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## New and Important Contentions Arise at Utilities Session

# PREDICT CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

### COURSE RELATIVE TO MILDGRAM IS COMMENTED ON

Chairman Replies to Counsel for Petitioners in Gas Rates Matter.

### JURISDICTION

Question of Control of Hydro and City Water Rates is Raised.

The hearing by the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities this morning here into the protest by the city against the proposed gas rate reduction to patrons of both gas and electric services of the N. B. Power Co. Ltd., was marked by some new contentions on important points relative to the public services. Comment was made by C. F. Inches, K. C., representing users of Power Company gas and electricity, that it seemed to him that the Board had not acted fairly in bringing the matter before the public through the press, as it had done by instituting correspondence with S. H. Mildgram, expert accountant, asking him if his reduction was not "unjust discrimination." It was also marked by a reply from J. MacMillan Trueman, chairman of the Board, who said he had written to Mr. Mildgram, the expert adviser of the Board, solely on his own responsibility. He said he considered it the duty of the Board to take the initiative in such matters.

Dr. Taylor Asks About Hydro.

This discussion led Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Power Company, to ask the chairman why the board did not take the initiative against what he termed the "unfair" tactics of the Civic Hydro Commission and when the chairman expressed the opinion that the board had not any jurisdiction over the hydro commission, Dr. Taylor went further and wanted to know why the Civic Commission had not filed its rates and also why the city had not filed its water rates as it was his contention that under the act, the board controlled water, light, heat and power services in the province.

Chairman Trueman presided and Commissioners Burpee and LeBlanc and E. S. Carter, secretary, were present.

Dr. Taylor's Argument.

Opening his argument, Dr. Taylor said that the city's complaint was from a competitor of a public utility and was being made to get existing business away from the Power Company. He contended there was not anything in the act incorporating the Public Utilities Board that gave it jurisdiction over gas rates. He added there was an amendment to the incorporation act of 1910 that gave it control over natural gas but specific mention was made of gas in any other form.

Another contention was that under the special act of Legislature in 1920 incorporating the New Brunswick Power Co. Ltd., the company was exempt from the jurisdiction of the board with reference to its rates. The company, he said, was given power to fix rates that would earn not more than 8% of the rate base. No one could interfere with that, he said. If the rates earned more than that, the city was given power to appeal to the board. The city, he said, had no right whatever to appeal against any reduction in rates.

Dr. Taylor asked Dr. Taylor if he believed the city had any right to appeal if the rates were deliberately made unjustly discriminatory.

Dr. Taylor replied the city did not. The city solicitor quoted Section 11 of the Public Utilities act, which opens

### War Talk

## MADE THE VOYAGE IN JUST 79 HOURS AND 23 MINUTES

Flew From Friedrichshafen, Germany, to City of New York.

### A NOISY WELCOME

The Giant Airship Flew Low, "a Silver Phantom in a Cloudless Sky."

Admiral Tsuruta, Minister of the Navy for Japan, warned his countrymen to "think of peace, but to be prepared for a forced war" as he defended his new naval budget.

### SWEDISH CABINET RESIGNED OFFICE

It Disagreed With Parliament on the Question of Disarmament.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 15.—The Swedish cabinet tendered its resignation to King Gustave yesterday in consequence of divergence between it and Parliament on the question of disarmament. The cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Trygger, and his ministers were asked by the King to resign on the ground that the King's resignation of the cabinet had been announced. Prime Minister Trygger, declared that as, under the decision of the Geneva conference, a general conference on disarmament would be summoned for next summer, it was his opinion that it would be injurious to the country for Parliament to undertake a solution of Sweden's defence questions at the present time. A majority of the cabinet members, however, did not seem to share his view.

### FIVE MEN ON TRIAL

Preliminary Hearing in Sussex—The Charges Are Stealing and Sheep-Shooting.

Sussex, N. B., Oct. 15.—(Special to Times-Star)—The preliminary hearing before Judge Perkins of Arthur Cameron, William Berlett, Fred Benson, George Benson and John McLean, adjourned from Monday was resumed this morning. The accused are charged with stealing and sheep shooting. Cameron admits having stolen a buffalo robe, the property of George Sohier, and Berlett to the taking of cats. Chief of Police Aisbell in his evidence stated that Berlett had killed a sheep with buckshot discharged from a shot gun.

It is not expected that the preliminary examination will be concluded today. The crown is represented by J. H. McFadden, and Ralph St. J. Press is appearing for two of the defendants. Nothing of a sensational nature has been developed as yet from the evidence heard.

### Wire Briefs

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 15.—James Cruze, motion picture director, and Betty Compson, actress, were married at the former's home in Flint Ridge, a suburb, last night.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The French Government will on Friday formally recognize the Soviet Republic of Russia, according to information received in official circles this morning.

Quebec, Oct. 15.—The official date of the five by-elections to be held in the province was officially announced after the Cabinet meeting today on Wednesday, November fifth, with the nominations taking place on October 28.

