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## EARLY ELECTION RUMORS STILL PERSIST

### Ottawa Hears Things About Provincial And Federal Fights

What They Say About the Dominion of Canada and About our Provincial Election in New Brunswick-- Opposition Likely on State Inter-vention in Business.

(Special to Daily Mail)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 11—The political situation in New Brunswick seems to interest politicians at both the Conservative and the Liberal headquarters in this city. The reason for this seems to be because New Brunswick is considered by both parties to be the keystone of the political situation in Canada. It is to the province down by the Atlantic that all eyes are turning. It is said here that there is no doubt that the provincial elections which are due to be held in New Brunswick this year will precede the federal elections. This being the case whatever way the elections in New Brunswick go will exert a big moral influence in the federal campaign. From all reports coming into the Conservative headquarters here it is said that the present New Brunswick government under Premier L. P. D. Tilley has gained considerably in the good opinion during recent months. Premier Tilley has since taking office surprised everybody by the work that he has accomplished and by the way that he has handled things generally. There was, however, a few months ago a general dissatisfaction throughout the province. Not so much at the Tilley government but at general economic conditions. All governments whether Liberal or Conservatives have to bear the brunt of these conditions whether they deserve to do so or not. People are slow to see that no government can better present conditions just now. The condition was caused by the people themselves and the people in New Brunswick have to put up with it as well as others. The people are beginning to see this in a reasonable way. The result is that reports from different sections of New Brunswick, especially from the Saint John Valley sections would indicate that the conditions are such that no Conservative need worry.

At the Liberal headquarters bureau on the other hand while they do not say much, they seem confident that their party down by the sea is in good hands and will give a good account of itself. The Liberal party do not seem to have been as active as an opposition party would be expected to be, but it is thought they will depend, however, upon the campaign matter that they will bring out at the coming session of the Legislature. The chief heads in the bureau here do not give out much information. "In later weeks in New Brunswick," say the independents, "it will be anybody's fight when it comes."

An Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star writes:

The possibility of an early general election is the subject of revived prognosis this week-end by those in the very closest association with the inner councils of the Government.

They were forecasting, some weeks ago, an election as possible in April. That if may be held then, enters into their calculations still even though, among the rank and file of the party many look for it only in summer.

A rather complicated circumstance arises out of the time of the King's Jubilee. An invitation has been extended to the Premiers of all the Dominions and it is equivalent to a Royal command. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Canadian Prime Minister, would like to go. He feels it his duty to go. He also,

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### THE LEGISLATURE

The fifth and last Session of the present Legislative Assembly will be opened on Thursday afternoon by Hon. Lieut.-Col. MacLaren, C.M.G., P.C., the new Lieutenant-Governor, with the usual time-honored ceremonies. At three o'clock His Honour will drive to the House, accompanied by Major T. C. Barker, his official secretary, and by his aide-de-camp. The usual guard of honor will be present. The boys of the University of New Brunswick's C.O.T.C. will parade in front of the Parliament buildings and will be inspected by the Lieutenant-Governor, who should know how to do this as he has had the advantage of an extended active military service.

The procedure of opening the House runs about like this: Long before the opening hour people begin to flock towards the Parliament buildings. The Normal School students and other strangers usually get down to Parliament Square about 1.30 o'clock and stand around in the cold until three o'clock, when His Honour and party arrive. They watch the Governor drive up, hear the band play and the cannon shoot. In the meantime the wise ones who "know the ropes," or "know their onions," to use a later expression, have gone inside the building and have secured all the available seats in the galleries. After the Governor has inspected his troops he proceeds into the House accompanied by his bodyguard. Then the students and others who have waited outside to see the cannon shoot make a grand rush for the inside of the building. Of course, it is too late for many of them to get seats, so they push and pull one another around the corridors. They go into the members' lounging rooms and stand on chairs and talk to one another while the Governor is reading the Speech from the Throne. If they are from Queens, Charlotte or Kent counties they try to pick out Benton Evans, Dr. Taylor or Mr. Dysart as the case may be. In the meantime while the Lieutenant-Governor is reviewing the troops outside the building the members have assembled in the Assembly Chamber. The Speaker is "in the chair," which means that he is occupying the throne, or big chair, in the centre of the Chamber. The members of the Executive Council are in the front row at his right and behind them are the government supporters. On the left are Leader Hon. A. A. Dysart and "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition." They are all dressed up in their best. The invited guests, including numerous ladies, occupy the sofas and others have "seats on the floor." This does not mean that they are sitting on the floor Indian fashion. It means that on the opening day they are allowed in where on ordinary days "angels fear to tread."

