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CANADA'S NAVAL PLAN BEFORE PARLIAMENT

Blue Book Brought Down Giving Details of Imperial Defence Conference—Government Decides on a Start with Three Cruisers.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—Canada's naval plans were laid before parliament this afternoon. They provide for the construction of three cruisers of the "improved Bristol" class, and four destroyers of the "improved river" class. The cost of the cruisers is estimated at \$5,750,000, and the cost of destroyers at \$1,500,000. The annual cost of maintenance is estimated at \$2,000,000. Two of the cruisers will be assigned to the Pacific coast and one cruiser and the four destroyers to the Atlantic coast. It is estimated that 1,408 officers and men will be required to man the ships, that the pay roll will be \$400,000, and the victualling \$100,000 a year.

There is also a military programme extending the plan already inaugurated of co-operation by the Canadian militia authorities with the imperial general staff, the exchange of officials with Great Britain and the training of the Canadian forces upon the British war office system.

The Canadian defence programme is based on the results of the Imperial Defence Conference in London last summer, and on the conferences which the Canadian minister of militia and the minister of marine had at that time with the British naval and military authorities.

The double seaboard of Canada was held to make it inadvisable for her to adopt a fleet unit of the present time. It was therefore proposed that Canada, with the funds she regarded as available for the beginning, should commence her fleet with cruisers of the "improved Bristol" type, and destroyers of the improved river type and that the vessels should be divided between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. Further, in accordance with the arrangements already made, Canada should continue the maintenance of the Halifax and Esquimaux dockyards and wireless stations, the upkeep of which were estimated to cost \$200,000 a year.

SENATOR LANDRY SUES THE HERALD

Quebec, Nov. 18.—Senator Landry, of the town of Montcalm, has entered suit against the Montreal Herald for five hundred dollars damages for libel alleged to be contained in an article published in the Herald in connection with the King's birthday dinner at Spencerwood.

LINER GROUNDED

Montreal, Nov. 17.—While coming up the St. Lawrence to Montreal the Dominion liner Dominion, stranded this morning opposite Cape Arloche, some miles above Quebec. She succeeded in getting off after being on the mud for an hour, and proceeded on her journey. She will be examined here. It is not thought the damage is at all serious.

EIG YEARS EACH

Halifax, Nov. 18.—Charles Gallagher and Herbert Hassett, the two young men who held up Cashier Foot of the Dartmouth ropeworks, and attempted to rob him, were sentenced this morning by Judge Wallace to eight years each in Dorchester penitentiary. They pleaded guilty.

CULPRIT'S WIFE STRUCK CONSTABLE

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Albert Bean, a young letter carrier, was found guilty yesterday of stealing registered letters from the mails and was sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary. Bean was detected by means of decoy letters. His wife of two months was in court and became hysterical when sentence was pronounced, and when the constable started to lead Bean out, she rushed forward and struck him in the face and clung convulsively to her husband.

FATHER AND SON BOTH WERE LOST

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20.—Fred Carten, son of Richard Carten, was lost in the woods Tuesday afternoon, and when found was in a serious condition. The lad, who is only three years old, strayed away while his mother was absent from home. A short time later the boy's father returned to the house and was sent after his son. He did not return at nine o'clock last evening and searching parties were sent out. They looked for the father and boy until near morning when they were found in a clump of bushes. The father with the child in his arms had wandered around in a circle all night. The child was thinly clad and nearly perished.

McBride, Ex-Minister, Condemns Policy Of Former Leader

Toronto, Nov. 20.—A Globe special from Victoria, B. C., says: R. C. Tatlow, ex-Minister of finance who resigned from the McBride cabinet, has yielded to public clamour and made a statement why he left the government. He says McBride had no time to consider the railway agreement which threatens to destroy the credit of the province. He told the premier he says that he could not support the policy and reminded him that he built up the credit of the country by a system of careful finance.

The ex-minister condemns in unmeasured terms the whole transaction with McKeen & Mann which he declares will prove ruinous to the credit of the province.

