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## BAXTER IS NOW CHIEF JUSTICE OF APPEAL COURT

Successful Career of a Man Who as a Boy Was Called a Failure by People Who Did Not Know.

As has been expected Hon. J. B. M. Baxter judge of the appeal division of the Supreme Court and former Premier of New Brunswick has been appointed Chief Justice of New Brunswick in succession to Sir Douglas Hazen whose resignation goes into effect today. Hon. Mr. Baxter has been on the Supreme Court bench since 1931. Chief Justice Baxter's career shows what a boy may sometimes do even after he has been called a failure at the outset.



HON. J. B. M. BAXTER  
Who has been appointed Chief Justice of The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Baxter was born in Saint John, Feb. 16, 1868, and was admitted to the bar of New Brunswick in 1890. He was made a King's Counsel in 1909. For 20 years he played a prominent part in provincial and Dominion politics, representing his native constituency in both Houses, serving a short term as minister of customs in the Meighen government in 1921 and six years as premier of New Brunswick from 1925 to 1931. He resigned the premiership to accept an appointment to the provincial supreme court on May 18, 1931.

### His Early Days

Today he takes his seat as Chief Justice—the boy who just over 14 was told by his employer that he was not suited to the dry-goods business and who a couple of years later was dismissed from another employment because of an act of insubordination. Pure accident in 1884 when he was but 16 directed his steps to the office of the late John Kerr, K.C., where he found an opening as an office boy and later an opportunity as law student. No local law school in those days—few typewriters. Slow and painful copying by hand of interminable papers—but it brought the spirit which lay behind the form to the eyes of those who sought for it.

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# Beauty Parlor Operator Found Bound And Gagged

## WHERE DID THE PREMIER GET HIS REFORM IDEAS?

Was It From the United States, Great Britain, Or Out of His Own Head; Ghost-writer Is Mentioned.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Conjecture is rife as to the inspiration of Mr. Bennett's programme to "correct," "reform" or "change" capitalism. Was the inspiration British? or American? Or did it spring Minerva-like out of his own head?

The unusual speech delivered by Major Herridge at Ottawa a while ago is recalled.

It is now seen that the Canadian Minister to the United States did considerable spade work for the ideas upon which Mr. Bennett has been building his new political, economic and social programme. And this has led to left-handed insinuations that his speeches were prepared by a ghost-writer, meaning his brother-in-law. A more generous inference would be that he gratuitously offered his brother-in-law a special opportunity to make a strong impression upon the Canadian public before presenting his new programme to the public.

No doubt Mr. Bennett has been influenced by reports of the Canadian Minister to Washington, official or private, in respect to his reactions to the Roosevelt experiments. But whatever the inspiration of Mr. Bennett's new ideology, his speeches were obviously his own.

## "Shylocks" Exploit Women

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 1.—Hundreds of women are being exploited here by money-lenders.

These moneylenders have found ways of getting round the Moneylenders' Act of 1927, which sought to limit their rates of interest.

Mr. Rhye Davies, M. P., for West-houghton intends to ask the Home Secretary to tighten up the law.

The Act requires all money-lenders in England, Scotland and Wales to be registered and restricts the interest they may charge to just more than 40 per cent.

Some of them are riding round the Act by opening up offices in Northern Ireland, where the Act does not apply.

Cases have come to the notice of Mr. Davies where 100, 200 and even 300 per cent are being charged for loans.

## Our Street Service

Every person is speaking about the unsatisfactory way in which our street plowing is done, especially after a snowstorm. There have not been many bad storms this winter and the conditions are the most unsatisfactory in years. This applies especially to the extreme city limits. In the vicinity of Salamanca the road is only plowed out as far down as the present residence of the new lieutenant-governor. The upper end of town is likewise neglected. The worst feature is that at nearly all street intersections the plow throws up the snow in a hard hill and it is impossible for women and children to cross the streets at these points. Then again, when a man shovels out his path between his door and the sidewalk, or between the sidewalk and the street, the plow comes along after he has finished his work and throws all the snow in a hardly packed hill up in front of where he has shovelled, entirely blocking up his path. Sometimes the snowplow is accompanied by an extra man with a shovel. This man may be just for ornamental purposes, because the work never seems to be done to the satisfaction of any person. It seems that if we are going to have the streets plowed so that they will be of any service to the public that the job should be done right. It would not cost much more give the public satisfaction than the work poorly done. There are many men on the relief list who would be glad to help put the sidewalks and street intersections in good shape. Our Roads and Streets Department is costing considerable money. We do not hear much complaint about the summer service, except in bunches—Needham street, for instance. The winter service, however, is not regarded this year as satisfactory.

