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## PREMIER BENNETT

New Brunswick will be sorry to learn the news that came over the wires from Ottawa yesterday to The Daily Mail regarding the seriousness of Premier Bennett's illness. It is to be hoped that our Premier, who is a native New Brunswicker, whom all are proud of, will yet recover sufficiently to take his place as the leader of his party in Parliament. However, a lengthy, well-earned rest is what Premier Bennett needs and needs badly, and his friends should see to it that he be prevailed upon to take it.

## "THE LITTLE MOUSE"

The little mouse has been much talked about among the law-makers of New Brunswick during the present session. Some of the members to the right of the Speaker's chair would belittle the possibilities of the small rodent somewhat in the fashion of Aesop. On the other hand the loyal opposition would agree that a mouse has been known to free a lion. Who would ever have thought that the little mouse so small and insignificant that belched out of the warring mountain. Yes the little mouse is now interfering and even holding up the work of the Government of Manitoba. She even cut the wire and disrupted the service for telegrams in the West.

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

While the proceedings of our school board are held behind closed doors and while representatives of the press are barred, in all other places these boards hold open meetings. At some places the public are criticised for not attending the meetings.

The Truro Daily News points out that these meetings are of much public concern and as such should be of much public interest, and that the people should show their interest by attending in larger numbers. The same should apply to the City Council and Board of Health meetings says the News. It says that while the press gave good reports of all that goes on at the City Council and School Board meetings as well as those of the Public Health Board, that the people should also attend these meetings.

The preference is for the newspaper reports of what goes on within the council chamber. That phase of public taste is pleasing and complimentary to the press but it is not inspiring to those seeking to transact public business.

We presume it is generally known, but in case it is not, we would state that all sessions of the town council, the school board, the board of health, and the Truro Electric Commission are open to the public, and the public cannot be excluded.

There is no legislative body in the world whose rulings touch the people of this town as directly as does the town council. When the tax rate is set there is an exact and inescapable direct tax placed on every rate payer. When police officers and other civic officials are appointed they are appointed as direct servants of the people of the town. And so on. All that is done at the council sessions is of direct interest to the people of the town. And yet, as indicated above the interest in the work of the council is most indirect.

No article written in this or any other paper is liable to be followed by a line-up of anxious citizens outside of the council chamber but be that as it may the councillors would be encouraged in their public duties were just a little more interest shown in their public sessions.

The Truro News would think it odd that in the Capital of New Brunswick our school board meetings are closed to press and public and that our city council by their inaction endorses this matter. The matter has been referred to our Chief Superintendent of Education who just loves

to be considered a leader in up to date educational matters, which he is not, and he refused to endorse the principle that our school boards should be public. We have to continue Star Council meeting "because we have always done so." We wish to tell the Truro News that this is how we do business in Fredericton, the Capital of New Brunswick. But not in Moncton, Sackville, Saint John and in other places.

## SNAPSHOTS

The Truro News says that the while the papers attend the School Board meetings that the people should also attend the meetings and are welcome to do so. Is the News aware that in the capital city of New Brunswick neither the public nor the press are allowed to attend a school board meeting. Is this stand by the school board is endorsed by the city council who hand over the people's money to the school board?

The reason given for that chamber meeting of the Fredericton School Board is "It has always been so". Why progress!

We might add for the information of our Nova Scotia friends that Moncton, Saint John, Sackville and many other towns in New Brunswick are more up-to-date and hold open meetings of the school boards as is done in provinces with up-to-the-minute educational officials.

The chief superintendent of education was asked regarding this antiquated form of irresponsible government. He just kept his coat buttoned and his mouth shut. Unless he suggests a thing himself he will hardly favour it.

Absolute monarchy must have been great stuff.

Signs of Spring: Boys playing marbles and crows make their appearances on the river ice.

Is this 11 year old of Siam an absolute monarch, or does he still mow the lawn?

What we want to know is, where are all the speed cops while Campbell makes his records?

Dancing girls interpret hymns in a Missouri church, but the congregation has to interpret the sermons for itself.

Jean Harlow's testimony, accusing her mate of reading a book in her boudoir, established an important fact. Jean has a book.

If J. P. Morgan, who has just sold one of his yachts, keeps on liquidating he will soon have enough money to buy himself an annuity.

The application of a pretty co-ed in Springfield, Mo., to spring the trap at a hanging, was denied. However, she may have other men on her string.

Last year's atlases are still dependable. Close-ups in recent news reels show no changes in Mussolini's map.

A legislator involved in a bribery case in the Wets confesses he was promised money but never saw it. In fact, what base ball calls a semi-pro.

Those operations on topsy-turvy stomachs are interesting only because it is the first time in medical history, that a surgeon ever put anything back in place, without removing, at least, an appendix.

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

The N. B. Liquor Control Board held a brief meeting here this morning with R. G. Fulton, chairman, presiding, and F. J. Robideaux, the only other member present. Miles E. Agar, the third member is ill at his home in Saint John and was unable to attend.

## TO ATTEND MEETING

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Dr. Murray MacLaren, accompanied by Mrs. MacLaren will be present at tonight's meeting of the York-Sunbury Historical Society to be held in the Museum in the Post Office building.

# HON. JUDGE SLIPP SPEAKS OF JAIL CONDITIONS

Speaking to the grand jury in the York County Court, March sitting, yesterday, Hon. Judge Slipp extended an invitation to the jury to inspect the county jail in this city, which, he said, they were entitled to do in their official capacity. He desired to have the name of Sheriff Roy Smith cleared respecting rumors that unsanitary conditions prevail in the jail quarters.

