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Very Strong Protest, Some Alarm Over Ontario Hydro Contracts Bill

Claim That Hepburn To Break Faith With the Large Number Stock- holders Throughout the Dominion and Mother Country.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 4—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, declined yesterday in the Senate to state whether the Dominion would use its powers of disallowance of provincial legislation in the case of the Ontario Bill declaring power contracts between Ontario Hydro and four Quebec power companies void and unenforceable.

The question was raised by Senator George Parent (Liberal, Quebec). In the event of the measure introduced by Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn Tuesday in the Ontario House being passed by the Provincial Legislature, would the Dominion Government make a recommendation to the Governor General for its disallowance? he asked.

TORONTO, Ont., April 4—Premier Hepburn said that he "couldn't see any possibility" of reaching an agreement with holders of bonds in Quebec power with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission are to be terminated by the Government.

"We don't need the power and we are not going to take it," said Mr. Hepburn.

"But if the bondholders get together and come to you with a proposal to cut the price of power or to reduce the amount to be purchased would you consider their proposals?" he was asked.

Will Wait And See

"I won't say as to that," replied Mr. Hepburn. "We'll wait to see what move they make, if any."

"I know they have been hollering," he continued, "but if tomorrow we reversed our policy and increased the cost of power by \$6 a horsepower, as we would have to do if we continued these contracts, there would be a howl from the other directors. We have to choose between the two and Ontario industry cannot pay more for power."

If power rates were increased sufficiently to pay for the energy from Quebec, Mr. Hepburn said, it would impose a total increase of more than \$1,000,000.00 in Toronto's power costs alone.

The Quebec power contracts were not discussed directly at yesterday's Ontario Government caucus, it was learned, but members expressed confidence in the Government's announced stand on cancellation.

Hepburn said that the cheers which greeted him in caucus had no connection with the cancellation, but were for his budget address Tuesday. "They said they wanted to cheer Tuesday but the rules of the House prevented it," he said.

Hepburn's Reply

TORONTO, April 4—Informed yesterday considerable alarm was reported in London, England, financial circles over action of the Ontario Government in voiding Quebec power contracts, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn said he could only reply with the question of William Jennings Bryan "We are not going to crucify our people on a cross of gold."

A London despatch quoted the Financial Times as noting alarm following introduction of a bill in the Legislature Tuesday to terminate the contracts with four Quebec power companies. The paper added it was informed a cable had been sent to the Premier a month ago inquiring as to his power policy.

The People Make The Government

"Of course, no country is to be blamed for its government," John Strachey, radical economist, is quoted as saying when he sailed for Europe the other day.

Who is then? Certainly nobody outside the country is going to take the blame for it. If the mass intelligence and morality of a nation does not rise high enough to make good government, there can be no good government; and he will be a better logician than has yet appeared on earth who can prove that any dozen leaders of men will make it so.

The people of a nation, said Plato, get the kind of government they deserve. That is exactly contrary to Mr. Strachey's opinion; but both as a matter of logic and experience it seems unanswerable.

Before the Legislature meets again there will be an election. There will be one day a couple of months from now when the government of this province will be in the hands of the people. They will be the supreme rulers in matters provincial. On that day they will decide as to who will carry on for the next five years, whether the party is ill or well depends upon the people themselves.

It is true that the people get just the kind of government they want.

THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER FOR FRAUD CHARGE

LONDON, England, April 3—The Duke of Manchester was yesterday remanded on bail for trial in the Central Criminal Court on a charge of obtaining \$3,250.00 on false pretenses and with intent to defraud Walter M. Lawlor and Thomas M. Sutton, pawnbrokers and jewelers now dead. The Duke pleaded not guilty to pawning jewelry which the prosecution alleged was not his but the property of the estate of his late mother.

Edward Mayer, the duke's lawyer said that, while the duke had made two false statements when he pawned the jewels, he had made a contract with the pawnbrokers to repay the money and wished to redeem them as soon as possible.

It was brought out that the duke now was solvent, having been discharged from bankruptcy six months before the jewelry was pledged in 1933.

"I have ignored every single inquiry on our attitude on hydro," said the Premier, explaining he did not desire to give out advance information which might influence the stock market. Mr. Hepburn compared such questions regarding policy with queries which might be directed to the Dominion Minister of Finance with respect to projected tariff changes.

QUEBEC, April 4—A group of bondholders and investors of this city and district yesterday forwarded to Premier Hepburn a strong protest in the form of a telegram, against the former's Contract Voiding Bill, which has just been placed before the Ontario Legislature.

The message of protest charges that the Power Contract Repudiation Bill would abrogate one of the fundamental principles of social justice and of Canadian jurisprudence. The sanctity of contract, it says, is in jeopardy and the proposed act is contended to be discriminatory.

TORONTO, April 4—I. E. Weldon, K. C., chairman of the Beauharnois Bondholders Committee, Tuesday said that there was a possibility that bondholders might bring a suit against Ontario outside the boundaries of the province.

