

TORY-NATIONALIST PACT IN DANGER

Bill to Repeal Naval Act Resented

Mr. Lesperance Scores Conservative Press for Attack

One Wing of Borden's Supporters Sat Sullen During His Speech, While Another Section Applauded Remarks of Quebec Member, Who is Said to Be Gunning for the Postmaster General.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—When D. O. Lesperance, of Montmagny, warmly complimented the government for its action in repealing the Naval Act, the Conservative press was making "distinct accusations and insinuations reflecting upon my honor." The first echoes of the somewhat bitter talk, which kept the corridors on the quai viv for the past two days were placed on Hansard.

The trouble arises over the projected bill of Mr. Lesperance to repeal the Naval Act. The Conservative press in question, reflecting the views of one wing of the party, pointed out that the action of Mr. Lesperance was not in accord with the wish of his leader of the government, that in bringing the navy question before the house he was playing into the hands of the Liberals, and that his action was aimed at the postmaster general, in particular, and further intimated that the threat of introducing the bill was a club to be used upon the government by certain interests.

Standing between John Stanfield, the chief government whip, and Sir Rodolph Forget, whose name has also been associated by one wing of the Conservative with Mr. Lesperance's action, the Montmagny member spoke of a matter of privilege.

"I give absolute denial," he declared warmly, "to the charge that I have directly or indirectly attempted to register my bill, and I say this in a malicious and false charge to say my action was taken to embarrass any member of the government. My sense of personal honor and public duty will be appreciated when the discussion on this second reading of the bill is reached."

The action between the factions of the government, supporters and opponents, when Mr. Lesperance concluded, one section applauded his declaration, the other silent. Premier Borden looked around and nodded to his supporter, but did not applaud his statement.

SAYS ARMAMENT CRAZE WILL BEGGAR BRITAIN

Ramsey MacDonald, Labor Leader in Parliament, Blames "Armor Plate Patriots."

London, Jan. 24.—"Unless people put their heads together, and stop the increase of armaments, England will be brought to beggary," said Ramsey MacDonald, M.P. yesterday of the cabinet's decision to increase the naval expenditure in spite of the prevalent anti-armament sympathies.

"Winston Spencer Churchill," continued Mr. MacDonald, "is the worst Liberal first lord of the admiralty we ever have had. He thinks, although good sense and good will are growing everywhere, that an inflated navy is imperative. The estimate with France, instead of relieving us of part of the burden of armaments, is causing us to pile on more."

"The whole vicious business is due to the machination of the armor plate patriots. The beneficiaries always pretend to have special information of an alarming kind, and regularly play one country against another. Their figures are thrust before the governments and vitally affect the naval estimates. One can understand the operations of knives, but one cannot understand the endurance of the fools who pay the bills. The labor party is going to ventilate the matter in the house of commons."

VESSEL LOST NEAR HALIFAX

Halifax, Jan. 25.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Selma, Captain Downey, was wrecked early today off Megallowen Beach to the eastward of Halifax. All on board reached the shore in safety, but the vessel will be a total loss.

When word reached the city of the vessel's stranding, the government steamer Lady Laurier was sent out and brought fourteen of the crew to Halifax, the captain and three men remaining near the schooner. Before the vessel struck, her main boom had been broken and she was on the way to Halifax for repairs when she struck in a thick haze. The crew lost all their effects. The vessel is owned by the Maritime Shipping Company of Gloucester.

ANTI-TIPPING LAW FOR PANAMA CANAL ZONE

(Canadian Press).

Washington, Jan. 25.—By executive order, President Wilson has promulgated what is practically an anti-tipping law for the Panama canal zone. Aside from prohibiting employers of the canal organization from receiving rebates or commissions on supplies, it prohibits gifts intended to influence any employee on the isthmus without the knowledge of the employer.

It is entitled an order "to prevent corrupting influence of agents or servants" and provides a year's imprisonment and fines ranging from \$10 to \$100 for violations.

LOSS OF COBEQUID UP AT OTTAWA

B. B. Law Queries About Light on Trinity Lodge Being Out of Order

MONTREAL AMBITIOUS

Hon. Mr. Lemieux Will Ask Federal Aid for World's Fair in 1915 to Commemorate 50 Years of Confederation—Bill to Extend the Scope of Captains' Coasting Licenses.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The proposed world's fair at Montreal in 1915 has been made the subject of a resolution to be moved in the house by Hon. Rodolph Lemieux. Mr. Lemieux will next Friday, move "That in the opinion of this house, the federal government ought to encourage the projected international exhibition on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of confederation."

