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LOOKS FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT IN HYDRO MATTER

Mayor Expresses Optimism, But Withholds Reasons for Present

Sentiment Strongly Against Handing Current Over to Power Company — Canvassers Report Impatience at Delay Facing City in Power Company Dealings.

"What's new in the hydro situation?"

When this question was addressed to Mayor Fisher this morning by a Times reporter, he replied that he had reason to believe that the situation would be cleared up satisfactorily in the near future. He added that he was not prepared at present to divulge the facts on which he based his belief, but to him, they appeared to indicate an early settlement of a very vexed question.

On all sides one hears various views on the situation which City Hall now faces. But to the most of those who are taking a keen interest in the matter the whole affair boils itself down to one main query:—

Is the city, with its battle more than half won, going to hand over the hydro current to private interests to exploit for their own profit, or will it take the advantage of a lifetime to cut out the middleman in the public utility and accept the benefits which must follow cheap electricity?

Talk; But Don't Delay.

Commissioner Bullock, discussing the matter today referred to his attitude yesterday in which he expressed a willingness to consider every offer and every suggestion, no matter from what source, provided that it did not hold up the Civic Hydro Commission in its work of getting the distribution system into operation at the earliest possible date.

He explained this morning that every day was valuable and even if some means was found practicable other than that planned by the Civic Commission, the work they would have accomplished in the meantime would not have been valueless.

Perhaps the best means of judging public sentiment in the matter today is in the hands of the canvassers who are working for the Civic Commission. Their reports to headquarters are that the majority of the people are impatient over the delay which is being occasioned by one interest and another at City Hall.

One man called at the commission's offices this morning and asked permission to sign a contract. He explained that he had forty flats, the residents of all of which were anxious also to take the current. To him there was only one question at issue, and that was as to whether the city was going to give the taxpayers the advantage of hydro at cost or whether it would hand it over to the Power Company to resell for profit.

A lady, very much incensed at the delay, called the commission's office and suggested that the newspapers print a coupon on which readers might express their sentiments on the question. She added that she had no doubt that the result, if presented to the Common Council would convince its members that the public was solidly opposed to handing the current over to the Power Company.

To many the question of one or two distribution systems is secondary—and very much so—to the main issue, which is the control of the people's current. It is felt that the city has the chance of reaping huge benefits, if it remains steadfast to the expressed wish of the electorate.

NOT ALLOWED TO IMPORT LIQUOR

Toronto Man Loses Action Brought to Test Prohibition Law.

Toronto, April 10.—Action by John P. Smith against the Attorney-General of Ontario for a declaration that he is entitled to import intoxicating liquors into Ontario, has been dismissed with costs by Mr. Justice Orde.

The action was launched to test the validity of the provincial law prohibiting the importation of liquor into Ontario.

PRINCE LEOPOLD TO WED DAUGHTER OF ITALY'S KING

Rome, April 10.—The Agensia D'Italia today states that the bethrothal of Princess Mafalda, second daughter of King Victor Emmanuel to the Duke of Brabant, Belgian crown prince, will soon be officially announced. Princess Mafalda was born in, 1902, and is a year and a half younger than Yolanda. The Duke of Brabant or Prince Leopold as he is generally called, observed his twenty first birthday Nov. 3, last.

BISHOP'S HIP MAY BE FRACTURED

Fredericton, N. B., April 10—Bishop Richardson, who fell while returning from church on Sunday evening, was reported as resting as comfortably today as could be expected. An X-ray examination yesterday did not reveal clearly the extent of His Lordship's injury and the plate has been sent to St. John for further investigation. It is feared the hip has been fractured.

Halifax Man Hears From Son He Thought Drowned

Halifax, N. S., April 10.—William Bevis of Halifax has received a letter from his son, Cecil, whom he thought to have been lost with the Italian steamer Moncenisio, when that ship went down off the U. S. coast about the middle of February. Cecil writes from Chrome, New Jersey, that he and two others were saved and were taken to Panama City. Thence he made his way to South Carolina, and thence to Chrome.

