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## TORIES TO FORM NATIONAL COUNCIL ENDEAVOR REORGANIZE PARTY IN CANADA

### National Committee Wants New Name And Policies For Tories

National Convention in Ottawa to be Held at the Earliest Date Possible in Coming Summer

TO REORGANIZE IN EVERY PROVINCE

R. B. Bennett Will Continue Until New Leader Is Found

The resignation from the leadership of the Conservative Party was announced on Saturday by the leader himself. The Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett told the meeting of the National Conservative Conference that he was compelled to resign the party leadership to a heart condition and that he would remain in office until the end of the session and until his successor had been named by a National Convention which is to take place this summer in Ottawa.

In tendering his resignation, Mr. Bennett urged the conference to look forward to the party's future — to make plans for victory. He declared new times demanded new economic policies.

After expressions of appreciation for Mr. Bennett's services to Canada and the Conservative party, conferees representing every province in Canada started arrangements for a national convention to be held as soon as possible after Parliament's prorogation. At that convention a new leader will be chosen and a new statement of policies will be drafted.

Secretary Gordon Graydon, House member for Peel, said the conference was unanimous of the desirability of a new party name. The name unanimously adopted for submission to the national convention was "The National Conservative party."

The conference of Conservative senators, House members and representatives from each province decided to form a national council immediately to direct organization. Those named yesterday will hold office until their appointments are ratified by provincial organizations or their successors are appointed.

This temporary council will establish at once a national committee to arrange for the convention which will probably be held in mid-July but possibly may be postponed to August.

From the moment delegates to last week's conference started arriving in Ottawa, some as early as Wednesday, discussion outside the conference itself tinged on Mr. Bennett's intentions. In the conference there was no mention of leadership until Mr. Bennett made his announcement.

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### CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO BE EXECUTED WHEREVER FOUND, JAP FOR. MIN. SAYS

TOKIO, March 7—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will be beheaded summarily whenever and wherever he is found, Foreign Minister Koki Hirota told the Japanese Diet tonight.

Replying to interpellations, Hirota said he could not predict the duration of the China hostilities. He declared he cannot imagine any foreign power intervening on behalf of Chiang Kai-shek, whose extermination has been decided upon by the Japanese.

Hope Abandoned  
Hirota's statement indicated that the Japanese have given up hope of making peace terms with Chiang, and that the last peace feelers, made about three weeks ago through the German Embassy in Hankow, had been rejected by Chiang.

For the first time, a responsible official of the Japanese government finally closed the door to negotiations with Chiang. The latter was reported last at Hankow at his secret head-

### INSURGENTS LOSE 10,000 CRUISER IN SEA BATTLE

MADRID, March 7—Spanish government warships torpedoed a 10,000-ton insurgent cruiser in a dramatic naval battle before dawn yesterday, leaving the shattered warships identity wrapped in flames off the southeastern coast of Spain.

Government planes joined the sea engagement, 75 miles east of Cape Palos in the Mediterranean, at daylight, taking additional toll of the insurgent fleet.

### Tribute To Sir Jas. MacBrien

"There is no man in the force whose passing will be felt more deeply than that of our commissioner," Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division of the R. C. M. P. here, stated today. "He was more of a friend to all of us than anything." Major Bruce added, "and it is really beyond me to make fitting tribute to him."

During the past summer Sir James made two visits to this city, one early in the summer and the other in early September. During his last visit he inspected the reserve which was at that time in training in the city as well as the complete force stationed here. The flags on all R.C.M.P. detachments will remain at half mast until after the funeral.

At all times Sir James was noted for his gentlemanly demeanor. Courteous and thoughtful, he was highly respected by all. His courtesy to the press and readiness to oblige won him popularity and favorable comment in many sections.

### New Brunswick Rights Ignored

THE reply which Hon. C. D. Howe made to Premier Dysart in regard to the latter's protest against Montreal being selected as the terminus for the trans-Atlantic air route is a reply that looks very much as if the Minister of Transport at Ottawa were trying to "pass the buck." New Brunswickers are not in the humor to stand buck passing especially when it comes to being again made the goat for upper province interests. New Brunswick has been sacrificed time after time, by both of the political parties at Ottawa, to meet the wishes of Montreal and other upper province interests with a pull at the Federal Capital.

