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## Premier Bennett Stresses Need Of Overhauling B. N. A. Act

### Promises To Do So If He Is Returned as Leader of Next Government of Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 13—Canada's constitution requires overhauling and Premier Bennett was today on record as stating that the job will be done provided he continues to be "responsible for the conduct of government in this country".

After consultation with the provinces with a view to ascertaining their views on "how far there should be a redistribution of powers between provincial legislatures and the federal parliament", the work of reform and amendment will be started.

#### ISSUES STATEMENT

In a statement issued yesterday the Prime Minister dealt briefly with the vexed question of constitutional reform, announcing steps which the Government, if returned to power intends to take. He stated that during the past session advance steps in the field of "social security" had been made possible by the fact that Canada had adhered to a number of international treaties and conventions. The British North America Act gives power to the Dominion to carry out international agreement. But investigation and consultation had shown that outside this field, amendment was essential if reform was to go on.

As far as the Government knows at present, the Prime Minister stated, provinces are all agreed on the need for constitutional amendment. The point to be decided is how far it shall go.

Mr. Bennett did not indicate in his statement what form consultation with the provinces would take, assuming that he is again entrusted with leadership of the Government. Presumably another provincial conference would be required to go carefully into the whole question of constitutional reform.

Mr. Bennett said that the constitution must be amended "if we are to be in a position to deal adequately with the many problems that have arisen during the last few years".

#### PROMISES ACTION

He stated further such amendments could not be longer deferred, and that he proposed to undertake these without delay, if he continued as leader of the present government.

With numerous applicants for the 17 Senate vacancies and the numerous valuable appointments to administrative positions which have accumulated, the government is faced with a knotty problem which must be dealt with quickly.

### NO BATHING HOUSES AT THE WEST END BEACH

There are no bathing houses at the West End Beach now the caretaker has nothing to do unless it is that he puts the water in the river. There is no tree big enough for one to stand behind while he pulls off his trousers. This is terrible. But it is in a large measure the fault of the kiddies themselves especially the boys up-town who in other years abused the chances they had. They defiled the bathing houses and made it impossible for decent people to frequent them. Now they should put up with what they get.

The public provided the bathing houses and they did not have decency enough to look after them decently. Although one would have thought that was a duty of the caretaker.

Boys who were allowed around the A. and B. Club also abused the privileges and now the lid is clamped on except under certain conditions.

### "Soak Him" Hotels

Are the cheaper class of hotels in New Brunswick soaking the tourists as well as local motorists?

The Daily Mail has been creditably informed that hotels and wayside resorts, some of them within forty or fifty miles of this city are charging one dollar for dinners, no better and, in some cases, not so good as can be procured in this city for forty cents. This is a complaint that has reached us within the last week from more than one local party. Some of the resorts complained about are well known and are looked upon as fairly good places for tourists to stop. But these places are killing the goose with the golden egg. Tourists are not green. The people from this city are not green, and the ordinary motorist, whether he has the money or not, objects to being held up by being made to pay more than double for this service. You may get him once but you will not get him a second time.

It might be well for the Fredericton Tourist Association and also the New Brunswick Bureau of Tourist Information to make a list of these people, whether they are in Queens county, Charlotte county or wherever they are situated and to have them "black-beaned" in so far as recommending them is concerned. The Daily Mail will provide some names.

The Daily Mail some weeks ago called attention to this matter. This was before the tourist season opened. We gave an instance of a place in Kings county, near Sussex, which soaked four people three dollars, or seventy-five cents each for a twenty-five cent meal. The same thing is happening again this season. We are hearing about it every day. Local parties who drive thirty or forty miles from home are meeting with these "Soak Him" hotels.

Cannot something be done to remedy this? If not, these places will kill our tourist travel. One of the worst places is less than forty miles from this city and is a place which started in to be popular until it began to soak its guests one dollar a meal. Another place serves bread pudding and canned salmon salad and similar messes and makes apologies because "We cannot get meat from town," but they soak you seventy-five cents per meal—and the woman is a church worker, too. She thinks "It's just awful for girls to have bare legs, but she soaks you seventy-five cents for a dish of stale bread with honey poured over it and calls the stuff dessert."

### FRENCH TAXLESS PARADISE PAYS DIVIDENDS

BESONCON, France, July 3—There is a taxless paradise up in the Jura Mountains in which each of the 10,000 inhabitants of 24 villages not only pays no local taxes, but receives an annual dividend of from 190 to 200 francs. The franc is currently quoted at around 6.50 cents.

In another 18 villages with a population of 8,000 there are also no local taxes, but no dividends are paid.

The explanation is simple. In years gone by the villages came into possession of extensive spruce and fir woods in the vicinity. These woods are operated in the general interest so successfully that the profits pay all local expenses and leave a sum over which is divided among the villagers.

