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Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Feb. 9.—With the

thermometer registering 57 de-

grees, spring-like weather prevail-

ed here today after the first rain

of the season. Every vestige of

snow has disappeared. Magistrate

Arnold looked his garden over this

morning, and was surprised to find

that the head lettuce had survived

the rigors of zero weather. Head

lettuce was a side dish of his

luncheon, and he says it was every

bit as good as what he picked in

### TORY LEADER TAKES KING TO TASK FOR DARING TO FIGHT TRADE MENACE; PREMIER DEFENDS LIBERAL POLICIES

Meighen Pictures Premier Trying To Control Single-Handed the Oceans.

HITS PLEA FOR FAITH

Reiterates Assertion 2,000 Factories Are Closed, But Increases Number.

PREMIER REPLIES

King Hoped To Enlist Other Countries in Combine Fight.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Premier Mackenzie King and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, clashed in debate on the floor of the House of Commons today.

It was the opening day of debate on the address. Following the more or less formal speeches of the mover and seconder, Mr. Meighen spoke. crease in the cost of living. As a ment came into power was correct He declared that the government had matter of fact, the official statements and during 1922, 1923 and the firs and chaos. It made an abortive attempt to control lake freights, which had ended in having to eat crow at control of transportation on land and the hands of American vessel-owners.

undaunted by its failure the government is determined to get away from tariff discussion as soon as possible," said Mr. Meighen. "Therefore it has chosen transportation as a subject for discussion." The government said that it could not discuss its policy in regard to transportation on land until a derivative had be overwhelming major and government said that it could not discuss its policy in regard to transportation on land until a decision had been reached on the Crows overwhelming major overwhelmin advised the Petersen line shareholders | Nest appeal now before the supreme not to sacrifice their shares at a discount, but hold out for par, because perous conditions."

Our limmigration.

Canadian government had in three years spent \$9,102,000 to bring 322,-000 immigrants to Canada, while during the same time over 600,000 Canadians had gone to the U. S.

American statistics showed, he de
American statistics where members and a statistics where members are a statistic where we way and chaos in this country," Mr. Meighen said. On the was no reference in the speech country," Mr. Meighen said. On the was that the Dominion government was the policy of the government was the present in communication with the premier.

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American statistics where the policy of the government was at present in communication with the premier. onditions were much worse in the ted figures to show that Canada's e balance was more favorable

it had been since the war, and elements had been able to meet eign competition and realize a offit since the reduction in the taragricultural implements in last

s budget.

House of Commons, Sir Eugene Fiset, Liberal, Rimouski, found in the government's statement a value of the company of Sir William Petersen.

ed member from West Hastings in seconding the address, said farms greater having a total value of \$12,000,000 creased in his constituency were operating under a handicap of ocean rates, bilities. There was need for increased refrigerating accommodation on ocean-going freight vessels

Hon. Arthur Speaks. Hon. Arthur Meighen congratulated

offered his sympathy to Sir Eugene Fiset for "the torments and agony he must have suffered in enforcing the law so abhorrent to his sense of justice," having the military service act

upon by Mr. Meighen,
"We are left entirely in the dark as to what the mind of the govern-ment is on the matter," he declared suggesting that the government

should make an immediate statement

ambiguous remarks were made on report had been prepared by the emthe point in the speech from the ployers for a special purpose. The prone. The government had also made its thirteenth or fourteenth statement on the immigration policy. The purpose are the immigration policy. Mr. Meighen retorted that the figures he quoted were prepared in the department of trade and compared the way made in the speech. from the throne to the result which had been obtained from last year's

legislation. It was claimed that the tariff reduction had resulted in a de-

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### Ottawa Eagerly Awaits Details of Battle Plan

'combine" in T. E. Preston's report tabled in the House of Commons today are the subject of wide comment in political circles here, and there is keen interest for full details of the government's scheme for subsidiz-

The report, in its text, refers to the "peculiar anti-British influence which apparently dominates the policy of the combine

"The suggestion that British steamship lines, controlled by peers, baronets and knights of the British Empire, carry freight from foreign carry identical freight from British ports would be absurd unless official evidence than cannot be contradicted was available to prove the absolute truth of the assertion.