The denunciation will have a great effect on the country as Mr. Tatlow is universally regarded as a sound financier who has done much for British Columbia.

Three Cornered Contest In Nova Scotia

Halifax, Nov. 20.—Nominations took place Wednesday for provincial bye-elections in four counties in Nova Scotia. In three of them there will be contests, Victoria (B. C.) allowing the Liberal nominee, Mr. Buchanan, to be returned by acclamation.

In Lunenburg, Hants and Cumberland there will be contests, in the last named county the Labor party running A. L. Landry as its candidate, making a three-cornered contest the Conservatives and Liberals nominating respectively T. Sherman Rogers and H. J. Livingstone. The election there was rendered necessary by the death of Hon. W. T. Pipes, attorney-general.

In Lunenburg the Liberals nominated A. K. MacLean, who resigned from the house of commons to accept the attorney-generalship in the Murray government. As his opponent the Conservatives nominated J. W. Margeson, barrister.

In Hants the election is rendered necessary because of the death of C. S. Wilcox, the Conservative leader in the house of assembly. At Windsor to-day the Conservatives nominated

Albert Parsons, a business man of Walton, and the Liberals W. M. Christie, K. C., of Windsor.

The nomination proceedings in all the ridings were quiet, the biggest crowd being reported at Lunenburg where the gathering was estimated at 2,000.

The law in Nova Scotia requires all bye-elections to be held on the same day.

TOOK FIRST BLOOD

St. John, Nov. 17.—In the bowling tournament today, the first game was won by Black's team, defeating the Marathons, 120 to 125, winning by four points.

G. T. P. PROGRESS

Winnipeg Nov. 17.—Grand Trunk Pacific officials announce that by next day their steel will be laid beyond Tete Jaune Cache, on the other side of the main divide of the Rockies, 305 miles beyond Edmonton.

EXTENSION OF THE C. P. R. TO HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 20.—President Johnson of the board of trade and Mayor Chisholm of Halifax reported to a crowded public meeting Tuesday on their interview at Montreal with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and D. Mc Nicol regarding the extension of the C. P. R. to Halifax.

They called attention to the C. P. R. officials to the route by Harvey, Chipman and Fredericton, to Moncton in New Brunswick, and via Parrsboro, Colchester to Dartmouth in Nova Scotia. This would give a line shorter than the I. R. C., and would afford grades equal to those of the G. T. P.

The delegation was cordially received by the C. P. R., and President Johnson, at the conclusion of his speech, said that he was as sure as that he stood where he was, that the C. P. R. would be built to Halifax.

President Johnson announced that he had been assured at Ottawa, he would not say by whom, that the Dominion government would grant a subsidy of \$6,400 to such a road. A vigorous campaign will be entered upon in Nova Scotia to create a general interest in the enterprise.

FREDERICTON PLEASSED

OVER THE REPORT

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20.—Fredericton business men and others are much encouraged over the report that comes from Halifax that the C. P. R. will reach the city by a route from Harvey to this city, thence to Chipman and then through Moncton to Halifax. It is understood that the Board of Trade are going to take action that will bring many advantages of this route before C. P. R. authorities.

I. C. R. REST HOUSE IN MONGTON PREY OF FLAMES

Five Hours' Fight For Firemen—Six Type Writing Machines Destroyed—Thirty Clerks Forced into Temporary Quarters.

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 20.—Burning with such rapidity that, if it had been in the centre of the town, great destruction would have been caused, fire early Wednesday morning completely destroyed the building known as the I. C. R. rest house. The fire started a little after 3 o'clock, and for five hours the firemen labored before the conflagration was put out. As a result of the fire two offices have been put out of commission and thirty clerks have taken up temporary quarters in the old mechanical offices.

The offices out of commission are the car accounts and superintendent's car service. Six typewriters were destroyed, as also were seven car records and correspondence and the building has been completely demolished.

A shunting engine was passing the rest house and the crew saw a blaze in the express room of the building. They gave the alarm. Fifteen minutes later the city firemen arrived and the

flames were then shooting sky-ward.

