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Ottawa Hears Premier Bennett Is Through Virtually No Hope Of Premier Entering Parliament Again

Stevens, Meighen and Hanson Named as Successors—The Premier's Physicians Give Out Report.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett is apparently through with public life, after nearly 40 years in harness.

For three weeks he has lain very ill at his suite in the Chateau Laurier. His physicians now say he has suffered a stoppage of the coronary arteries, and that there is virtually no chance of his ever again entering Parliament where he has spent so many years, the last five as prime minister.

Within a few days his colleagues in the cabinet will meet and decide what is to be done in the circumstances. All seem to realize that it will be impossible, unless a miracle happens, for him ever again to engage in the activities of political life.

Whether he will resign soon and leave the choice of his successor to a caucus of his party or will take a long rest before formally laying down the reins has not yet been determined. "Really, he is a wonderful patient", his sister, Mrs. W. D. Herridge, wife of the Canadian Minister to Washington, said. "He doesn't appear to suffer pain but I know he realizes that a long rest is imperative, and he is willing to do as his physicians suggest".

When the question of Bennett's successor is discussed, several are prominently mentioned. They are Henry H. Stevens, former minister of trade and commerce, who left the cabinet a few months ago after a quarrel with Bennett, Hon. R. B. Hanson, present minister and Arthur Meighen, twice prime minister of Canada and now government leader in the Senate.

Bennett's illness has almost completely disorganized the government. His place in the House of Commons is being taken by Sir George Perley, 77 years old.

Bennett was chosen leader of the Conservative party at a convention in Winnipeg in 1927, and led his party to victory in the next general election in 1930.

It is felt that there has been too much work on Prime Ministers. It is killing.

The Government today, it is learned, is arranging the establishment council to assist the Prime Minister on social problems. This council will consist of fifteen people with the prime minister as chairman. Each will serve without pay, but experts on particular subjects may be engaged in special work. Sir George Perley, acting prime minister, said expenses would be small.

After brief debate, the House passed a resolution, prefacing introduction of the bill. Liberal Leader Mackenzie King drew upon his nine years' experience as prime minister to agree some of the onerous duties of the head of the government must be removed from his shoulders if an administration was to be successful.

Suggests Advisers

The Liberal leader suggested any prime minister should have two advisers attached to his staff, one on social and economic problems, the other to work in conjunction with cabinet ministers and departmental heads. If there must be an economic council, it should be added to the existing National Research Council. In any event, no appointments should be made until after the election because the council must reflect the views of the party in power if it is to be successful, said Mr. King.

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Science and Pink Barns

Goofy scientific tests enchant us. The latest has to do with a study of the color preferences of flies.

This country of ours grew to its greatness by rule of thumb and about the only scientific tools were the axe, the hoe, the shovel and the pickaxe. The country sank into a depression under the rule of the test tube, the micrometer and the can-opener.

Now along comes science with a report on conclusions drawn from observing the actions of flies for three months. In that time 10,752 flies parked on an orange square while only 2,067 of the little rascals sat down on a green square.

If you are not bored to death you might like to know that primrose yellow drew 6,541, carmine 4,415, light blue 3,480 and white 2,360. A few alighted on coral red and pink.

The experiment was made to tell what color barn would be most discouraging to flies.

Well, sir, who are we to butt up against science? However, maybe FLIES DO NOT LIKE PINK BARNs, but a couple of thoughts, oddly enough, occur to us. One is, suppose the paint fades. And the other is that every old farmer we ever knew believed that what drew flies to barns was the fragrance of the place and the way to discourage the flies was to clean the barn and squirt bug juice around.

But then, don't mind us. We never spent three months watching flies sit down.

BUT THIS IS SCIENCE !!

Another scientist is supposed to know all about stars and another about mankind; their advice is fearful and wonderful. We have nothing like these scientists anywhere around here. Our bug-house up the College Hill contains some wonderful scientists, to read what some of them give out to a wondering world at times.

Then we have the observatory down from "Minus" Jack's time, where there is star-gazing.

Pausing a moment from star-gazing to turn an eye upon mankind, Britain's star astronomer, Sir Arthur Eddington, wrinkled his erudite nose and said, in a book:

"Man is one of the gruesome results of an occasional failure of universal development." SO THAT YOU ARE JUST "AN OLD GRUESOME RESULT."

There was more to it than that, naturally, but that's what we are, according to Sir Arthur—JUST GRUESOME RESULTS.

