

CONSCRIPTION IS ADOPTED

Chamberlain Announces Move to Warn Axis Powers of Readiness

Move Breaks Long Tradition in England That Military Service Should Be Voluntary

LONDON, April 26.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today announced conscription in Britain as a measure of national protection and to warn the Axis powers that England will not stand for further depredations on the part of the totalitarian states. The measure was also aimed at reassuring Poland, Rumania, France, Greece and other nations in the Stop-Hitler bloc of nations.

The conscription measure will call to the colors all physically fit young men of the ages of 20 and 21 for a six-months period of training after which time they will be given the choice of service in the Territorials or some other branch of the armed service.

The move on the part of the British government broke a long tradition in England that military service should be free and voluntary. The classes called to the colors are those young men who were born during the last of the war or shortly after. It is estimated, however, that only half the men of these ages will be available for service.

The British Prime Minister also reassured Hitler in his address that he was willing to discuss with Germany any proposals for a satisfactory and peaceable settlement of the European crisis. The measure was received with a general feeling of approval in England, it was reported here today.

In Italy, the Fascist papers which usually discuss quite authoritatively European affairs, were quiet, indicating that the move was considered so important that an immediate statement was not advisable. In Berlin the measure was described as a purely local English matter and did not concern the Reich.

In Brief

MONTREAL, April 26.—Rev. Arthur Carlisle to be honored by McGill University, was consecrated and enthroned Bishop of Montreal succeeding Rt. Rev. John Farthing yesterday. Ceremonies were held in Christ Church Cathedral.

COPENHAGEN, April 26.—Owing to international tension Denmark has called up reservists to bolster army and navy strengths.

MOSCOW, April 26.—Unfavorable weather conditions caused Kokkinaki early today to postpone his contemplated flight from Moscow to New York. He declared he would make the non-stop flight later this week hoping to reach New York by Saturday.

SKOWHEGAN, April 26.—Trail of four prisoners who sawed their way through steel bars to liberty from the Somerset County Jail was picked up at Smithfield, 15 miles away yesterday. The four were awaiting appearance in court on criminal charges.

SAINT JOHN, April 26.—Mrs. Lena Maud Armstrong pleaded guilty to a charge of wrongful conversion before Judge John A. Barry in County Court yesterday. She will appear for sentence on Saturday morning.

Business Accepts Budget

OTTAWA, April 26.—Canadian business today accepted the budget of Finance Minister Dunning and voiced a general approval of the tariff changes.

The budget is considered generally beneficial to business as a whole in the Dominion, and business leaders have voiced the opinion that considerable improvement will result to business and industry as a result.

Ice Break At Crock's Point Forcing Ice to Move and Jam at Victoria Mills

Little more than a week later than last year the ice in the Saint John river began its dash seaward shortly after the noon hour today. It was accompanied by a sharp rise of the river level in less than an hour.

Following close on the break-up at Edmundston, Grand Falls, and Woodstock the jam of several miles at Spring Hill Crock's Point and above broke before noon today and its tremendous pressure forced the ice held from Fredericton to Harri's Island Pool on the move.

Some jamming occurred at Victoria Mills and the Dominion Experimental Station below the City and with the rapid rise in the river levels there was some fear of floods in the City. Both bridges were splitting the huge masses of ice into sections as the flow pushed its way down river riding the speed of a heavy current.

The ice started here at 12.40 and at 1.30 this afternoon had risen three feet in that time to reach the alarming height of 18 feet above summer level. The ice was crowding the Devon shore and piling high on the banks just above the Fredericton-Devon Highway Bridge.

Word of the jam breaking at Crock's Point forced residents along the river especially in the Maugerville and Sheffield districts to put stock and valuables on higher levels should the water and the reach levels higher than expected. Houses were tied down and protected against damage.

Shortly before two o'clock the ice jammed at Victoria Mills opposite to St. Margaret's Church and danger was seen of it covering the highway at that point unless the tremendous pressure forced it to break away. The ice was piling along the bank of the river and was within a few feet of the roadway leading to Oromocto and Saint John.

ACCEPT BUDGET

LONDON, April 26.—England accepted the budget presented by Sir John Simon with little grumbling. The general opinion today seemed to be that it could have been worse. The budget is being termed in English papers the "Hitler" budget.

"Those guys (World War veterans) are more sensitive about their age than I am."—Elsie Janis.

PORT ROYAL MILL TO OPEN ON MAY 15

SAINT JOHN, April 26.—Preliminaries to the re-opening of the Port Royal Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., mill on May 15 are in full stride with about 40 men now at work on general repair work at the plant. The crew will be considerably augmented next Monday, it was intimated by officials last night.

