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New Provincial Company To Be Formed; Will Operate Without Cost To Province

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HEALTH DEPT. TO INCLUDE LABOR

New Speaker Congratulated By Mover and Seconder of Address—Tribute of Respect Paid To Memory of Mayor Potts—Optimism For Future Expressed

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FREDERICTON, N. B., March 11.—Another milestone in the negotiations and attempts to develop the Grand Falls power site extending over a period of some 20 years has been reached and passed with the important announcement in the Speech from the Throne today that the Grand Falls would be developed without cost to the public of New Brunswick, but with the resulting promotion of industry so necessary to the future of the province.

The province, it is learned, will not even be called on to guarantee the bond issue for the development, which will be undertaken by a company to be formed in the province. The International Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, which had held the development rights for years at the Grand Falls site, and which entered into an agreement with the Veniot Government to sell the rights for a consideration amounting to \$1,200,000, will take the leading part in the company to be formed, according to Premier Baxter this morning.

PROVINCE IS RELIEVED.

Under the new arrangement to be put before the consideration of the House next week by the Premier, the Province will be relieved of the financial burden of the development which was placed as high as between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 last year when the entire project was under consideration by the House. Fraser's, Limited, it is learned, took a prominent part in the negotiations for the new development which were only completed late yesterday afternoon.

MEMBERS SWORN IN.

The swearing-in ceremony of the members before Chief Justice Hazen in the morning was witnessed by a large audience.

Among the Saint John people present for the ceremonies were Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter, wife of the premier, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Col. W. B. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. George Keefe and Mrs. Keefe, Miss Mabel Lewis, W. I. Fenlon, Myer Cohen, J. F. Tilton, George L. Ingram, Geo. Ellis, Lt.-Col. H. C. Sparling, Capt. H. E. Patton.

Following the House opening ceremonies and the session of J. Leonard O'Brien as Speaker, the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by A. J. Brooks, Kings, and seconded by Frank Lavole, Northumberland.

At the conclusion of their speeches, adjournment was moved by former Premier Veniot.

GRAND FALLS POWER

The paragraph dealing with the Grand Falls power site extending over a period of some 20 years, announced as it does that the development will be proceeded with and arrangements completed by which power will be made available for existing as well as prospective manufacturers of pulp and paper.

The Government, it announces, has decided to abrogate the agreement entered into with the International Pulp and Paper Company Ltd., by which the province was to contribute the capital required for the development. Details of the new scheme probably will not be made known until Premier Baxter's speech in the House next week. It is known, however, that the agreement between the Power Commission, the International and Fraser's Limited, with respect to this important matter was only reached after a series of long distance telephone conversations here on Wednesday afternoon between the three parties concerned.

DEAD REMEMBERED

Other matters dealt with in the speech concerned regret over the death of Queen Alexandra, J. M. Fiewelling, and Frank L. Potts, unveiling of the monument at Reston, N. B. to the late Bonar Law, references to agriculture and development of forest products industry, efficient enforcement of the prohibition law and other matters. The speech is one of the shortest in 25 years.

ADDRESS IS MOVED.

In opening his address, Mr. Brooks said he wished to extend his thanks for the courtesy and honor paid him in asking him to move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. He took the opportunity to congratulate Speaker O'Brien on his election. Although a young man, he felt he was well qualified to uphold the dignity of his office. He congratulated Premier Baxter on his sweeping victory last August and said it was as much due to the Premier's ability and integrity as to the policies he supported. He referred to the deaths of Queen Alexandra, J. M. Fiewelling and F. L. Potts.

TRIBUTE TO POTTS.

Regarding the late Mayor Potts he said his character was well exemplified in the manner in which he discharged his duties with the hand of death upon him. Mr. Brooks dealt exhaustively with the tourist traffic, agriculture, immigration and dairying, and said the province had wonderful possibilities here in these matters. He was pleased to note the Government's favorable action in this direction as outlined in the Throne speech.

