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NOW READY FOR MOVE TO OTTAWA

ENTHUSIASM INCREASES AS TIME FOR LEAVING IS NEAR

Monster Delegation, Nearly 200 Strong, Will Leave For The Federal Capital Tomorrow Afternoon

22 HALIFAX DELEGATES AWAY TODAY

Maritime Envoys Will Have Session With Members of House of Commons on Thursday Evening—All Members of St. John County Council to Accompany Deputation.

ST. JOHN is all prepared to send to Ottawa the greatest delegation of business men that has ever been assembled in the Winter Port, to press the claims of the Maritimes for a Canadian transportation policy that will route Canadian trade through Canadian ports.

Everything is now in readiness for the delegates to leave here by C. P. R. special train Wednesday afternoon, the details of the getaway having been completed at a meeting of the Board of Trade committees this morning.

Demonstration Off. There will be no official demonstration staged prior to the departure of the deputation, the committee having decided to cancel the arrangements for the send-off which had been tentatively agreed upon yesterday.

However, there is no lack of enthusiasm being displayed among the business interests of the city, and the canvassers reported today that practically every firm which signified its intention of being represented on the delegation will have a delegate on the special when the train pulls out of Union Depot tomorrow afternoon at 8:30 o'clock.

Commons Meeting. The Ottawa arrangements have now been finally settled upon. A special despatch from the staff correspondent of The Times-Star at Ottawa states that Geo. W. Kyrle, chief of the prominent whip, has arranged to have the big Maritime delegation meet the members of the House of Commons in the commodious railway committee room on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

As the House will not reconvene after dinner until 8 o'clock there will be ample time for this meeting of the representatives with the legislators.

It is expected that the morning interview between the delegation and the members of the House will be held in the same committee room, which affords more seating accommodation than the room usually used for such purposes in the East block.

Municipal Council. At a special meeting of the Municipal Council, held yesterday afternoon, it was decided that all the members of the council should be appointed delegates on the All-Canada delegation which is to proceed to Ottawa and meet the Government on February 26.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore, warden, was in the chair. Councillors Frink, Potts, Bullock, Harding, O'Brien, Campbell, Golding, Bowland, Mosher, O'Donnell, Corscadden, Dalzell and Simpson were present.

Important Mission. In calling the meeting to order the warden outlined the purpose, which was to select delegates to accompany the delegation to Ottawa. He pointed out the importance of this mission, which had come about as the result of the sending of representatives of the Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star across Canada to present the claims of the Maritimes.

The response met by Mr. Beidling and Mr. McKenna had been such that it was felt the time was opportune for a move to have more of Canadian goods pass through Canadian ports.

He was then moved by Councillor Simpson that the whole council and the county secretary be appointed to represent the municipality and this carried unanimously.

Halifax Delegates Leave. HALIFAX, Feb. 24.—Twenty-two Halifax citizens, headed by Mayor John Murphy, and four members of the city council, left in a special car attached to the Ocean Limited this morning for Ottawa as part of the All-Canadian Delegation that will appear before the Government on Thursday to press for the restriction of the British preference to goods imported through Canadian ports.

MARRIED AT CAPITAL. FREDERICTON, Feb. 24.—(Special) The wedding of Dudley Earle, Mayor of Fredericton and Miss Bertha Jean McDonald of Covered Bridge took place here yesterday. They will make their home in Fredericton.

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Deficit Causes Australia To Seek Sale of Merchant Marine

DR. PUGSLEY IS LITTLE BETTER

Truth Wins Wife New Hat

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 24.—Edward Bonn is assured of a new Easter bonnet because her husband admitted in court that he had been drunk.

ASK CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL AID

Good Roads Delegation in Ottawa—N. B. Premier Takes up Tax Matter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—A delegation from the Canadian Good Roads Association, including Premier Peter Veniot, of New Brunswick, is expected to arrive here about noon today, to urge upon Premier King and members of his cabinet, this afternoon, an increased grant by the Federal Government for the Good Roads system.

C. N. R. Tax Matter. It is understood that while in Ottawa Premier Veniot will also ask that the government of the Province of New Brunswick be granted the right to tax the Canadian National Railway lines in that province in the same way that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's property there is taxed.

