

SPEECH PROMISES BILL TO CHECK HIGH PRICES

Revision of the Bank Act and a Redistribution Bill Are Also Promised—Refers to Publicity Campaign to Secure More Settlers.

CONSIDERS MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Baron Byng of Vimy, governor-general, today opened the second session of Canada's fourteenth Parliament.

Throne Speech. The speech from the throne follows: Honorable members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons: I am glad to welcome you to the return of your parliamentary duties.

Formality Briefed. Here, the formality was briefed than last session; then, it being the first session of a new Parliament, Mr. Speaker had to announce his appointment and to claim for the Commons all their ancient rights and privileges.

Bill Only a Form. But the bill is only a form. It is introduced, and no motion is made of it again till next session comes around again.

Secure More Settlers. The matter of securing an increasing flow of desirable settlers to develop large areas of available land for cultivation in Canada had had the serious consideration of my advisers.

To Safeguard Trade. A bill to safeguard the interests of consumers and producers from undue enhancement of prices or unfair restrictions of trade.

POPE WILL NOT MEDIATE IN PRESENT SITUATION. Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Jan. 31.—Queries from various unofficial quarters as to whether the Vatican intends to mediate in the present situation between France and Germany, have brought the answer that neither side has approached the Holy See asking for such mediation.

LARGE BUILDING PLANS CONTEMPLATED IN MONTH. Total building permits issued for the month of January represented a contemplated expenditure of \$140,725, reports Building Inspector A. M. Piper. The record for January of last year is \$144,430. This year's figures include the new East London school, however.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS ARE GIVEN ACCLAMATION. Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Jan. 31.—A special to Le Canada from St. John announces the retirement of A. B. Girard, the opposition candidate in the provincial elections, which will leave D. Bouthillier elected by acclamation.



FIGURE PROMINENTLY AT OPENING OF DOMINION HOUSE TODAY. Left to right—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader; Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister; Robert Forke, Progressive leader; Lord Byng of Vimy, governor-general; Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, speaker.

SAY MEN ARRIVED AT ALWAY BLAZE IN FOUR MINUTES

Assistant Chief Scott Claims Apparatus Was There Shortly After Phone Call. SENT SINGLE TRUCK. Mayor Contends Chief Should Have Sent Full Brigade to Children's Fire.

The men were at the Alway fire within four minutes from the time that the telephone call was received. This was the statement to Mayor Wenige this morning from Assistant Fire Chief Scott, who was subsequently in charge of operations.

Royal Commission. It having been represented that an amalgamation of interests of shipping companies and vessel owners on the Great Lakes has operated to control freight rates and insurance upon grain shipments in a manner which is detrimental to the public interest, a bill was introduced to the House of Commons.

Fire Beyond Control. In this the assistant concurs, pointing out that with six men, it was impracticable to handle the extension ladder and undertake other outside work, and still combat with the flames inside.

COLLEGIATE "MUDDLE" AGAIN TO THE FORE. School Board Secretary Gets Order to Pay Belton Lumber Company \$1,000.

Another echo of the central collegiate "muddle" was heard in board of education circles this morning, when Secretary W. A. Tanner received an order from the Kingston Construction Company to pay the Belton Lumber Company the \$1,000.

Does Not Agree. Deputy Scott does not see quite "eye to eye" with the mayor in other respects, however. While his worship stated that one horse only was being placed in the fire, the assistant states that one horse was already in the building.

FALLS THREE STORIES TO CEMENT FLOOR, DIES. Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Jan. 31.—While he was running down a flight of stairs at the premises of the Redmond Company, limited, early this morning, Bert Keenan, aged 21, slipped and fell through the banisters, subsequently falling three stories to a cement floor, sustaining a fractured skull. He died almost immediately.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE ASKS INVESTIGATION. New York, Jan. 31.—William H. Anderson, accused by a former subordinate with splitting commissions on Anti-Saloon League contributions, will appear before Chief Assistant District Attorney Pecora today with the league's books, it was announced.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED IN MILAN STATION BLAZE. Milan, Jan. 31.—Damage is estimated at several million lire by a fire in the central railway station here last night. Two firemen were injured. All the baggage stored in the building, as well as the safes containing valuables, were saved.