Queried as to the time it might take to put the mill in shape for operation again after the long lay-off, A. J. Lacroix said "That depends on how long it will take to recondition the machinery in the plant. Every piece of machinery will have to be inspected and cleaned as in all cases where a mill has not been operating for some time. Effects of rust and frost will have to be thoroughly investigated and cleaned up," he said. The mill can manufacture both rayon and sulphite paper, Mr. Lacroix explained, but he would not commit himself as to which product would be manufactured when the mill resumes operations next month. It is understood, however, that sulphite will be manufactured at first to "clean out the machines" after preliminary repairs have been completed.

CATERING STAFF NAMED FOR ROYAL TRAIN

MONTREAL, April 26.—The names of the members of the Canadian National Railways dining car staff who will be assigned to duty on the Royal train which will be occupied by Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, during their visit to Canada and the United States were announced today by W. W. Swinden, general superintendent of sleeping and dining car services of the National System.

All catering arrangements for the Royal train throughout the entire tour will be entrusted to the dining car department of the Canadian National. This responsibility will include the preparation and service of meals in the cars actually occupied by Their Majesties and will further extend to providing for other members of the Royal Party and members of the staff who will be served in an air-conditioned dining car of the latest type in use on the National system. This car is similar to those employed in the Montreal-Toronto service and in the Montreal-Halifax service.

Tuberculosis Fight Recalled by Visit Of Royalty To Canada

LITERATURE OBTAINED FROM GERMAN CONSUL

TORONTO, April 26.—Arthur Burnell, said in a Magistrate's Court here yesterday that Nazi literature was available from the German Consul when he was questioned during his trial on a charge of threatening Richard Sair, editor of The National Tattler.

It was said that the threat followed publication of an article exposing anti-British activities. Sair received three bullets, alleged through the mails and accused Burnell of telling him that he should be stood up against a wall and shot. Burnell was released on suspended sentence and bound over to keep the peace on a bond of \$200.

According to Burnell as a member of the Iron Guard he was to beat up persons who didn't agree with the principles of the party. He admitted helping to propagate Nazi principles and said some of the guards had clubs and a couple of leaders pistols. The literature came from Germany, Italy and the German consul, he said.

Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1.30 p.m.)

The London Stock Market was fractionally weaker today. Sterling was quoted at 4.68½ in New York and 4.70½ in Montreal.

The New York Stock Market slid backwards today as trading was small.

New York	
American Radiator	11½
American Smelters	29½
American Tel & Tel	157½
Anacosta	22½
Bendix Aviation	20
Bethlehem Steel	54½
Boeing Aircraft	20½
Briggs Manufacturing	18½
Chrysler Corp	61½
Columbia Gas & Electric	6
Curtiss Wright	5
Curtiss Wright "A"	22½
Douglas Aircraft	57½
General Electric	34
General Motors	41
Goodyear T & R	24½
Int Pap & Pow	7½
Int Pap & Pow Pfd	28½
Kennecott Copper	30½
Montgomery Ward	44½
New York Central	13½
Pennsylvania Railroad	17
Public Service, N. J.	34
Radio Corp	6¼
Republic Steel Corp	15
Socony Vacuum	11½
United Aircraft	34½
United Corporation	25½

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Openings, Closings Of Saint John River

Date	Opening	Closing
1893	April 14	November 21, 221
1894	April 21	November 20, 213
1895	April 19	November 22, 217
1896	April 18	November 21, 217
1897	April 21	November 21, 214
1898	April 20	December 5, 233
1899	April 26	November 13, 201
1900	April 21	November 13, 206
1901	April 17	November 24, 221
1902	March 23	November 29, 251
1903	March 24	November 27, 247
1904	April 25	November 16, 199
1905	April 20	November 21, 216
1906	April 15	November 26, 225
1907	April 17	November 20, 217
1908	April 21	November 23, 216
1909	April 19	November 30, 225
1910	April 6	November 29, 237
1911	April 19	November 17, 212
1912	April 16	November 27, 227
1913	April 1	December 1, 214
1914	April 27	November 19, 206
1915	April 12	December 11, 245
1916	April 12	November 15, 217
1917	April 19	November 23, 213
1925	April 1	November 30, 243
1926	May 1	December 4, 216
1927	April 17	December 4, 231
1928	April 14	November 27, 227
1929	April 19	November 23, 223
1930	April 8	December 2, 243
1931	April 3	December 3, 244
1932	April 9	November 27, 232
1933	April 17	November 12, 209
1934	April 16	December 7, 235
1935	April 22	December 3, 225
1936	March 19	November 19, 258
1937	April 14	December 11, 240
1938	April 18	December 27, 240

FORT FAIRFIELD SUFFERS FLOOD

FORT FAIRFIELD, April 23.—Streams of water flowed through the streets of this town on the Maine-New Brunswick border today as the ice in the Aroostook river jammed, backing up huge quantities of ice and water. Railway lines have been tied up and considerable damage done. Although ice was piled high on the piers of bridges here today it was not thought that they were in danger.