SAYS ELECTION NEAR IN SASKATCHEWAN

Clearing Way For Possible Entry of Premier into Federal Cabinet.

Canadian Press Despatch. WINNIPEG, Feb. 23.—A special despatch from Regina to the Winnipeg Tribune today says:

"Saskatchewan will be in the throes of a provincial election campaign within six weeks according to predictions by persons in close touch with Premier Dunning's cabinet.

An important factor in this situation is the question of Mr. Dunning's possible election to the Federal Cabinet.

It is thought that his acceptance of a federal portfolio as Minister of Agriculture would really strengthen the prospects of the Liberal party, not only in Saskatchewan, but in Alberta and Manitoba as well.

KING GEORGE BETTER

British Sovereign Passes Good Night—May be no More Bulletins.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—King George, who is suffering from bronchial trouble, passed a good night. His physicians visited Buckingham Palace during the forenoon but issued no bulletin, and if the present rate of progress by the patient is maintained, it is believed no further bulletins will be given out except perhaps, a final one announcing his convalescence.

WAS KNOWN HERE

Father of Designer of Bluenose, Dies at Home in Dartmouth.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 24.—James Roue, 83, father of William J. Roue, designer of Bluenose, died at his home in Dartmouth today. Born in Dartmouth, Mr. Roue spent some years of his early life in St. John, returned to Halifax to engage in business 50 years ago.

MAY KILL TREATY

Berlin Refuses to Sanction British Imposition on German Exports.

British United Press. LONDON, Feb. 23.—The settlement reached here by S. Parker Gilbert, general of reparations, of a dispute over British collection of a 25 per cent tax on German exports to Great Britain has broken down. According to advices reaching here, Berlin has failed to accept. Fear is expressed that in consequence the Anglo-German Commercial Treaty will not be ratified.

BELGIAN COAL DROPS.

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IMPROVEMENT NOTED TODAY IN HIS CONDITION

Definite Assurance Of Recovery Still In Doubt

GOOD NEWS COMES

Mrs. Pugsley Informs Brother That Pneumonia Has Been Checked

Canadian Press Despatch. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 24.—Physicians attending Hon. Wm. Pugsley, former Dominion Minister of Public Works, who is seriously ill at a local hotel, with bronchial pneumonia, are of the opinion that there has been a slight change for the better in their patient's condition during the last 24 hours. It will be some days, however, before Mr. Pugsley's condition will permit definite assurance of his recovery.

Word Received Here. The pneumonia has been checked, but heart condition is very serious is the report from Toronto, relative to Hon. William Pugsley, who has been seriously ill there for some days.

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SHIP BROKE IN TWO

Greek Steamer Runs Aground in Stigo River—Cargo Being Lightened.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A despatch to Lloyd's of Feb. 24's Point, Ireland, says the Greek steamer Diamantis Patras, 1,722 tons, from Rosario for Sligo, went aground in the Stigo river and broke in two amidships. The cargo is being lightened.

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Many People of International Fame Stricken With Illness

Seldom has illness attacked so many persons of prominence within a short period as during the first two months of 1925. Below are a few of those of international fame who have recently become ill. None have yet completely recovered:

King George of England. President Ebert, of Germany.

Lloyd George, former British Premier. William Pugsley, former N. B. Governor.

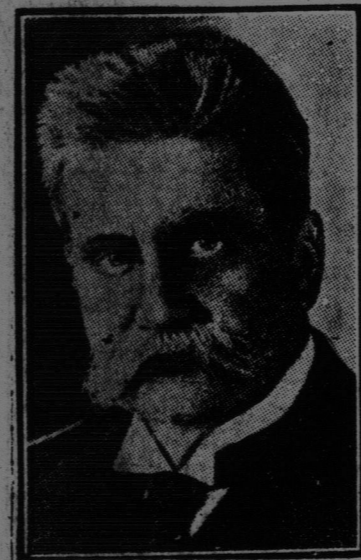
Premier Mussolini, of Italy. Premier Herriot, of France.

Premier Branting, of Sweden. Leon Trotsky, of Russia.

Sun Yat Sen, of China. Gloria Swanson, film star.

Doris Kenyon, film star.