WOMEN'S BOARD IN SESSION AT FREDERICTON

Make Preparations for Federal and Provincial Conferences—Bishop Richardson's Condition.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, April 10.—The advisory board of the Women's Institute of New Brunswick met here today. Those present were Mrs. C. J. Osman, Hillsboro, president; Mrs. J. E. Owens, St. John; Mrs. Bridges, Gagetown; Mrs. Ogilvie, Woodstock; Miss Martha Harvey, Fredericton, vice-president; Mrs. Paul, Jacquet River; Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Kingclear; Miss Elizabeth Nutter, Fredericton, superintendent.

Mrs. Ogilvie was appointed secretary pro tem. The conference considered the Provincial and Federal conferences in Fredericton the week of June 12.

Bishop Richardson.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson, on account of a severe fall sustained Sunday night, leaving Christ Church Cathedral is confined to his bed at Bishops Court, an X-ray photograph has been taken but the extent of the injury which he sustained will not be known until tomorrow. A hip bone may be broken or cracked.

The diocesean synod will open at St. John on Tuesday next. No announcement concerning it in relation to the accident has yet been made.

HIGH SCHOOL BILL FAILS TO GET BY THE COMMITTEE

Fredericton, N. B., April 10.—The bill to authorize the school trustees of Fredericton to issue bonds up to $200,000 for a new high school was taken into consideration at a private session of the municipalities committee this morning. The committee decided not to report the bill.

A bill to exempt playground properties in West St. John from taxation was reported by the committee.

The committee on law and practice was to have heard delegates for and against the proposed amendments to the Pharmaceutical Act this morning, but as the Attorney-General was occupied in the appeal court the meeting could not be held.

The Legislature will tackle the estimates in committee of supply again this afternoon. Lieut.-Governor Hon. W. F. Todd will visit the House today and will give assent to thirty-one bills.

SUNDAY WORK CHARGE IS MADE

James Gilchrist, manager of J. A. Grant & Co., was charged this morning with desecrating the Lord's Day. The act complained of consisted of the employment of about twenty men on Sunday on a building in City road being constructed by the company. Mr. Gilchrist said the contract had been signed about the end of February and had called for the completion of the work by the first week in May. They had been delayed by weather and had been forced to work at nights and on Saturday he had had sixty-three men employed. Some concrete work had to be finished by Monday and it had been necessary to employ the men at overtime pay on Sunday to get it done. The case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. The report was made by Sergeant Rankine.

TO START WORK ABOUT MAY 1

Frank Wade this morning signed a contract with the New Brunswick Power Company to re-lay the granite block pavement in Mill and Dock streets, commencing at Paradise row and ending at Market square. Mr. Wade also contracted to lay a concrete foundation under the re-laid pavement. He said he would start work about May 1. Under arrangements arrived at yesterday the city will pay a proportion of the cost of this work.

C. N. R. CHANGES.

Moncton, N. B., April 10.—H. V. Musgrave, C. N. R., assistant superintendent at Campbellton has been transferred to Halifax, and J. D. MacNutt, assistant superintendent at that port goes to Campbellton.

BUT FEW DAYS ILL

The death of Frederick O'Brien occurred this morning at the St. John Infirmary after an illness of a few days with pneumonia. He lived at 87 Adelaide street and was a life-long resident of the North End. He was employed with T. McAvity and Sons, Ltd. Mr. O'Brien leaves to mourn his wife and one brother, Patrick O'Brien.

AWAY WITH PRISONERS.

Chief of Police Gill of Yarmouth left this morning for that place with three prisoners arrested here last week at the instance of the Yarmouth police.

RUM RUNNER IN A FIX OFF COAST

Vaudreuil Reported Out of Coal—Officials Watching With Intent to Seize.

New York, April 10.—U. S. customs officials announce that the steamer Vaudreuil, one of the rum running fleet hovering off Atlantic highlands, N. J., is without coal to carry her back to her home port, Montreal. They are watching her every move, and if she should attempt to slip into port to replenish her bunkers she will likely be seized.

Information of the Vaudreuil's plight was obtained by the customs officials from a bootlegger arrested in a recent harbor raid. It was said she was the largest of the so-called rum armada and had been designated as "mother ship" of the rum fleet.

Records show that the Vaudreuil cleared from the Clyde, Scotland, on November 20, presumably for Havana and the Bahamas.

