

PREMIER SEES NO ADVANTAGE TO ISLAND PROVINCE FROM MARITIME UNION

R.L. Calder, K.C. Denies The Charge That He Is Communistic Agitator

Montreal Barrister Dealt With Padlock Law And Its Evils

REV. DR. MILLIGAN HEARD FROM

Calder Replies to Letter Circulated by Knights of Columbus to University Students

Colonel R. L. Calder, K.C., leading criminal lawyer of Montreal, addressed an audience at the Oddfellows' Hall here last evening.

Mr. Calder spoke under the auspices of the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy.

Before discussing the padlock law Mr. Calder referred to a letter which he had on the platform.

CONGRESSMAN IS ANXIOUS BOTH COASTS DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—A movement to bind the United States to a policy of "non-aggression" but to maintain a navy big enough to defend both coasts and all American possessions developed today in the House of Representatives naval committee.

Chairman Vinson (Dem., Georgia), informed the committee he would attempt to write this policy into the pending \$800,000,000 fleet expansion bill.

This was a matter that did not concern the church nor its doctrines. An application had previously been made for the use of the auditorium of the Normal School.

Rev. Dr. Milligan definitely accused Mr. Calder of being a Communistic agitator, adding that the League, while not red, is "definitely pink."

Padlock Law And Communism

IF THE STATEMENTS made last evening in regard to the Quebec Padlock Law by Col. R. L. Calder, K.C., are true—and Mr. Calder quoted the law and the records—it would seem that a serious condition of affairs exists in that province.

So far as the League of Peace and Democracy is concerned some people charge the League with being Communistic. Much ill-judged criticism has been erected against the League of Peace and Democracy on the score of their being secret Communistic elements within it.

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LARGE FARMING DEVELOPMENTS AT HAMTOWN

R. D. S. Neill Has Sixty Acres Under Cultivation; Extensive Buildings and Stock

Ralph D. S. Neill, a former Fredericton boy now residing at Montreal is developing large farming areas in the vicinity of Hamtown Corner.

The farm work carried on by Mr. Neill is of great benefit to that locality as it has given employment in the past year to a large number of men.

Says Island Province Would Lose From Maritime Merger

Chairman Rowell Asked Premier Campbell Express Opinion on Proposal

SIZE AND GEOG. POSITION ENTER

Pres. Isolation Makes For Unit Prestige



Hon. Wesley A. Gordon, K.C., former Minister of Mines, Labor, Immigration and Colonization, Halleybury, Ont., 54 yesterday.

FEELING BETTER

Many friends will be pleased to learn that Peter Haines, who has been ill at his home at Nashwaaksis, is feeling much better today, and is able to be up around his home.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 12—Premier Thaus Campbell told the members of the Rowell Commission yesterday that because of the size and geographic position of the province no saving would be effected in administration or legislative costs by Maritime union.

"We feel that while we do suffer in Dominion-provincial relations because of our numerical and geographic insignificance, we do gain a certain amount of prestige by being a provincial unit," he said.

"We would be a rather insignificant part of a Maritime Province union and would have as much difficulty in attaining our proper rights as we claim we now have."

The greatest difficulty in the way of a union would probably be the adjusting of provincial debts, he suggested. The island per capita debt was about \$59, while the other provinces were considerably more.

"My opinion is definitely that there would be no saving as far as this province is concerned," said Premier Campbell. "There might be some saving in a union of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia but I am not capable of speaking on that."

The duties of government employees could not be reduced nor could their salaries. If salaries were raised to the level of the Maritime average, increases would be necessary.

In the concluding section of the government's submission, Premier Campbell contended the island had

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HOBO KING SAILS ON QUEEN MARY AFTER EXPLAINING HOBO NOT A BUM

Hobo Not A Tramp, Sovereign of 'Weary Willies' Says; Difference Betweem Two

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—Jeff Davis, self-styled King of the Hoboes, arrived in New York "on the rods" the other day and departed for England amid the streamlined luxury of the Queen Mary.

The rail-riding sovereign of North America's "Weary Willies" sailed to attend an international convention of hoboes "some place in England."

Jeff had a grievance. He's mad, he said, about the misunderstanding about "the most misunderstood man in North America."

Davis said that while he is abroad, he is going to attempt to have the English dictionaries give a true definition of the hobo.

while he was riding the rods from Chicago to New York, a hobo delegation met him at Altoona, Pa., and gave him a purse of \$300 to pay his passage to Europe and back—third-class.

"I wouldn't have taken it," he said, "if there was any way I could ride the rods on the Queen Mary."

Report Remains Probable Closing German Frontier

LONDON, Feb. 12—One rumor was current yesterday emanating from Belgium that the frontier to Germany was to be closed.