REFERS TO PROHIBITION.

Concerning prohibition, he said all citizens should respect this law. Regarding the Grand Falls, he said he was glad to note the development would go on without costing the province one cent. It was a wise policy, he said, to increase the industries and when the details of this were made

Veniot Not To Speak Until Monday Night

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., March 11.—A change in the House programme for tomorrow was made here this morning when it was announced that former Premier Veniot would commence his speech on the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne on Monday evening next, and not on Friday afternoon as originally scheduled, as the House will adjourn on Friday afternoon to permit the members to spend the week-end at their homes.

known to the people, they would be glad to have the Government had done more for the province by this legislation than any single act in the last 25 years.

Concluding, he said, the dawn of a new era of prosperity was at hand and it remained for the people of New Brunswick to seize their opportunities and thereby make their province one of the greatest in confederation.

LAVOIE SPEAKS.

Mr. Lavole, in seconding the motion, spoke for a few minutes in French and then gave a short address in English. In opening, he expressed gratitude on behalf of the French-Canadian people, of which he also was representative, in asking him to second the address and he congratulated both Premier Baxter and the speaker on being elected to their respective offices. Continuing, he referred to the deaths of Queen Alexandra and the two late members, Messrs. Fiewelling and Potts and said the province had suffered a great loss thereby. The speaker said he was pleased to see the Government was making efforts toward economy in the public business.

MARITIME CASE.

He expressed the hope that the railway rate hearing in Moncton on April 6 would tend to ameliorate present conditions. The matter of increasing tourist trade also was important and should be encouraged. He congratulated the Government in its choice of personnel for the Power Commission and said that any hydro development by private capital on the Neigaiquit would be most welcome. Concluding, he congratulated the member for Kings on his able speech.

MISSIONARY ESCAPES.

HONG KONG, March 11.—(United Press)—David Thomas, a Presbyterian missionary, with his wife and three children, arrived in Howtow today, following an escape from river pirates.

Speech From the Throne

FOLLOWING is the full text of the Speech from the Throne, delivered by Lieut.-Governor Todd at the opening of the first session of the Ninth New Brunswick Legislative Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: IN OPENING this, the first Session of a new Legislature, I have much pleasure in welcoming those members who have been re-elected as well as those who come to this Assembly for the first time, and trust that your labors may be devoted to the realization of the hopes which the people entertain of a forward movement on the part of this Province.

Since last we met death has removed the gracious Queen Mother Alexandra whose memory will be precious to the people whom she made her own.

With you I sincerely regret the death of Mr. John M. Fiewelling and Mr. Frank L. Potts, elected to represent the constituencies of St. Stephen-Milltown and the County of Saint John. Both gentlemen had given excellent service as members in the past and their absence today is a reminder of the temporary nature of all human endeavor.

During the year there was unveiled at Reston in the County of Kent a memorial to the late Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law, a native of that county who was the first Prime Minister of Great Britain born in the overseas Dominions. I am pleased to extend to those who defrayed the cost of this memorial the thanks of the Government and people of this Province.

I DESIRE to impress upon you the fact that agriculture is still our chief industry. Farm crops of all kinds have been abundant and for such of our products as we have had an exportable surplus the prices have been good. Much still remains to be done in this department. Raising of live stock in our hay producing sections should be encouraged as should every effort to manufacture a finished product for consumption or export rather than to sell an article in its raw state. I invite your attention to the standardization of products and the necessity of individual effort for greater production for export. My Government will assist so far as is possible in the problem of marketing. Our geographical position gives us an advantage over central and western Canada in the matter of freight which would ensure our access to overseas markets upon a competitive basis.

A commissioner to deal with new industries, marketing, natural resources and immigration, has been appointed and it is hoped by this co-ordination to produce gratifying results.