COULD IT NOT BE REMEDIED?

## SINGAPORE BEING STRENGTHENED BY LAND AND SEA

(Special to the Daily Mail)  
SINGAPORE, Feb. 1.—Singapore, Britain's great stronghold in the Far East, is quickly approaching the state when it will be considered impregnable to any attack by sea or air.

Unceasing military activity on the island is ensuring that the program of building and defence development shall be carried out according to schedule.

With the arrival of Lt.-Col. V. R. Burkhardt, who has been Military Attache in Peking for several years, the newly-formed 9th Brigade (Heavy) Royal Artillery has moved to Changi, where a new "camp" the Aldershot of Singapore, is being built. There are now two brigades of heavy artillery and one anti-aircraft brigade in Singapore. Further expansion is anticipated.

Considerable interest, too, has been shown in the opening of a spacious new barracks for the Sikh contingent of the Singapore police force. This is a building of five storeys, with accommodation for 500 men, including married quarters.

It is being openly suggested that these barracks have been built with a view to their use in an emergency for housing soldiers. The extensive rebuilding program carried out by the police in recent years, involving the expenditure of large sums, has included the erection of six barracks, all on a large scale and most of them situated on important sites within the city.

Great satisfaction is expressed in Singapore at the military, naval and Air Force expansion in the island, in view of the important role the island plays in Imperial defence.

The recent combined manoeuvres tested the forces and the naval base, which was first used then, will be completed during 1935.

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Fredericton Board of Trade executive will hold a meeting at the City Club this evening at which time the Committees for the ensuing year will be selected. Other routine business will be transacted.

## FARMER WHO WED ZULU GIRL BOYCOTTED

(Special to the Daily Mail)  
DURBAN, Feb. 1.—The entire European farming community at Dundee, in Natal, has declared a social boycott on a 28-year-old German farmer named Willem Hedder because he married a Zulu girl.

Hedder is making a payment of ten head of cattle to the girl's father, in accordance with the Zulu custom, and is presenting her mother with one animal from his dairy herd.

It is the first mixed marriage here for several years. Hedder was advised against it by the Dundee magistrate, but he persisted and obtained a special license.

The girl, formerly one of his servants, was brought up in a Zulu kraal.

## LATE FLASHES

Basseterre, St. Kitts, B.W.I., Feb. 1.—Rioting sugar workers continued sporadic disorders on this tiny island today, though mob violence had been almost completely quelled by blazing police guns that brought death to 8 rioters in a pitched battle.

Madrid, Feb. 1.—A record cold wave held "Sunny Spain" in its grip today and many deaths were feared.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Mr. Justice Henry Hague Davis of the Appeal Court of Ontario was today appointed to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of Canada. Announcement was made following a meeting of Cabinet Council this afternoon.

## Teachers Will Hold Public Meeting

East Florenceville, N. B., Feb. 1.—The Central Carleton County Teachers' Club will take part in celebrating educational week by holding a public meeting in the East Florenceville school assembly hall on next Tuesday evening. Donald F. R. Wilson, president, will be in the chair. Local clergy-men and others will be speakers.

## Voluntary Witness In Hauptmann Case Escapes Attempt on Her Life—Men With Ladder Looking for Lindbergh Home.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 1.—The story of a mysterious station wagon that carried two men and a ladder toward the scene of Baby Lindbergh's abduction and the hotly disputed testimony of a handwriting witness were linked yesterday with Bruno Richard Hauptmann's alibi defence.

Just before the celebrated murder trial reached the end of its 22nd dramatic day, the carpenter's counsel won the right to put the first handwriting expert on the witness stand to attack the state's identification of Hauptmann as the ransom writer. For a half-hour, prosecutors had fought to keep the expert from the stand.

Meanwhile, in New York, a woman who offered to testify for the state against Hauptmann in connection with his spending of Lindbergh ransom bills, was found unconscious, bound and gagged, on the floor of her beauty parlor in which a fire had started. She was Fannett Rivkin.

A building superintendent rescued her and she was taken to a hospital unable immediately to say what had happened to her, or who her assailants were.

### Two New Witnesses

Two new alibi witnesses, a Hungarian batik artist and a Harlem restaurant owner, bolstered the accused man's story of what he did on the night the golden-haired baby was stolen and slain.