In addition, each family is furnished with a generous allowance of firewood, half of which is generally sold, thus adding to the dividend. If any villager wishes to build himself a home, he is given a free plot of land as well as free stone and free sand.

In some of the villages the doctor is subsidized by the commune and charges only 5 to 10 francs for his visits instead of the regular fees of from 20 to 25.

Tourists and transients are welcomed in this ideal region, but newcomers who show any desire to become fixtures are regarded coldly.

#### RESTING EASIER

Mrs. Eva Deep, North Devon resident, who was injured in an auto accident this week and who suffered a broken nose and other injuries as a result, was reported to have spent a comfortable night at the Victoria Public Hospital last night and was showing improvement today.

### PREDICTS MILLION LESS CHILDREN BY YEAR 1940

MONTREAL, July 13—By 1940 there will be a million fewer children in the public schools of the United States, owing to the declining birth rate, Dr. Ellen Potter, medical director of the Department of Institutions and Agencies, Trenton, N. J., told the meeting of the Child Welfare League of America here.

Saying that there is also a rapid increase in the population of those over 65 years of age, an increase of nearly 100 per cent. between 1850 and 1930 Dr. Potter added that "we shall find a heavy back-breaking load on the backs of young families for the support of the aged if our social security program does not become a reality."

### NUMBER AUTO TOURIST PARTIES SHOWS INCREASE

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., July 13—The tourist travel has been quite brisk for the last few days and up to last night 3,783 cars had crossed the international bridge into Canada, as compared with 3,692 for the same period last year. They are coming in large numbers yesterday from almost every state in the union as well as from Upper Canada.

#### SERIOUSLY ILL

Many friends will regret to hear the condition of Miss Isabel R. Everett who is seriously ill at her home, remains unchanged today.

### OTTAWA REACTION TO STEVENS COOL

Reconstruction Party  
Called "Vague and  
Obscure"

#### Some New Angles

Surprise That Hitherto  
Consistent Protection  
Views Changed

OTTAWA, July 13—Political observers of the two parties in Ottawa today scrutinized the program of Hon. H. H. Stevens' new Reconstruction Party without finding in it a great deal that is new.

It is conceded that the program is fairly comprehensive, but quite vague in spots. It contains something which concerns every element in the public life of the Dominion. Just how some of the reforms will be worked out is clouded in some obscurity, although it is not to be expected that a party platform would set forth the technical details of any projected reform.

The suggestion of exploring and digging for gold and other natural resources for the benefit of the Federal Treasury and using it to pay off the national debt within 25 years has some new angles. While such a plan has been talked about by different individuals in the past, it has never before been embodied as a definite plank in the program of any party.

Mr. Stevens' proposals for amending the B.N.A. Act are in line with what all parties in the House of Commons have been favoring and with the report of the special Parliamentary Committee in the recent session. The difficulty consists in getting a conference with the provincial governments or any agreement with them when they do get together.

### Ten Tons of Berries Handled by Firm

SAINT JOHN, N. B., July 13—H. W. Wilson & Co., Ltd., Water Street, have so far this season bought ten tons of strawberries. Forty-three extra employees have been working in packing the fruit some of which is being treated to be used in flavouring ice cream, while the remainder is being packed as jam. H. W. Wilson, manager, said it was the largest quantity of berries his firm had handled in the last few years.

#### RECEPTION ARRANGED

His Worship Mayor W. G. Clark returned last night from Saint John, where he was in conference with His Honor Lieutenant Governor Dr. Murray MacLaren in connection with arrangements for the reception to be given in the capital on July 22 in honor of Lord and Lady Bessborough. While detailed arrangements will not be announced for several days it is known that a reception will be held at the Parliament buildings, and that the city will give a public reception at the city hall soon after the vice-regal party's arrival. Lord Bessborough will be presented with an address by His Worship Mayor Clark and Lady Bessborough will be presented with a bouquet of flowers.

#### WEEKEND MARKET

The market at Phoenix Square this morning was an especially large one with a throng of farmers in with produce. Strawberries, which are nearing the end of their season, sold for as low as six cents per box by the crate. The average price was eight cents per box. Other prices were as follows: Wild strawberries, per box, 20 cents; cherries, per box, 20 cents; wild raspberries, per box, 30 cents; peas, per quart 45 cents; beef, per pound, 6 to 7 cents; veal, per pound, 6 to 9 cents; mutton, per pound, 5 to 9 cents; lamb, per pound, 15 to 20 cents; salmon, per pound, 18 cents; beets per bunch, 10 cents; cabbage each, 10 cents; wood, per load, \$4 to \$7.

## Lobby Inquiry Perils Quoddy

### TOTES GUN FOR PUPILS' SAFETY

Rural Teacher Makes  
Complaint To Maine  
ERA Body

AUGUSTA, Me., July 13—A Maine rural school teacher testified before State ERA officials yesterday that the presence of transients at a federal camp at Lake Cobboscontee caused her to have so much fear for the safety of herself and pupils, that she resorted to carrying a gun with her to school.

