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Provincial Rights May Be Live Issue In Ontario and Quebec

T. L. Church Says Principles of B. N. A. Act Disregarded.

"The time is coming when Ontario and Quebec will have to ascertain what is their place under confederation as expressed by the British North America Act." This quotation is from the official report of remarks made by T. L. Church, representing Broadview, in the House of Commons a few days ago.

The suggestion of Mr. Church is worthy of the gravest consideration by all Provinces. The Dominion of Canada is dependent upon the Provinces for its existence and all the people should know just how the Provinces stand under confederation.

Down here in the Maritimes the need of knowing the full text of the confederation agreement has been considered of the highest importance and during the last 15 years or more Hon. A. P. Paterson and a small band of enthusiasts have been working for just what Mr. Church suggests.

The status of the Provinces under confederation should be known to everyone. The London Agreement, the British North America Act and the Canada Railway Loan Act are documents that should be familiar to every resident of every province, and it is hoped that Mr. Church's idea will be given the fullest consideration. When the people in all the Provinces know just what this Dominion of Canada is and how the Provinces stand within the confederation then will the foundation be laid for full co-operation of the Provinces in matters which will make this Dominion of Canada a real confederation with all units progressing as they should.

Mr. Church, according to Hansard, said:

"Since this government came into power I have seen most radical departures from the principles laid down by the British North America Act. There has been the five-year census for the prairies and other things of that kind, and now we have agriculture. I admit that the farmers of the prairies are suffering, but their situation is no worse than that of the farmers of Ontario. I could show the minister farms in Ontario just as badly off as the farms of the other provinces. Since I have been in this House we have had royal commissions appointed to ascertain the situation with regard to various provinces of confederation. We have had royal commissions on Maritime rights, Prairie rights and Pacific rights, and the time is coming when the farmers of Ontario and Quebec, and the industrial workers who cannot get a dollar with which to save their homes from foreclosure, who have to pay the cost of all this sort of thing, will demand an investigation or a survey, too. The time is coming when Ontario and Quebec will have to ascertain what is their place under confederation as expressed by the British North America Act.

"The two central provinces must pay the cost of all this sort of thing since they contribute 80 per cent. of the cash taxes that

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Political Parties Co-Operating On Provincial Rights

All People Must Co-Operate To Solve Present-Day Problems.

The Maritime Provinces are more definitely at the fork of the road than at any time in history. The next few years will decide the destiny of these Provinces and that destiny is in the hands of the people themselves and they must consider the interests of their own provinces before everything else. The problems of these three Provinces cannot be solved by partizan politics. There must be true patriotism and selfishness must be subordinated to love of country.

There are two roads ahead, each leading to different destinations, one to hope and happiness, the other to despair. In order to travel the first of these, the people must attain knowledge and overcome the indifference and selfishness, which now exists. We can no longer remain indifferent to the true status of the Provinces under confederation. We must become true partners in the confederation of provinces, which is called the Dominion of Canada. We cannot continue to drift along to be battered about by the self-centered interests of Ontario and Quebec, because that course will cause us to become derelicts on the shore of trade and commerce, burdened with taxes and with such a low vitality, that we cannot be re-floated with the tide.

If we will but explore the road of knowledge, understand our situation and press forward with a determination to see that we are given a square deal and stand solidly for our rights we will see the dawn of a new day for the people of the Maritimes and the land they call home.

When we talk about provincial rights we are not talking party politics. This status of the provinces is not a political issue. It is a provincial issue and concerns every man, woman and child irrespective of party affiliations or creed. While we of the Maritimes talk of Maritime rights, the other provinces, too, must look to their rights under confederation and they must all stand for a square deal not only for themselves but for all the provinces, particularly the weaker ones.

In New Brunswick party politics have gone by the board so far as provincial rights are concerned and a few weeks ago both parties in the legislature joined forces in a resolution on these rights and the course the province will pursue to implement the terms of the confederation agreement.

When we see the two parties co-operating in this move we have an example that should be followed by every person resident in these provinces. Service clubs, societies and all sorts of organizations throughout the Maritimes can do no better

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- I believe in New Brunswick.
- I love her as my home.
- I honor her institutions.
- I rejoice in the abundance of her resources.
- I glory in her record of achievements.
- I have unbounded confidence in the ability of her people to excel in whatsoever they undertake.
- I cherish exalted ideals of her destiny.
- To the promotion of her best interests I pledge my support.
- To her products I pledge my patronage.
- And to her cause I pledge my devotion and loyalty.

