. was reviewed, showing graduates were serving with distinction to keep alive forest conservation throughout Canada, Newfoundland and England. He defined forestry as the management of forests and forest land on a sustained yield basis. It recognizes forests as living units, he stated, being capable of direction, influenced by origin and environment and their products considered as a crop.

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Braddock Says That Horseshoe Brought Him Victory

(Special to The Daily Mail)
NEW YORK, Jan. 22 — James J. Braddock says that the horseshoe given to him by Dr. John (Jaffie) Condon is responsible for his winning the fight last night over Tommy Farr. The horseshoe was made by Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion, given to Braddock by Condon. Condon speaking with Braddock in the latter's dressing room after the fight told him that he was just coming back into his own in the ring and that the horseshoe had nothing to do with his winning.

Senator Dandurand Forty Years In Public Life

(Special to The Daily Mail)
OTTAWA, Jan. 22 — Raoul Dandurand is celebrating his fortieth anniversary of service to his Government. He is now a member of the King Cabinet. He represented the King Administration in 1921 and also represents the Government in the Senate at the present time.



Left to right: Mr. de Valera, Chief Justice Sullivan, president of the high court, and Frank Fany, chairman of the Dail Eirann at the Government building prior to departure for Dublin Castle.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22—Continuance of the division of authority between the Federal Government and the provinces in the matter of life insurance is advocated by the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association in its brief to the Rowell Commission.

While admitting that controversy has arisen from dual control in the past and that there is much to be said for the recommendation of the Manitoba Government that exclusive jurisdiction should be undertaken by the Dominion because of the national character of the business and the desirability of eliminating any duplication of services, the brief states the provinces have for many years legislated in respect to life insurance contracts and licensed life insurance agents in a manner acceptable to all. Through the medium of the Uniform Life Insurance Act uniformity of legislation has been attained in eight out of nine provinces.

Specifically, it is suggested that the law of life insurance contracts as exemplified by the Uniform Life Insurance Act of the provinces and comparable provisions in the Quebec civil code, and the licensing of life insurance agents, be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces, but that all other matters concerning the supervision (licensing, solvency, investments, inspections and reports) of life insurance companies doing business in more than one province, and the regulation of the life insurance business generally, be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion.

As regards possible reallocation of responsibilities as between governments, the association states it has no authority to venture into the field of controversy involved in a determination of what burdens with regard to social services should be allocated to the different government bodies.

However, in another part of the brief it is stated that if, as and when there is an assumption by the Dominion of further responsibility for social services, there will doubtless be some reallocation of taxing powers to give

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A. G. McAVITY MAY BE LIBERAL NOMINEE IN SAINT JOHN-ALBERT

If Election Comes Will Be Opposed By D. King Hazen

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 22—"I can only say that I am in the field," stated Allan G. McAvity, when questioned regarding the approaching by-election for a federal representative to fill the seat of the late William M. Ryan, K.C., M.P.

Mr. McAvity refused to make further comment, indicating that any other information would have to come from E. J. Henneberry, M.L.A. Mr. Henneberry said that the final selection of a candidate would, of course, rest with the Liberal convention which is slated to be held in the near future. He stated that the actual date of this important confab will probably be made known today.

Mr. McAvity is the first to give definite word that he will accept a nomination for the candidacy. Mr. Henneberry pointed out that nobody has as yet "officially" signified his attention of accepting a nomination. "Several

names have been mentioned," he said, "but there is nothing official."

Among those mentioned as possible Liberal nominees, besides Mr. McAvity were W. A. I. Anglin, James B. Dever, and Neil McLean. To date, they have given no public intimation that they will enter the field.

When queried regarding the situation in Argenteuil, Mr. McAvity said, "We are not interested in that at all." Not so the Conservative faction here, however. Expecting to have definite word from the Quebec constituency yesterday regarding the possibility of a Conservative candidate being returned by acclamation, they were still awaiting this word this morning. If the Conservative is returned unopposed in that district, local Tories have stated that they will concede the Saint John-Albert seat to the Liberals.

Should an election come in Argenteuil (Continued on Page Four)