Paris, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—French recognition of Russia is imminent and may be made at the Cabinet meeting Friday, it was learned semi-officially today. A telegram will probably be sent to Moscow stipulating that recognition does not include cancellation of Russia's debt to France, which, including the pre-war debt, now totals about \$400,000,000.

New Glasgow, N. S., Oct. 15.—(Special to Times-Star)—The arrival of the ZR-3 opens a new era in trans-Atlantic air travel, and may mark the beginning of an economic revolution.

Captain Anton Hansen, noted seppeliner in expert, told the United Press today.

"Within 25 years aircraft will be used as commonly as automobiles are today. The dirigible will prove the strongest impetus the world has known for world-wide brotherhood through improved communications between distant peoples."

Hansen explained that the seppeliner works had proved beyond all doubt the practicability of construction of huge air-crafts for trans-Atlantic purposes when a steel cable gave away. Mr. Hansen was a married man with two children.

### Why Not Also Come To The Maritimes?

(British United Press, by Herbert Bailey.) London, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—The Imperial Graves Commission, which is touring the country with the Canadian war graves in France, is expected to visit the Maritimes in November, and will visit Montreal in December. It is probable that it will go through to the coast.

### PRINCE OF WALES IN CANADA AGAIN

Was Twelve Hours in Detroit as The Guest of Henry Ford.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 15.—The Prince of Wales arrived here on board the Henry Ford yacht Silla at 2:40 this morning. He boarded his special train and left ten minutes later for Toronto, Detroit, Mich., Oct. 15.—All that was possible in the way of privacy was given yesterday to the visit of the Prince of Wales, who spent a little more than twelve hours as a guest of Henry Ford. From the time he left the British throne for the observation car of his special train, he was surrounded by a large number of photographers and photographers who crowded the Highland Park yards of the Ford Motor Company until the Ford yacht Silla took him across the Detroit river to Windsor early today. Detroit residents caught but fleeting glimpses of the Prince.

As soon as the Prince left his train, they were organized to greet him, and his entourage was surrounded by the movements of the royal guest, but it is the attempt to shield him from the public eye that has been the subject of his criticism.

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### RAILWAY BOARD ORDER INTERESTS ST. JOHN GREATLY

Hon. Dr. Baxter and Trade Board Secretary Discuss It.

### THE MARITIMES

Former Says Commission Has Opportunity to Afford Relief.

Keen interest was created in St. John today by the announcement that the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada had ordered the Crow's Nest Pass rates abrogated. The matter was much discussed in business circles and with a feeling that the decision meant much to the Maritime Provinces.

In an interview this morning Hon. J. B. Baxter expressed himself as feeling that the Tariff Commission will now have an opportunity of affording considerable relief to the Maritime Provinces in connection with other parts of the country. There was also given an interesting and timely interview by R. F. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, in which he declared the abrogation is in the interests not only of the Maritimes but of all Canada.

Hon. Dr. Baxter's Views.

Hon. J. B. Baxter, K. C., M. P., minister of railways for the Dominion, in a statement made at the meeting of the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, said that the judgment of the Railway Commission in the Crow's Nest Pass case is a landmark in the history of the Dominion.

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### Celebrating End of Job

These men are cutting dikes 155 feet in the air because they have just completed the span of the new suspension bridge across the Hudson River at Peekskill, N. Y. It is the highest and longest suspension bridge in the world. Its main span is 1625 feet long. Its towers are 350 feet high.

### LABOR DOES NOT EXPECT TO GAIN CLEAR MAJORITY

Liberals Now Declare Conservatives Will Provide Next Government.

### TARIFF ISSUE DEAD

Labor Charged With Menacing Safety of Empire by Its Policies.

BY HERBERT BAILEY (British United Press.) London, Oct. 15.—Complete victory for the Conservatives at the polls is predicted today by Liberal headquarters, where it is admitted that the Liberals may lose a few seats, although it is not generally conceded that their loss will be large. Officials at Liberal headquarters say that after receiving reports from the country they are convinced that what the majority of voters seek is a stable government, and now that the tariff issue is a dead one, at least for the present, many seats lost at the last election will be regained.

The local arrangement made in many ridings by which either Tory or Liberal will fight against Labor, is expected here to have an increasing effect in strengthening the anti-Labor vote. Labor, on the other hand, asserts that it will sweep the board in many industrial areas, particularly in Scotland, although not even the most optimistic expect a clear majority.

The Tories assert that Labor has menaced the safety of the Empire by its attitude on the Singapore base, the abandonment of Imperial Preference, the Japanese amendment to the protocol, and other issues.

### Here Is The Record of Previous Flights Across The Atlantic

Aldroona, Labrador, N. J., Oct. 15.—The air arrival of the ZR-3 from Friedrichshafen, Germany, marks the fourth successful attempt of man to span the waters of the Atlantic Ocean in non-top flights.

The British team of Alcock and Brown, both Royal Flying Corps men, took the air at St. John's, Newfoundland, in a Vickers Vimy biplane on June 14, 1919. They dropped their landing gear on the rock-strewn coast and headed eastward. Sixteen hours and twelve minutes later, having traversed 1932 miles of sea and fog, they plunged with their craft into a bog near Clifden, Ireland. The machine was a wreck, fit only for transportation to a London museum. The aviators were battered in the crash but a record that still stands had been made.