While in the proposed legislation cancelling the power contracts with

SAINT JOHN CITIZENS TO VOTE UPON CIVIC GOVT.

Saint John voters will by plebiscite at the 1934 civic election, determine what form of civic government they desire, according to provisions of a bill recommended to the Legislature tonight by its committee on municipalities.

The system chosen will come into force as soon as reasonably possible after the plebiscite. Its machinery will be provided for in the same bill which will authorize the plebiscite and which will be presented to the next session of the Legislature.

Systems of civic government will be submitted to the choice of the Saint John voters by a representative commission of five members after the commission has made an investigation of the various systems.

Appointment of the commission by the Lieutenant Governor in Council is provided for and duties of the commission are outlined in the bill recommended today. The bill replaces that submitted by the Saint John Taxpayers' Association which was designed to change Saint John's civic government from its present commission form to a modified aldermanic system if and when approved by plebiscite.

four Quebec companies there is a clause that says no action may be taken against the Government as a result, the ban applies to bringing suit in Ontario alone, Mr. Weldon said. "In that case any money coming to this province through Quebec could be attacked," he added.

BRITISH CIRCLES ALARMED

LONDON, April 4—The Financial Times said yesterday that considerable alarm was created in London financial circles by the news that a bill declaring illegal a number of power contracts of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission had been introduced in the Ontario Legislature.

The paper said it had been known for some time that the Liberal Government in Ontario was contemplating such action but added that it had been hoped that the proposals of Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn would have been "much less drastic than is apparently the case."

GLOUCESTER CO. COUN. FORCED TO PROVIDE RELIEF

North Shore Men Take
Councillor From Work
and Make Him Issue
Relief Orders.

BATHURST, April 3—Albert F. Mallett and Martin Chaisson, Parish of Shippegan, appeared before Magistrate Lemarquand here today, with Fred G. Herbert and Fred E. Mallett, Shippegan, charged with being members of an unlawful assembly at Shippegan on April 1.

The first case taken up was that of The King vs. Albert F. Mallett, Councillor Sameul G. Robichaud, representing the Parish of Shippegan on the County Council, gave evidence to the effect that on Monday morning while he was working as foreman on the breakwater being constructed at Shippegan by Frank Landry, a crowd numbering between 100 and 150 persons, headed by Fred E. Mallett and Martin Chaisson, came to him to demand relief, took him from his work and virtually "swept" him to the store of W. S. Loggie, where they forced him to give relief orders. With "this mob" pressing in on him, he gave orders for food to the needy.

During the afternoon most of the same "mob," headed by Albert Mallett and Fred G. Hebert, again visited the site, he said, and seized him and again tried to force him to give relief orders.

Others to give evidence were Alphonse C. Mallett and George T. Mallett. It also developed from the evidence that on Saturday last the Canadian National Railway gave out pay checks to various men of the extra gangs to the amount of approximately \$900 and that some of the men charged received checks ranging up to \$18. After hearing the evidence, Albert F. Mallett and Martin Chaisson were committed for trial.

The preliminary hearings of Fred G. Hebert and Fred E. Mallett will be held when court resumes tomorrow morning. A. M. Robichaud, clerk of the peace, represented the Crown; the accused were not represented by counsel.

TWO ARE KILLED BY C.N.R. TRAINS

PORTLAND, Me., April 4—Each of the two daily Canadian National Railways passenger trains between Portland and Montreal killed a man.

The Montreal-bound train struck and killed Dr. Thomas H. Gifford, 61, at Gorham, N.H. Dr. H. William Johnson, medical examiner, said Dr. Gifford committed suicide by throwing himself on the tracks just before the express train reached Gorham Station.

The Portland-bound train ran over and killed an unidentified man, apparently a Finn about 40 years old, about four miles west of South Paris, Maine.

HAD SISTER HERE

N. Ernest Clark, an employee of Kris Pedersen, Ltd., of Saint John, died suddenly yesterday while conversing with his wife on leaving his home. For the last few years he had resided near the Pedersen greenhouses on Sandy Point Road, where he was reputed highly as a horticulturist. Among his relatives is a sister, Mrs. Annetta Waugh, of this city. Other relatives are as follows, his wife, formerly Miss Cynthia Bernard of Richibucto, Kent county; two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Messer, Saint John, and Miss Vivian Clark, at home; four sons, Walter E. Clark, Norman E. Clark, M. Everett Clark, all of Saint John, and Howard B. Clark, at home; another sister, Mrs. Annie B. Pike, Saint John, and two brothers, Howard Clark, Model Farm, and Charles Clark, Saint John.

I. O. D. E. Convention Ends This Afternoon

SENATE KILLS COMBINES BILL

Liberal Leader Moves
"Six Months' Hoist" for
New Measure

OTTAWA, Ont., April 4—The six-months' hoist was given today in the Senate to the measure of Senator J. P. B. Casgrain (Liberal, Montreal), to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code so as to modify provisions on what constitutes a combine.

A sudden and painless death was administered to the bill. It came immediately following the sponsor's speech when his leader, Senator Raoul Dandurand, criticized the proposal and moved second reading be proceeded with "six months hence". The Dandurand motion carried without a recorded vote.