OUR expenditure for highways has been heavy and we must realize that the cost of upkeep will not be light. Leading as they do to scenery which is unsurpassed on this continent, our roads should be kept by a greatly increased number of tourists. To that end it is proposed to give assistance to the development of this valuable traffic. In this connection our natural advantages in fish and game must be protected and generous opportunity afforded both to tourists and to our own people to make use of them. The angling possibilities of the Saint John, Miramichi and other rivers are as yet scarcely realized.

It is evident in the matter of forest resources that the lumber industry as hitherto carried on is in a state of transition towards the more highly manufactured forms of pulp and paper. A project is now well under way by which approximately \$5,000,000 of private capital will be invested in the necessary power and involving the employment of about 1,200 additional hands. Such enterprises should be encouraged, as it is by building up communities founded upon labor that the best results can be obtained for the Province.

My Government, feeling that in railway transportation charges the Maritime Provinces have been at a marked disadvantage since the War, joined with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the presentation of a case which has been expertly prepared and will be heard before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Moncton on April 6th.

IT is the intention of my Government to diligently enforce the laws of this Province including the law relating to the sale of intoxicants. A new Chief Inspector has been appointed who has just completed the districting of the Province and the appointment of his staff. His work will demonstrate to what extent it is possible to overcome the indifference with relation to this law which has become widespread among the people, and to combat the efforts of those who, for personal gain, have persistently set the law at defiance.

My Government in conjunction with the N. B. Electric Power Commission has made a study of the development of power at Grand Falls. More complete surveys than heretofore existed have demonstrated that the expense of storage facilities in the State of Maine will be greater than the Commission and the International Paper Company, by which the Province was to contribute the capital required for the development, purchase the rights of the Company and give it practically an exclusive right to take such power as it pleased without obligating it to the use of such power, shall be abrogated. It is necessary that the Province should be protected against possible loss in such an enterprise while at the same time the development should be proceeded with. An arrangement by which the power will be made available for existing as well as prospective manufacturers of pulp and paper, to the extent of the capacity of the Falls, will be submitted to you for your approval. Besides this an opportunity will be provided under public control for users of power for other purposes.

IN view of the negotiations between the Government of the Dominion and the governments of the Western Provinces for the transfer to those provinces of their natural resources, my Government will press upon the Federal Administration the fairness of a readjustment of our financial relations.

My Government feels that the interests of Labor would be promoted by committing them to the care of a Minister, and for that purpose will enlarge the Department of Health to include Labor.

The Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before you, together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure. The latter must necessarily be based upon the upkeep of the services which the Province has already contracted for and for the provision of adequate revenue will be a matter for your serious consideration.

Measures will be submitted to you for the improvement of the law. I ask your most earnest co-operation for the best interests of the Province under the guidance of Divine Providence.

Arctic Flight To Start March 21

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 11.—(United Press)—The Arctic expedition, announced yesterday that it will depart from Fairbanks March 21. He predicted he will be in New York next month after a flight over the Arctic region from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen. Two aeroplanes for the enterprise have been assembled here.

U. S. Loan Terms Excite Brussels

BRUSSELS, March 11.—Excitement was caused in political and financial circles yesterday by a report that a loan of \$100,000,000 to Belgium had been offered by American bankers on the essential condition that their agents take over control of the finances of the Belgian Congo. The incident has necessitated postponement of Finance Minister Janssens' trip to London, England.

Rome's Legions Again Invade Africa



When Scipio Africanus invaded the deserts of Africa to conquer Carthage, his legions marched on foot across the sand. The modern Roman legions of Mussolini, however, used a caravan of motor trucks in a march, pictured above, to occupy the sacred city of Jerabub, south of Cyrenaica. The city was ceded to Italy by a treaty with Egypt.

BRITAIN LOWERS ARMY ESTIMATES

Total Strength of Land Forces Still Below Peace Time Level

LONDON, March 11.—The army estimates, made public today, show a net decrease of 23,000,000 from those of last year. The gross estimates are £22,420,000, and the net £24,800,000. The personnel, exclusive of India, is 139,400, or a decrease of 1,200 men. The strength of the army reserve for April 1st will be 96,000. The territorial army strength on February 1st was 6,810 officers and 128,282 of other ranks, an increase of 192 officers and 4,841 men, but the total is still below the peace time level.