Ex-Premier Dead



Hjalmar Branting, former Prime Minister of Sweden, who died this afternoon.

FORMER PREMIER OF SWEDEN DIES TODAY

Was Compelled to Resign Office in January on Account of Illness.

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EBERT UNDER KNIFE

German President is Operated on For Appendicitis—Condition Satisfactory.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—President Ebert underwent an operation for appendicitis at one o'clock this morning in the West Sanitarium. At 10 o'clock this morning his surgeons issued a statement saying that the operation was successful and that his condition was considered satisfactory.

Alberta to Take Over Her Natural Resources

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BARKER HOUSE MAY BE OPENED AGAIN

Former St. John Man Mentioned as Possible New Operator of Capital Hotel.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 24.—It is reported that negotiations are afoot to reopen the Barker House in this city as an hotel. The name of John F. Doherty, of Springhill, formerly of St. John is mentioned prominently in connection with the proposed reopening.

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A Great Delegation and A Great Objective

AN EDITORIAL.

THE great delegation which sets out tomorrow for Ottawa will confront Parliament with a manifest duty and a magnificent opportunity.

This is something new in delegations. It is non-political. It is national in purpose. It represents a tremendous body of united sentiment from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. It has no sectional aims.

It will ask Parliament to take action at this session to give the people of the Dominion a greater current of confidence, of prosperity and of business unity and independence.

The delegation, speaking for millions of Canadians whose sentiments have been recorded strikingly during the last few weeks as a result of the movement set on foot originally by The Telegraph-Journal and The Times-Star, carries to Parliament national demands which rise above mere party politics, and that recognized from Coast to Coast as vital to prosperity and contentment throughout Canada.

WHAT do the millions who are speaking through this delegation want from Parliament?

They want the great traffic of this country carried over Canadian railroads and through Canadian ports.

They want the railways now included in the Canadian National System used as levers of Canadian progress and development.

They want the vast volume of Canadian exports to pass over Canadian lines and through Canadian ports, not over foreign lines and through foreign ports.

They want the entire organization of the Canadian National railways employed as Canadian agents for Canadian development, diligently seeking to keep Canadian business in Canadian channels and as diligently seeking to recover the stream of exports which have been diverted to alien railways and harbors.

They want the goods which Canada imports to be brought to this country direct through its own ports, and they ask that the British Preference be limited to goods so routed.

They want the national ports, on the Pacific, on the St. Lawrence, and in the Maritime Provinces, adequately and speedily equipped, so that they will be able to handle, and will handle, the whole export and import traffic of the country; and they want courageous action by Parliament showing that our national representatives intend that this policy shall be carried into effect.

In order that this may be done, and that the country may know that the question is settled, it is obviously necessary that Parliament's intention and decision may be implemented in the making up of the supplementary estimates at this session.

They want an equalization of freight rates such as will permit of the natural development of every portion of the Dominion.

They want Parliament to know that the country at large is aroused to the need of the life-giving policies, and that the discontent, manifested in some quarters by talk of escape from Confederation, can best be disposed of by bold and courageous Parliamentary action giving the people of every province proof that all political parties are responsive to the great body of sentiment, the pressure of which is now concentrated upon Ottawa.

EVERY delegation, whatever its numbers—and it will be large beyond precedent—will feel when it reaches Ottawa that millions of other Canadians are there in spirit, backing its demands, sharing its hopes, joining it in pressing resolutely upon Parliament the need for concrete and speedy action.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The depression which was over the Lake region yesterday has moved eastward to the Atlantic, causing heavy rain in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and snow and rain in Quebec. In the Western Provinces the weather is fair and mostly fair and moderately cool.

Fair and Cooler. FORECASTS. Maritime—Moderate winds, fair today and Wednesday. A little lower temperature tonight.

New England—Fair and colder tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness, moderate to fresh north and northeast shifting to south-east winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Feb. 24. Highest during s.a.m. yesterday, night. Lowest today.

Victoria ... 42 50 42  
Calgary ... 44 18 46  
Edmonton ... 0 6 0  
Winnipeg ... 16 16 14  
Toronto ... 30 42 28  
Montreal ... 24 36 24  
St. John ... 34 40 34  
Halifax ... 40 44 40  
New York ... 46 60 46

\*Below zero.