Mr. Preston declares that, though the distance between Montreal and Liverpool is shorter than between Hamburg and New York, the freight rate on Canadian exports is two or three times greater than the combine rates between Hamburg and United States ports.

precipitated transportation anarchy showed that there was an increase in eight months of 1924 the number of the cost of living.

"Why not?" asked Mr. Meigher he hoped to see Petersen ships soon sailing "under very much more prosting the west, telling his audiences that the west, telling his audiences tha his government was to be thanked for the Crows Nest Pass rates? Why did Meighen charged that the lt hesitate to declare its policy now? No one had ever suggested that parliament had not power to legislate yes or no on the Crows Nest Pass agreement. Whatever the supreme court decided final action remained remedy he proposes is not one which court decided final action remained

speech. It proposed to control rates King on the lakes and on the ocean. He asked the house whether, last year, there had been a single scrap of con-

trol over lake shipping.
"The legislation of the government passed at the last session of parliament had proved abortive," Mr. Meighen said.

Will Help Company.

will Help Company.

On the ocean the government proposed to control rates through an arrangement made with Sir William to the share control the entire ocean commerce. It was to be hoped that Canada would have the support of the other dominions and of other countries in breaking down this ocean membre.

Moves Reply.

Moves On the ocean the government pro

greater immigration through de-creased taxation and improved business conditions. A review of what which confined the marketing possibeen, it was true, some amelioration of conditions in Western Canada. of 4,000 a month. but this was not very great and it any more than did the recent eclipse the new members for Rimouski and of the sun West Hastings on their efforts.

The leader of the opposition also

Defends "Pessimism".

him by its cry of "pessimism." The country and parliament had a right ask the government to substantiate its claim that progress had been made The question of the ratification of in the last three years, and he exthe Geneva protocol was then touched pressly demanded to know where substantial progress towards prosperity had been made in 1924 under the present policy. Mr. Meighen proceeded to read some comparative figures showing business activity and unemployment during

he last year. He was interrupted by What efforts the government pro-the minister of labor, Hon. James poses to make in the direction of Murdock, who asked if Mr. Meighen reducing the high cost of living one was aware that he was reading only could not surmise, although certain one side of the argument and that his

Reference was made in the speech merce. He was quite willing to quote which the trades unions also Belittles "Faith." Advertisements were being pub-

papers under the signature of the minister of trade and commerce, headed "Canada is coming through; stand by her. In your faith lies her strength.' "Do not let anyone, however, con

found faith in Canada with faith in the government," Mr. Meighen said. "It was declared by the government that Canada began in 1924 on a con-siderably lower level than the United States, but ended the year consider

ably the better."
Referring to unemployment, statistic's furnished by the minister's own department show that the index num-bers of employment in Canada on Jan. 1925, was 83.9, as compared with 89.4 in the United States.

The statement made by him

Stratford in August last to the effect in Canada since the present govern- ing less, but the same cannot be in ignorance of wrongdoing.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Charges against the North Atlantic shipping

Premier Replies.

Premier King said that Mr. Meighen would probably agree with him that the constituency of West Hastings was better known in Canada today goods.

proposal had been before the country in 1921. It had been overwhelmingly defeated. there had been six by elections. In all but one of them Liberals had policy. meets with the public approval," said

was at present in communication with the government of Great Britain in regard to this matter, but no con-clusion had yet been reached. There would, however, be a statement from the government and ample opportunity to discuss the protocol later date in the session, said Mr

King. Tories Are Blamed.

Liberal, Rimouski, found in the government's statement a policy of hopeful note for increased prosperity in the dominion. Speaking of the promised development of Canadian ports, he expressed the hope that the port of Quebec would get adequate consideration.

