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MARITIME CLAIMS INVESTIGATION OPENS

ADEQUATE ADJUSTMENT UNDER UNION FEASIBLE, IS NOVA SCOTIA VIEW

First Sitting by Royal Commission in Halifax Today Hears Col. E. C. Phinney in Prepared Statement For Sister Province

SIX WEEKS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED

Historic and Economic Position of Atlantic Provinces Within Dominion Traced—Points Are Given on Which Case Will Be Based—Commissioners Present

HALIFAX, N. S., July 21.—Contending that "adequate adjustments can be found within the four corners of Confederation" for the disabilities under which Nova Scotia is languishing as the alleged result of the operation of the British North American Act, Colonel E. C. Phinney opened the case for Nova Scotia this morning before the royal commission investigating the claims of the Maritime Provinces growing out of their partnership in the Dominion.

The commission, composed of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, of Beckenham, Kent, England, chairman, Judge W. B. Wallace, of Halifax, and Professor Cynus MacMillan, of McGill University, derives its authority from an order-in-council approved by the Governor-General on April 7 last, holding forth that on the recommendation of the then Premier, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, it was desirable "that an examination from a national standpoint of all the factors which peculiarly affect the economic position of the inhabitants of the provinces in question should be made, and that upon the results of such inquiry and examination there should be based specific recommendations which in the opinion of the commissioners would result in affording relief from the conditions complained of."

Following the sessions of the board to be held in Halifax, the Commission will proceed to Charlottetown, Saint John and Moncton, and it is estimated that the commission will require at least six weeks in which to complete its task.

POINTS OUTLINED

In the course of his introductory statement this morning Colonel Phinney stated that Nova Scotia's case would be presented under the following heads:

- (1) Historical survey prior and subsequent to Confederation with an adequate comparison.
- (2) Provincial subsidies.
- (3) Canadian public domain.
- (4) Transportation and freight rates.
- (5) Coal and steel industries.
- (6) Post development, export trade and transcontinental railway.
- (7) Fisheries.
- (8) Colonization and settlement.
- (9) Maritime representation in the Dominion House of Commons.

TO CALL CORNELL

Before taking up the historical survey, Col. Phinney said that F. C. Cornell, a freight rates expert would be called to the stand for the purpose of elucidating the freight rates portion of the case and agreed to endeavor to furnish any other expert witness the commission might desire. Proceeding, he gave an historical outline of the confederation movement contending that for some years previous to the consummation of the pact the successful application of the federal principle in the United States had excited the admiration of British North America and had caused the inhabitants of the widely scattered and independent colonies to look to a similar application under the British Crown as the solution of their difficulties. Comparing the political and economic problems of the Federated provinces of Upper Canada with those of the Maritimes during the period 1860-1864 to the great disadvantage of the former, he argued that Confederation of all the British North American colonies was absolutely essential to the welfare of the two Canadas whereas there was no immediate need for the Maritimes entering a larger Union. The upper provinces were then passing through a period of economic depression owing to the withdrawal of the British Colonial preference.

CUT OFF FROM SEA

They were cut off from the sea by tariff barriers for six months of the year. It was true they enjoyed bonding privileges with the United States, enabling them to make use of the port of Portland during the winter months, but these were in danger of being abrogated at any time, as indeed their abrogation was suggested on one occasion in the United States Congress. Politically, the two Canadas had reached a stalemate. The legislature was made up of an equal number of representatives from upper and lower Canada, without reference to the respective populations. Stable government was out of the question. The entry of the Maritime Provinces could alone supply the balance required to carry the government. Again, in addition to having access to the sea throughout the year, a railway connecting the seaboard colonies was built, the line was lengthened by 260 miles in order to furnish the safe-guards regarded as necessary, from a

Deputies Organize To Save France From Financial Chaos

Queensbury Farmer Takes His Own Life

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, N. B., July 21.—Harding Currie, a well-to-do farmer living at Queensbury, took his life this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He was found at the roadside. His nephew, George Currie, had been given money by him this morning to buy provisions and was in Fredericton when told of the suicide. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive. The unfortunate man at times had expressed the opinion that a man should be chloroformed at the age of 70. He was about 72.

CHURCH AND STORE BURNED AT ST. MARTINS

Baptist Edifice and McLeod Business Place Are Destroyed SEND CALL HERE

Losses Reported Partially Covered—Buildings Were in Heart of Village

FIRE early this morning destroyed the Baptist Church and the general store operated by R. F. McLeod in a building owned by A. F. Bentley & Sons, in the village of St. Martins. All the losses are partially covered by insurance.

MINISTER FLAYS BROTHER PASTOR

Rev. M. Williams Roudly Condemns Killing of Texas Lumberman

DES PLAINS, Ill., July 21.—Rev. J. Frank Norris, Fort Worth, Texas, who shot and killed D. E. C. Hypp, wealthy lumberman in "self defense" was severely rebuked by a brother minister, Rev. Morgan Williams, Evanston, Ill., at the Des Plains, Methodist Episcopal camp meeting. "It didn't take me long to enlist in the war," Rev. Williams said, "but it doesn't follow that a minister ought to take a revolver in hand and shoot a fellow man, even on the plea of self defense."