Representatives of St. John In the Great Ottawa Delegation

Mayor F. L. Potts, Commissioners R. W. Wigmore, J. H. Frink, T. H. Bullock, W. L. Harding, representing Common Council of the City of St. John, along with Councillors O'Brien, Golding, Campbell, O'Donnell, Corscadden, McLoud, Mosher, Simpson, and Dalzell, representing the Municipal Council of the City and County of St. John; W. S. Allison and T. E. G. Armstrong, Manchester, Robertson and Allison; H. Mont Jones; G. L. Warwick; O. H. Warwick; G. L. Warwick.

G. Estabrooks, J. F. Estabrooks and Sons; E. L. Rising, Waterbury and Rising; M. A. Pooder, New Brunswick Power Co.; H. P. Robinson, O. J. Fraser, New Brunswick Telephone Co.; J. D. McKenna, A. J. West, New Brunswick Publishing Co., Ltd.; E. J. Terry, James Robertson Co. Ltd.; J. G. Harrison, S. E. Fisher, W. H. Thorne and Co. Ltd.; E. H. Turnbull, F. S. Smyth, Baird and Peters; William Vassie, Vassie and Co.; W. E. Cooper, A. R. Williams Machinery Co.; H. L. Marcus, J. Marcus Ltd.; W. K. Haley, Haley Bros.; L. W. Simms, T. S. Simms

G. C. McAvity, P. D. McAvity, T. McAvity and Sons; George P. Polley, VanWart Bros.; D. W. Neil, Atlantic Specialty Company; F. J. Brennan, Eastern Securities Co.; H. W. Emerson, Emerson, Emerson and Fisher; G. E. Barbour, G. E. Barbour Co. Ltd.; R. D. Paterson, Wilson, Paterson and Gifford; C. A. Christie, Christie Woodworking Co. Ltd.; John R. Hopkins, Hopkins Press Ltd.; T. H. Estabrooks, W. R. Myles, T. H. Estabrooks Co.; F. A. Dykeman, F. A. Dykeman and Co.; E. F. Powers, E. F. Powers Construction Co.; W. J. McAlary, McAlary, Boyaner Bros., Boyaner Bros.; A. L. Stern, Purity Ice Cream Co.; L. P. D. Tilley, James A. Kelly; M. E. Grass, O. J. A. Barter; Warren B. Purdy, Meyer Cohen; G. O. D. Otty; H. Horton, H. Horton and Sons; Allan Gundry; George Murray; John Seely; Fred deForest; J. W. Brittain; W. E. Anderson; F. E. Rice; N. C. Scott; George Murphy; Allan McAvity; G. E. Taylor; Oliver W. Wood; Charles H. McDonald; R. F. Wright; DeWitt Cairns; F. W. Armstrong; J. B. Jones, Jr.; F. G. Spency; Horace C. Brown; Jarvis C. Purdy; D. J. Purdy Company

Laughlin Motor Co.; Allan W. C. Brown, Emery Bros.; Lidd, R. C. Kinke, T. Rankine and Sons; A. G. Neil, Atlantic Specialty Company; F. W. Rasch, Brock and Paterson Ltd.; L. on A. Keith, Edwin A. Ellis; J. W. Ryan; G. A. H. H. W. Schofield, Lumber Co.; D. W. Armstrong, Thomas, Armstrong and Bell; R. W. Tilton, J. A. Tilton and Co.; H. G. Ellis; J. M. Robinson and Sons; W. L. Caldwell; G. Wetmore Merritt; J. Charlton Berrie; J. H. Wasson, Watson's Co. Ltd.; R. T. Hayes; J. M. Humphrey Co. Ltd.; H. M. Coates, S. Hayward and Co.; W. L. Leash, Wash Bros.; A. Neil McClellan, Scovill Bros.; F. M. Ross, S. John Drydock Co.; J. W. Carter; R. A. Corbett; J. Russell Armstrong; A. E. Massie, Dominion Rubber Co.; L. A. Titus, Ross Drug Company; J. King Kelly, County Secretary; H. G. S. Adams, R. G. Dun and Co.