Mr. Law, M.P. for Yarmouth (N.S.), has several questions on the order paper in regard to the wreck of the steamer Cobequid recently. He wishes to know whether the light on the buoy which marks Trinity ledge, where the wreck occurred, was out of commission at the time, and whether the government boat Lansdowne was at the time.

Mr. Boulay, M.P. Rimouski, asks how many soldiers have deserted or abandoned the service since the arrival of the Nichol in Canadian waters.

Moderic Martin, Montreal, introduced a bill today, which he has had before the commons in past sessions, providing for bi-monthly pay on railroads.

J. A. Simard, of Guyville, introduced a bill that is of special interest in the maritime provinces. It provides that captains holding coasting licenses shall be permitted to sail as far south as the river La Plante. By an act of some years ago they were not allowed further south than Cape Hatteras. This was later extended to the Amazon, but extension of trade now calls for further extending the point to which Canadian ships may go.

A DIFFICULT BUOY TO PUT IN PLACE, SAYS COMMISSIONER

Stormy Weather Makes Work at Trinity Ledge Tedious—Praise for Local Officials.

R. MacPhail, of Ottawa, commissioner of light, who has been in the maritime provinces for the last two or three weeks in connection with the work of the department of marine and fisheries, returned to the city yesterday after a day's absence.

Though Mr. MacPhail did not come here in connection with the wreck of the Cobequid, he has been closely following the movements of the government steamer Lansdowne, which has been waiting for some time to replace the buoy at Trinity ledge, where the West India boat was lost. He said last night that all preparations had been made yesterday morning to anchor it in position, and that he expected that this had already been done, but that the weather had prevented him from putting the buoy in place. He said the weather was so bad that the buoy had become unbalanced and drifted into heavy seas. The Lansdowne lay in the harbor waiting for a calm when the buoy was to be put in place. When the weather cleared, the Cobequid had been located on the 14th. The buoy had to be unshipped and the Lansdowne went down the bay to stand by the wreck and take the crew off. When the Lansdowne returned on Thursday, 15th, with the twelve officers and men taken from aboard the wreck, she again shipped the buoy and returned the day after to Westport, where she has since been lying in readiness to place the buoy as soon as the weather should permit.

Mr. MacPhail, who had been in telegraphic communication with the government steamer, was advised that the sea would allow the placing of the buoy yesterday, and it was expected that this would be done about noon. He had last night received no definite news as to this, but did not expect to hear till this morning since the Lansdowne had no wireless.

"We are very well pleased," said Mr. MacPhail, "with the conduct of the local officials in relation to the wreck. We know they did all they could to rescue the crew. They could do no more to establish the buoy. None of us can control the weather and that only prevented the placing of the buoy before the wreck. The department is quite satisfied that there was no negligence in the matter so far as local officials are concerned."

TORIES' ONLY POLICY IS EXTRAVAGANCE

Severe Arraignment By Mr. Sinclair

Member for Guysboro Denounced Government's Do Nothing Policy—Hon Mr. Emmerson Queries About L.C.R. Train Service—Debate On Address to Be Continued Next Week.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—"The government is out of touch with true Canadian sentiment. It is out of touch with the great mass of the people; it lacks settled conviction and a moral sense. Canadians can't trade without restrictions; Canadians can't build ships; hard times are the only cure for the high cost of living; he had enough alone. Such statements will meet with no response from the Canadian people. Its leaders have no convictions on the great questions before the country; they know not where they stand on a permanent naval policy, on the British preference, on a reduction of duties on wheat. They know one thing, and the only thing upon which they unite is reckless extravagance. Wring all we can out of the people and spend it like prodigals. Let us eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

Such was the vigorous epitome of the position of the Borden government by Mr. Sinclair, of Guysboro, in concluding his speech tonight. He was followed by Hon. Arthur Meighen, the new solicitor general. He was not going to anticipate the budget, he said. That must wait for the budget. He returned to predict, however, that there was little to fear from the policy of free food for a generation. His enforcement would mean "disaster to industries." Neither wheat nor fish would be free. He would not commit himself on free wheat or free agricultural implements.

"The revision of the tariff will be made in due course," said Mr. Meighen. "When that time comes I will accept full responsibility or sever myself from my present association with the government."

Mr. Laforet was the closing speaker. He spoke in French, following which the house adjourned for the week-end.