Province Moves To Minimize Car Accidents On Highways

R. C. M. P. Will Make Check On All Motor Vehicles —License Endorsements for Offences Against Traffic Regulations.

Fredericton, N.B.—A comprehensive program to minimize motor-car accidents on the highways of the Province has been developed by the Public Works Department, co-operating with the Attorney-General's Department, and will become effective immediately, it was announced today by Premier Dysart.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been instructed to make a concerted drive for the stricter enforcement of the motor vehicle law, and special orders have been issued to officers and men to devote a greater portion of their time to this work than heretofore. As the operations of the R.C.M.P. will not include the cities of Saint John, Moncton and Fredericton, letters have been written to the mayors of these three cities soliciting their co-operation, and it is confidently expected, said the Premier, that these cities will lend their support to make the highway safety program complete.

Each detachment of the R.C.M.P. is to devote a substantial portion of its time to the work of enforcing motor vehicle laws, and a special force scattered throughout the Province is particularly charged with this work.

Every infraction of the law is to be reported and to be dealt with in a manner calculated to insure against repetition of the offence.

"It is the intention," added the Premier, "to be firm but reasonable. The members of the R.C.M.P. have been instructed to be considerate and courteous but at the same time to be sufficiently severe to keep thorough control over highway traffic."

A system of endorsement will be introduced. In the case of minor offences by a first offender, the license will be endorsed and a report submitted to the Registrar upon which action may or may not be taken. When an officer makes the third such endorsement the operator will be forced to take his car from the road for a period of at least one month. "In other words," commented the Premier, "three strikes and you're out."

The system of checking motor vehicles will be continuous all through the year. These checks will include brakes, lights, licenses, license plates, horns and other equipment, and cars that pass inspection will be supplied with a current sticker. Every car seen without the current sticker will be stopped and checked.

Instructions have also been given to guard against the formation of queues. "Every precaution will be taken," Premier Dysart said, "to enforce the regulations without unduly trying the patience of motorists. There were 40 deaths in this Province alone

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Gossip from Far and Near

MOTORISTS are not the only offenders on the highways. One real menace is the way bicycle riders ignore traffic rules. Along the Rothesay road bicycles wobble all over the road and often ride on the wrong side. Near Rothesay recently boys on bicycles were seen holding on to the rear of motor buses. When the Mounties are checking up on motorists they might keep an eye open for bicycle riders and see that they conform to rules that will not expose them to accident. It has been suggested that schools might well devote some time to instruction on traffic regulations for the benefit of pupils. Let all persons using the highways always try to be safe, and many accidents will be avoided.

IT IS rumored in Saint John that some of the bonded warehouses were cleared of the bulk of stored goods just before the new tariff and excise regulations were announced. It is hoped that the money saved, if any, will benefit the consumer.

THE announcement that the Mounties are to check up on automobiles to see that they are within the law is a move in the right direction. All motor vehicles should be made as safe as possible and all operators should see that their vehicles are in a high state of efficiency before taking them on the highways. If all operators would check up on their cars the work of the Mounties would be very much reduced and the operators would save themselves much grief.

PINBOARDS have made their appearance in Saint John again. These boards were out of sight during the recent city election campaign, but they are again being operated, although it is said that they do not operate on coins. Some citizens are waiting to see what action will be taken under the new provincial act concerning gambling devices, passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature.

THE BIG Community Fair is in full swing in the St. Andrew's Rink. One of the features is a high class vaudeville show. The proceeds of the fair will be used for charitable purposes by the fair sponsors, the Saint John and Carleton branches of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., the Gyro Club and the Kinsmen's Club. The efforts of these organizations deserve the full support of all citizens.

THE drive for a National Park in New Brunswick is gaining ground. This week a delegation from Charlotte County met with members of the Saint John Board of Trade and presented the claims of the Lepreau site, which is said to contain about 400 acres. The local board will consider the matter. In selecting a site it is said that the first consideration should be for the benefit of the people of the whole Province. Several sites have been mentioned as suitable but it is the Federal authorities which will have to decide what site is finally chosen for the park.