WILLIAM HUNTER RESIGNS POST AS PAVING FOREMAN. Engineer Brazier Announces That City Official Will Go to Oakville.

William Hunter, London's paving superintendent, has resigned. This announcement was made this afternoon by City Engineer Henry A. Brazier.

OTHERS MAY QUIT. Superintendent Conducted the Work in London During Past Seven Years.

Mr. Hunter has accepted a position with the King Engineering Company of Oakville, after seven years' service with the city.

KNOLLWOOD RESIDENTS URGE BUSES NECESSARY. Ratepayers of District Hold Inaugural Meeting and Elect Officers.

Consideration of the bus question and the benefit the district was deriving from the buses was discussed at the inaugural meeting of the Knollwood Park ratepayers held last night.

DOMINION HAS CHOICE FROM FOUR STANDINGS. Lemieux Says Canada Must Eventually Decide Status in World.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 31.—That Canada had to face eventually the choice between the four standings: status quo, annexation, imperial federation or independence, was the subject of a discussion from an academic point of view by August Lemieux, K.C., of Ottawa, before the Hull Kiwanis Club yesterday.

MAYOR WENIGE TALKS ABOUT CITIZENSHIP. Delivers Address Before Brotherhood of Congregational Church.

Mayor Wenige was the guest of honor at the Dutch supper and concert at the Southern Congregational Church last night. He spoke on "Citizenship," and his address was greatly appreciated by the many people present.

ASQUITH HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS FINANCIAL ARBITRATOR. By HENRY SOMERVILLE. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Copyright. London, Jan. 31.—I am officially informed that the British and Canadian governments have agreed on Mr. Asquith as being the arbitrator in financial disputes between the two governments.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES. Associated Press Despatch. Newark, N. J., Jan. 31.—St. Antoninus parochial school, founded by the Dominican Fathers in 1895, was destroyed by fire last night. No one was injured. Firemen made successful efforts to save surrounding buildings and the beautiful church nearby, which is conducted by the Dominican Fathers. The loss could not be determined.



BRITAIN ACCEPTS THE FUNDING PLAN OF UNITED STATES. Decision Is Reached After a Short Session of Cabinet Today.

Decision Is Reached After a Short Session of Cabinet Today. 3 PER CENT TERM For Ten Years and Three and One-Half Per Cent Thereafter.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 31.—Great Britain has decided to accept the American offer in regard to the funding of the British war debt to the United States.

LEGALIZE TERMS. Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Jan. 31.—The British decision to accept the United States debt funding suggestions was said today by Secretary Mellon to open the way for immediate drafting of recommendations to the president for changes in the funding law to legalize the terms suggested in the United States proposition.

FAVOR ACCEPTANCE. Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 31.—The leading financial writers of the morning newspapers find that opinion hardened yesterday in favor of accepting the United States funding plan, however, there is a widely-held opinion that the United States, having regard for the uncertainties of the future, should agree to a clause allowing the United States to modify its terms at any time.

MILAN STATION ON FIRE. Special to The Advertiser. Milan, Jan. 31.—The main railroad station of Milan is ablaze, Fascist forces have turned on the fire-fighters, checking the fire. Traffic is tied up.

THE WEATHER. Today—Cloudy and mild, a few falls of snow or sleet. Thursday—Stationary or somewhat lower temperature. Pressure continues relatively low in the south Pacific states, but over the greater part of the continent it is somewhat above the normal.

GERMAN MARK SLIDES BELOW POLISH MONEY. Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Jan. 30.—One ten-thousandth of its pre-war value was the German mark's official rating on the Berlin bourse today. There was a lively demand for dollars in the post-bourse trading on a basis of 45,000 and actual offers of 50,000 flat.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 15. The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 15.

BAROMETRIC READINGS. Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.52. Today—8 a.m., 29.52.

FIX TORONTO RAILWAY PRICE AT 11 MILLIONS. Sir Adam Beck, Representing Queen City, Strongly Objects to Award.

GROWERS PASS OVER PROVINCIAL POLITICS. Refuse to Consider Five Reasons on Subject on Order Paper.