When we were fighting for the bridge we were informed that the matter rested entirely "with the railway authorities at Montreal." Now we are informed that "neither Mr. Howe nor the people can influence the decision of the air ways or Pan-American Company as to whether these Companies will make Shediac or Montreal their Canadian terminal, final choice will probably depend on results of further experimental flights." We believe that this is more or less "bunk" and the general public will also so believe it as such. It is a strange thing, and mighty poor business if Canada should leave to these companies the decision regarding the selection of the route.

It has always been assumed that Confederation existed for the benefit of all the people, not those of any particular section. But history down through the seventy-odd years makes it difficult for us to believe anything else than that New Brunswick and the Maritimes have been discriminated against. It is, we know, an historic argument. It is, as we believe, an argument which can be fully justified.

CONFEDERATION, WHICH THIS PROVINCE ENTERED INTO IN 1867, WAS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN AN AGREEMENT. It was an agreement in which we were one of the makers. In the making of this agreement, we were guaranteed many things which were not afterwards given us. IN ADDITION TO THESE THINGS WE ARE NOW IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE BEING MADE THE SCAPEGOATS FOR CENTRAL CANADA ESPECIALLY THE INTERESTS OF MONTREAL AND THESE INTERESTS SEEM TO PREDOMINATE NO MATTER WHAT POLITICAL PARTY IS IN POWER AT OTTAWA.

This matter of securing the trans-Atlantic air terminus at Shediac is not a matter of party politics—at least it should not be so. It is something that is for the benefit of our province. AS POINTED OUT BY PREMIER DYSART THE OTHER DAY TECHNICALIANS REPRESENTING THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS ARE AGREED THAT THE SAFEST AND MOST EFFICIENT ROUTE IS VIA SHEDIAC. This being so any further side-stepping to our mind sounds very much like passing the buck.



RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT who resigned leadership of the Conservative Party due to ill health

### Properties Sold As Site For Service Station

The Estabrooks property on the corner of King and Westmorland Streets, and the Chase property on King Street have been purchased by the Valley Motor Company, Ltd. Although it could not be officially verified this morning, it is understood

### BABBITT PARLEE JOINT WINNER OF SMITH SHIELD

HALIFAX, N. S., March 7—The Smith shield, emblematic of supremacy at the bar of the moot court of Dalhousie University here, has been won this year by Babbitt Parlee, of Moncton, and Benson Rodgers, who were adjudged winners over Ian MacKiegan and Albert Hanway in the final trial of the year. Mr. Justice Doull, of the supreme court of Nova Scotia; Hon. J. H. MacQuarrie, attorney-general of Nova Scotia; and J. A. Walker, K.C., president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, presided on the bench. The case was an appeal from the supreme court of Alberta concerning the negligence of a hospital nurse. In the decision the judges announced that Messrs. Parlee and Rodgers had produced the best argument, but that the appeal was dismissed. Mr. Walker dissenting in the dismissal.

N. B.—Mr. Parlee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee who are both former residents of Fredericton. He is a nephew of Mrs. Harry Hobson of this city and has had a brilliant scholastic record. His many friends throughout the province will wish him continued success.

that the buildings will be removed, and a large modern service station erected on the site. Work on the project is expected to get under way in the near future.

### DISTINGUISHED CANAD. SOLDIER DIED SATURDAY

Chief of Mounties, Sir Jas. MacBrien III Several Weeks

After an illness of several weeks, Sir James MacBrien, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., died in hospital here early Saturday night. He was a distinguished Canadian soldier. Sir James was 59. Coming out of retirement in 1931 Sir James was appointed to command the R.C.M.P. in 1931, three years after retiring on pension as first chief of the general staff of the department of national defence. He was knighted in 1935.

