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THE NEW GROUP UNDER NEW LEADER IN HOUSE

TWELVE M. P'S FROM ALBERTA BAND TOGETHER  
Robert Gardiner New Head; Miss MacPhail Likely Member

OTHER PARTIES  
Progressives Number Five and Are Led by John Evans, Sask.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The opening of Canada's sixteenth Parliament brought a few surprises. The legislative programme announced in the throne speech yesterday conformed generally with press forecasts. The appearance of a new group under a new leader in the House of Commons, however, was one of the significant events of the day.

IS FARM LEADER  
Mr. Gardiner, in pointing out that there were other groups in the House, as well as the two older parties, performed his first act as leader of the United Farmers of Alberta, in the commons. Mr. Gardiner is House leader of the group, and H. E. Spencer of Battle River is secretary. They head a group of 12 members, all from Alberta except Miss MacPhail, who is expected to align herself with the western group.

TWELVE M. P'S  
The definite emergence of the Alberta group is accompanied by the appearance of another group of Progressive members, who remain Progressive as opposed to Liberal-Progressives now absorbed in the Liberal party. This group numbers five and will be led in the House by John Evans of Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

FIRES IN N. S. W.  
Bush Ablaze For Miles With Many Narrow Escapes

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 11.—Fire is sweeping miles of bush country in Northern Western and Southern New South Wales under heavy skies and a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mrs. William Copp Dies At Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 11.—(Special)—The death of Mrs. William Copp, 52, occurred at her home at 9 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness of two years of Bright's disease and heart trouble. Deceased was formerly Miss Mayne Pine, of Chatham, N. B., and, besides her husband, a C. N. R. painter, she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Thomas Pearson, at home; Mrs. Robert Crocker, of Nebraska; Mrs. Harold Casey, of Portland, Me.; Bertha, teacher of Harkins' Academy, and Charlie, at home; also three brothers, Thomas and Joseph, of Chatham, N. B., and Fred, of Amherst, N. S.

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Harbor Commission Plebiscite Would Carry Here Now, Says Frink

Complete Duncan Report

IN THIS issue of The Evening Times-Star will be found the full report of the Duncan Commission on Maritime Province claims, tabled in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. For the convenience of readers an official summary accompanies the complete report.

FALCONER TELLS OF CONFERENCE

Notable Dinner of English Speaking Union in U.S.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The important proceedings and conclusions of the Imperial Conference in London, particularly those affecting relations between Canada and the United States, were discussed by Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, at a dinner given here last night by the English-Speaking Union of the United States.

PRactical NEED  
The appointment of a Canadian minister to Washington, which has been under consideration for years, was not a desire to get a new status at Washington, Sir Robert said. It was the outcome of the practical needs and necessities of the situation. From sixty to seventy per cent of the matters handled by British embassies were Canadian affairs. Ambassadors sent to Washington from Great Britain did not know the sentiment of Canadians, who wanted a representative to speak with authority.

Seek Postponement Of League Opening  
FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 11.—The Fredericton Hockey Club may have to ask the executive of the southern section of the New Brunswick Hockey League to order a postponement of the opening games of the league schedule, which calls for Fredericton to play at Moncton on December 26th and at Sussex on the 29th. So far, the Fredericton club are without an opportunity to start practices although there is ice in the rinks at the other places in the league, and the local team will therefore not have a fair opportunity to get ready for games on successive nights on the road before the new year.

Today's Christmas Special

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR again takes pleasure in presenting herewith its annual Christmas Edition. Shoppers, whose problems are many and varied at this time, will find this edition a great help and guide in making their seasonal purchases. The hundreds of suggestions in the attractively designed advertisements should aid tremendously in the selection of gifts.