Pyramid Prediction Of World-Stirring Events Yesterday Not Fulfilled

British United Press. LONDON, July 21.—Anxious crowds scanned the skies and grabbed new editions of newspapers Tuesday, in anticipation that each fleeting moment would reveal the beginning of the "event of world-wide importance" predicted by spiritualists on the basis of a recently discovered inscription on the great Pyramid of Gizeh.

"Hail Caesar!"



YOUNG Italian Fascisti hail Mussolini with the traditional Roman salute as they pass under the ancient Arch of Constantine in the course of a parade reviewed by the dictator.

Commissioner Wigmore Is In Favor of Overhauling All Taxation Machinery

COMMISSIONER R. W. WIGMORE, who is popularly known as the "shirtsleeves" member of the Common Council, again raises his voice for a complete overhauling of the civic taxation machinery. He has been heard in protests and warnings on several occasions, not only in the Council Chamber, but in his capacity as member of the Sub-District Board of Health, in formal session and while circulating about town.

PROPER RETURNS NOT MADE

Commissioner Wigmore, like Chairman Olive of the Assessors' Board, recalled the days when the Assessment Act was being framed and what little interest was shown in its composition by the ordinary citizen. Labor leaders vigilantly protected the working man to a great extent and some co-operative interests snatched iniquitous clauses from the bill before it passed into law, but the rank and file of the citizenry let the thing go by the board, and there has been much unfairness in taxation ever since, the Commissioner thinks.

AGED WOMAN NOT IN FAVOR BARE KNEES

LONDON, July 21.—Bare knees of young women riding on trolleys jar on the sensibilities of Mrs. Elizabeth Thoo, of Birkenhead, who will be 100 years old August 1. "I like to see girls get fun out of life," Mrs. Thoo said after she had ordered a cake with 100

HERRIOT FACES HOUSE MEMBERS THIS AFTERNOON

Critical Situation Forces Early Calling of Parliament

ALARM SPREADS

Depositors of Banks Withdrawing Currency and Buying Foreign Bonds

British United Press. PARIS, July 21.—A "non-partisan republican group for public safety" is being organized by French deputies to save France from the crisis which threatens her with complete financial chaos.

JACK JONES GETS INTO SCRAPE AGAIN

Labor M. P. Ordered to Leave House; Refused to Withdraw Remark

Canadian Press. LONDON, July 21.—Jack Jones, irrepressible laborite M. P., figured in another scene in the commons yesterday and had to withdraw from the House on the Speaker's orders.

PARIS CARDINAL SPEAKS OF VISIT

French Dignitary Greatly Impressed With Tolerance on This Side

CHEERBOURG, July 21.—Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, returning from the recent Chicago Eucharistic Congress, yesterday said that he was delighted with the unforgettable welcome that he had received from Canadian and American Catholics at Chicago.

Rum Omelets Are Cape Town's Latest

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, July 21.—"Rum omelets" are the latest temptations offered to lure Cape Town girls from the path of temperance, an investigating committee has discovered. Checking up on reports of disorderly conduct in clubs, the committee found that sherry and bitter, cocktails and champagne flowed freely at all social functions. As a result of its findings, the committee recommends that sale of intoxicants at dances be banned.

\$20,000,000 Work On London Port

LONDON, July 21.—London will become the biggest port in the world when the Tilbury docks are developed under the plans for which contracts have already been let. Locks are being built with an entrance of 1,000 feet in dimension opening to a new system of docks with a huge floating stage for passengers and a reconstructed railway station. The cost will amount to about \$20,000,000, and the Berengaris and other Cunarders will be able to use Tilbury in the future. Sir William McAlpine & Sons have secured the contract.

HERRIOT BLAMED

The Premier's own party is split sunder. Scores of radicals and socialists are reproaching him, citing the fact that the franc has dropped 40 points to the pound since he assumed office.

PEOPLE NERVOUS

Nervousness of the people is resulting in alarmist reports such as one that Herriot's first ministry was based on a rotten foundation.

HERRIOT PESSIMISTIC

Banks are pessimistic, recalling that Herriot's first ministry was based on inflation. Depositors are withdrawing francs and buying foreign bonds in enormous quantities. One well known banker told the United News: "I have never seen such buying. I never saw such a flight of francs from the bank. The people are trying every known trick to rid themselves of French currency. Merchants are buying abroad and leaving nothing in French banks. This will continue until confidence is restored, but Herriot is the last man to restore it."

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SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high over the northwest states and western provinces, also over the southern states and low from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Showers have occurred in Northern Ontario, Quebec and in a few stations of Saskatchewan. Intense heat prevailed yesterday in Western Ontario and the central and eastern portions of the United States.

Forecast: Cloudy

MARITIMES—Fresh to strong southwest winds, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and some fog. Thursday westerly winds and mostly fair.

Temperatures

TORONTO, July 21—	Lowest	Highest during 8 a.m.
Victoria	56	68
Calgary	46	70
Edmonton	46	60
Winnipeg	56	72
Toronto	58	68
Montreal	60	72
Quebec	74	82
Saint John	64	82
New York	74	84

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