ALBERTA SOCIAL CREDIT GOV'T. ASKS FREEDOM POWELL, UNWIN

EDMONTON, Feb. 11—The Alberta Legislature yesterday passed a resolution asking "full remission" of the sentences imposed on G. F. Powell and J. H. Unwin, Social Credit leaders, sent to jail yesterday for publishing defamatory libel.

Opposition members except Dr. Peter Campbell (Unity, Lethbridge), absented themselves when the vote was taken. On a division, the vote was 46 to one with all Social Credit members supporting and only Dr. Campbell registering a vote in opposition.

When Speaker Peter Dawson ruled the resolution in order after opposition members contended it could not be debated in legislation, the House discussed the routine and, with the opposition members walking out, a division was called.

Dr. Campbell was the only member of the opposition to remain in his seat. Declaring the resolution was critical of the courts through referring to a "grave miscarriage of justice," and adding he did not like the wording of the resolution, Dr. Campbell said: "I am compelled to stay in this House and vote against the resolution."

ties opposite Switzerland, France and Belgium would be closed "at an early date." Berlin dismissed these rumors as a Paris Bourse manoeuvre disseminated to affect stock quotations of foreign exchange rates.

After A. V. Bourcier, (S.C. Lac St. Anne) moved the resolution, John W. Huggill, former attorney-general, protested that the resolution was not debatable in the Legislature.

D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, contended the resolution at least inferentially was a reflection on the courts. He was ready, he said, to join with others in a clemency petition, but not as a member of the Legislature. It could be done by the members meeting as individuals afterwards as had been done once before in the case of a man who had lived a good life in Alberta for 20 years and was wanted in the United States.

(The case referred to by Mr. Duggan was that of Frank Griwane, of Jasper, Alta., living under the name of James Fahey. In 1910, Griwane escaped from a Kansas jail where he had been sent for a mail train robbery in which, he said, he had been involved because of associating with certain persons. He was not traced until March, 1934, when he was charged with an infraction of the Game Act. Because he had led an exemplary life, members of the Alberta Legislature met outside the House and joined other organizations in a successful appeal for clemency.)

Mr. Bourcier interjected there was no criticism of the courts in the resolution.

Premier A. A. Dysart Discusses Proposed Educational Changes

Youth and Adult Education and What the Government Was Doing For Same

MONCTON, Feb. 12 — Speaking here last evening in connection with Education Week, Hon. Premier A. A. Dysart said:—

During the past week you have heard several eminent speakers present various aspects of our free educational system. You have had the opportunity to hear the subject discussed from many angles and you have no doubt been impressed by the need for substantial changes and improvements in order to make our educational services meet the needs of modern times and modern conditions.

Few people will hesitate to concede the fact that our facilities for free education up to the recent past have failed to take cognizance of the important and rapid changes in our economic and social life since the turn of the century. The speeding-up of transportation and communication have virtually made the whole world kin. While newer conveniences and newer comforts have been yielded to the human race in general by science and discovery, at the same time competition has become keener. Science has created new avenues for the employment of skilled labor and our people must keep abreast of others in knowledge and skill if they

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FROM BAD TO WORSE, IS VALENTINE'S STORY

Modern Goings-On Far Cry from Those of Old Days; Authorities Bit Hazy About How it Began

TORONTO, Feb. 12—If you don't believe times have changed, just look at the valentines.

Imagine a hoop-skirted maiden of 1870 receiving a message: "Don't be so Chill—I could warm up to you!"

Imagine your grandmother reacting to a plea, accompanied by a piece of twine: "Don't string me along!"

Imagine your Great-Uncle Frederick sending his lady-love a "cut-out" of an elephant, neatly inscribed: "It's no secret when I say, I fell for you in a great big way."

Chances are St. Valentine didn't intend such things. It seems he was a priest, or rather two priests who were martyred in the third century in Rome. Even the Encyclopedia Britannica is a bit hazy about how the exchange of valentines came to be associated with the martyred priests, but somehow an ancient Pagan festival became mixed with the festival of the martyred priests, and young men developed the custom of sending "a courteous profession of attachment" to maidens on St. Valentine's Day.

Things degenerated after that. Says the Encyclopedia: "They gradually lost their original significance, and the custom, where it survives, has become completely vulgarized."

Chamber's Book of Days is also a little bitter about it. Published in 1863, it says: "A much degenerated festival, the only observance of any note consisting merely of the sending of jocular anonymous letters to parties whom one wishes to quiz, and thus is confined very much to the humbler classes."

Of course, in Chamber's time things were pretty bad. One woke up in the morning to find in the post a horrible caricature reading something like this:

"You freckled pug-nosed ugly beast on whom I wish the flies would feast. Stay away from me or you will mourn. The luckless day that you were born."

After such an era as that, "Big Boy, your baby!" doesn't seem so bad.