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LIQUOR ACT ENFORCEMENT FLAUNTED

HYDRO MATTERS DISCUSSED BY C. D. RICHARDS

Opposition Leader Asks For Grand Falls Power Cost

LABOR MEN MEET

N. B. Federation Prepares Legislation To Be Asked For At Session

By D. LEO DOLAN

FREDERICTON, March 17.—Hydro development in New Brunswick, and more particularly the proposed Grand Falls project, was discussed by C. D. Richards, leader of the opposition, in resuming the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, in the Legislature this afternoon.

Mr. Richards called upon the Government to give the people of New Brunswick some idea of the expenditure which will be necessary at Grand Falls, and declared that the Musquash development had not proved the wonderful success its supporters claimed it to be.

Liquor Act Enforcement

The leader of the opposition also took occasion to refer to the New Brunswick prohibitory law, in the course of an address of almost two hours in length, and he was rather outspoken in his criticism of the manner in which the act is being enforced in New Brunswick.

There was a large attendance of members. Hon. Dr. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary, who was unable to attend the opening, owing to the critical illness of his brother, Dr. G. E. Hetherington, of Cole's Island, took his seat in the House for the first time.

Labor Federation Meets

Today the New Brunswick Federation of Labor is in session here, with delegates present from all over the province. Members of the Federation executive told your representative that a committee from the convention would wait upon the Government on Thursday to submit the labor legislation which they desire enacted in New Brunswick.

The Federation will ask what progress has been made by the Commission which has investigated the Mothers' Allowances and will also urge the enactment in this province of a minimum wage for women, which is now also a matter of investigation by the same commission. Some amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act will also be proposed, so delegates said, but as yet the nature of these is undetermined. About 40 delegates are attending the convention, including representatives from the Longshoremen's Association in Saint John and labor organizations in Moncton, Fredericton, Chatham, Campbellton and McAdam.

Temperance Alliance

The New Brunswick Temperance Alliance opens its annual convention here tomorrow night and will probably be in session for two or three days. Rev. Thomas Marshall, secretary, told the Times-Star that the executive had not as yet made any decision regarding a conference with the Provincial Government, but there is a possibility that the convention will appoint a committee to meet the Premier and his colleagues, when matters relative to the New Brunswick Prohibitory Law will be taken up. "The Alliance will again urge upon the Government a better enforcement of the prohibition law," said Rev. Mr. Marshall. "We believe that an improvement along this line could very well be made in this province."

Agast Public Ownership

FREDERICTON, March 17.—It is understood that C. D. Richards, M. L. A. for York and House leader of the opposition, will today oppose the public ownership policy in connection with the proposed Grand Falls hydro development.

Mr. Richards is said to favor the development at Grand Falls by private interests, but with the Government exercising a supervision of the project. It is Mr. Richards' contention that the Grand Falls development will entail too great an expenditure to leave over to the Provincial Government.

The opposition members held an earlier caucus this morning when the hydro question was discussed.

'QUAKE IS REPORTED

Manila Bureau Instruments Register Disturbance 1,800 Miles Away.

MANILA, March 17.—The western bureau seismograph registered very serious earthquakes at 11 o'clock last night and 8 o'clock this morning. It is estimated they occurred about 1,800 miles from here.

Wheat Prices Crash on Both Winnipeg and Chicago Exchanges Today

APPROVES FEDERAL ACTION ON SUBSIDY

McGeer, K. C., Flays Vancouver Trade Board Opposition FOR HOME PORTS

Declares C. G. M. M. Boats Should Be Concentrated On Pacific Trade

By Canadian Press.

VANCOUVER, March 17.—The proposals of the Federal government regarding the Petersen contract on the North Atlantic were upheld yesterday by G. G. McGeer, K. C., chief counsel for British Columbia in the freight Laurier Club. The speaker took to rates case, in an address before the task the Vancouver Board of Trade and Vancouver members of the House of Commons, for their opposition to the scheme.

Says Scheme Good One

Pointing out that the North Atlantic Shipping Conference discriminated against Canadian ports, not only in the matter of outgoing freight rates, but also in the matter of incoming freight rates, Mr. McGeer looked upon the Petersen scheme as a good one, and suggested that as the Canadian Government Mercantile Marine vessels were unsuited for North Atlantic trade, this fleet should be concentrated on the Pacific in an effort to control grain and lumber rates.

The speaker prefaced his remarks with a demand that the Board of Trade and Commissioners for a decision on the freight and express rates case.

Delegation To Ottawa

VANCOUVER, March 17.—A delegation representing the Vancouver Board of Trade, headed by A. M. Dollaghan, president, will leave Thursday evening for Ottawa, where it will appear in conference with parliamentary representatives early action to give the Peace River country an outlet to the Pacific coast.

Opposition to the government plan was recorded recently by the council of the Board of Trade.

ALTA. MINERS AND OPERATORS MEET

Question of New Agreement Will be Placed Before Men, Says President.

By Canadian Press.