J. C. DOUGLAS DIES SUDDENLY AT MONTREAL

Ottawa Shocked Over Sudden Passing of N. S. Legislator WAS NOT WELL

Antigonish - Guysboro Member Recently Returned From Trip to Europe

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—John C. Douglas, M. P. for Antigonish-Guysboro, and former Attorney General of Nova Scotia, died suddenly from angina pectoris in his room at the Windsor Hotel, shortly before midnight yesterday. He arrived at the hotel from Ottawa early in the evening, registered and went to his room, apparently in good health. Shortly before 11 o'clock he telephoned the desk that he was ill, and asked them to obtain a doctor. A few minutes later, when Dr. J. L. Day, of Mount Pleasant avenue, Westmount, reached him, he was in great pain.

BACK FROM EUROPE  
The attorney general of Nova Scotia was wired, requesting that the dead M. P.'s relatives be notified. The body was taken to undertaking parlors.

OTTAWA SHOCKED  
OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The sudden death at Montreal last night of J. C. Douglas, member for Antigonish-Guysborough, came as a shock to parliamentarians here. Mr. Douglas occupied his last in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and after adjournment of the week-end left for Montreal, apparently in the best of health. His death creates the first vacancy in the 16th parliament.

HIS CAREER  
John C. Douglas was born in St. John's, N. S., in 1874. He was educated at Pictou County Academy, Mount Allison (B.A. and M.A.) and Dalhousie University Law School where he obtained his LL.B. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1900 and practiced in New Glasgow.

PROTEST ELECTION  
Withdrawal of Candidate on Payment to be Probed  
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European Combine Cuts Production 1,500,000 Tons  
PARIS, Dec. 11.—The European Steel consortium which is headed by France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium, today confirmed a report from Luxembourg that the steel output of the trust would be reduced 1,500,000 tons during the first quarter of 1927.

Members of Canada's Sport Parliament



DELEGATES to the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union are pictured above. In the front row, reading from left to right: Dr. A. S. Lamb, secretary; B. W. Bellamy; S. F. Doyle, president of the M. P. B.; Prof. Loudoun, Ald. Louis Rubenstein, J. A. McVicar, president; P. J. Mulqueen, W. A. Hewitt, E. Metivier. Directly behind Dr. Lamb is D. J. Corr, while behind Prof. Loudoun is J. H. Crocker, national physical director of the Y. M. C. A.

MONCTON MILITARY MEN ENTERTAINED

No. 2 Company, 7th Machine Battery, Hold Annual Smoker and Social

Special to The Times-Star  
MONCTON, Dec. 11.—No. 2 company of the 7th Machine Gun battery brought their annual six weeks' training course to a close here last night with the usual smoker and social evening. Over thirty members were present and the affair took place in the local armories. Major Jos. Bourgeois had the direction of the function and an enjoyable evening was spent. Captain P. Flynn of M. D. No. 7, staff, Saint John was also present, as was the sergeant-instructor, H. M. Bervis, of headquarters, who has been in charge of the training school. During the evening, Major Bervis was presented with a handsome pipe in case, in appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the local company. Luncheon was served during the evening and the singing of old war songs was indulged in and a short toast list honored.

GIVEN FREEDOM

Chinese Missionary Released by Bandits at Kutien

AMOY, Dec. 11.—Reliable sources at Foo Chow say the Rev. D. G. Parsons, Anglican missionary at Kutien, 80 miles northwest of there, who was kidnapped Dec. 1, has been released. It was learned that the missionary had been taken by bandits at the instance of disgruntled students. He reported that he had been kindly treated. No ransom was asked. Officials of the Cantonese government have telegraphed to Foo Chow a repudiation of the action of students there, who overran the city last week, after the Northern forces had been dispersed, killing several Northern officials and menaces whom they attempted to stop them.

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RETURNS TO R. C. FAITH  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 11.—The Times says Lita Grey Chaplin, estranged wife of Charlie Chaplin, has announced her intention of returning to the Roman Catholic faith which she says she, she renounced when she married the film comedian. She would have her two children baptized by the Catholic church, so that "they might enjoy the consolation" she says she "threw away."

