

BILL IS CONFISCATORY, CONTENTION OF BACKUS

Premier Meighen and Colleagues Hear Legal Argument Against Proceeding With Measure to Control Water Powers—Drury Has Been Urging Dominion Government to Give Backus Chance to Be Heard.

Ottawa, March 21.—(Special.)—Premier Meighen and several of his colleagues, including Sir James Lougheed, lunched today on a legal argument. The premier had announced that at noon today he would hear any representations that the parties interested might make against the concurrent legislation which places under a board of control the water powers and power works in the Winnipeg River and its tributaries. The board is to consist of four members, two appointed by the Dominion government and two by the Ontario government. Identical bills for the establishment of this board were introduced some weeks ago in the Dominion senate and the Ontario legislature, and are now being passed by the Dominion House of Commons.

There has been a lively correspondence between Premier Meighen and Drury for the production of which an order of the house was passed today. When published this correspondence will reveal that Premier Drury has been urging the Dominion government to hold up the legislation until E. W. Backus could be heard from. Mr. Backus recently obtained valuable concessions in the way of timber limits and water powers from the Drury government.

between the Dominion government or any member thereof and the government of Ontario or any member thereof, regarding bill No. 28 (letter D of the senate) entitled "an act respecting the Lake of the Woods control board on the subject matter thereof." Backus puts up fight.

Today Mr. Backus appeared with his attorney, Judge Rockwood, an American lawyer, who delivered a lengthy argument against the passage of the bill. He declared that the passage of the bill would confiscate the property rights of his client, inasmuch as the work of the international waterways commission and the right to fish in the waters of the Minnesota. The argument was exceedingly technical. During its course, however, Premier Meighen intimated that the Dominion government had supreme jurisdiction over the Winnipeg River as a navigable stream, and that neither the province of Ontario nor any other jurisdiction could override the superior jurisdiction of the Dominion in matters of navigation.

FREEDOM IN POLAND FOR ALL RELIGIONS

Every Citizen May Use His Own Language, According to New Constitution.

Warsaw, March 21.—The new constitution adopted by Poland will go into effect as soon as the necessary legal machinery is set in motion. The present parliament is expected to be dissolved in April, by which time it is believed the arrangements for the election of a new parliament under the constitution will be perfected.

The constitution, as it is now, becomes the fundamental law of the land. It provides for a national assembly, composed of the members of the house and the senate. The president may be a Catholic or a Protestant. He is commander-in-chief of all the military forces in time of peace, but in the event of war the responsibility shifts to the minister of war, who is empowered to appoint the commander of the army.

Catholicism continues to be the leading faith of the country, but all religions are accorded equal rights. The relations between the church and the state will be legally defined by an agreement with the Vatican, which agreement shall be subject to ratification by the parliament.

Every citizen has the right to the use of his own language, and a special bill ensures the free development of the minority nationalities living in Poland. The different nationalities are permitted to have their schools and teach their own language under government supervision and with parental support by the state.

Let's reformers provide for restriction of the individual ownership of large tracts and all classes are given equal rights in this respect.

The care of orphans by the state is provided for, and night work by women and by children under 15 years of age is prohibited.

RAY, SETTLER KILLS NEIGHBOR. Edmonton, March 21.—Following a dispute over ownership of a hay rack, Edward Thew, is dead from a bullet wound and his neighbor, Clair Johnson, is in the provincial police cells here facing a charge of murder. Both men were homesteaders in the Ent-whistle district.

KINGSTON AROUSED BY POSTAL MOVE

Strongly Opposes Plan of Transferring Postal Division to Ottawa.

Kingston, March 21.—(Special.)—The suggestion that the Kingston postal division should be transferred to Ottawa is meeting with vigorous opposition in this section. The intention for 50 years has been conducted in the district efficiently and well.

AGITATION FOR RE-OPENING THE WOLFE ISLAND CANAL BETWEEN CAPE VINCENT AND KINGSTON BEING KEPT UP. The British schooner Roberta Ray of St. John's Nfld., was abandoned and set on fire at sea in latitude 43.14 north, longitude 48.11 west, on March 12, and the crew were taken off by the United States steamer Triumph.

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BIG FOUR LABORERS REJECT WAGE CUT

Workers Decide to Appeal Their Case to Railway Labor Board.

Cincinnati, O., March 21.—At a meeting of representatives classed as unskilled or common laborers on all parts of the Big Four Railway System, including track laborers, freight house and platform laborers, coal dock and order pick laborers, round house and shop and storehouse laborers, held in the office of General Manager E. M. Costin here today, notice was given to the management that no reductions would be accepted and that the workers had decided to appeal the case to the labor board for final decision.

Joseph Dutton, of Indianapolis, general chairman through the Big Four System for maintenance of way and shop laborers, announced that he had received orders from the grand president of his union not to accept any reductions.

He stated that this was also the sentiment expressed by the men in a recent circular announcing reduction of rates was presented for their consideration.

G. A. Daley, general chairman of the Railroad and Steamship Clerks' and Freight Handlers' Union, also announced that after conference with the members of his organization, he had been instructed to announce that no reductions would be accepted at this time.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 employees are affected by this order.

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The Chinese government has informed various legations of the discovery of concrete evidence of Japanese support, both financial and otherwise, of Gen. Baron Ungern-Sternberg. The alleged evidence is in the form of documents found on Russian officers arrested during conferences in foreign hotels here.

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The patient sits in bed and enjoys a view of the budding trees in the park through the open windows. Former Emperor William and his son, Eitel Friedrich, who is ordered to stay in Doorn for some time, frequently pay short visits to the sick room, as the exertion of talking for any length of time fatigues Augusta Victoria.

Report Immense Resources In North Saskatchewan

Regina, Sask., March 21.—In a report just made public, Lieut.-Col. A. C. Gardner, who made a journey over northern Saskatchewan at the request of Hon. Charles A. Dunning, investigating the natural resources, says:

"Great possibilities of immense wealth await development in the northern part of Saskatchewan." He declares it will take time, money and much energy to develop the immense areas covered by his journey. In the report, the discovery of gold, silver, copper, asbestos and other minerals is claimed.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Leaving Windsor 4:10 p.m. and principal inter-city passenger agents.

AL RACING DATES. March 21.—A meeting of the Breeder's Association, Mount Royal Jockey Club, opening of the local season.

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