CASES BEFORE APPEALS DIVISION

Three Set Over Until Next Week — Court Considers Judgment in Fourth.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, April 10.—The appeal division, Supreme Court, met this morning with Chief Justice Sir J. D. Hazen, Mr. Justice White and Justice Grimmer sitting.

In the matter of Thomas J. Allen, Jas. Friel, K. C., moved for the re-admission of the appeal as attorney and barrister. It was ordered that matter be reported for consideration to the council of the Barristers Society.

The New Brunswick and Canada Railroad Co., vs New Brunswick Railway Co. stands by consent of counsel until next week. The same was done in Noble vs Stewart and Gunns Ltd. vs Wark.

In the King vs William Rossegrove and Adolphe Roy, P. J. Hughes and A. J. Dionne were heard for defendants and the Attorney-General for the crown. This is a crown case reserved. Court considers.

THOS. M'CARTHY SERIOUSLY HURT

Injuries which may prove fatal were sustained this morning by Thomas McCarthy of Manawagonish road, in an accident at one of the West St. John docks. He was a trucker working at one of the sheds where automobiles were being loaded and one of these fell on him, crushing him badly, breaking some bones and causing internal injuries. He was taken to the Infirmary. The report on his condition this afternoon was that there was little hope held out for his recovery. This is the second accident in which an automobile being loaded on a steamer has figured, Joseph Milan being hurt in the same way recently.

HE IS CAPTURED AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Corey C. Slaughter, Alleged Bank Looter, is Found Working in a Sanatarium.

Philadelphia, April 10. — Corey C. Slaughter, alleged looter of the Mercantile National Bank of Pueblo, Colo., and for whom the authorities had been searching eight years, was arrested last night in Phoenixville, Pa., and brought to this city for arraignment.

Slaughter is alleged to have embezzled more than $350,000 of the bank's funds while acting as its cashier in May, 1915.

During his eight years' flight he had been in many parts of the country. A few months ago, the agents say, they had learned he had gone to New Orleans, where he made about $48,000 betting on the races. Returning to this city, he lost all of this money, the agents say, in gambling houses. It was then that he was forced to seek employment at a sanatarium in Phoenixville, where he was captured.

SENATORS WERE WELCOMED HOME

World Champions Tendered a Banquet and Presented Gold Watches.

Ottawa, April 10.—(Canadian Press)—Ottawa officially ended its hockey season here last night when the citizens tendered a welcome home banquet to the Senators, champions of the world and holders of the Stanley cup.

About four hundred turned out to honor their hockey heroes and during the course of the evening every member of the team was presented with a gold watch.

I. O. G. T. TEA.

The Wide Awake Circle of the I. O. G. T. are conducting an afternoon tea in the Temple building, Main street today. Mrs. T. B. Brown, president; and Mrs. John Silliphant are conveners.

PRINCE OF WALES GROOMSMAN FOR HIS BROTHER

Plans for Royal Wedding on April 26 Being Completed

King and Queen to Give a Gala Dinner at Buckingham Palace to 4,000 Guests — Ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 10.—London is now completing plans for the wedding of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bows-Lyon on April 26. It is also looking forward to the marriage of Lady Mary Cambridge to the Marquis of Worcester some time in the summer. Incidentally, so many of the Prince of Wales' relatives are getting married or engaged that the British public is becoming solicitous of its favorite's own chances of matrimony.

The wedding festivities of Prince Albert and Lady Elizabeth will begin on April 23, when King George and Queen Mary will give a gala dinner at Buckingham Palace to 4,000 guests. This will be followed on the next day by a similar function to be attended by the elect in court, state, diplomatic and society circles. On the eve of the wedding, Their Majesties will give a banquet in honor of the bride and bridegroom.

The wedding ceremony will be celebrated in Westminster Abbey, with the Prince of Wales as best man. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has probably performed more royal marriages than any living prelate, will officiate.

The bridegroom and his three brothers will enter the abbey by way of the Poets' Corner and will occupy places close to the altar. The church ceremony will be as brief as possible and is not expected to exceed a half hour.

The British public will be given the fullest opportunity to witness the royal procession as it passes from the palace to the abbey. However, those wishing to see the cortege from points of vantage will have to pay for the privilege. Placards were posted outside the abbey today announcing that the public could obtain seats in the wooden stands along the route to be taken by the procession at prices ranging from $5 to $25 each.

