

### MOUNTED POLICE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONSOLIDATION

National Defence Bill, Thus Amended, Ready For Passage

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, April 6.—After further discussion, the bill to create a department of national defence went through committee stage in the house today and stands for third reading. An important amendment excludes the Canadian Mounted Police from the scope of the bill and the new department will therefore comprise the militia, military, naval and air forces. When the bill was last before the house objection was made to the inclusion of the Canadian Mounted Police on the ground that it was essentially a civil organization. Today Hon. G. F. Graham, who was in charge of the bill, himself moved the amendment and it was carried without objection. An-

other amendment made affects the superannuation allowance of officers to be retired. The original bill authorized the government, in such cases, to add from one to three years to the actual term of service. An amendment reduces the years which may be added to from one to two years.

Pleas for the retention of experienced and highly trained military officers were made in the course of the committee discussion. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter (Conservative, St. John and Albert), said that the bill created a distinction between the "militia" and the military. He asked what this distinction was. Mr. Graham replied that the volunteer forces were usually referred to as the "militia."

R. B. Hanson (Conservative, York-Sunbury) asked if the province requisitioning for the mounted police was liable to the costs involved. Mr. Graham said probably it was. Mr. Hanson asked whether the department had the intention to re-establish a company of the Royal Canadian Regiment at Fredericton. Mr. Graham could not encourage any hope of this.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, asked the minister if he could say what officers were to be retired. He objected to the retirement of Major General Sir Henry Burstall if such was in contemplation. Hon. R. J. Manion (Conservative, Fort William) said the retirement of General Burstall had been a puzzle to him. Mr. Graham agreed as to the standing

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of the officer in question. Sir Henry Burstall had reached the highest peak in the service of the Canadian militia and was entitled to a pension.

T. W. Caldwell (Progressive, Victoria and Carleton) objected to the clause in the bill which provided for adding from one to three years to the service for superannuation purpose of officers to be retired. He considered the principle unsound.

Third reading of the bill was allowed to stand over until another day. Civil government estimates of the department of finance amounting to \$419,545 for salaries and \$50,000 for contingencies aroused sharp discussion. They included an increase of from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for the deputy finance minister. Mr. Meighen objected that the increase was too high. Sir Henry Drayton, however, was convinced that work done by the deputy minister was cheap at the price of \$10,000 yearly. Mr. Fielding said the age of the deputy minister was fifty-nine and that he had been in the service of the department for forty years.

The vote carried. The Night Session. The civil government estimates of the department of immigration and colonization were seized tonight as an opportunity for a general overhauling of that department. The minister, Hon. Charles Stewart, was kept busy for more than an hour answering questions and explaining policy.

When Hon. Jacques Bureau brought the civil estimates of the department of customs and excise amounting to \$59,985 for salaries and \$48,000 for contingencies before the house he met the first barrage of questions with a plea to let him get acquainted with the department.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter took issue with the statement that farm implements were dearer because of the duty. He said that in a certain contract it was specified that machinery must be bought in the American market. When it arrived in St. John it was found that the price was the same as the machinery bought in Canada less the duty.

T. W. Caldwell (Carleton-Victoria) said Ford cars were \$260 higher in Canada than in the United States. This was evidently a case of taking advantage of the duty. It was also a fact that in a town in New Brunswick and a town in Maine, a few miles apart, farm implements in the Canadian town were dearer in the case of one machine by \$68 than in the American town. Fertilizer was also higher in Canada.

### GERMAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The annual meeting of the Germain street Improvement Association was held last night in the board of trade room, and the election of officers for the coming year, resulted as follows:—President, L. G. Crosby; vice-president, Col. E. T. Sturdee, and secretary-treasurer, Victor F. Crosby. It was decided to replace some of the older trees which are in bad condition and to continue the care of the grass and trees. The association has done a commendable work in beautifying the street, and Germain street is admittedly one of the most pleasing to look upon, to a large extent through the activities of the improvement association which assesses residents in the street each year to pay for the upkeep of the lawns and trees. The amount of replacing to be done this year is less than usual, as the winter has been less severe.

### Olivia Stone Is Acquitted of Murder

(Canadian Press Despatch) New York, April 6.—Miss Olivia P. Stone, who shot and killed Ellis Kinkead, former counsel of Cincinnati on August 5, 1921, was tonight acquitted of murder by a jury in the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Miss Stone fainted in the court room twice during the trial. She is a nurse.

### CANCEL SIXTEEN DEALERS' PERMITS

Permits to sell milk during the ensuing year were denied sixteen proprietors of shops where heretofore milk had been sold, by the board of health at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The manner in which the milk had been handled was the cause of the refusal of the permits.

About half of the thirty-one samples of milk from different dealers which had been submitted to sediment tests were shown to be dirty. The samples were submitted to the board.

The bill before the legislature regarding sewerage at East St. John was approved by the board, which appointed a committee to go to Fredericton to recommend the adoption of the bill.

Three houses were ordered closed as unfit for human habitation. Reports covering the month of March were submitted by Dr. T. Fred Johnston on dairy and slaughter house inspection; by Miss Brophy on tuberculosis work; by Dr. H. L. Abramson on tests made on the city water supply; by Dr. M. Hanington on medical inspection of schools, and by several sanitary inspectors of the county.

### NO REDISTRIBUTION BILL AT THIS TIME

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, April 6.—In the house of commons this afternoon, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen asked Premier King if it was the intention of the government to bring down a redistribution bill during this session.

"The government has no desire to delay the bringing down of such a measure," said the prime minister, "but the government does not wish to proceed with undue haste in the matter. As Mr. Meighen knows, a measure of redistribution is one that is likely to occupy a considerable amount of time in committee and in subsequent discussion in the house, and as it is not anticipated that there is any desire for a general election between now and the end of the year, the government has felt that the matter might well stand until the next session of parliament."

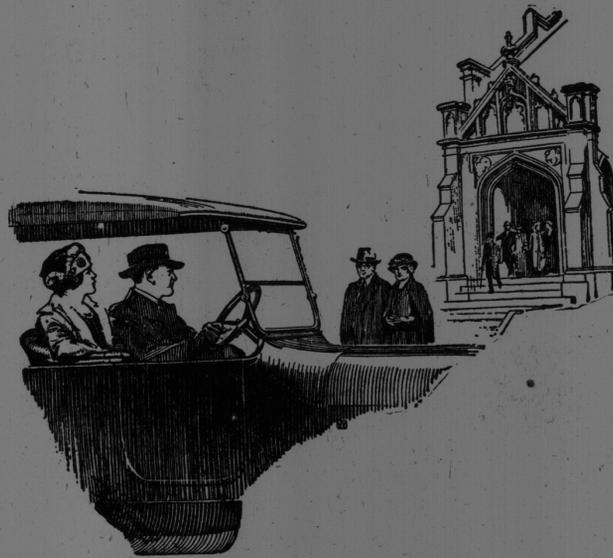
### THINK U. S. MEN WORKED FRAUDS

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, April 6.—Post office inspector W. E. MacLellan, chief of police Frank Hanrahan and Temperance inspector E. S. Tracey, deny knowledge of any scheme by which a Nova Scotia firm is alleged in Boston despatches to have swindled citizens of that city out of large sums of money by use of the mails. According to the story, the firm and others in Canada, mailed price lists intoxicating liquors to persons in Boston, many of whom forwarded the prices asked, thereby bidding goodbye to their money.

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