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HAS BORDEN BEEN WARNED?

Said to Have Been
Asked to Exercise
On the Naval
Caution

Imperial Authorities do not Want
a Political Crisis in This Country
Over the Measure

Ottawa, April 17—It is stated on good authority that recent confidential communications sent by the colonial office, on the advice of the imperial government, to Premier Borden have diplomatically urged the latter to proceed with extreme caution in attempting to force through the naval bill in any manner which would provoke a political crisis in Canada by which the real interests of imperial unity might suffer.

Naturally, no official confirmation of this report is available, but the statement emanated from an unusually reliable source. It is given credence among those who are in touch with the "skeleton closet" of the government.

It is stated that Colonial Secretary Harcourt has expressed the view in guarded language that the naval bill if passed by closure, and in the face of the present opposition to it both on natural and imperial grounds among so large a section of the Canadian people, would not be in the best interests of the imperialism which all Canadians and all British subjects have at heart.

It is known that the present political situation in Canada and the bitter strife over the naval bill has caused considerable anxiety among British statesmen lest the effect of the Borden government's course should lead the disastrous reaction in Canada destroying the effect of the steady progress towards a safe imperial unity, especially during recent years.

The imperial government has no desire to interfere in Canadian politics but at the same time it does not desire to have a forced imperialism imposed in party strife either in Great Britain or in any of the overseas dominions.

As has been stated, the communications said to have been sent to Ottawa from London are "confidential" but it is understood that they have been along the line indicated above.

It is further stated that Premier Borden's reply was brief and pointed and merely suggested that the government here could be trusted to carry out its program with firmness and with due regard to both national and imperial interests.

P. E. I. TO LIFT BAN ON AUTOMOBILES

Charlottetown, April 17—Premier Mathewson moved a resolution in the Prince Edward Island legislature today that it is expedient to introduce an act to permit the use of automobiles on certain days on the public highways.

The premier made a strong speech in favor of the resolution. He went very fully into the question, referring to the changed feeling in regard to automobiles. The new bill he said would provide very stringent regulations and when it passed he did not propose to have it put into operation until the people have an opportunity to consider it carefully.

Hon. John Richards declared that he would not support the resolution because the people in his district are opposed to letting autos run.

Hon. John McLean, Hon. Chas. Dalton, Hon. Wm. Stuart and Hon. Murdoch McKinnon spoke in favor.

It is proposed to limit the running of autos to three days a week. The fees from licenses are to go towards the upkeep of the roads.

AT WORK ON BRIDGE

D. C. Burpee & Son are at work on the temporary span of the Highway Bridge. A boom has been hung from the Phoenix Square wharf to keep drift ice off the work and a pile-driver and derrick and other apparatus is in readiness. Piling was brought to the scene of operations yesterday and prepared.

Hon. James Barnes of Buctouche, is in the city today, a guest at the Queen.

The Liberal Government Sustained In Alberta

Provincial Elections in Prairie Province Resulted in a Crushing
Defeat for the Tories—A Black Eye for Hon. Bob Rogers
Who Directed Campaign From Ottawa—Liberals in New
House Will Outnumber Their Opponents About Two to One
—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, a Former New Brunswicker Defeated
in Medicine Hat

Calgary, April 17—From all returns received thus far, with some remote polls to hear from which will not change the result, according to the forecast made at 10.20 by The Morning Albertan, Liberal, the government has elected 31 members, the Conservatives 13 with two seats deferred and 10 doubtful.

Premier Sifton claims that a majority of the doubtful seats will go Liberal and that the next House will comprise 40 Liberals and 16 Conservatives.

Leader Michener is of the opinion that later returns will cut down the apparent Liberal majority materially.

Early returns received of today's elections throughout the province, says The Edmonton Bulletin, indicate the return of the Liberal government by a substantial, though somewhat reduced majority. At ten o'clock the returns stood:

Liberals 33, Conservatives 18, Independent 1, to hear from 2.

RETURNS INCOMPLETE.

Edmonton, April 17—At ten o'clock this evening incomplete returns for the province gave 29 Liberals, 18 Conservatives and 1 Independent Liberal elected or probably elected, and 6 seats, 5 of which are northern, so incomplete that no trustworthy estimate can be made. Very few even of the seats given in these summaries, with the exception of the cities, are anyway complete and there may be changes. Following is the summary:

LIBERAL.