After a wedding breakfast at the palace, the duke and his bride will leave for a honeymoon, the scene of which is being kept secret. It is understood that King George intends to bestow on his son the Order of the Thistle as a compliment to the nationality of the future duchess.

CONDENSED NEWS

The case of Ralph Myles of Halifax, charged with the murder of Florence Miles last June, is in the hands of the jury this afternoon.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Ross, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Amherst, left today for Peterboro, Ont., where he has accepted the pastorate of the Murray street Baptist church. Enroute he will preside at a session of the Maritime Baptist Convention, in Moncton tomorrow.

Five persons are reported killed and twenty-two wounded during an election day fight in the village of Cadereyta State of Neuva Leon, Mexico, on Saturday.

General Hsu Tsung Chi, classed as a strong supporter of Sun Yat Sen, the leading figure in South China politics, is reported dead.

Secretary of State Harry A. Black, of Newport, was instantly killed in the railroad station at Wells River, Vermont, late yesterday when he was struck by a train.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in Montreal, Sept. 4-6, Hon. Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state for the U. S., will give an address.

Lloyd George will speak in Edinburgh on May 27 on "The Churches and International Peace." General assemblies of the three Presbyterian churches will be in session in Edinburgh at the time.

The snowfall in the Soo this winter was 105 inches. The average is 70. Just now drifts of ten feet are common.

A shipload of emigrants is to leave Lewis Island, Scotland, soon for Ontario.

PRIEST MAKES "SPIRIT" PICTURES; DERIDES DOYLE

New York, April 10.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "spirit pictures" showing throngs of shadowy figures gathering about the tomb of the British unknown soldier in London on Armistice Day, were derided yesterday by Rev. C. M. Heredia, S. J., who demonstrated in the photographic department of the Evening World that he could cause similar phenomena to appear on photographic plates without touching them, and without aid from the other world.

MURDER IN ONTARIO

Windsor, Ont., April 10.—Peter Starcher, a Pole, was found murdered in his room in a boarding house in Ojibway, yesterday. He was killed by a blow on the head with an axe, and his head was almost severed.

His landlady told policemen that there had been a party on Sunday night in which moonshine figured. Two men are held as material witnesses.

Norway Fights Rum-Running.

Christiania, April 10.—The Norwegian Government has consulted its neighbor nations with a view to holding a conference here to consider joint action against the smuggling of spirituous liquor.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-here!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter "What's a mandate?"

"A mandate," said the reporter, "is a command given at intervals of three to six months just for the fun and the exercise of giving it. For example: The people of St. John command their servants, the City Council, to do something. Of course they don't mean it. They are just fooling. They have no sense, anyway. But they like to think they are doing something, and so they are allowed to give a mandate. The City Council, understanding that the people are foolish folk who don't really know what they want, makes a joke of the mandate—laughs at it—sneers at it—and goes on fiddling. In due time the people give the mandate again—and again—and again. It makes them think they are somebody, and does not have any effect whatever upon the Council——except to amuse the members. The people really live to furnish amusement to the members of the Council. For that they were created. Ha, Ha! Ha, Ha! Do I make myself clear?"

"Well," said Hiram, "you may be right—but if it was out to the Settlement we'd hev what we ordered, and we'd hev it quick. That's the difference between the smart folks an' the hayseeds—By Hen!"

Texas Girl Dances For Fifty Hours

New York, April 10.—Miss Alma Cummings last night made a new world's record for dance endurance. She started at 7.10 on last Saturday evening. At 9.10 last night she finished her stepping, having gone fifty continuous hours. She said she was hungry but not tired. She used up the energy of two orchestras and seven dancing partners and two phonographs and took on occasional allotments of food, grapefruit, tomato soup and peanuts.

PRESENTATION

Daniel L. Henneberry, a popular member of the C. P. R. telegraph staff who was recently promoted from local headquarters to the position of repeater chief at Sudbury, Ont., was last evening made the recipient of a beautiful club bag by his fellow associates. The presentation was made by Clyde Johnson, who told of their pleasure at his well merited promotion and also their regret at his departure from St. John. He will leave this evening for his new field of labor.