SAYS UNTAXED FOOD MEANS "DISASTER"

Having said this much, Mr. Meighen devoted himself to a technical discussion of the late lamented Highways bill, with the object of showing that the amendments of the senate were unnecessary and destroyed the purpose of the bill, and consequently merited its abandonment by the government.

Query re Ocean Limited.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—At the opening of the house, Hon. H. B. Emmerson again brought up the question of the discontinuance of the Ocean Limited on the Intercolonial, reading a telegram from Montreal which stated it was understood that the company had decided to discontinue the Intercolonial; that the Ocean Limited would be removed but the Canadian Pacific trains allowed to stay.

Mr. Sinclair, who had been making inquiries from the minister of railways, and that the matter had not been decided. The question was still under consideration as to whether the Ocean Limited would be discontinued or not.

E. W. Nesbitt, North Oxford, then continued the debate on the address. Mr. Nesbitt stated he was surprised that the government had dropped the naval bill, because the people did not like it. He considered the measure that the government had dropped the naval bill, because the people did not like it. He considered the measure that the government had dropped the naval bill, because the people did not like it.

WORK OF THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION

H. A. Powell, K.C., one of the members of the International Waterways Commission, has returned from Washington, D.C., where he had been attending the commission which completes the first part of the investigation into the alleged pollution of the boundary waters between the United States and Canada. This part consists of a bacteriological examination of the waters. The second part is one of difficulty, and may involve the expenditure of large sums by the United States and Canada. In the case of the application of the city of Winnipeg to take the water of Shoal Lake and Lake of the Woods for city water supply, the city contemplates opening sluiceways, million dollars in connection with the project. This application was granted on condition that the water shall be used only for domestic and fire purposes.

Earthquakes and Housing.

It is well known that the loss of life during earthquakes in Italy, which in some towns has amounted to more than half the population, is largely due to the faulty construction of the houses. The Italian government estimates that 998 out of every thousand persons killed in Messina in 1908 were victims of such defects, says Nature. The construction of new buildings in the seismic districts is governed by a stringent regulation both as regards site and design. It is now suggested that these regulations should be supplemented by periodic inspection, and if necessary, strengthening of all existing houses.

Bathurst Northern Light. Mayor P. J. Burns is rapidly recovering from a critical attack of illness of a few days ago. Mrs. T. M. Burns is confined to the house by illness.

BRITAIN FACES ANOTHER STRIKE

LONG COLD WAVE CAUSES FAMINE PRICES IN PARIS

(Canadian Press).

Paris, Jan. 25.—The extraordinary cold experienced here during the past four weeks and which still shows no signs of abating has caused the prices of food in Paris to rise from fifty to 600 per cent. above the ordinary. Potatoes bring nearly double their usual price. Fresh vegetables cost from four to six times their regular prices. The old inhabitants recall the siege prices.

Railway communications have been interrupted by snow, it being from two to four feet deep in some places. In central and southern France the temperature ranges from ten to twenty degrees below freezing.

10,000 Coal Porters Out in London

Building Trades Men Also Threaten To Go Out

London, Jan. 24.—A new labor crisis has occurred in London, which literally touches every fireside. Ten thousand coal porters are already on strike, the general carters are inclined to strike in sympathy, while a lockout in the building trade is threatened.

The total number of employees involved in the three disputes exceeds 200,000. The reason for the possible lockout in the building trade lies in the fact that the London Master Builders' Association will require today that all employees sign an undertaking to allow non-union men to work with them, and that they will not strike on this account.

The association declares that such an agreement was signed previously when a strike for an extra penny wage a day occurred, but was violated to the extent of twenty strikes in the six months, and also that an arrangement providing for conciliation before striking was disregarded.

Various unions in the building trade have instructed their men not to sign the agreement, declaring that the allegations of the master builders are untrue and that there had been only a few individual infractions and the previous arrangement. Hence there is every reason to expect a deadlock.

FOUR LOCAL BY-ELECTIONS

New Cabinet Ministers and Vacancies in Charlotte and York Counties to Be Voted For

Fruit Growers' Convention Ends—Many Valuable Papers Read and Discussed—Local House Likely to Meet February 19.

Fredericton, Jan. 25.—The meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association ended tonight after very interesting proceedings which occupied two days. An illustrated lecture on insect and fungus enemies of the Vegetable Crops, by B. P. Gorman, of the Provincial Normal School attracted a large attendance tonight.