The universe, Sir Arthur would have us believe, was designed for purposes other than man. Man is merely an accident.

"Matter normally collects in big masses with excessively high temperatures," he writes, "but by a trifling high hitch not of serious consequence in the development of the universe some lumps of matter of the wrong size have occasionally been formed. These lumps, one of which is the earth, lack the purifying protection of intense heat or equally efficacious cold of space. Man is one of the gruesome results of this occasional failure of antiseptic precautions."

And who are we to pit our puny minds against this student of the infinite? Grovelling at his scholarly feet we ask meekly what other of these lumps can sense the fragrance of a violet, the beauty of a wildflower, the melody of a child's glad cry of welcome?

But, of course, perhaps that is not man; perhaps it is just his soul. Maybe that's what Sir Arthur means. We hope so. The soul is no gruesome result of an occasional failure.

Sir Arthur's theory may be.

BONES AND SWORD MICE RETARD FOUND AT QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

QUEBEC, March 19—A quantity of

human bones and an ancient French sword were disinterred by workmen digging in the foundation of a demolished building at St. Helene and Caron streets in the lower section of the city. The bones are thought to be those of a soldier attached to the French forces in the early days of the colony.

As history makes no mention of a battle having been fought in this vicinity, it is probable that the site may have been used as a cemetery.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, March 19—The work of the government of Manitoba is being held up—by mice. The Legislative building here is over-run by these creatures, which swarm in all parts, interrupting the work of the departments. They even chewed telephone wires throughout the building and disrupted the service for days.

VARIETY CONCERT

Tonight at the Charlotte street school a variety concert will be put on, commencing at 7.50 o'clock. The concert promises to be a most interesting one and tickets are only 25 cents apiece.

R. C. M. P. AND N. B. RELIEF IN FEDERAL HOUSE

Number of Persons Receiving Relief in This Province Totals 14,211; Price Spreads.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19—Information he gave to the House several days ago that "no person in Shippegan was on direct relief between May 1, 1934 and January 1, 1935", said Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie yesterday, was given to him by Major-General J. H. MacBrien, commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was answering Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, (Liberal, Gloucester).

"I presume the honorable member would want to know the source from which the commissioner received his information", suggested Mr. Guthrie. "No, that is enough", said Dr. Veniot.

The number of persons in New Brunswick receiving direct and partial relief on January 1, 1935, was 14,211, Minister of Labor W. A. Gordon told a questioner. This was a reduction of nearly 18,000 from the same date in 1934. The recipients were divided among three department of government. The Indian affairs department took care of 1,261; labor, 12,277, and pensions, 673.

Shipments of coal from mines in the Maritime Provinces into Quebec and Ontario from 1921 to 1934 inclusive amounted to 25,431,653 short tons from Nova Scotia and 161,198 short tons from New Brunswick, according to an answer tabled by Minister of Trade R. B. Hanson.

From Alberta mines to Ontario and Quebec during the same period shipments totalled 503,106 short tons, the minister's reply said.

The philatelic division of the post office department has had average sales of \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year since 1932. Postmaster-General Arthur Sauve announced yesterday.

He read a statement dealing with charges made last week by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former postmaster general, that the treasury had lost money and graft had developed from establishment of the division.

Before 1931, Mr. Sauve said, stamp collectors' orders were filled by the postage stamp division. It was claimed collectors could not obtain enough information from the division and the department lost sales. This led to organization of the philatelic division.

This year, said Mr. Sauve, the division will have sales of \$70,000, the highest on record. Under the old system, sales averaged \$8,000 and never climbed above \$30,000.

The department, continued the postmaster-general, did not make a practice of selling used stamps at collector's prices. They were sold at face values.

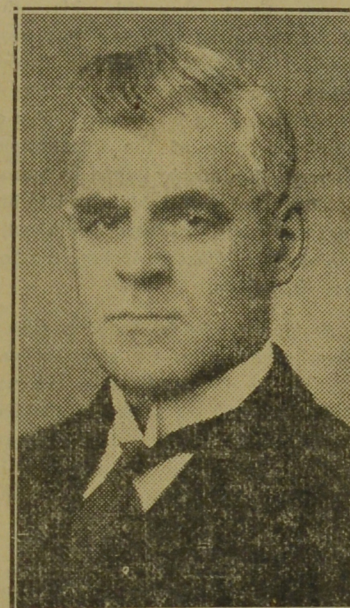
Regret that information about proceedings in the royal commission on price spreads and mass buying should be given out before reading in the House of Commons was expressed by Sir George Perley, acting prime minister yesterday.