The combines clause now in the act had acted successfully in numerous cases dealing with "over ambitious and grasping people", Senator Dandurand said.

The proposal of the bill to permit combinations of "matters or employers for their reasonable protection would "destroy the whole spirit and letter of the Combines Investigation Act" and "would open the door to all combinations which are formed in the name of trusts and mergers", said Senator Dandurand.

P. E. I. Liberals To Draft Platform

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. April 4—Liberals of Prince Edward Island will announce their policy for an appeal to the electorate in the forthcoming provincial election when they meet Friday night to banquet Opposition Leader W. M. Lea.

The provincial Liberal leader, the Island's former farmer premier, has called executives of his party to meet with him to draw up a platform Friday afternoon. The approved policy will be read by Mr. Lea at the banquet in the evening.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature will prorogue tomorrow afternoon, and although Premier W. J. P. MacMillan has given no indication when the election writs will be issued, party machinery is already being geared for the fight. Standing in the House of 30 seats at present is Conservatives 16, Liberals 12; vacant 2.

DIED LAST NIGHT

Georgie May Tilley, widow of Samuel G. Tilley, passed away at her home, 80 Westmorland street, last evening after a short illness. She was 58 years of age and leaves to mourn one son, Isaac; two daughters, Mrs. W. J. DeVoo and Mrs. W. D. Gallagher, all at home; also seven grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with service at three o'clock from the late home in Westmorland street. Rev. George Telford will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

ANGLING LEASES SOLD

Two angling leases in Restigouche County were sold at noon today at the Department of Lands and Mines. J. Harvey Ramsay being the auctioneer. One of the leases, situated on the Antelope river area was sold to A. J. Elliott of Campbellton at the upset price of \$40 per year. The second lease was sold to the Royal Fishing and Hunting Club at the upset price. This is situated on Indian Lake.

The Election of Officers Was Held This Morning — An Endowment Fund Was Thoroughly Discussed by the Order.

At this morning's session of the I. O. D. E., in session here, a resolution was passed to send flowers to Mrs. John Black, who is ill, and who was the first regent of the first chapter ever formed in Canada.

Considerable discussion took place about the endowment fund, which is a fund that is being raised by the various chapters, the interest on this fund ensuring the future work of the Order.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. A. T. McMurray.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. J. H. Ramsay.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. W. W. White.
Secretary—Mrs. Havelock Coy.
Assistant Secretary—Miss Bertha Harvey.
Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Limerick.
Educational Secretary—Mrs. K. T. Campbell.
Echo Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Hare.
Standard-bearer—Miss Augusta Mahoney.
Organizing Secretary—Mrs. W. C. Allison, Rothesay.

Additional member of the War Memorial Committee—Miss Alice Lockhart, Saint John.

Nominees for National Councillors—Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Heber Vroom, Mrs. H. F. McLeod.

Honorary officers were elected as follows:

Honorary President—Mrs. Murray MacLaren.
Honorary Vice-President—Mrs. Robert FitzRandolph.

An increase over last year of 36 members, making a total membership for New Brunswick of 1,201, enrolled in 33 primary chapters, was reported at the 35th annual meeting of the provincial chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, which opened in Fraser Memorial Hall yesterday.

One new chapter, Fort Beausejour, at Sackville, was organized during the year, it was noted in the annual report of the provincial secretary, Mrs. Havelock Coy, Fredericton.

Councillors were elected as follows: Mrs. G. W. MacDonald, Campbellton; Mrs. W. S. Montgomery, Dalhousie; Miss Dorothy Fraser, Chatham; Mrs. C. McN. Steeves, Mrs. Leonard Tilley, Mrs. Kenneth I. Campbell, Mrs. G. A. Maguire, Miss E. A. Addy, Miss Alice Lockhart, Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter and Miss Frances P. Alward, all of Saint John; Mrs. C. Heber Vroom, Rothesay; Mrs. W. F. Yorston, Campbellton; Mrs. Walter C. Allison, Rothesay; Mrs. D. W. Griffiths, Mrs. J. B. Crocker, Mrs. Havelock Coy, Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mrs. Harold Limerick, Mrs. J. H. Ramsay and Miss Harriet F. Vanwart, all of Fredericton; Mrs. R. V. McCabe, Edmundston; Mrs. H. H. Reid, Sussex; Mrs. W. S. Hare, St. Andrews; and Mrs. G. W. Madison, Moncton.

A report by Mrs. Havelock Coy showed that \$14,161, an increase over last year had been raised by Provincial Chapters.

Mrs. F. S. Tilton of Saint John, of the Press Committee, expressed her thanks to The Daily Mail for the splendid Souvenir Number which that paper got out, and recommended this be used in the Chapter Scrap Books.

Premier L. P. D. Tilley in the House this afternoon will move a resolution congratulating His Majesty King George V. on the approaching celebration of the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne. Both sides of the House will join in wishing His Majesty long health and continued rule as his silver jubilee nears.