Immigration was the first consideration of the hour. It was possible, he thought, to overdo the idea of leconomy in administration. The national life must be carried on and prome the manual promer development carried on and possible, and the balancing of the financial situation. The financial situation, Mr. Meighen said the balancing of the only on the data considerable boom in the dad been a considerable boom in the data constitute States. A quota law was of the linited States. A quota l the United States to take emiphy they were immigrants, and so crossed they were immigrants, and so crossed the line. As the government unfortunately did not keep track of those tunately did not keep track of those proached in the same mysterious manner. One said that he had who returned until recently, no stahad been accomplished since then produced little that was tangible in However, statistics preserved now the way of progress. There had showed that Canadians were return-

> tistics showing the decline of the index figure of employment in the United States during the five months ended October from 101 to 89—a fall of twelve, while in Canada during the same period there was a reduction of 7.1 in the employment figure. The American statistics showed, said the prime minister. The transfer what release the control of the same period to the general opinion of those who were approached this is a purely Canadian organization being formed by a Canadian member of the klan, who has prime minister. Mr. Meighen said that he did not intend to let the government muzzle Inited States than in this country. Employment conditions were more rapidly approaching normal in this country than in the United States relieve the Headache Brown off during the last year.
> In making speeches throughout the country last summer, Mr. Meighen had endeavored to create the impres-

Better Than U. S.

sion that some two thousand fac-tories throughout Canada had been closed down as a result of tariff changes made by the present government. But Mr. Meighen had quoted the figures from Dun's report which did not sufficiently differentiate between a manufacturing organization and what is popularly known as fac-The two thousand failures quoted by Mr. Meighen, included very small productive enterprises. Mr. Meighen had carefully kept from the country the exact nature of the com-mercial failures which he had quoted Failures Fewer.

there were 857 failures in 1922 with liabilities of \$39,000,000; 792 in 1923 owing \$31,000,000, and 625 in 1924 charged with conspiracy with Ernest whose liabilities aggregated \$36,- King and George Saunders in the "In so far as manufacturing con-

cerns go," he declared, "they are get-ting better since the government came into office. Mr. Meighen had neglected care-fully to point out that bank failures in the United States during the last twelve months totalled 613, the largest number for any year during the last decade, and leaving liabilities to the extent of \$202,000,000. "In so far as failures in Canada are concerned, they have been grow-

stated with reference to the United States," remarked the premier. Mr. Meighen had been very critical in regard to Canada's balance of leaps and bounds." intimation had been made by

the fall.

the expense of the manufacturers. Increase All Around.

a greater increase." The premier quoted the figures to show that there had been a marked truth?" Mr. MacKay asked. The increase in the export of manufac- treasure of the kingdom was hidden tured and partly manufactured goods in the most ordinary places of the since this government came into power. Consumption of Canadian manufactured goods in Canada had also increased in comparison to the

Dealing with the challenge of the The leader of the opposition, "in his courageous way," had chosen to test out a constituency which had always figures to show that the cost of livery trunned a Conservative. But the line had decreased during the last returned a Conservative. But the ing had decreased during the last conservative had been defeated by an three years, that Canada's trade baladventures in friendship, to be kind that the said that th overwhelming majority.

Mr. Meighen had often said that the government did not enjoy the confidence of the country. He offered as a nancea for the errors which he most ferrors which he most ferrors

and been before the country of bankers and Conservative newsthad been overwhelmingly Since the last session the finances of the Dominion were Miss Mary McGeachie, B.A., a

Mysterious Meetings Are Held in Queen City by Secret Organization.

tions today, and learned that no one fused permission to get inside the Kintyre, learned are never held at the same

The reporter made some investiga

In resuming his speech in the evening, Premier King quoted statistics showing the decline of the index figure of applicable with the same place, the venue being changed every few days so that no suspicions shall be aroused.

prime minister, "that relatively conditions were very much worse in the

the Cold. A Safe and Proven Rem-The box bears the signature of CONVICTIONS UPSET

### IN TAX FRAUD CASE Appellate Court Frees Two

Hamilton Men On Conspiracy Charge.