She is Mrs. Grace Rollins, of Manchester, a teacher at the same rural school for nearly 20 years.

"Some of my children, while coming to school and going home", she said, "were accosted by several of the transient men who offered the girls nickels and candy in exchange for kisses. After several of them had bodily walked into the school room, I became so frightened and feared for the safety of my pupils so much that I deemed it advisable to carry a gun", she testified.

### FR. COUGHLIN FOR HIGHER PAY FOR AUTO MEN

DETROIT, July 13—Rev. Charles E. Coughlin opened a State-wide campaign to organize automobile plant workers in a plan to bring assurance of a \$2,150 annual income. He set forth the plan at a mass meeting of members of the Automotive Industrial Workers Association which claims a membership of about 9,000 in various units of the Chrysler Corp.

Part of the enlarged income for the automobile workers, Father Coughlin declared, should come from manufacturers' profits and part from the public "which buys cars too cheaply."

"The laboring man wants not a share-the-wealth arrangement," he further stated, "but rather a share-the-profit program."

### Sunbury Orange Lodge Holds Celebration

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, N. B., July 13—Members of the Sunbury Orange Lodge, No. 145, with D. A. Duplisea as general chairman, and Lady Margaret L. O. B. A. No. 21, with Mrs. Martin Allen as general convenor, united to celebrate the "Glorious Twelfth" here yesterday with a picnic and program of sports followed by a supper and a dance in the Orange Hall.

Early in the afternoon, members of the order formed a procession at the Orange Hall, and, led by the worshipful master, Clarence F. Duplisea, county secretary; George B. Bagley, chaplain and Alexander Blair, marshal, paraded the main street of the village with the Fredericton Junction band in attendance, returning to the hall, where a picnic was held on the grounds adjoining. Supper was served inside and prizes for the sports were awarded.

### Lower Jemseg Home Destroyed by Fire

CAMBRIDGE, Queens County, July 13—The house of John Young, Lower Jemseg farmer was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, but some of the household effects and the other buildings on the farm were saved.

### Legal Loophole May Force Suspension of Work, Corcoran Re- veals.

WASHINGTON, July 13—A suggestion that the Brewster-Corcoran controversy might bring about a reconsideration of the work relief allocation for the Passamaquoddy Bay project was raised in the House rules committee lobbying investigation.

Thomas Corcoran, RFC attorney who described such a suggestion as "logical" said he had taken no step to bring about such a reconsideration, and asserted he had no authority to rescind the allocation. Meanwhile, however, it was reported but unconfirmed that the administration is considering the advisability of suspending work until the state Legislature closes legal loopholes which may threaten the power programme in Maine.

The source of the report, who declined to be quoted, said the controversy started when Representative Brewster (Rep. Me.) charged in the House that the suspension of work on the project had been threatened unless he voted for the mandatory holding company elimination clause in the utilities bill, had brought out publicly the weak point in the present legal status of the project, and possibly invited suits against it.

#### PWA Silent on Situation

The President, it was learned from the same source, has asked further information regarding the situation. No statements could be obtained from PWA or the division of applications and information concerning the situation.

Corcoran, one of the authors of the utilities holding company bill, testified that, after negotiations for setting up, under the authority of the Maine Legislature, a state authority to administer "Quoddy," he had withheld objections to the allocation after the Legislature failed to act because of confidence in Brewster's political ability to effect enactment of the bill at a special legislative session. However, he testified, after Brewster's vote on the utilities bill, he felt he could not rely upon him.

Asked after the hearing today if he would recommend reconsideration of the allocation in view of the loss of his faith in Brewster's assurance, he smilingly replied:

"I don't think I need to now. If the works allotment board does not hear of this affair . . ."

He did not finish the sentence.

Asked during his testimony by Representative Lehibach (Rep. N. J.), if it would not be the "logical step" to hold the project in abeyance, he replied:

"The logical thing for me to do would be to communicate with those in authority on this matter and say that 'as far as I am concerned . . . it would be my advice to you to think over carefully where you stand since your principal supporter can no longer be relied on.'"

"There are a half-dozen possibilities on the Passamaquoddy thing. Work is going forward now, merely the construction of houses for the workers expected there in the fall."

"The government could perfectly logically say to the Maine Legislature, 'Let's see if you deliver, and after a reasonable time we will consider whether we will go along.'"

The matter of the action of the Maine Legislature and the reliance on Brewster was brought up several times during the course of Corcoran's questioning by committee members.

After prolonged questioning, Representative Cox (Dem., Ga.) said:

"I do not know if the public interest would not be well served if this would develop into the conclusion that the project could now be dropped altogether."

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