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## Official France Thinks Well of MacDonald's Speech

### Cordial Tone Is Pleasing

Better Atmosphere Bound to be Created, Is View in Paris.

SAY HE'S SINCERE

Confident That Working Solution of Problems Will be Result.

Paris, Feb. 14.—(Canadian Press, via Reuters.)—French official circles keenly appreciate Premier MacDonald's cordial tone towards France in his speech in the British House of Commons on Tuesday and the creation of a healthier atmosphere is bound to be facilitated by the British Premier's speech. The authorities here are convinced of the sincerity of Premier MacDonald's desire for close Franco-British co-operation and his determination to appreciate the French point of view and France's special position as the power most deeply interested in the settlement of the reparations problem and the question of France's security.

Confidence is expressed in French official circles that upon the basis of the cordial atmosphere which has now been created both sides can come to the task of working out a practical solution of the problems that can be carried through in a spirit of mutual understanding and conciliation. The Paris evening newspapers give Premier MacDonald as good notices in connection with his speech in the House of Commons as he received from the British press.

### HAS NEW PLAN FOR TAXING AUTOS

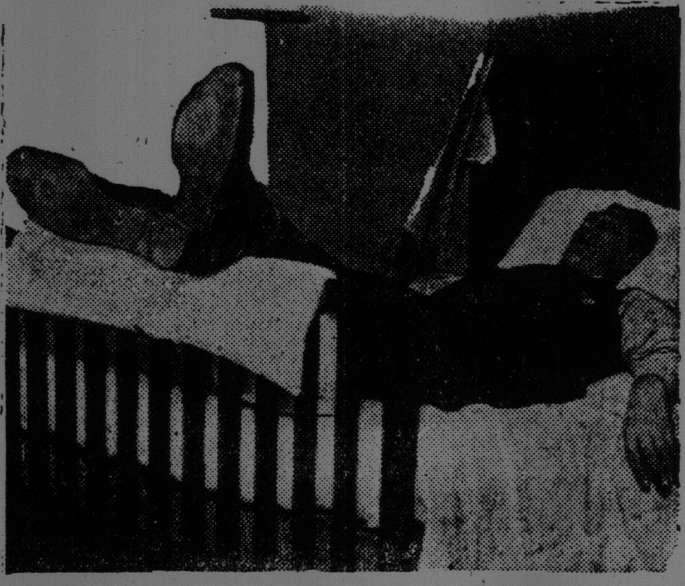
The Quebec Government, it is announced, will propose a new plan for the taxation of motor vehicles at the present session of the Provincial Legislature. Hitherto, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, Quebec has imposed taxes upon automobiles in much the same manner as has Ontario. That is to say, the amount of the annual license fee payable by the owners of such machines has been in proportion to the horsepower of their engines. By that means a graded tax has been evolved.

The Quebec Government, however, contemplates the introduction of a graded tax based not on the power of the motor vehicle but upon its weight. In addition, the Government plans to levy a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline.

More Equitable. The idea of the ministry, its members state, is not to increase the motorists' burden of taxes, but to distribute it more equitably. It is pointed out that at the present time a light gas-driven motor car pays a larger tax, based on horsepower, than some heavy electric automobiles. Moreover, there is a difference due to the difference in power, in the fees paid upon gas-driven cars of different makes, but of practically equal weight. Finally, it is stated that the motorist who uses his car for only a portion of the year contributes as much to the provincial treasury as the man who drives it daily and nightly the year around. The Quebec Government seeks to alter this condition of affairs and to establish a relationship between the wear and tear his machine will occasion on the roads of the province. It argues that a motor car will not last as long in proportion to its weight, the speed at which it is driven and the distance it travels. The administration eliminates the speed factor from consideration because the law establishes speed limits. It proposes to deal with the weight factor in assessing annual license fees and the distance factor by the gasoline tax. It asserts that by taxing cars at the rate of 70 or 80 cents per hundred pounds and gasoline at two cents a gallon, it will take from the automobile owners of the province approximately the same amount annually as at present. It may be observed also that under the scheme tourists from other provinces and from the United States would also contribute through the gasoline tax to the provincial revenue. Their contribution, it is estimated, would amount to about \$100,000 a year.