Well, while they are all lined up thus a knock is heard at the Assembly Chamber door. It is the sergeant-at-arms, who announces that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has arrived. The Speaker replies "You may admit him." This shows the right of the people to assemble in parliament and the right to admit the Lieutenant-Governor or not. We do not know what would happen if they refused to admit him. No one has ever tried to fire him out.

Then the Speaker, with the dignified clerk (he pronounces it clerk), and the good looking Clerk-assistant, all with barristers' gowns and the Speaker in a silk hat, leave the Chamber through the Speaker's room. The Lieutenant-Governor and his party come into the Assembly Chamber and His Honour takes the seat on the throne. Then the Speaker and the two Clerks, who previously took the short-cut out through the Speaker's room, come through the corridors and re-enter the Assembly Chamber by the door just used by the Lieutenant-Governor. They are accompanied by the sergeant-at-arms in uniform and carrying a long black pole surmounted by a golden crown. They proceed half way to the Clerk's table and make a pretty bow "all at once" to His Honour, who then proceeds to read the Speech from the Throne, which has previously been prepared and handed to him by the Executive Council and outlines to some extent the measures to be taken up during the ensuing session. The Lieutenant-Governor then leaves the Chamber and the House proceeds with its business. Before considering the address of the Lieutenant-Governor some member gets up and introduces a bill. This is to show the right of the people as a matter of precedent to govern themselves.

It may not be generally known that after the Lieutenant-Governor has opened the Legislative session he may not enter the Chamber again during the occasion. He is not allowed to even take a seat in the gallery. Of course, he is sometimes sent for to come to the Chamber and assent to some bills. That is all.

In the old days when we had the Legislative Council the proceedings were even more elaborate than they are today.

#### HIS BIRTHDAY

Joseph McVey, who had the contract for building the highway bridge here some years ago, is now residing at Saint Stephen where he celebrated his 89th birthday a couple of days ago.

#### MAKING PROGRESS

The many friends will be glad to learn that Greg McGinnis, who has recently been seriously ill with pneumonia, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. He has been removed from the Victoria Hospital to his home.

#### GOVERNOR AT CHURCH

Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, attended his first church service in his new capacity on Sunday, being present at the morning service of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church where Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross preached the service. Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren was accompanied by Mrs. MacLaren and Miss Margaret MacLaren, and also Major T. C. Barker, aide de camp and official secretary, and Major A. A. James.

### REVOLT AGAINST ROOSEVELT SAID TO BE UNDERWAY

Several Factors Leading To Trouble in His Political Camp

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11—A major revolt against President F. D. Roosevelt was said by some Democratic leaders in Congress to be in store unless he makes even more concessions to the Legislative branch of the government.

These same leaders, however, said the President was now listening to advice from those who long had argued that with the banking crisis over, Congress should have greater freedom on legislation. To illustrate this new attitude, they pointed out that:

1. The President left to Congress actual drafting of the bill to extend the NRA, instead of sending up a bill as had been his past practice;

2. He declined to choose between various proposed methods of regulating holding companies, informing leaders that Congress should select the method it preferred;

3. He submitted only "informal" suggestions that the omnibus and controverted banking bill be considered;

4. He left to Congress a choice between the opposing attitudes of Secretaries Perkins and Morgenthau on the social security program.

Last congress, they reminded, his experts drafted the Recovery Act, and in each instance when there was a difference of opinion among his advisers he made the final decision and Congress was asked to approve his choice.

But leaders, particularly those in the house—balanced additional things which they termed "mistakes" against the relaxation of executive authority. They were:

1. The President's use of the word "soreheads" to describe dissatisfied patronage seekers;

2. Insistence from administration quarters that the house should adopt a virtual "gag rule" to put through the \$4,800,000,000 public works appropriation which will be open to amendment in the Senate;

3. The fact that the House was asked to forego an opportunity to vote for restoration of the five per cent federal pay cut. The senate voted pay restoration.

In an attempt to decrease some of the House feeling, leaders there had decided to let the soldier bonus be voted upon—and they predict it will pass—despite the president's opposition.

Roosevelt was described by a high ranking Democratic senator as "obviously worried" over what may happen tomorrow to his \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill in the senate appropriations committee.

The president brought pressure to bear on senate Democrats to eliminate the Maccarran amendment which would increase payments to relief workers. Over the week-end he conferred with several senators in a move to strengthen administration forces in the committee.

### CENSORSHIP OF PRESS DEBATED

CAPETOWN, Feb. 10—The fifth Imperial Press Conference today had concluded its sessions in this city after debating the question of censorship of the press for two days.