GERMANY ALLOWS WAR MATERIAL INTO RUSSIA, IS CHARGE MADE

BELGRADE MOURNS FOR M. PACHITCH

"Grand Old Man of Balkans" Accorded National Honors by People

BELGRADE, Dec. 11.—The Serbian nation is stricken over the death of its great political leader Nikola P. Pachitch, who died suddenly Friday morning from apoplexy. "The body of the 'Grand old man of the Balkans' where it is lying in state. National honors will be accorded the man who held the premiership of Serbia a dozen times, at his burial on Sunday. By common consent the political parties have called a truce until after the funeral. Even the formation of a new cabinet, which M. Pachitch was to have undertaken the day he died, will be held in abeyance until after the obsequies.

C. P. Harrington, of Dexter, Me., Passes

DEXTER, Me., Dec. 11.—Carroll P. Harrington, 42, superintendent of the Fay & Scott Machine Shops here, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was high in Odd Fellowship and active in the fire department. His wife and four children survive.

BURNED TO DEATH

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—After rescuing her three small children from their burning home early today, Mrs. Bertha Smith, 25, rushed back into the flames to save her insurance policy and was burned to death. The family was asleep when the fire started, apparently from an overheated stove on the second floor.

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Christmas Stocking Fund Up As Happiest of Days Nears

ONCE again this year the employees of the Purity Ice Cream Company, Ltd., have come to the front, 100 per cent, strong, as supporters of The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund, a contribution of \$35 having reached this office today. This is just one more example of club donations which, in other years, have put the Stocking Fund over the top. If the staffs in all the factories and business houses in the city would do likewise, there would be no question of any kiddie having to experience a Christmasless Christmas this year.

THE FUND TODAY.  
The following is how the fund stands today:

STABLE STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA TOWN

Information Disturbs Settlement of Allied Military Control

Owner of Only Livery Declines to Take Chances on Liquor Being Left on Premises

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SUMMARY OF SITUATION BY COMMISSIONER

Says One Place to Commence Work is South of Pier No. 16

OTHER COMMENT  
Wigmore Hopeful Duncan Report Will Be Implemented in House

MAYOR WHITE when asked this morning if he had any comment to make on the Duncan report, said that he was not prepared to discuss it at present. It was a document which required some study before arriving at conclusions, and there had not yet been sufficient time to give it this study.

Commissioner Wigmore said he believed the report would be implemented by Parliament, particularly in view of the speech of Premier King here, and it would prove of great benefit to this port.

Commissioner Frink said this morning that he had read with interest the Duncan report and especially interested in the harbor commission suggestion for this port.

SHIFTING OF METHODS.  
"It simply means shifting the method of financing, as I note from the press statement, that it is to be a statutory Harbor Commission, the same as at Quebec and Montreal. That is to say that for the purpose of development application will be made to Parliament to pass an act authorizing the Harbor Commission to issue bonds in order to obtain money. Parliament generally, if not always assents. The interest and sinking fund (if any) is met by charges levied on the shipping. At the Port of Montreal fees collected are sufficient to meet all fixed charges including interest, and there has been for some years back a comfortable credit balance on the year's operation."

"However, the Crown declined to act on that contract since the year 1918-19, for reasons best known to it. In lieu of the contract we are to have Harbor Commission, plus whatever the Government may pay for the balance of the harbor not controlled by."

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—A deep depression is moving southeastward across Northern Ontario, and another is centered this morning over Saskatchewan, while pressure is quite high over the Far Northwest. The weather has been mild throughout the Dominion, with light local snowfalls in all provinces.

Forecast: Light Snow.

MARTIME—Fresh to strong east to northeast winds; with light snow today and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

NEW ENGLAND—Rain to-night; Sunday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; fresh east and southeast winds; with afternoon, shifting to west late to-night and increasing.

Temperatures.  
TORONTO, Dec. 11, 1926.  
Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday: 28  
Kamloops ... 28 46 28  
Calgary ... 28 46 28  
Edmonton ... 28 46 28  
Winnipeg ... 28 46 28  
Toronto ... 28 46 28  
Montreal ... 28 46 28  
Saint John ... 28 46 28