TRAFFIC CASE

Roy Livingston pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of driving on the wrong side of the street at the corner of Paradise row and Wall street and driving past a standing car while passengers were getting on and off. He said he had had to go on the wrong side of the street to avoid having his motor truck struck by a street car. The magistrate imposed a fine of $10 which he allowed to stand.

NOVELTY SHOWER

Miss Mollie Tobin was pleasantly surprised at her home in George street, West St. John, last evening when friends tendered her a novelty shower. She was the recipient of many beautiful as well as useful gifts. During the evening games, dancing and a musical programme was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Canadian Checkers Champion.

Hamilton, Ont., April 10.—William Gibson of Hamilton, is checkers champion of the Dominion. Last night he won that honor when he defeated J. L. Girvan of Barrie. A Crawford, Toronto, was third.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is above the normal over the greater part of the continent and highest in the St. Lawrence Valley and the New England states.

Forecasts:

Fair

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair today and tomorrow not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair today and tomorrow. Not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday, rising temperature, light variable winds.

Toronto, April 10—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	34	50	32
Victoria	42	60	42
Kamloops	34	66	32
Calgary	22	58	20
Edmonton	24	—	24
Prince Albert	—	38	—
Winnipeg	20	34	18
Sault Ste. Marie	12	3	*2
Toronto	34	37	24
Kingston	18	32	24
Ottawa	26	32	18
Montreal	30	28	20
Quebec	18	26	10
St. John, N. B.	26	38	24
Halifax	32	48	28
St. John's, Nfld.	34	46	34
Detroit	32	4	32
New York	40	48	34

*Below Zero.

ASKS ABOUT THE VATICAN AND THE NATIONS LEAGUE

Irish Position Also Brought Up in Priest's Questions to Sir Robert Cecil.

Ottawa, April 10 — Immediately after his speech, here last night, on the League of Nations, many questions came from the audience in response to Lord Robert Cecil's invitation that he was there to give information.

"Why is the greatest moral force in the world excluded—the Pope?" asked an Irish cleric.

"There has never been any exclusion. The league is a league of self-governing states and I should think it was a little questionable whether you could describe the Papal See as a self governing state from the secular point of view. The point might well be considered if it were raised in the league. I can assure the reverened gentleman no one desires more earnestly than I do the full support of the Roman Catholic church for this great movement for peace."

"Why was Ireland not admitted?" asked the same questioner.

"Until quite recently Ireland was not self-governing. If the Free State applied now I imagine there would be no ground for exclusion. Nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to see the Irish question settled by the league."

"Is Ireland free, or threatened with war by Great Britain unless she submits to English domination?"

"I don't think there is a single Englishman who desires to raise war with Ireland. My questioner knows that the South and West have the status of a dominion, and we in England have no desire to go to war with any of our dominions."

"The Irish people are not free," continued the questioner.

"The British Government has done all it can in handing over the Government to Ireland. They have no control or desire to control the Government of that country now."

FARRAR TO DIRECT FIGHT FOR DIVORCE

Reaches New York with Three Detectives as Bodyguard.

New York, April 10.—Geraldine Farrar has arrived in town to direct personally her divorce fight against Lou Tellegen, and this despite his assertion that he did not believe his wife responsible for the naming of several actress corespondents in her charges.

"Gerry" is hiding away from reporters and keeping secret the object of her visits to her attorneys. Nevertheless it has leaked out that one reason for her coming was to execute an affidavit asserting that she had reached no agreement with her husband concerning any phase of the case.

War, without truce or compromise, is reported to be the singer's purpose when the suit is reopened. At least, her friends are saying so. As for "Gerry," she is saying nothing.

She came well protected from curious scribes or others who would molest her. As she alighted from her private car at the Pennsylvania terminal to step into an automobile, three detectives got out with her. Their very presence was forbidding, although Miss Farrar smiled.

Geraldine Farrar has filed for probate the will of her mother, Henriette Farrar, who died here last January. The estate, valued at about $10,000, goes to the singer's father, Sidney D. Farrar, of Melrose, Mass., former baseball player.

CAPTURE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE IRREGULARS

Dublin, April 10—Liam Lynch, chief of staff of the Irish Irregulars, has been captured, it was officially announced today.