Meeting of Church At Ft'on Junction

FREDERICTON JCT., April 26.—The annual meeting of Saint Andrew's Anglican Church was held in the church here yesterday afternoon. Rev. D. T. Haviland presiding.

The following officers were elected: Wardens—Clarence G. Smith, Cecil Lord.

Vestry Clerk—Harry Palmer. Vestry—H. B. Williams, H. C. Carson, Geo. W. Smith, Edward L. Smith, Harry Artes, Charles Sturney, W. MacPherson.

Auditor—Herbert S. Palmer. Delegate to Synod—Cecil Lord; alternate—H. S. Palmer.

Offers Tax Exemption To Firms Proceeding With Construction, Improvements To Plants

OTTAWA, April 26.—In his fifth budget in his parliamentary career, Finance Minister Dunning yesterday afternoon offered tempting tax exemptions to firms proceeding with the construction, extension or improvement of plants within the next year equal to 10 per cent of the amount of capital expended.

Forecasting a \$60,000,000 deficit for the fiscal year starting April 1, and estimating the deficit for 1938-39 at \$55,666,000, Mr. Dunning described these figures as regrettable, but declared they are not alarming if Canadians with idle dollars would put them to work.

Apart from the removal of the three per cent excise tax on all imports from countries which enjoy the intermediate and most favored nations tariffs, only 77 items were affected by tax changes.

One of the most important changes is the removal of the impost on radio tubes. Completed automobiles are unaffected by the budget, but in compensation for the removal of the 3 per cent excise tax under the United States agreement the tax has been removed from automobile parts.

Effort to boost imports from the British West Indies was seen in the raising from \$2 to \$3 per hundred pounds the general tariff against cocoa beans. The duty on tomatoes has

been raised from two to three cents.

The imposition of a five per cent ad valorem on crude rubber and tin will not have any effect either way. Most of these products now come to Canada from British countries. The West Indies will benefit from the 50c per stem tariff on bananas. There are also increases on certain destines, cornmeal, corn for distilling purposes, and combs, while under all tariffs cocoa mats and matting have been increased.

If the recommendations of the tariff board are adopted by the House the automobile dealers will benefit. They recommended that Canadian companies be made to liberalize their franchises.

The visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Canada recalls to Canadians the intimate connection the Royal family has had with the never-ceasing battle against tuberculosis, both in the United Kingdom and Canada.

Interesting, and perhaps little known, is the fact that it was an inquiry by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, grandfather of the present King, that led to the foundation of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, the Dominion-wide organization which coordinates the many phases of the struggle with the disease throughout the country.

Edward VII, as Prince of Wales, was keenly interested in the health of his people, as have been all the British sovereigns. It was he who has been credited with inventing one of the most effective of anti-tuberculosis slogans: "If preventable, why not prevented?" In 1898, His Royal Highness was present at the meeting which launched the British tuberculosis campaign, which took the form of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

His letter, addressed to the Governor General, the Earl of Minto, inquiring into the state of health in Canada two years after the launching of the movement in the Old Country, was the inspiration for the founding of the pioneer anti-tuberculosis organization in this country, the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and still later to its present compact form.

Royalty and Vice-Royalty, ever since that historic letter of 1900, have retained their sincere interest in the work done to prevent and cure tuberculosis. King George V was Patron of the National Association in Great Britain, while the Prince of Wales actively participated in the movement as president. King George VI has also graciously extended his patronage to the British association. Each Governor General of Canada since 1901 has been honorary president of the Canadian association. Indeed, when time permits, their Excellencies, like the members of the Royal family, take an active part in the work and on occasions attend the general and executive meetings.

Many of Canada's most spirited and most distinguished citizens have followed the splendid example set by their sovereigns and have given freely of their time and substance to assure the success of an association that was inaugurated under such notable auspices. When the association was founded in 1901, tuberculosis was taking lives at the rate of 200 every year in every 100,000 of population. There were fewer than 200 beds in only three sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis sufferers. The relentless advance of tubercu-

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ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS SAID MADE

LONDON, April 26.—Should the European situation make it necessary to keep the British battleship Repulse in European Waters, alternate plans for the visit of the King and Queen to Canada have been prepared it was said here but they were not disclosed. It was said that Prime Minister Chamberlain has discussed criticism of some sections of the Press to the use of the navy boat in preference to a passenger boat. An announcement is expected from him next week. The preparations for the use of the Repulse are still going forward.