"I have been in close contact with sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for the last fifty years and the jail at the present time is in as fine condition as I have ever seen it," the judge asserted. He had not intended criticism of the way the present jail was managed when he had advocated the establishment of a jail farm some time ago. His Honor said. He had advised, on the contrary, against a system which places young offenders in contact with hardened criminals.

The grand jury returned a true bill in the case of Harold Bailey Broad on a charge of breaking into and entering and stealing from the store of R. B. Young, of this city, on January 31. Broad had pleaded not guilty and was not represented by counsel. C. L. Dougherty was Crown prosecutor. Witnesses called for the prosecution yesterday afternoon were Roy Young, Morley A. Young, both of this city. The case was expected to be commenced today.

# MRS. SUTHERLAND DIES SUDDENLY

The death occurred at her home yesterday afternoon, after an illness of a few weeks, of Mrs. Alvina Sutherland, aged 78, wife of William R. Sutherland of this city. Deceased was very well known and respected by a host of friends, and was a life-long resident of this city. Surviving is her husband, two sons, Harry E., of Kempville, Ont., and Temple E., of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Grant Conley, of Salisbury Cove, Maine, and Mrs. A. D. Shatford, of this city; also one sister, Mrs. H. Hurley, of Boston, who is spending the winter in this city, and one brother, Lee Lint, of Fredericton.

The funeral will take place from the late home on Thursday afternoon with service to be conducted at 2.30 o'clock by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Douglas.

# George Tennant Died Suddenly

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cies especially as organist at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, where he gave valuable service. As a former director of musical programmes at CFNB broadcasting station his assistance was much appreciated. With his fellow members in the Knights of Pythias he was very popular as was shown by his election to high offices in the Order. As a citizen he was a worthy one and did his best.

The funeral of the late Mr. Tennant will take place on Thursday afternoon, the remains to rest at the Brunswick Street Baptist church from one o'clock until 3.15 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Guioy will conduct the service at the church at 3.30 o'clock and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery extension.

Those local persons who made the excursion trip to Toronto and Montreal by C. P. R. returned home today after spending an enjoyable time. Returning to the city today were the Misses Helen Pond, Elizabeth Jones, Alberta Hazlett, Ada Fenety, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ashfield, George Johnston, Fred Thompson. Also returning to the city today was Mrs. George W. Brown who spent the holiday with relatives in Upper Canada.

BOSTON, March 20—The Norwegian collier Spec, two weeks overdue and with hope for her nearly abandoned, was safe the coastguard cutter Ossipee reported this afternoon. The Ossipee, on patrol, reported picking up a wireless message from the Spec trying to contact the station at Sable Island.

# Federal Minimum Wage Bill Introduced

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 enting the employers and a third representing the employees in any industry.

The intention of the statute is, therefore, to have several boards, according to the industries affected, rather than one permanent body. The bill, provides, however, that the Government in respect of any province, may appoint a board or commission established under the law of that province to fix wages. These boards shall have the power to fix the minimum rates of wages after consultation with the representatives of the employers and workers concerned, including representatives of their respective labor organizations as well as any other persons specially qualified for the purpose by their occupations.

The Governor-in-Council is, subject to the provisions of the Act, given authority to fix by regulation the minimum rates of wages when he is satisfied that "the trade and commerce of Canada is being injuriously affected by the absence of uniform minimum rates of wages" or "that workers are being oppressed by the payment of wages insufficient to enable them to obtain the necessities of life according to a decent standard".

## Regional Rates

As the bill is drafted, provision is made for regional rates of wages and to except from the measure certain trades when considered necessary. The Minister of Labor is given authority to conduct an inquiry into the minimum rates of wages required to enable a worker to obtain the necessities of life according to a decent standard. The minimum rates of wages fixed under this act shall be binding on the employers and workers concerned.

Whenever a worker is paid less than the minimum rate of wages he will be entitled to recover the back pay as an ordinary debt.

OTTAWA, March 20—Establishment of the minimum rates of wages for employees in manufacturing and commerce, applying to workers of both sexes over 16 years of age, is authorized in a government measure introduced yesterday in the House of Commons by Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie. No rates were fixed or suggested in the act but power is given to name rate-fixing bodies.

The bill is another step in the reform policy announced early in January by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and set forth again in the Speech from the Throne. It is based on Part 13 of the Treaty of Versailles and a convention of the International Labor Office ratified by the House of Commons yesterday just prior to introduction of the bill. First reading was given the measure without debate.

Under jurisdiction of the minister of Labor, rates will be fixed with elastic provisions designed to bring equitable application throughout the Dominion. Heavy penalties are provided for violations. The main provision of the act becomes operative in one year, when ratification of the treaty on which they are based becomes effective.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 20—Five persons, only one of whom was identified immediately, were killed in an automobile collision 30 miles south of here today. The identified victim was L. C. Smart, salesman. The others were burned beyond recognition.

## DIED

TENNANT—At Fredericton, March 19, 1935, George Tennant, aged 36 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at 3.30 at the Brunswick St. Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. G. W. Guioy. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery extension.

MARSH—At Fredericton, March 20, 1935, Charles Frederick Marsh, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with prayers at the home at 1.30 o'clock and at Christ Church Parish Church at 2 o'clock. Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery extension.

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