The scheme would have a tendency to increase the use of light cars by the people of Quebec, just as heavy taxation based on the number and bore of engine cylinders has tended to popularize low powered cars in a number of countries. It also requires those who travel most on the highways to contribute most for their upkeep. Representatives of the Quebec Provincial Motor League and the Royal Automobile Club of Canada seem to have found no serious fault with the plan, provided it did not mean a general increase in automobile taxation and that satisfactory arrangements could be made for collection and administration of the gasoline tax. The idea will doubtless commend itself to owners of small cars and its operation will be watched with interest in Ontario.

### DON'T MAKE 'EM THAT BIG!



John Assen, the Pacific coast giant, came to New York the other day. The big boy thought he'd take a rest in his hotel room, and the picture above resulted.

### HYDE PARK IS BUSIEST CORNER

More Traffic There Than at Any Other Place in the World.

London, Feb. 14.—Hyde Park Corner is the busiest spot in the world so far as traffic is concerned.

This obvious inference is drawn from a written reply by the British Home Secretary, Mr. Bridgeman, to a question, asking for the figures of the traffic census taken in 1912, 1915, and annually since 1919, showing the number of vehicles passing given points

between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on a particular day. The twelve-hour test in 1923 showed that the four busiest corners in London were:

Point	No. of Vehicles
Hyde Park Corner	86,039
Trafalgar Square	42,042
Piccadilly Circus	41,270
Marble Arch	35,594

At the Mansion House, at Piccadilly (St. James'), Oxford Circus, and Sloans street the figures were in each case over 31,000, while points as far removed from the hub as the Angel at Islington and Hammersmith Broadway stand above 20,000.

### TRINITY SCOUTS WIN.

Trinity Boy Scouts won from St. Jude's Boy Scouts last evening in a fast game of basketball, played on Trinity courts. The score was 15 to 10. The teams were unusually well matched and the winners had to work hard. Rev. Cecil J. Markham, curate of Trinity, was referee.

### BOARD OF TRADE PRESIDENT URGES BOOST FOR ST. JOHN'S BIG HOTEL

G. E. Barbour in Letter Has No Hesitation in Recommending It.

The following from the president of the Board of Trade is of interest and importance in connection with the new St. John hotel project:

St. John, Feb. 11. To the Members of the Board of Trade St. John, N. B.

Dear Sirs:—A special letter to the President of the Board of Trade received today recommends the preparation of a comprehensive programme of things that can be promoted by the city and province this year, and this letter has brought me the thought that, sometimes, we are liable to be so interested in preparing big programmes that we may fail to see something which we can do and which lies right at our hand.

To my mind, St. John has a responsibility right at hand and it is one which I believe every member of the Board of Trade will want to promote as he is able. I refer to the Admiral Beatty hotel proposition which is now being put before all our people by a local firm. No one doubts that the building of this hotel will be a great thing for St. John and that it will be a success financially and in every other way, if we back it up to the limit of our ability. The backing can start right now, and I hope every member will do his bit, whether it is big or little. I am sure the promoters will be delighted to receive some perhaps unexpected support, even if it is only warm words of appreciation. But that won't build the hotel—it's financial support that counts.

I have no hesitation in recommending

### DIES IN CHURCH AT MASS.

John O'Connell, 65, Stricken in St. Augustine's, Where He Was Baptized.

New York, Feb. 14.—Stricken while attending mass at the Church of St. Augustine, 167th street and Franklin avenue, the Bronx, John O'Connell, 65 years old, a retired police lieutenant, died before a physician could reach his side.

Officials of the church carried him into an outside room. O'Connell, who was 23 years in the Police Department, was attached to a precinct in Long Island City, when he retired in 1902.

### TELEPHONE MEN'S CONFERENCE ENDS

The annual conference of the plant men of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd., was brought to a close last night with a grand ball in the assembly hall of the telephone building.