Hawker and Greaves had tried the stunt before, and had been plunged into mid-ocean when their motor failed. They were rescued by a tramp steamer.

Hardly had nations ceased to gasp over the audacity of Alcock and Brown when the British dirigible R-34 rose from East Fortune, Scotland, one day in July. One hundred and eight hours that flight continued. At the end the R-34 hovered over Mineola, Long Island, an officer descended 2000 feet by parachute to direct her landing, and the big bag was drawn down. A few days later she headed homeward, arriving in England after a comparatively uneventful passage. She had crossed one ocean twice.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED

James Thompson of Campbellton Had Not Been Seen Since Saturday.

Campbellton, N. B., Oct. 15.—The lifeless body of James Thompson was found in his bed this morning by Clarence Hamilton, who climbed a ladder to look into the room in the effort to locate Mr. Thompson. He had been last seen alive on Saturday. The condition of the body indicated that he had been dead since then. A coroner's inquest was held at 10 o'clock this morning and was adjourned until tomorrow. Mr. Thompson was a bachelor and lived alone. He is survived by two brothers.

### GRAND TRUNK MAN PROMOTED ON C. N. R.

D. E. Galloway Will Have Control of Several Subsidiary Companies.

Montreal, Oct. 15.—D. E. Galloway has been appointed assistant vice-president in charge of a number of subsidiary companies of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Galloway has been succeeded as chief assistant to the president, Sir Henry Thornton, by L. V. Hunnell, formerly assistant chief of transportation.

The subsidiary companies which will come under Mr. Galloway's charge and the officers of which will report directly to him are: Montreal and Southern Counties Railway, Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, Toronto Eastern Railway, Oshawa Railway, Thousand Islands Railway and the Rail and River Coal Company.

Some of these companies are substantial electric lines and serve considerable territory in the neighborhood of Montreal and Toronto, while the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway has a large passenger business as well as considerable traffic in freight during the freight season.

Mr. Galloway is a native of Hamilton and joined the Grand Trunk Railway in a clerical capacity in that city in 1901.

### Weather Report

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Pressure continues high over the greater portion of the continent and except for snows in eastern Nova Scotia the weather has been fair over the Dominion.

Gulf and North Shore—Northwest and north winds, fine today and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

East—Maritime—Moderate north and northwest winds, fair tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

Northern New England—Fair today and Thursday; little change in temperature; moderate northwesterly winds.

### ISLAM'S HOLY CITY FALLS TO WAHABIS

King of The Hedjaz is in Flight and Royal Palace Looted.

Cairo, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—Wahabi tribesmen have captured Mecca, Holy City of Islam, and are looting the royal palace, according to messages here today. King Ali of the Hedjaz has fled.

London, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—A section of the population of Mecca joined hostile Wahabi tribesmen fighting King Ali of the Hedjaz in the final assault on the Holy City, a Central News dispatch from Cairo says today. All his defeated armies are retreating in good order toward Jeddah, which the King of the Hedjaz has made his seat of government.

### A \$10,000 BUDGET

National Council of Women Will Expand Work—Want Trained Midwives.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Tremendous expansion of the work of the National Council of Women of Canada, it is expected, will result from the acceptance yesterday of the \$10,000 budget for 1925, which was presented by the finance committee of which Mrs. J. Wesley Burday is head. This budget, which is greatly in excess of those of former years, will allow for an expansion along every line of work.

"Maternity care in Canada" was again the subject of a heated discussion, and a resolution was adopted to the effect that the National Council ask the Federal Health Department to recognize the fact that they urge the licensing and training of midwives as one method of reducing Canada's considerable maternal mortality.

### One of "Mounties" Is Drowned in Arctic

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 15.—Constable Ian N. MacDonald of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was drowned in the Arctic Sea on August 18, according to mail received here today. He was on board the schooner "Maid of Orleans," owned and commanded by Captain Keltingberg, an old timer of the far north. The constable's death occurred while the vessel was off the mouth of the Indian River, north of Herschel Island.

It is believed MacDonald boarded the vessel to collect customs duties on goods carried from U. S. ports.

Laureburg, N. S., Oct. 15.—Constable Ian MacDonald of the R. M. P., who was drowned in the Arctic Ocean, was a son of J. M. MacDonald of this town and grandson of the late Chief Justice MacDonald. He was 21 years old and was born in Sydney. He was very tall and a powerful swimmer, and enlisted three years ago.

### Were Discharged After All Night Session on the Bevis Case

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 15.—The jury trying Lewis Bevis on the charge of murdering Police Officer Charles Fulton in July last reported a disagreement this morning and were discharged. They were given the case at 9:30 o'clock last night. Fulton was shot dead while closing in on Bevis after a twenty-hour chase. A second police officer, Steve Kennedy, was seriously wounded by gun fire during the same chase.

### JURY DISAGREED

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