The conference passed unanimously a resolution inviting the Empire Press Union to collect from its overseas sections and circulate to members of the union details of existing restrictions on the free publication of news, and expressions of opinion.

### Fascism, Warfare Civilization Perils

#### P.E.I. LEGISLATURE OPENS ON MARCH 5

16 Conservatives Face Opposition of 12 Liberals; Two Vacancies.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 11—Lieut-Governor George D. DeBlois will formally open the fourth session of Prince Edward Island's 42nd Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, March 5, it is announced.

Both Premier W. J. P. MacMillan and Attorney-General H. F. McPhee have returned the island's claim for increased subsidy before the White commission, and are busily preparing legislation for the session.

They are two vacancies in the House of 30 seats, and 16 Conservatives will face the opposition of 12 Liberal members.

Under the Prince Edward Island form of government each electoral district in the province has two representatives, a councillor and an assemblyman. A property holder has two votes, one for councillor and one for assemblyman, while a non-property holder may vote only for an assemblyman.

There are 15 councillors and 15 assemblymen in the House, and each of the three countries is represented by five councillors and five assemblymen.

### NOW "MAMA" DIONNE MISSES HER BABIES

CHICAGO, Feb. 11—The sight of rows of new born babes in a hospital nursery brought "Mama" Dionne to the verge of tears.

Until yesterday the outward stoicism of this 26-year-old Canadian mother of 10 children, among them the famous quintuplets, had provoked much comment among those who have watched her adventures in the city.

Visiting the Chicago Lying-in Hospital, one of the leading maternity institutions here, she pressed her face close to the glass partition separating spectators from the nursery. A wave of emotion rippled the placed child-like face, her unrouged lips quivered and she turned toward her husband, Oliva.

Mrs. Dionne murmured a few words in French, her usual low voice ending on a tearful note. The slim dark-haired Ontario farmer smiled back consolingly, concern manifest in his eyes.

"She misses her babies, poor girl," explained Mrs. Joseph Rochon, of North Bay, Ont., a relative, who is traveling with the Dionnes. "In spite of all the thrill of sightseeing she is lonesome for her children."

Her visit to the huge modern hospital resulted in several of those rare smiles that even the antics of night club entertainers did not provoke.

All of Mrs. Dionne's 11 children— one two-year-old boy died several years ago—were born in the farmhouse where she and her husband have lived since their marriage. This was the first time she had seen how babies are cared for in a great urban hospital.

#### SERIOUSLY ILL

Kenneth C. White is quite seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in Charlotte street today, and the services of a nurse have been required.

League To Survive As Only Alternative To "Balance of Power" Theory, Says Smuts; Sees Potential Crisis in Pacific As Result of Japan's Attitude.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 11—A striking review of international affairs was presented by General Jan Smuts, distinguished soldier and statesman at the South African Institute of International Affairs Saturday night among his audience being the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference which has just closed its Cape Town sessions.

General Smuts just recovering from illness, declared he considered the present a favorable moment for advancing towards better international relations but he stressed the threat to Western civilization from the "twin menaces" of Fascism, and warfare.

#### League Come To Stay

"So far as Europe is concerned," said General Smuts who was an important figure at the Versailles Peace Conference, "the League of Nations has come to stay. If civilization is to endure the only alternative is a return to the old system of balances of power and heavy arming."

The next move before Europe, he urged, should be one toward substantial general disarmament based on security through extension of the Locarno system—an aim now being pressed forward by Britain and France jointly.

The experiments in Government now being tried in Russia, Germany, Italy and elsewhere were "temporary of war misery and defeatism" General Smuts declared. Japan's present policy might make the Pacific a potential danger point in which the world on a colossal scale—he mentioned Japan, Russia, China, the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India—might all become involved.

"Japan's situation calls for a large measure of patience, good-will and co-operation between the United States and the British Commonwealth," he added.

### AGED NORTH SHORE RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

BATHURST, Feb. 10—An old and highly respected citizen, William Ellis, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold Taylor, Youghall, this morning. Mr. Ellis, one of the pioneers of Gloucester County, was born in Youghall 94 years ago and had resided there all his life. His wife died 18 years ago. Besides the daughter with whom he made his home, he is survived by one son, Dr. R. L. Ellis of Jacquet Rivr, and two other daughters, Mrs. Hugh McKinnon, Bathurst, and Mrs. Harper Allen, Youghall. He was well known and highly regarded and will be greatly missed in the locality where he took an active part for so long a time.

The funeral will be held in St. George's Church Tuesday afternoon, where service will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Cooper at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Church of England cemetery.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 11.—At least 12 persons were dead today as the result of a tornado and heavy windstorm which swept across Southeast and East Texas.