During the afternoon, addresses were given by J. W. Duncan, toll chief, on toll maintenance; on radio by C. L. Roach, assistant plant engineer; exchange maintenance, by C. A. McKee, equipment engineer, and on transportation and hydro interference, by A. A. Turnbull, plant engineer. Howard P. Robinson, managing director, delivered a short general address.

### WANTS \$1,200 HE SAYS MARY GOT FROM HIM

Boston Tailor Says Girl Borrowed Roll "To Show Mother."

### THEY DENY IT

Now Trongone Has Mary Nardini Indicted in Strange Case.

Boston, Feb. 14.—Antonio Trongone, 40, a tailor, wanted to be nice to Mary Nardini, 19, of Somerville, whom he had employed for several years, he says, so on Jan. 8 he allowed her to take \$1,200 in order that she might show her mother how nice such a large sum of money looked.

Trongone now regrets the act of kindness, according to his statements to Inspectors Finn and Flaherty. He says he was unable to obtain the return of the \$1,200. He had Mary arrested on an indictment charging her with the larceny of the \$1,200. She was bailed for her appearance in the Superior Criminal Court.

The inspectors said they had never heard such a strange story before as the basis for a larceny charge. Trongone, who lives in the North End, says he went to the Shawmut National Bank, Jan. 8, and drew \$1,200 by check. He received \$2100 bills. "What a bunch of money you have," he alleges Mary said.

"Yes," \$1,200," replied Trongone. "O, will you let me have it? I would like to show it to my mother. I'll bring it back tomorrow," said Mary. Mary is laughing with delight, Trongone says.

"Yes, you can take it home and show it to your mother, Mary," said Trongone, "but be sure and bring it back tomorrow." Mary left with the \$1,200, according to Trongone, and he says that was the last he saw of the 12 new \$100 bills. The next afternoon, Trongone says, Mary called him on the telephone, stating that her mother didn't believe she got the \$1,200 the way she said she did and refused to give it up. "Are you trying to kid me, Mary?" asked Trongone, according to his statement to the inspectors. "No, but I'll get it and I'll call you on the phone tomorrow," he alleges Mary said.

The next day Mary is alleged to have called on the telephone, but could not report any further progress in regard to the recovery of the \$1,200. In the course of a few days Trongone journeyed to the girl's home, he says, and told Mrs. Nardini that the time for looking at the pretty money had expired and that he wanted it back. Deny Story.

Mrs. Nardini confessed herself ignorant of the entire affair, according to Mr. Trongone's statement, and on top of that Mary denied ever having taken the \$1,200 to show her mother. Going before the Grand Jury Trongone told the same story he told the police. An indictment was returned against Mary.

She denied to the police all knowledge of the affair. She remained at headquarters until bail of \$2,000 was secured, then departed with her attorney and some friends.

### TRANSMITS 1,000 WORDS A MINUTE

Magnetic Telegraphic Drum Recorder Invention Exhibited in London.

London, Feb. 14.—Striking evidence of the advancement made in invention during 1923 is found in an exhibit of telegraphic and other instruments at the British Imperial College of Science and Technology. The most notable development is a telegraphic delay in submarine cabling has been largely eliminated by utilizing the action of light on selenium, which responds so rapidly that the signal sent out is recorded even before the full current has passed over the wire.

A magnetic telegraphic drum recorder is shown, capable of speeding up messages to 1,000 words a minute. This is effected by the current of the incoming signal passing through coils contained in a rapidly revolving drum and turning it into a magnet for a brief space, thus attracting a slight piece of iron, shaped like a brake shoe. This operates a fine syphon tube charged with ink, causing it to record the signal on the paper tape as it flies past it.

Another exhibit is an "undulator," or an instrument used in high speed wireless telegraphy, capable of printing on an endless slip of paper up to 300 words a minute. Another device which appealed both to laymen and professional is the complicated photographic apparatus for taking motion pictures at the rate of 5,000 a second.

### SUSSEX BOYS WIN.

Sussex, Feb. 13.—In a game played at the Royal Arena here tonight, the Kings county interscholastic hockey league, Sussex High defeated Rotherham Consolidated School team by the score of 4 to 2.

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