He was answering a question directed to him last week by Liberal Leader Mackenzie King, following publication of a program reportedly submitted to the commission by Hon. H. H. Stevens.

Sir George said he did not know how the information got out or whether it was authentic. The government had no control over the commission which was created as an independent investigating body by order-in-council.

The commission was now drafting its report, Sir George said he had been informed, but could give no indication yet of when the document might be presented.

Security May Be Discussed With Great Britain



HON. A. A. DYSART, K. C.
Leader of Opposition, who is speaking
this afternoon on the Budget
Debate.

SEVENTY DEER SLAUGHTERED, 13 ARRESTED

Dept. of Chief Game Warden Uncovers Biggest Illegal Game Killings in Years—Police, Wardens Assist in the Drive on Offenders.

The Department of Lands and Mines uncovered one of the most flagrant violations of the provincial game laws this week, the result being that fifteen men have been arrested for the slaughter of about seventy deer in recent weeks.

As the result of an effort to clean up on such violations the Chief Game Warden, Major H. H. Ritchie is now in Madawaska County, and more arrests are expected shortly. Most of the offences occurred in Madawaska and Victoria Counties. It was reported from the department of the chief game warden this morning that seven men were apprehended in the St. Anne section and 34 quarters of deer seized; 3 men were apprehended in the Saegwas area and 66 quarters of deer seized; and yesterday 5 men were arrested in Victoria County and 40 quarters of deer seized.

Yesterday in Madawaska County one culprit was tried for the killing of 19 deer and was sentenced to six months in jail. Trials of the others are pending.

R. C. M. P. constables and wardens are assisting in the work of apprehending the violators and it is anticipated today that more arrests and seizures will be made within a few days.

This latest wholesale seizure is one of the most serious violations of the Game Act in recent years and the Department of Lands and Mines intends to act swiftly to punish the offenders.

PARIS, March 19—Reports of an attempted suicide by Andre Merlin, the youthful French Davis Cup star, were denied by members of his family here today. The family said that Merlin, who was suffering from insomnia, had taken an overdose of a sedative by accident.

London Seems Relieved By Reply—Simon and Eden Will Visit Berlin As Arranged.

LONDON, March 19—Britain's note to Reichsfuehrer Hitler declaring his army conscription law increases the uneasiness of Europe brought an immediate answer from Germany today that she was willing to talk European peace with Sir John Simon as scheduled.

The result here was a vastly relieved atmosphere. The British note, given to the German foreign minister through the British ambassador at Berlin had asked whether Hitler still wanted to hold the conversations once postponed because of Hitler's "white paper cold."

The foreign secretary and Capt. Anthony Eden are leaving Sunday for the German capital. The German reply assured that the conversations will be carried on within the scope of the Anglo-French proposals, on the original basis.

Officials expressed satisfaction and relief that Germany was willing to proceed in spite of her unilateral step assuming equality by organizing an army.

The discussions in Berlin will include general settlement of European problems—a mutual air port, an Eastern Locarno treaty, general arms regulation, Germany's return to the League and a pact of powers mutually guaranteeing the independence of Austria.

KETTERING, Hampshire, England, March 18—Lord Allen of Kirtwood, Labor peer who recently interviewed Chancellor Adolf Hitler, predicated in a speech here today that Germany would return to the League of Nations and accept an international plan for control of armaments.

Berlin View

BERLIN, March 18—Germany will place no obstacle in the path of her eventual return to the League of Nations, it was reported this afternoon in political circles here.

A Washington despatch says: The United States government today carefully surveyed the situation growing out of Adolf Hitler's defiance of the Treaty of Versailles but neither the White House nor the state department would hint at the course to be taken.

President Roosevelt and Norman Davis, United States disarmament expert, conferred presumably upon the Reich's move to re-arm. The roving diplomat is familiar with the ramifications of involved European politics and with the reaction and developments which may ensue.

Neither Davis nor Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who accompanied him to the White House, would comment on the conference. It was learned authoritatively, however, the United States has not yet been in formal communication with other governments on the situation. It was added in the same quarter that Davis had no immediate plans to return to Europe.

BERLIN, March 19—The British note of protest against Germany's rearming was presented to the foreign ministry and drew an immediate reply that the Germans are ready to discuss European security as originally planned.

The British note, presented by Ambassador Sir Eric Phipps, said Hitler's announcement Saturday was "calculated seriously to increase the uneasiness of Europe."

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