The number of failures in Canada, stated Premier King, was fewer last year than in 1923 and less in 1922 than in 1921. Returns show that by Judge Evans of Hamilton of men the state of the named Epstein, Walker and Speron. city tax department and dominion income office respectively, to defraud the city of Hamilton of money due as here today, a resolution was passed foreign trade are obvious.

## Chathamite Has | J. ARGO ELECTED

Knox Church Member Is President of London Presbytery Union.

John Argo of Knox church was elected president of the Young People's Union of the London presbytery at the twenty-ninth annual rally held last evening in the Knox church, South London. Very interesting sessions were held during the afternoon and evening, and the special speakers of the rally all gave very inspiring addresses.

At the evening session Scott Mac-Kay, B.A., of Toronto, was the first speaker, giving a vivid word picture s "Since this government has of "The Truth." In speaking to the in power," he declared, "the young people he emphasized that balance of trade has increased by there was no common place, no common thing or person, if it so be that Mr. Meighen that, in his opinion, it is a very bad thing to part with the world walked with God. He also natural resources of raw material at said that there was no higher calling, no greater task, that the young people of today could undertake than to "The leader of the opposition, however," he remarked, "seems to have missed the point that not only have our exports of raw material increased, but the export of our manu- that life is no great trial of courage factured goods relatively have shown no great test of endurance, just the

Aids Lonely Girl.

Mr. MacKay gave a very touching consumption of foreign manufactured illustration of the slums of Toronto telling of a young girl who had no a panacea for the errors which he claimed the government was making, an increased tariff. Mr. Meighen's ment so quoted from reports the country of the count

Miss Mary McGeachie, B.A., of Toronto, who spoke on "And the Life," continuing the theme of the former speaker, stated that peopl rarely stopped to consider the worth while things of life until it was over and it was too late to accomplish what one desired. She said that the difference between livelihood and life was not really known. There was ittle time left to consider life itself, and the relentless thing about life, she said, was that it could not be re-

In speaking of one's life work, or job," Miss McGeachie stated that was deplorable not to like one the individual failed to noce those who worked beside them One of the things that makes life worth while is the fact that other The criticisms which Mr. Meighen Toronto, Feb. 9. — The Ku Klux people live their lives alongside of had offered on immigration the prime Klan is being organized in Toronto, us." She said. Christ fought for his

courses pertaining to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rev. T. A. made an extensive investigation no

office for 1925: Honorary president, Rev. F. W. K. Harris; president. John Argo; vice-presidents, Miss E. McLachlin, Grencoe, and John Brieve, Westminster: secretary, Miss M. H. Kelso: treasurer, W. A. Woods. Dorhe had chester, and the executive will include H. Carroll, H. J. Jameson, actually attended at the time and clude H. Carroll, H. J. Jameson place mentioned, and even then although he was well known, was re- minster, Miss Margaret McEchran Dr. Snelgrove and Miss Georgina Martin, St The meetings. The Advertiser Kelso was appointed the representative to the national young people's conference in Toronto, taking place on April 10 and 11. Rev. D. C Soules gave the induction prayer for the officers, and also read the recommendations and resolutions of the new The afternoon session was also influence in the very interesting, and J. L. Little, who steamship combined

the missionary work to be done. In speaking of the missionaries who go out to India, he stated that they must have a standard, and that the so-called heathen demanded that love be the central thought of the missionthe missionary was to follow. Other Discussion.