B. C. Fuel Oil Tax Is Declared Ultra Vires; Now Legality of Gasoline Levy Is Threatened

VICTORIA, B. C., March 11.—About \$400,000 a year in government revenue was lost to the people of British Columbia yesterday, when Mr. Justice Morrison of the Supreme Court ruled that the provincial fuel oil tax is ultra vires. So far \$206,000 of the tax has been collected since it went into effect in January, 1925. Government officials expressed alarm not only at the announcement that the fuel oil tax had been cancelled, but also because of the added intimation that an attack might be made upon the legality of the gasoline tax, which amounted to \$438,000 last year.

Geo. Vezina, Veteran Hockey Player, Dying

CHICOUTIMI, Que., March 11.—Georges Vezina, veteran goal keeper of the Canadian hockey team of Montreal, was given the last rites of the church today. He has been ill since the beginning of the present National Hockey League season.

'PHONE COMPANY AT CAPITAL CELEBRATE

Ball Given to Employees—Jas. H. Hawthorne Tells of Early Days in N. B.

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., March 11.—At the ball given by the employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in Fredericton to mark the fifth anniversary of the telephone, James H. Hawthorne was a special guest and delivered an address upon the early days of the telephone in Fredericton. From 1886 to 1889 he was in charge of the first Fredericton exchange for the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, which had some 50 instruments in Fredericton. The exchange was located in the rear of Mr. Hawthorne's place of business, and he was the operator.

MURDERED MAN IS NAMED FOR JURY

Wife, Accused of Slaying, Gains Respite Through Mistake in List

MEXICO CITY, March 11.—A woman on trial at Tacuba, near Mexico City, charged with the murder of her husband, has gained a respite because the murdered man was named for jury service on the case. Although he had been dead for 18 months, his name had not been removed from the list from which juries are drawn. When his name was drawn the woman's attorney refused to accept a substitute. The trial was forwarded to the next term of court.

HOLD UP TRAIN IN SEARCH OF LIQUOR

Illinois Thugs Cut 22 Cars From String; Take Away Much Loot

PEORIA, Ill., March 11.—A Minneapolis and St. Louis freight train was held up near here early today. The robbers cut the train, allowing some cars believed to contain alcohol to roll back down the hill and forcing the engine to proceed with the remainder, reports to the sheriff's office said. In a similar hold-up on the Rock Island Railroad near here, several weeks ago, robbers obtained a large quantity of alcohol.

The train of 40 cars was cut, 22 cars remaining with the engine. The crew noticed that the load seemed lighter. A brakeman, upon investigating, was met by armed men, who announced that they were seeking cigarettes and liquor. Holding the brakeman, the robbers searched the 22 cars, hauling away remaining with the engine. A detective and the conductor were in the caboose on the section cut loose. It was said later that the train carried no alcohol.

QUEBEC PLANS TAX ON PULP PRODUCTS

10 Cents a Cord if Manufactured in Province; 15 Cents Outside

QUEBEC, Que., March 11.—Information here is that the government's intention is to charge natural resources for educational purposes on a basis whereby pulpwood will be taxed at the rate of ten cents a cord, when it is manufactured in the province, and 15 cents when manufactured outside of the province. It is also the intention that companies of persons developing water powers under title from the Crown shall pay one half of one per cent on gross receipts.

DE VALERA QUILTS AS SINN FEIN HEAD

Resigns After Republican Assembly Defeats Move to Sit in Dail Fails

DUBLIN, March 11.—Eamon De Valera, Irish Republican leader, has resigned the presidency of the Sinn Fein, following rejection by the Ard Fheis, or Republican General Assembly, of his motion favoring the Sinn Fein representation in the Dail and Ulster parliament.