YACHT WRECKED

New York, Nov. 17.—Eugene Higgins' yacht Varuna lies today a total wreck on the northwest coast of the Island of Madeira. While the vessel is pounding in the storm on a rocky shore and is reported as likely to break up at any moment, all on board of her, with possibly one exception, have been saved.

TRUST COMPANY FAILS

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 17.—The State Department of Banking today closed the American Trust Company of Philadelphia. W. A. Taylor, the state bank examiner, was appointed temporary receiver, and he immediately took charge of the company's affairs. The deposits amount to some \$100,000.

SNOW AT QUEBEC

Quebec, Nov. 17.—This city experienced the first snowstorm of the season last evening, the beautiful falling to the depth of an inch or more. The weather is quite cold.

MACLENNAN ARRESTED

Halifax, Nov. 17.—Chas. M. Maclellan, provincial manager of the Excelsior Insurance Co., who disappeared from Halifax about three weeks ago, was arrested at Dover, New Hampshire, to-day and will be brought back to Halifax. The superintendent of the insurance company, who is here, reports a shortage of three thousand dollars in Maclellan's accounts. He was arrested at the instance of the Guarantee company which was his surety for one thousand dollars.

DISCOVERED AN EXTRA \$9,000

St. John, Nov. 17.—Since the will of the late Mrs. Katherine Murdoch was probated an additional nine thousand dollars in debentures has been discovered. It has been added to the estate and St. Stephen's Presbyterian church and the Natural History Society will be the chief beneficiaries.

SHOCKING CASE OF CHILD MURDER

Belleville, Ont., Nov. 17.—Frances Beaverstock, unmarried, a Tyendinaga woman, appeared before Police Magistrate Bedford yesterday charged with concealment of birth of a child and of causing the death of the child through neglect. The father and mother of the woman gave evidence which went to prove the truth of the charges. The details of the case were most shocking. The woman, it was shown, had four children, only one of whom is now living. The case was adjourned until Saturday.

GRIEVANCES WERE INVESTIGATED

Moncton, Nov. 18.—Judge Barron, of Stratford, Jas. Gilmour, of Brookville, and D. J. Donahue, of Toronto, the commission who have been here meeting F. P. Brady and a delegation from the I. R. C. machinists, left this morning for Halifax, where they will enquire into the recent dismissal of I. R. C. machinists. They were accompanied by Messrs. Brady and Joughins; also Messrs. Bleakney Wallace and Delahunt.

BURIED IN A GRAVEL BANK

Woodbury, N. J., Nov. 17.—John Wallace and Joseph Cutler were killed and Horace Kercher, a boy, was probably fatally injured yesterday by the collapse of a gravel bank near here. The three were working in a tunnel when it caved in. Kercher, who was buried up to his neck, had both legs broken and internal injuries, which will probably result in his death.

THAT EXTENSION C. P. R. TO HALIFAX

St. John, Nov. 17.—Asked about the proposed C. P. R. line to Halifax, Mr. D. Mc Nicol said to-day that the company would give the Halifax proposal due consideration, and added that they were prepared to go wherever it could be shown that there was business worth going after.

LOVE SICK YOUTH ASSAULTED GIRL

Toronto, Nov. 18.—John Smith, a young Englishman, is under arrest, charged with assaulting Annie Jamieson, because the girl refused to marry him. Smith, it is alleged, went to Miss Jamieson's boarding house yesterday and beseeching in the door told the girl she should marry him that night or he would kill her. The girl in a fit of terror fled to her father's house.

BISHOP CASEY CONFIRMED 130

Moncton, Nov. 18.—Bishop Casey of St. John conducted confirmation services here this morning, when twelve adults and one hundred and eighteen children were confirmed. The service lasted two hours and a half, commencing at low mass by Father Savage. Sermons were preached by the Bishop, Father Letavalier and Father Robichaud. After the service pledges were taken by the children against intoxicating liquor until the age of 21.

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