Lynch was captured by the Free State forces this morning at Knocknasalen, near Newcastle, after an engagement in which he was seriously wounded.

POLICE COURT

Vernon McKinney was before the magistrate this morning charged with wilfully destroying clothing to the value of $100. He was given in charge last night by William McKinney. This morning he pleaded guilty and was told that he was liable to a term in the penitentiary. J. Starr Tait asked for a remand for the present and said it was intended to have the accused examined.

Six prisoners on drunkenness charges were remanded.

NEW GUY WIRES

Workmen of the New Brunswick Power Company were engaged today in renewing the galvanized steel guy wires which support their poles in King street and the streets leading from it. Some of the wires which were replaced were erected only during the war, but showed signs of severe corrosion.

Meighen Says Commission is Not Necessary

Queries in Commons on Grand Trunk Gratuities—Labor and Immigration Estimates Today.

Ottawa, April 10—(Canadian Press)—In the House of Commons today estimates of the department of labor and department of immigration will be taken up. The Senate will not sit. Yesterday the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, opposition leader, asked regarding the appointment of a royal commission to investigate grants by the former directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. to themselves.

Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, replied that the public was anxious to know whether any grants, additional to those already announced had been made by the board. The assets of the Canadian National Railways had been decreased by these grants.

Mr. Meighen condemned the action of the Grand Trunk directors, but failed to see the need for a commission.

LATE SPORT NEWS

Boston, April 10.—The Boston Nationals defeated the Washington Americans 4 to 1 yesterday at Savannah, Ga., Joe Genewich, a semi-professional last year, pitching the last three innings for Boston and did not allow the Senators a hit.

Lefty O'Doul, pitching for the Red Sox regulars against the Yannigans at Evansville, Ind., yesterday, held the second team to three hits. He had not pitched for some time owing to stiffness of the left shoulder.

New York, April 10.—Two homers by George Kelly gave the Giants a victory over the White Sox yesterday at Chattanooga, 5 to 2, and placed the Giants two games ahead of the Sox in their spring exhibition series.

Carelessness lost a game for the Yankees to the Brooklyn Nationals at Oklahoma City by the score of 4 to 1. The series now stands five to four in favor of the Yankees.

Pittsburg, April 10.—Pitcher George Boehler, for whom the Pirates gave the Tulsa Club of the Western League $25,000, will get part of the purchase money, it is said in advices from Memphis, Tenn., where the Pittsburg team played yesterday. He made no request to the Tulsa management for a share of the money.

Flood Reports

D. W. Harper, manager of the Provincial Bank of Canada, said today that the floods in Norton had caused some inconvenience in the Norton branch of the bank. Yesterday there was two feet of water over the floor of the bank but reports today said that the water had gone down considerably. The drug store there was affected the same way and in several private residences the ground floors were submerged.

Aside from a washout on the Hampton-St. Martins railway no trouble is being experienced by the C. N. R. due to flood conditions. Officials reported this morning that a section of a bank adjacent to a bridge on that branch line had been washed away and that a pile driver was being sent to make repairs.

The water which has been flooding the roads in the vicinity of the Three Mile House and Glen Falls, yesterday was almost entirely run away at noon today and the street car traffic again resumed normal.

NOTABLE REUNION OF OFFICERS WHO FOUGHT AT VIMY

Ottawa, April 10.—There was a notable re-union of officers of the Canadian Corps at a Vimy dinner at Government House last night, when Baron Byng of Vimy, who was commander of the Canadian Corps when Vimy Ridge was captured six years ago, had as his guests, officers representing almost every unit under his command at that time. In responding to a toast, Baron Byng said:

"You, Sir Arthur Currie, and those under your command were determined that the Canadian Corps should be one harmonious whole. You led the corps. By your help the corps captured Vimy Ridge and I want that help still more today to make Canada the great country that I know it will ultimately become. God bless you all and good luck to you all."

REQUIEM MASS IN LONDON FOR SARAH BERNHARDT

London, April 10.—Solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Sarah Bernhardt was offered in Westminster Cathedral this morning in the presence of a distinguished international congregation.