ALLENBY SPEAKS TO CALGARY THROUG

1,500 People Hear Him Tell of British Campaign in Palestine

CALGARY, Alta., March 11.—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby was received by the people of Calgary with open arms Wednesday. In the evening 1,500 people crowded the central United church to hear him tell of the Palestine expedition. Viscount Allenby in discussing the work of the army in Palestine, said that the cavalry, "that despised arm of the force which was said to be out of date," had taken 40,000 prisoners in the East.

EARLY ST. LAWRENCE OPENING FORECAST

Quebec Marine Circles Expect First Freighters Middle of April

QUEBEC, March 11.—An early opening of the 1926 season of navigation on the Saint Lawrence is forecast on local marine circles and it is expected that about middle of April Quebecers will see the first freight steamers from Sydney, N. S., docking in the harbor. There is no official time for the opening of navigation but according to marine authorities the St. Lawrence should be open to navigation from Montreal to the Gulf this spring on April 25 at the very latest.

Instructions have been received from Ottawa ordering the ice-breaker Lady Grey to proceed upstream to commence opening up the ship channel above Three Rivers about the middle of next week, while the Mikula will spend about ten days at Quebec on her return from her present trip to Esquimaux Point, and will afterwards sail for the Gulf to take up ice patrol work.

U. S. EXPECTED TO INTERVENE IN LEAGUE CRISIS

London Speculates As To Possible Informal Action

BRAZIL REVOKES Present Attitude At Variance With Statement Expressed in 1924

GENEVA, March 11.—Members of the council of the League of Nations went into a secret, unofficial session late this afternoon to resume the negotiations on the problem of reconstructing the council and of Germany's election to a permanent seat, which broke up sensationally last night.

LONDON, March 11.—There is speculation here regarding the likelihood of the United States informally intervening at Geneva to prevent a disaster which might interrupt post-war rehabilitation.

Europe is considered to be facing her gravest post-war crisis, and Premier Briand of France is mentioned as the world's man of the hour. Reports of economic reprisals already are reaching London, Spain is believed to be ready to boycott Swedish timber in retaliation for Sweden's stand against her election to the League of Nations Council at Geneva.

BRAZIL'S BOMBHELL The bombshell from Brazil which was thrown into the league yesterday is causing much heart burning here and has resulted in stifling the initiative of the British that Germany only shall be admitted to the League Council at the present meeting.

The attitude of Brazil is strongly criticized and it is pointed out that in a message sent by Brazil to Germany, dated December 1, 1924, in reply to a request defining the attitude of that country towards Germany's entry, Brazil said it had "no objection to the entry of Germany into the league, but on the contrary wishes that Germany will enter and furthermore that Brazil does not object to Germany being allotted a permanent seat on the council."

REGARDED AS OPPOSITE. This message was prefaced by the remark that Brazil would not be doing honor to our membership in the league if we were merely actuated by selfish motives promoting our own interests as a sovereign states. Brazil's present attitude is regarded as far from conforming to the sentiments therein expressed.

STEAMER DISABLED

Red Cross Liner Silvia Has French Ship in Tow

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., March 11.—The Red Cross liner Silvia, with the distow, reported this morning that she was eight miles off Cape Sproy, 80 miles south of this port. Last night the two steamers were visible off the narrows, and it was hoped they would reach port early today, but a high east-northeast wind sprang up, causing them to drift down the coast.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure continues high over Manitoba and Ontario, while the southwestern low area has moved eastward to the south Atlantic coast. The weather has been mostly fair and cold from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces, and mild in Alberta.

FORECASTS: Fair and Cold. MARTIME—Moderate winds, fair and cold. Friday, increasing northerly winds, with snow in Nova Scotia and Bay of Fundy districts.

NEW ENGLAND—Cloudy, probably snow tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature, fresh to strong north and northeast winds.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, March 11, 1926. Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night. Lowest.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, and New York.