CALGARY, Alta., 17.—Representatives of the Western Canada Coal operators and of the United Mine workers of America, District 18, will meet in a joint conference on the economic situation today. The two parties met in an unofficial conference yesterday, and discussed the possibility of holding a formal conference.

President's Statement

J. Shanks, president of the Western Canada Coal Operators, stated last night that the operators had no idea of repudiating their agreement with the miners, but intended to lay before them the economic situation and let them consider whether they wish to approach the operators with a suggestion looking to the possibility of opening negotiations with a view of coming to a new agreement.

"We are working the mines one or two days a week; we are losing money, and the miners are losing money. Neither want such conditions to continue, but under the present conditions there is no help for it. Very shortly the Canadian Pacific Railway is going to place on the market a contract for 900,000 tons of coal at a price which we cannot meet under present conditions. This is practically one-third of the total tonnage of steam coal mined weekly in the last three years, and it means much work if we can get it."

In addition to the four mentioned from Glouce Bay the name of Donovan was also included in the telegram. This is taken for Louis Donovan of this city, who turned professional some time ago.

MONTCALM BRINGS 67

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Montreal is en route to this port from Liverpool with 139 cabin and 548 third class passengers. She is expected to arrive next Saturday.

CHURCH EVENTS MAIN ONES FOR ERIN'S DAY HERE

Shamrock Much In Evidence In Streets Of City

THE IRISH FAITH

Text Of Eloquent Sermon By Father Boyd In The Cathedral

"The dear little shamrock" enjoyed prominence in Saint John today in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The dainty trifolium was much to be seen in the hats of the women, and worn as a boutonniere. Green, also, was noticeable in the decorations of some of the store windows. There was no procession this year, nor has there been for some time; neither is there any society dinner, a feature that was discontinued in the celebration of this day some years ago.

Services in the Catholic churches and entertainments for the benefit of the orphans were the special events of the day.

At The Cathedral

Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. William M. Duke, who was assisted by Rev. E. P. Reynolds as deacon and Rev. J. E. Brown as sub-deacon. The Lordship Bishop E. A. LeBlanc and Abbe Casgrain were in the sanctuary. Green was gracefully draped about the pulpit and elsewhere, and each of the 40 or more altar boys in the sanctuary wore a bow of green ribbon in his surlap. Before and after the mass and at the offertory the organist, Arthur B. Gosson, played tastefully Irish airs, as has been a Cathedral custom for many years.

Faith of the Irish

The sermon preached by Rev. Charles Boyd from the text "Without faith it is impossible to please God"—Hebrews 11, 6.

"In his book 'The Soul of Ireland,' beautifully and eloquently written," said the preacher, "Father Lockington relates this story of a poor Irish girl whose priest found at the point (Continued on page 10, first column.)"

ONTARIO CO. SELLS \$15,000,000 BONDS

Proceeds Will Pay For Hydro Expansion and Retirement of Mortgage.

By Canadian Press.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Fifteen million dollars worth of first mortgage bonds, bearing five per cent interest, will be put on the market today by Blair and Company, Inc., and Schofield, Hilton dress emporium, established by the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company. The bonds will be priced at 98 1/2 to yield about 5.10 per cent.

The issue will provide funds for the retirement of \$9,200,000 mortgage bonds of the company and subsidiaries and for reimbursement of the company for expenditures already made in its expansion programme.

The company is interconnected with the generating plants of the Niagara Falls Power Company, the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Buffalo General Electric Company, the Northern New York Utilities Company and the Adirondack Power and Light Corporation.

New York Clothing Workers End Strike

NEW YORK, March 17.—Representatives of 30,000 dress goods workers announced yesterday that a stoppage of work in 2,000 dress goods establishments had been ended when terms submitted by the industry's jobbers were accepted. The strike began last Tuesday.

Ismet Thinks Rebels Have Finished Scrap

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17.—Reports from Angora say all the villages with 12 kilometres of Diarbekir, Kurdistan, have been cleared of rebels. Those villages in which Turkish troops have been revealed through the arrest authorities to have been exported from here chiefly to Belgium, in the last three months. It claimed that Belgian bankers began a systematic campaign to encourage the exportation of several months ago. This is reported to have been revealed through the arrest of a Belgian doctor at the frontier. He had disguised himself as a heretic, and his false bump being stuffed with French securities.

Used False Hump To Smuggle French Currency Into Belgium

Texas' Best Looking Twins



These twins, Charlene and Charles Danford, were judged the best looking set in Texas at a fair held at San Angelo.

Plans Well Under Way For Big Rotary-Gyro-Canadian Club Meeting To Hear A. M. Belding

ARRANGEMENTS are being rapidly whipped into shape for the big joint meeting of the Rotary, Gyro and Canadian Clubs of Saint John next Monday night to hear A. M. Belding, special representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star, who has just completed a tour of Canada in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

The promoters have secured the auditorium of Pythian Castle, and it is necessary to limit the meeting to 300, the tickets will be distributed to members only of the three clubs. These special representatives of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star, who has just completed a tour of Canada in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

The members of the Common Council this morning accepted an invitation from the Rotary Club to attend this dinner, and His Worship agreed to accept a few words of welcome to Mr. Belding on his return. H. Mont Jones, who extended the invitation, said that the Canadian Club, Gyro Club and Board of Trade had also been invited to attend this function.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL SITE COST APPROVED

Important Change of Policy Adopted at Vocational Board Session.