Alexander, Arcadia, Beaver River, Bow Valley, Camrose, Cardstone, Claresholm, Cochrane, Coronation, Didsbury, Edmonton one seat, Gleichen, Girouard, Hand Hills, Lacombe, Leduc, Little Bow, Nanton, Olds, Red Cliff, Sedgwick, Stettler, Sturgeon, St. Albert, St. Paul, Lacombe, Vermillion, Victoria and Wetaskawin, Ponka. Total 29.

JUDGMENTS GIVEN TODAY BY SUPREME COURT

Rule Absolute to Quash Grand Falls
Assessment—School Tax Not
Covered—Other Cases

Judgments were given by the Supreme Court this morning. The most important of the judgments given was that in the case of The King vs. Town of Grand Falls ex parte the Grand Falls Company Limited, arising out of the assessment of the property of the company by the town. Rule absolute to quash the assessment of the town as to \$740 was granted, \$585.30 school tax not covered.

Other judgments were, —The King vs. Forbes ex parte Hanson. Rule discharged.

The King vs. Holyoke ex parte McIntyre. Rule discharged (six cases).

Ryder vs. the St. John Railway Company. Appeal allowed and verdict entered for the defendants. Judge Barry taking no part.

The King vs. Mathewson ex parte Guimond. Rule discharged. Judge White dissenting.

Cochrane vs. Lloyd appeal allowed with costs.

ANOTHER RIVER STEAMER

There is a possibility of another new steamer being added to the river service to be placed on the Gagetown-Fredericton service. It is said that Captain J. E. Porter of Indian town has been negotiating with a firm in Nova Scotia for the purchase of a steamer, and should he be successful a new boat about the size of the steamer Hampstead would be placed in commission. Negotiations are reported still pending.

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL.

Lefingwell, in Warner.

CONSERVATIVE.

Calgary three seats, Edmonton one seat, Edmonton South, Edson, High River, Innisfail, Lethbridge, MacLeod, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, Pincher Creek, Red Deer, Ribstone, Rocky Mountain, Stony Plain, Wainwright. Total 18.

DOUBTFUL.

Clearwater, Lac, St. Anne, Pembina and Whitford.

CRUMBS OF COMFORT FOR THE TORIES.

The opposition had some comfort in the general defeat, for their numbers both actually and relatively are greatly increased and they scored some notable victories. At Medicine Hat they defeated a cabinet minister outright in Hon. C. R. Mitchell and they ran well in all the cities, carrying Lethbridge, sweeping the three Calgarys and breaking even in Edmonton.

Premier Sifton's own majority in Vermillion is probably reduced as is that of Hon. Duncan Marshall in Olds. The premier was beaten by a narrow margin in his second seat of MacLeod and Attorney General Cross who headed the poll by a good majority in Edmonton was also unsuccessful in carrying his second seat of Edson. The Conservative candidate in Rocky Mountain succeeded in defeating the only Socialist member, O'Brien of the old legislature, the vote being split up.

The government expects to increase its lead from the seats in doubt and two deferred elections of Peace River and Athabasca and if these hopes are realized will have a majority of 20 or so. The loss of Mr. Mitchell is keenly regretted and possibly a seat may be found for him.

Premier Sifton is elected in Vermillion by a good majority, but in MacLeod, where he also ran, his Con-

NEW BRUNSWICKERS IN ALBERTA ELECTIONS

Newton Spencer of Bloomfield Ridge
Defeated Hon. C. R. Mitchell in
Medicine Hat—Other Candidates

At least six former New Brunswickers were candidates in the provincial elections in Alberta yesterday and it looks as if three were elected and three defeated. Hon. C. R. Mitchell, the minister of public works, who was defeated in Medicine Hat, is a nephew of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, and a native of Newcastle. He took his college course at the U. N. B., being graduated in 1894 and is well known in this city. He was at one time a county court judge, but resigned to enter the Alberta government.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell's successful opponent in Medicine Hat was Mr. Newton Spencer, a native of Bloomfield Ridge, York County. He went west a number of years ago and is a former mayor of Medicine Hat. Mr. Spencer visited his old home in the summer of 1911, and took a hand in the federal election of that year.