Interesting conferences were also delay in shipment. held during the afternoon, when dis-cussions were brought up on "The Bible as a Text Book"; "The Social and Literary Program," The Missionary and Life Service," and "The Teacher Training and Leadership." At the close of the afternoon session a banquet was tendered the delegates, when Mr. Brandy of Stratford and Rev. M. Nicol of Guelph brought messages from their young people to the London young people. The sup-Toronto, Feb. 9.—The appellate per was served by the young people of Knox church, and was greatly en-

> PASS O. T. A. RESOLUTION. Special to The Advertiser. Seaforth, Feb. 9 .- At a meeting of

the prohibitionists of Center Huron, taxes.

"To hold the accused guilty," says the court, "it is necessary to draw the inference from the evidence that the accused had knowledge of fraudulent straffic. The declaration of Premier Ferguson to maintain and enforce strongly indorsing the O. T. A. as a means to be used to get the reduction in the tax bills, and to draw that inassurance given that the members of the organizations would do all in

## **INVESTIGATOR FINDS CANADA** AT MERCY OF OCEAN COMBINES

Preston Declares Country Is Injured by World Trade

OTTAWA OPENS FIGHT

Affects Not Only the Atlantic, But Extends To Seven

"The voice at the relationship to the Master, and to conclusion reached by W. T. R. Preston, special commissioner for the gov-

ocean rates. As a result of those findings the government has entered into an agreement with a line of steamers which will carry Canadian produce

ubventions. The conclusions arrived at by Mr. The conclusion is inevitable that mbine exists between all the transatlantic shipping lines running regularly between Great Britain and the continent of Europe and the dominion of Canada.

Interlocks With Other Lines.

That this combine is interlocked plying between the European conment and South America, South British steamship interests contro not only the North Atlantic steamship raffic, but exercise a predominating the great world-wide Every possible influence is exerted

steamships under the control of these interlocking combines.

freight or goods to or from or over ary work, and that truth must also be centralized and where truth led steamships or vessels not under the immediate control of the combine. This penalizing may take the form of an increase in freight rates or by

> Almost Isolates Canada. The effect of the administration o

peration of the Atlantic steamship combine, in connection with Canadian mports and exports, is to almosti world to which communication can only be secured by orean routes

The only channels for the great bulk of Canadian exports are the ocean ports on the Atlantic and Pacific. With the exception of a few commodities the U.S. is well-nigh closed to the dominion by the barrier of the high tariff, so that Canada is dependent almost entirely for its foreign markets to oversea destinations. With both the eastern and western channels practically controlled by the steamship combines, the serie obstacles to the development

The discrimination against the ports of Quebec and Montreal in regard to maritime insurance, as compared with the more favorable insurance pre-

# UNEASY FEELING

Country Is Hurt Menace. By the Combine

by Staff Correspondent.
Ottawa, Feb. 9. — "The North
Atlantic steamship combine is an obvious menace to the natural development of the export trade of the country, and an eviden deterrent to the prosperity and welfare of the population of the dominion." declares W. T. R.

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Preston in his report to the gov-ernment on the operation of an alleged North Atlantic steamship "The moving spirits in this gi-gantic world-wide maritime organization have conspired, com-bined agreed and arranged to un-duly limit the facilities for ocean transportation." he continues. They are preventing limiting and

transportation to and from Canacontrol of Canadian import and ex- that France make such payments to

traffic In point of fact, Canadian interests are hopelessly at the mercy of the North Atlantic steamship combine

tries where tramp steamers compete

## SHIPPING MAGNATES EXPRESS INDIGNATION

Examination of Books Would Disprove Reports, Says Curry.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 9 .- Representatives of the various Atlantic shipping inclose of the evening session, was the special speaker, giving an inspiring address on "The Way," dealing with transported overseas by other than house of commons today spins and the special speaker, giving an inspiring railways in these countries being the tenor of the report tabled in the special speaker, giving a s result of W. T. R. Preston's investiga-Merchants, traders or exporters tions into the alleged shipping combine, but were unable to present detailed opinions until such time as they had studied the report in all its Ruling Handed Down by Onramifications. An examination of the books of the