This afternoon a number of important subjects were discussed. President C. N. Vroom led a discussion on "Better fruit for local markets." Others who took part were S. L. Peters, A. G. Turner, A. G. Dunphy, W. B. Wilson, S. B. Hatheway, R. A. Fillmore and W. T. Macdonald.

Charles M. Williams, of Prince Edward Island, gave an address upon "Small fruits and their culture in this province." "Illustration orchards" was discussed by La-Col. Alexander, of Fredericton Junction, and James Barnes of this city.

W. W. Hubbard, superintendent of the Dominion experimental farm in this city, told of what was being done there. Herbert Smith, of Hoyt Station, delivered a brief lecture on the planting of strawberries.

A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, spoke upon "Work of the horticultural division."

Professor W. T. Macdonald, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, spoke at the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association this morning on "Some New Varieties of Apples." He spoke of tests made at the Central Experimental Farm, and said that many new varieties had been selected, some of which would be sent to the Experimental Farm. He also said that a force of experts would be sent out from the Experimental Farm next year to give demonstrations in spraying.

S. B. Hatheway said that ninety per cent of vinegar and dried apples used in this province are imported from Ontario and Nova Scotia and suggested that the government devote some attention to the question of keeping this trade at home.

L. C. R. "Economy" at Fredericton.

Consternation has been caused by an announcement made by the authorities of the Intercolonial railway this afternoon that six of the ten suburban trains here before running between Fredericton and Marysville will be cancelled on and after Monday next.

Although the change was announced only a few hours, a storm of protest has been raised already. Under the new regulation Marysville will have no rail communication with Fredericton after 6:05 p.m.

Merchants of this city will be hit hard and are expected to protest strongly and as a large amount of business comes from the neighboring town, the people of Marysville will protest as strongly.

These six trains have been cancelled for alleged reasons of economy.

Writs were issued today for the provincial by-elections necessary to fill the vacancies caused by the cabinet changes. In Kings and Charlotte counties the elections will be on Thursday, February 12, in York on February 19, nomination on February 12.

Charlotte county has two vacancies from the resignation of Mr. Justice G. J. Clarke to the office of attorney-general.

The Kings county vacancy is due to Hon. Mr. Murray's appointment to be minister of agriculture, and the York vacancy because of the resignation of Hon. H. F. McLeod.

The local government held a meeting this morning. It is understood that the legislature will be summoned on February 19.

The Provincial Board of Health held a meeting here last night.

The thermometer registered sixteen below here last night.

Roy C. Sharpe, the nine year old son of David Sharpe, died suddenly last night from an attack of croup.

RESCUED NOVA SCOTIA RESCUED

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—Five seamen from the Nova Scotia schooner Rescue, wrecked at Nevisville, Cuba, December 30, arrived here on the steamer Horta, having been forwarded from Havana by the British consul.

ALL THREE GRANTED.

The liquor license commissioners of the county met last night at the office of the inspector, E. J. Neve, 19 Dufferin Row, Lancaster, and considered the applications for licenses. The total number of applicants was three—Mr. Hugh McCormick, Three Mile House; Charles Mayall, Coronation House; and Mrs. Nellie Barker, Ben Lomond House. All three were granted.

COLD WEATHER STOPS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

Perth, N. B., Jan. 22.—R. B. Stewart arrived in town Tuesday to spend a few days at his home here. On account of the recent severe weather he has been compelled to suspend operations on his railway construction work between Newcastle and Derby Junction for the present, but will resume work in the spring. Mr. Stewart will leave in a few days for Whitty (Ont.) to look after the final work in connection with his recently concluded contract at that place.

THE NEW TRUSTEES.

Harry McLennan, David Currie, Allen W. Alexander.

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WANTED—Country 50 Brussels street.

WANTED—Capable work. Apply, M. Fair Vale, Robbsey.

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WANTED—Young woman training school. Address P. O. center, Mass.

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Monday, Jan. 27

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CAMPBELL TO PRESBYTERIAN RECORD

Campbellton, N. B., Jan. 24.—A special business meeting of the Presbyterian church was held here, Jan. 24. William MacKenzie, D.D., first reports presented showed the church had enjoyed a year of progress. Excellent reports were given by the minister, showing a membership of 49 members, 44 on probation by certificate. The meeting was held in the church, which has now passed notwithstanding the loss of twenty deaths.

The finances have also been satisfactory, with \$7,400 having been raised. And for the first time of the church the money raised for the treasury of \$1,454.33, leaving a balance of \$1,454.33. The baptisms were 36.

The new trustees, Harry McLennan, David Currie, Allen W. Alexander.

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