Mr. Hector Landry, son of Judge Landry and nephew of Mr. John McCarth of this city, was the Conservative candidate in St. Albert and was defeated. He is a resident of Edmonton and ran against the sitting member in a strong Liberal constituency.

Rev. T. B. Hillocks, who carried one of the Calgary seats in the Conservative interests is a native of Andover and a brother of Mrs. B. H. Babbitt of Gibson.

A son of Mr. O. Turgeon, M.P. for Gloucester, was the Liberal candidate in Hardisty.

servative opponent, Patterson, has a majority of 24, with one small poll to hear from, which will not change the result.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell's defeat in Medicine Hat is conceded by the Liberals.

Ex-Premier Rutherford, running as an Independent Liberal in Edmonton, South, formerly known as Strathcona, is 350 behind his Conservative opponent with 4 polls to come. Lethbridge gives an increased majority to Stewart, Conservative.

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TORONTO MAY BUY OUT THE STREET RAILWAY

Toronto, April 18—The rules of the House were suspended last night to permit of the Toronto Railway bill receiving its first and second reading. No terms are mentioned, it simply being stated that the city will have authority to borrow the money required upon the issues of four per cent. debentures, bearing such rate of interest as the corporation may deem proper without the necessity of submitting the debenture issue to the electors. Toronto papers favor the city making a deal to take over the railway, the only opposition coming from holders of stock who do not see the necessity of selling out at the prices mentioned.

TO HELP IN MOUNT A FORWARD MOVEMENT

Meeting of Friends of the Institution
Held in This City
Yesterday

A meeting of some business men of Fredericton interested in Mount Allison University and the forward movement that is now in progress to increase the endowment of the institution was held yesterday afternoon at the Parsonage of the Methodist Church. The call to gather together a few friends of the University came quite unexpectedly as the result of a visit of a representative of the campaign organization who attended a conference in St. John on Wednesday evening and who arrived in this city yesterday morning to advise with a few of the Mt. Allison adherents here. Nearly a dozen representative citizens were present and elected Mr. R. B. Hanson as chairman of the improvised committee that will arrange to organize a large group to co-operate in the maritime-wide effort that is to start next week in behalf of the Sackville institution. Considerable interest was shown in the plan of canvass as outlined and it was decided that the people of Fredericton should have some share in the undertaking that is receiving the support of every community from St. Stephen to the Lydney. It was explained that the time for the payment of contribution is to extend over a period of three years, beginning next January, and that a systematic canvass of interested persons would be made here next week.

89c. PAILET SILK 89c.

Don't forget the Sale of thirty-six inch Paillet Silk at Edgecombes tomorrow Saturday—89c yd.

Mr. Morrison, a Conservative candidate, who met defeat, is a native of St. Stephen and was admitted to the New Brunswick bar before going west.

A WESTERN LAND SCANDAL

How a Friend of
Bob Rogers Raked
in a Huge
Profit

Was Given Seventy-Three Acres of
Land Within Prince Albert's City
Limits for a Homestead

Ottawa, April 17—Parliament today again heard the story of how Hon. Robert Rogers let in a friend on a land transaction which netted almost \$400,000 profit.

On a promise forced from Premier Borden last night the Liberals were allowed to discuss the manner in which S. J. Donaldson, the chief Conservative whip in Saskatchewan, was allowed to take up on script which cost little or nothing, 73 acres of land in the city of Prince Albert which is estimated to be worth \$374,000. The land had been held as a government reserve and Donaldson was allowed to enter upon it without the public having been notified that the reserve had been thrown open to settlement.

Hon. Frank Oliver openly charged graft in connection with the transaction. Liberal speaker after speaker scored Mr. Rogers for the transaction.

The minister of public works replied that he had followed the practice of the Liberals.

Hon. Mr. Oliver was able to show that this was not true, but that where property belonging to the government had increased so greatly in value as this had it was always turned over to the school account and sold by public auction to the highest bidder.

The debate continued all day.