Special to Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 17.—The vocational board of New Brunswick was in session in the board room of the education office this morning and transacted considerable business.

Important changes in policy were adopted by the board, that of paying up the grants on such buildings under construction fast enough to prevent the lapsing of Federal grants.

The total Federal appropriation was shown to be \$56,640.30, of which \$23,315.87 was earned before March 1, 1925 and \$13,660.20 will be carried forward making a total of \$93,616.37 and leaving \$17,664.73 which would lapse March 31. A statement was presented showing that from 1919 to 1924 more Federal money had irretrievably lapsed than had been spent.

The estimate for the Saint John vocational school site in Douglas avenue was approved, subject to the provision of space for playing fields.

Sackville was selected as the place for the vocational summer school.

JOE McNAMARA IS CHOSEN AS CLERK

Former Saint John Man Official at Big Boxing Meet in Boston.

Joseph McNamara, formerly physical instructor of the Y. M. C. I., has been appointed clerk for the National amateur boxing championships, to be held in the Boston Arena on April 12 and 14. This boxing classic is one of the biggest of its kind held in the U. S.

Mr. McNamara officiated as clerk in the international boxing meet held recently in the Hub. He is considered one of the most efficient officials in this line in the Eastern States. In former years several St. John boys participated in the National championships.

Used False Hump To Smuggle French Currency Into Belgium

VALENCIENNES, France, March 17.—Nearly 3,000,000 francs in counterfeit money, estimated by the judicial authorities to have been exported from here chiefly to Belgium, in the last three months. It claimed that Belgian bankers began a systematic campaign to encourage the exportation of several months ago. This is reported to have been revealed through the arrest of a Belgian doctor at the frontier. He had disguised himself as a heretic, and his false bump being stuffed with French securities.

QUOTATIONS GO DOWN 131-2 CTS IN WINNIPEG

Market Is In State Of Complete Disorganization

CHICAGO PANIC

Heavy Selling Develops In Effort To Save Further Losses

By Canadian Press.

WINNIPEG, March 17.—With a crash which sent the wheat market into a state of complete disorganization this morning, prices dropped 131-2 cents within 10 minutes.

Heavy Selling on

CHICAGO, March 17.—Wheat smashed down excitedly today 11 cents a bushel, as soon as the market opened. May delivery touched 164 as compared with 164-2 to 165 at the finish yesterday. Heavy selling to stop losses was in progress.

Opinions Differ

ON PUPILS' STRIKE

Alsace Catholics and Government Press Issue Conflicting Statements.

STRASBOURG, March 17.—Conflicting claims are made regarding the extent of the Catholic school strike, called throughout Alsace by the Bishop of Strasbourg in protest against the Herriot government's institutional inter-confessional, or religiously neutral, schools.

More Than Half Away

Catholic newspapers assert that in the country the movement was from 80 to 90 per cent effective, and that in some villages not a single pupil attended. The governmental newspapers point to the smaller percentage of abstentions in the cities, which the Catholics admit. The latter, however, say that from 50 to 60 per cent of all the Catholic school children in Alsace observed the strike.

Question Before Deputies

PARIS, March 17.—The religious question is to come before the Chamber of Deputies today. Deputy Cazals has given notice of an interpellation of the Cardinals and Archbishop's letter which the Radicals call a "declaration of war," but in view of the 1918-19 other business before the House, it is understood that Premier Herriot will ask that the debate on the interpellation be adjourned until Thursday or Friday.

At the same time he is expected to make a statement on the letter and the strike of pupils called in Alsace by the Bishop of Strasbourg in protest against the institution of religiously neutral schools.

Curzon Better But Still Is Very Weak

LONDON, March 17.—Lord Curzon, who has been ill since his collapse at Cambridge, early this month, passed a fair night, it was learned this morning, but he is still much exhausted.

The Weather

SYNOPTIC—Pressure remains very high near the Atlantic coast, while a shallow depression is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward. Another cold wave is spreading over the Western Provinces from the northward.

FORECASTS:

Milder; Showery.

MARITIME—Fresh southeast winds; fair, becoming milder. Wednesday, southeast winds, overcast and showery.

NEW ENGLAND—Unsettled, with rain tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; strong easterly winds.

Temperatures.

TORONTO, March 17.—Lowest Highest during 24 hours Yesterday night

Victoria . . . 42 46 49

Calgary . . . 10 36 14

Edmonton . . . 4 34 4

Winnipeg . . . 18 24 12

Toronto . . . 35 44 34

Montreal . . . 34 34 20

Saint John . . . 32 35 29

Halifax . . . 32 39 22

New York . . . 42 42 36