Dowager Queen Alexandra, Premier Bonar Law, Foreign Secretary Curzon and Lieut.-Col. Amery, first lord of the admiralty were represented, and the congregation also included the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, who came in state, numerous diplomats and their wives, and many famous actors and actresses.

The French flag floated at half staff above the cathedral during the ceremony.

ELDEST OF THE RICH LA MONTAIGNE BROTHERS RELEASED FROM JAIL

Newark, N. J., April 10.—Montague La Montaigne, eldest of the four wealthy La Montaigne brothers, sentenced to jail terms on charges of bootlegging, was released late yesterday after serving several weeks of a two months' term in the Essex jail. Six days were taken off his term for good behavior.

WILL BE OF GREAT MPORTANCE TO THE EMPIRE

Economic Conference and Assemblage of Premiers

October 1 Announced as the Date by Chancellor of the British Exchequer— London Times Points Need of Lasting Unity of Component Parts of the Commonwealth.

(Canadian Press)

London, April 10.—Commenting on a definite announcement in the House of Commons yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the Imperial Economic Conference and the Imperial Conference of Premiers will meet on October 1, the Times says that never in the history of the British Commonwealth has there been greater need for the attainment of lasting unity among the nations comprising the Commonwealth.

"With crisis following crisis in international politics," the Times says, "the designing of a common policy among the British nations is almost as important to the maintenance of the world's peace as to the maintenance of imperial harmony. Within the empire itself there are problems of the settlement of defence and trade matters and also delicate constitutional issues holding seeds of difference if not of actual dissention and it is desirable that the work of both the imperial conferences should be directed with such scrupulous unity of purpose that they may serve the same great end."

The Times says the British people hope that circumstances may make it possible for Premier Massey of New Zealand to visit London in connection with the conference. He is the only present premier in the empire who he office throughout the war, the p continues, and his experience and imperial sentiment would make his sence at a round table of the empi a matter of real regret.

Of the other premiers of the Dominion, the Times says, the people hope to welcome Premier Smuts of South Africa, who is a familiar and honored figure in imperial politics. Premier King of Canada and Premier Bruce of Australia will be newcomers to the council of empire. "Both are young men," the Times remarks, "the products of a new school of statesmen which has grown up overseas in the last generation."

Betting Tax For British Revenue

Involves Legalization and Church Opposition is looked For.

London, April 10.—Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has proposed taxation on betting as an integral means of raising revenue under the forthcoming budget, according to the Post's political correspondent. This levy is subject to the approval of the cabinet.

It has become apparent that such a tax will meet with strong opposition in some quarters, but advocates of the measure contended that a large revenue could thus be raised at a comparatively small cost. Some persons put the sum at £10,000,000 while others say £30,000,000.

The impossibility of taxing private betting is assumed, therefore it is likely that if the scheme is adopted it will be confined to persons engaged in betting as a business. This, it is sugested, would involve legalization of betting and the registration of bookmakers, which would probably arouse antagonism in religious circles. Many sporting men are opposed to the plan, although the bookmakers are said to welcome it.

Most of the Conservative members of the House of Commons, says the Post, as well as many Liberals, would favor the proposal.

MAKE CURRENTS KEEP RIVER ST. LAWRENCE OPEN

Toronto, April 10.—Dimitri Joanovici, a young Roumanian engineer went to Montreal yesterday to meet Premier Taschereau in connection with his project to keep the St. Lawrence channel open for navigation all winter long. His plan is to set in motion currents which will prevent the water from freezing.

AUTOMOBILE CRUSHES LIFE OUT OF LITTLE BOY

Toronto, April 10.—Four year old Herman Hachey of Toronto was crushed to death under the wheels of a motor car driven by Alfred Armstrong yesterday. The accident was investigated and Armstrong allowed to go.

DAYLIGHT SAVING FOR NEARLY 1,000 MONTREAL INDUSTRIAL HOUSES

Montreal, April 10.—Daylight saving will go into effect in the majority of Montreal's industrial establishments on April 29, despite the ruling of the civic authorities in opposition. Nine hundred and seventy-one firms are affected.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

Hamilton, Ont., April 10.—Romeo Boucher, Montreal, a switchman at the Steel Company of Canada, was run over by an engine today and killed. Both legs were cut off.