companies would disprove the state-ments made, said Major P. A. Curry, general manager of the White Star Line, one of the companies 'named' n the alleged combine. The report according to Major Curry, seemed to be a deliberate attack on the steamship companies. He cited, with regard of the car, he can recover his losses to freight rates, the cattle carrier, "Irishman," the biggest in the comed down by the Ontario Appellate pany's service. It had sailed out of court, when it allowed the appeal of Montreal, he declared, with 1,160 cattle Charles McFee, a local garageman. at \$22.50 a head. The voyage cost the company so much money, he observed, that the boat has been laid but not driven by him, had injured a

Petersen, Major Curry asked why the driving the car, Joss hit Mrs. Harry government did not approach some Watson. Mrs Watson obtained the companies that built up the judgment against McFee for \$1,265. trade instead of a new concern.

CHICAGO WATER DIVERSION PERMIT IS RECOMMENDED the damages secured by Mrs. Watson.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 9.-Issuance of a the more favorable insurance pre-miums, which are available to and sanitary district to divert 8,500 cubic from U. S. Atlantic ports presents feet of water per second from Lake a barrier against frequent competi- Michigan has been recommended to In the tax bills, and to draw that inference it is necessary to reject evidence of the crown witness Saunders
their power to assist the attorneyto the effect that he kept the accused
in ignorance of wrongdoing."

A barrier against frequent competing the dear and fine their against frequent competing the steamers. These vessecretary of War Weeks by Major
Secretary of War Weeks by Major
General Taylor, chief of United States
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sive insurance routes, and thus give
in ignorance of wrongdoing."

New Orleans, Feb. 9. — John McCorman As been recommended to
Secretary of War Weeks by Major
General Taylor, chief of United States
army enginess, and Major R. W. Putcert arranged for tonight has
been gripped
act enforced strictly and impartially. The steamship combine a greater nam, district

Follows Demand For Fixed Payments by France in

\$3,000,000,000 Refund. BY CONSTANTINE BROWN

By Radio to The Advrtiser and the Chicago Daily News.
Paris, Feb. 3.—If the British note to France regarding the refunding of the \$3,000,000,000 France owes Great Britain is full of reservations and leaves much room for discussion and

varying interpretations, the fault does not lie in the French cabinet, but it the French people themselves. Everyone seems to favor the firs of the British proposals-tha France should give up a part of her reparations installments under the Dawes plan to great Britain. But the second part, demanding fixed payments by France regardless of what she receives from Germany, leaves room for much discussion. Paris last January, Premier Herrio

ont trade.

The position of Canada, therefore, a more serious than that of countries where tramp steamers competed.

The British have accepted M. Herefore, the countries where tramp steamers competed to the Dawes payments. riot's warning, but the fact that they have introduced fixed payments to be made outside the Dawes annuities lends itself to the comment that those fixed payments will be sufficiently high to cover Great Britain's 22 per cent, in case the Dawes scheme

> Another statement in the British note which has caused a certain uneasy feeling is that "the fixed pay-ments which are to be made by France are to be established in accordance with France's national tries and the fiscal capacity of the country." This is a clear indication that the British intend to ask the French government to demand that their nationals bear a burden of taxation at least of the same pro-

## CAR OWNER MAY SUE DRIVER FOR DAMAGES

tario Appellate Court in Sarnia Action.

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car is liable for any damages inflicted by his car, but if he is not the driver of the car, he can recover his losses up ever since.

With regard to the projected sub
Woman.

McFee had loaned the car to Rober

sidizing of the company Sir William E. Joss, son of Alex Joss, and while McFee sued Joss, father and son, and secured \$208.50 for damages to his car, but did not obtain any money in his suit for indemnification agains He appealed the case and the apprecedent by allowing the appeal.

JOHN McCORMACK ILL.

New Orleans, Feb. 9. - John Mc-