DELIGHTFUL PARLOR CONCERT LAST NIGHT

L. A. Wilmet Mission Band Held En-
joyable Entertainment at Home of
Mr. and Mrs. John Kilburn

A very delightful parlor concert took place last night under the auspices of the L. A. Wilmet Mission Band at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kilburn. The commodious parlors, sitting room and hall were filled by the audience. The floral decorations under the management of Miss Ada Schleyer and Miss Stuart added much to the attractiveness of the occasion. The whole program which was secured by the above named ladies was in every item excellently executed and each item received a well deserved hearty encore. Many of those present remarked that it was the most enjoyable evening of its kind spent for a long time.

The program was as follows:

1. Male Quartette—Messrs. Cooper, Redpath, Mitchell and Edney.
2. Violin Solo—Miss Hazel Palmer.
3. Violin Solo—Miss Palmer accompanied by Miss Sherman whistling in perfect imitation of a canary bird.
4. Solo—Mr. George Brown.
5. Duett—Miss Leavitt and Mr. Redpath.
6. Reading—Mrs. Irvine Malcolm of Moncton.
7. Solo—Mrs. W. G. Bullock.
8. Solo—Mr. Redpath.
9. Duett—Miss May and Master Leo Dolan.
10. Reading—Mr. Barrie Allen.
- Solo—Master Leo Dolan.
- Reading—Mr. Duncan.
- Mrs. Hugh Calder, Miss Everett and Miss Sherman played accompaniments.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

Mr. W. B. Bishop of Montreal, is at the Queen Hotel for a few days and according to Mr. G. Samuel Clarke of the F. B. Edgecombe Company, is open for an engagement.

FLAG AT HALF-MAST

The flag on the central fire-station is at half-mast today in honor of the late Chief John Kerr of the St. John Fire Department. Chief H. C. Rutter may go to St. John to attend the funeral on Sunday as representative of the Fredericton Fire Department.

THE POPE IS IMPROVING

Marked Change for
the Better in the
Condition of the
Pontiff

Was Able to Sit up Yesterday and
Sign Documents—Bulletins Are
Reassuring

Rome, April 17—Medical skill and strong vitality have combined to bring about a more hopeful change in the condition of Pope Pius.

The official bulletins issued today relieved present anxiety, but there are some who are skeptical and who fear a third relapse, owing to the general weakness of the pontiff and because he is inclined to disobey the orders of the attending physicians.

The bulletin issued at eight o'clock tonight was of a reassuring character. It said:

"His Holiness passed a good day without fever. This evening his temperature is ninety-eight degrees. The improvement in the bronchial symptoms continues."

Early today the Pope declared that he felt better than at any time since his first relapse. The sun pouring into the chamber impelled him to leave his bed, which he did without assistance. On such occasions it is the Pope's custom to order his attendants out of the room and they reluctantly obeyed him but watched unobserved through the half open door, fearing an attack.

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NATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY

New York, April 18—Gymnastic champions of America and aspirants for the individual honors in the titular events to be held tomorrow night at the West Side Y.M.C.A. in this city anxiously await the call for action which will determine the premier contestants in the eight events scheduled. These include Indian club swinging, flying rings, rope climb, side horse, parallel bars, long horse, horizontal bars and tumbling. The all-around championship will also be determined, based on the highest point winners in the horizontal bars, parallel bars, side horse and long horse. Held under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union, the events are open to all registered gymnasts, and the regulation A.A.U. championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to first, second and third men, respectively, in each event.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, N. Y., April 18—Frank Trumbull, chairman of C & O board says he sees no reason to reduce dividend rate. No important financing proposed for the present.

J. P. Morgan succeeds his father as director of New Haven road.

Missouri Public Utilities commission approves M. K. & T. \$25,750,000 bond issue.

New York State senate passes five-cent telephone bill for Greater New York.

Ohio Southern division of Detroit Toledo and Iron ton sold at foreclosure to Central Trust Company of New York for \$1,550,000.

Washington dispatch says Secretary McAdoo is going to investigate alleged connection of National City Bank of New York with United States treasurer.

Remainder of wool schedule of tariff bill adopted unchanged by Democratic caucus.

12 Industrials advanced .20; 20 active railroads advanced 0.20; American stocks in London steady 1/4 to 1/2 up.

STRAW HATS FOR POSTMEN

A circular order has been sent to all post offices of Canada having city delivery directing that in lieu of the helmets, which have been worn by the men in the past, straw hats be provided.