Funeral service, with full military honors, will be held in St. Paul's Anglican Church this afternoon. Following the service, Sir James' body will be taken by a military escort to the Union Station where it will be placed aboard a train for Ottawa. Burial will take place in Ottawa, Tuesday.

Veteran of the old Royal Northwest Mounted Police, Sir James had a brilliant military career before taking over command of the red-coated police force, reorganizing and developing it to high modern efficiency.

At the time he became head of the R.C.M.P. Sir James held the rank of major-general. He served in the South African campaign and the Great War at the close of which he was appointed.

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### R. C. Church Loses One Of Eminent Sons

The Roman Catholic Church in Canada is again called to mourn the loss of one of its distinguished sons, in the death of Most Rev. Henry Joseph O'Leary, Archbishop of Edmonton. Archbishop O'Leary was one of the most distinguished sons of the province of New Brunswick having been born in Richibucto, and a member of a family who rose to prominence both in church and state. He had a distinguished scholastic record and from early manhood labored early and late in the Master's vineyard. His ability was early recognized and when he was still a young man had been called to distinction in the church. During his pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church in Bathurst he brought about many things that made for the spiritual good of all. A half brother, Arthur O'Leary formerly Chairman of the Liquor Control Board is well known in the Capital.

## Death of Archbishop O'Leary Of Edmonton, Alberta, On Saturday At Victoria, B. C.

### One Of Distinguished Members of Hierarchy Of Church, Native of N. B., Brilliant Career, Well Known

VICTORIA, B.C., March 7—The death of Most Rev. Henry Joseph O'Leary, archbishop of Edmonton, one of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada took place here on Saturday night. He would have been 59 on March 13.

Archbishop O'Leary was born in Richibucto, N. B., March 13, 1879. He attended the University of St. Joseph at St. Joseph's, N. B., the Seminary of Philosophy in Montreal and the Grand Seminary in Montreal before

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## Hore Belisha May Be Appointed Air Minister In Cabinet

Action Wanted By Certain Parties Who Claim Air Defense Lagging Behind

MATTER EXTREME IMPORTANCE

Expected To Bring Department On Efficiency Basis

### U. S. EXPERT TESTIFIES AT INQUIRY

Banks Should Enter Small Loan Field, L. Henderson Thinks

OTTAWA, March 7—Leon Henderson, former member of the Roosevelt "Brain Trust" and until 1933 director of the Remedial Loans Department of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York recently advised Canada to strike boldly and quickly at the loan shark.

Testifying for four hours before the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons, the United States expert urged the Dominion to profit by the errors of his native country, where gangsterism and terror had until recently flourished in the small loan business. Canada, he believed, could do a far better job of regulating the industry than had been accomplished in the United States.

Suggests Credit Unions

- Summed up, he advised the following policies:
1. That voluntary credit unions tend their operations to the small loan field.
  2. That voluntary credit unions should be encouraged.
  3. That the Dominion should enact legislation to provide for an ill-inclusive maximum interest rate of 2 1/2 per cent, and that the maximum small loan should be \$300.
  4. That legislation should be adopted with provisions for (a) strict supervision by Government inspectors; (b) Federal licenses; (c) severe penalties such as jail sentences for offenders.

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### MANION APPEARS TO BE CHOICE MANY FOR CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP

OTTAWA, March 7—Following the resignation of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett from the leadership of the Conservative party there are many reports throughout Canada as to who will be the successor of the veteran leader.

Hon. R. J. Manion appeared to be the choice of many although Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and M. A. MacPherson, former attorney general and provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan will receive strong support. Many staunch Conservatives said they favored Senator Meighen except they were inclined to feel he would not taken the job if it was offered him.

Boosters for Mr. MacPherson included several from the Maritimes, for, although his political activities have been in Saskatchewan, he was born in Cape Breton and educated in Nova Scotia.

Hon. W. D. Herridge and Senator A. D. McRae, who successfully organized the party for the 1930 elections are prominent in the race as are also Hon. Earl Lawson, former minister of national revenue, Hon. Earl Rowe, Ontario Conservative leader, and Denton Massey, House member for Toronto-Greenwood.