Hauptmann's tale of that wild first night of March, 1932, was this: That he was in the Bronx, 50 miles from the lonely Hopewell home of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh; that he called for wife at the bakery where she worked; took the baker's dog for a walk and then went home with Mrs. Hauptmann.

Much of the prosecution's fire was directed at the credibility and record of Lou Harding, young laborer in a tattered lumber-jacket, who swore that two men in a station wagon, loaded with a ladder, asked him directions to the Lindbergh estate on the afternoon of the kidnapping.

Neither of the men was Hauptmann and the ladder appeared to be "one of them slide ladders" like the one used in the kidnapping, said Harding, who was working on a Princetown roadside at the time.

With Harding and the alibi witnesses out of the way, the defence called John M. Trendley of East St. Louis to contradict eight expert state witnesses who swore that Hauptmann wrote every one of the 14 ransom notes and thus perpetrated a grisly \$50,000 hoax.

Despite the lengthy fight the pro-

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## EASTERN CANADA MARKETING BD. NOW FUNCTIONS

G. C. Cunningham New Brunswick Agent, with Headquarters Here; the Plans of the Organization.

The first functioning of the new Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board began today in the province, when permits were issued to potato shippers and dealers in this province who have applied to G. C. Cunningham, agent in this province for the board, in order to comply with regulations of the board which are to become effective on Monday. Mr. Cunningham has his N. B. headquarters in this city.

Mr. Cunningham says that the board believes that by regulating satisfactorily the commercial merchandising of the crop it will be able to increase materially the price. "Present indications are that the first minimum price quotation will be double that now being received by the growers. Further increases may be anticipated from time to time as market conditions justify".

Mr. Cunningham and H. L. Mulberin of Grand Falls, another New Brunswick official, have just returned from Ottawa, where the Eastern Canada potato Marketing Board held an important meeting.

The Eastern Potato Marketing Board yesterday issued a list of orders governing marketing of potatoes in Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia in accordance with the provision of the Natural Products Marketing Act passed at the last session of Parliament.

The rules provide, that every dealer marketing potatoes shall obtain immediately a license from the local office of the board in his district. It will cost \$1. No dealer may market potatoes in the four provinces covered except through agencies established by the board. Persons breaking the rules may be subject to a fine of \$25 to \$500, imprisonment for not more than three months or both fine and imprisonment.

The marketing agencies are authorized to collect tolls of one half cent a bushel on potatoes marketed by dealers. The collections must be made on or before the 1st or 15th of each month and turned over to the local board.

No dealer may market potatoes produced in the four provinces except under contract of purchase, and "at a firm price", and no dealer shall market potatoes of the grade E Canada No. 2 except for export, and then only subject to a further ruling. This ruling provides that potatoes destined

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### NOT MUCH HOPE

Relatives of William P. Grannan, well known veteran fireman of this city, were anxious today over his condition, which was reported to be more serious today. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

## Question Of Interest Live One For Farmers

Bulks Big In Their Demand For Scaling Down Their Debts

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 1.—Farmer debtors who do operate efficiently and conscientiously need not expect much consideration under the Federal Farmers Creditors' Arrangement Act, according to a warning expressed by Mr. Justice Ewing, Chairman of the Board operating the Act in Alberta.

A substantial number of farmers already have made representations to the Board for a scaling down of their debts and the question of interest bulks large in the considerations to date.

Amidst the clamor for a great reduction in interest rates there arose a voice that dared to say cutting of rates below seven per cent was wrong. The voice was that of George B. O'Connor, K.C., acting as spokesman for mortgage and investment companies.

Mr. O'Connor said there was a widely-held opinion that lending companies were owned by a few wealthy individuals.

That impression was quite incorrect, he said.

## Aged Woman Burned To Death At P. E. I.

Her Clothing Caught As She Got Up To Tend the Fire at Night

Charlottetown, Jan. 31.—Her night clothing set afire by a little stove in her bedroom, Mrs. Katherine Anne McPhee, 71, died from fearful burns at her home at Mount Buchanan, P.E. I., according to word reaching here today.

Apparently she got up in the middle of the night to tend the fire. Her cries for help brought her son, Cameron, and Russell Kirby running to the room to find her enveloped in a mass of flame. They beat out the fire and in doing so their hands were severely burned. Mrs. McPhee died soon afterward.

### SOMETHING UNUSUAL

A beautiful black fox has been seen recently running around in the woods and sometimes has ventured near the homes of residents in the vicinity of Nashwaak Village. The residents believe it to be a wild one. Those living in that district have seen it many times, its shiny black fur contrasting with the white snow in the woods.