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CUSTOMS PROBE OFF UNTIL AFTER ELECTION

NEXT SITTING OF BODY TO BE HELD IN P. E. I. LATTER PART OF SEPT.

Suggestion by W. F. O'Connor That Distillery Operations Be Looked Into Now in Ontario Not Considered

RUM RUNNING ON RIVER, SAYS LUCAS

R. C. M. P. Officer Advocates Mobile Force, Properly Equipped, Be Stationed at Five Central Points in New Brunswick; Syndicates Operating, Says R. M. A.

THE customs probe was ordered discontinued until after the elections by Sir Francois Lemaux, presiding judge, at the end of the morning session today, with the next sitting of the Royal Commission in Prince Edward Island, the latter part of September. W. F. O'Connor, K. C., Ottawa, counsel, suggested that the inquiry might continue its sittings in Ontario, looking into the findings of auditors regarding the operation of distillery companies, but His Lordship declined to consider this.

Lack of cohesion between the departments combating rum-runners and the recent growth of smuggling up the Saint John river, coupled with a suggestion that a mobile force of men be stationed at five key positions in New Brunswick, acting under the direction of a chief officer for the province, featured the evidence today by Detective Sgt. Fred Lucas, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Calder made a statement this morning to the effect that C. B. Lockhart, Collector of Customs here, said he wished to correct his evidence in regard to his advocacy yesterday of a reduction of the duty on liquor. Mr. Lockhart said he advocated a reduction to \$2 a gallon and not by that amount.

FILES LETTER. Miss Frances Alward, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association in New Brunswick, filed a letter with the commission, declaring that she had that body that smuggling of goods on a large scale was carried on by syndicates in the United States with consequent depressing effect on trade in New Brunswick.

ONE HEAD FOR N. B. Witnesses this morning strongly recommended appointment of an acting head for New Brunswick. As an instance of difficulty encountered arising from this lack of control, Sgt. Lucas told of one case where he received a telegram in code from Ottawa to endeavor to make a seizure of two vessels of Lepreau. He secured two customs officers and motored down there at night. Meeting one auto, he recognized Mr. Lynott, from St. George's, and the other a car containing Mr. Daves, another ex-cop officer, on the same job. None of the three knew about the others and had they not recognized each other, it is quite likely they might have spent some time chasing each other.

SMUGGLERS USE FORCE That men in the smuggling business would not stop even at using force and intimidation to achieve their nefarious ends was brought out in the testimony of William J. Carr, now of the C. P. R. staff but formerly engaged in patrol work along the American coast. Giving one instance, he said he was ordered by the railway to proceed to a northern point in New Brunswick where a car had arrived but with no person known there to whom the bills were addressed. It was found the car contained 4,000 gallons of denatured alcohol. The first night it was opened but the thieves were chased away. He was on duty alone the next night and was told by the sub-collector at the place that the gang would be there at 1:30 o'clock to unload and that he desired to wash his hands of the entire affair. Soon after midnight, the station door was kicked in and he was assaulted by one of the men. He, however, placed him under arrest and the others decamped. Later, he had the freight car taken to Saint John but it was followed from St. Leonard's through Grand Falls to Aroostook by seven men in a car. He managed to secure an engine and rashed the car to Woodstock, outwitting the pursuers.

WRITS WERE QUESTIONED At the opening session today G. Percy Stewart, customs officer, was recalled and produced his writ of assistance. He gave three cases where his writ was held to be insufficient and the cases dismissed. The registrar was instructed to write for copies of the judgment in these cases.

FISHERMEN IN BUSINESS John J. McDonald, inspector of customs for the eastern section, concurred in suggestions made by Inspector Hoyt yesterday. He told of fishing vessels being engaged in carrying cargo to shore from rum runners, and said that the clearance-regulations side-

Sir James Aikins Re-elected President of Bar Association

Opening Ceremonies of Saint John Exhibition Saturday Evening; Mayor Chief Speaker

TOMORROW night will see the culmination of the efforts that have been put forth for weeks by the members and officials of the Saint John Exhibition Association to prepare for the big fair of 1926. The doors of the newly constructed entrance to the main buildings will be thrown open and the turnstiles will begin to click as patrons pass through to participate in the opening ceremonies. These will take place at 8:30 o'clock in the main building.

The chief speaker will be His Worship Mayor White. There will be other addresses and a program of orchestral and vocal numbers. Preparations are coming along very fast, it was said this morning by H. A. Porter, general manager of the exhibition, who was busy at the fair grounds getting things in order for the opening. Exhibitors were asked to bring their material to the fair by previous years with their exhibits, Mr. Porter said.

OPENING PROGRAM. The official opening will take place tomorrow evening in the main building, commencing at 8:15 o'clock and the program will consist of speech making and orchestral and vocal music. F. A. Dykeman, president, will preside and the fair will be opened by His Worship Mayor White. The province will be represented by Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture. No arrangements have been made as yet with the local bands in regard to furnishing music at the fair.

INVITATION BY RADIO. Tonight there will go through the air from Moncton, a call from Saint John to the people of the Maritime Provinces to make this city their objective next week, and participants in the pleasure and the educational features of the big exhibition of 1926. President F. A. Dykeman of the Exhibition Association, who will speak at the C. N. R. radio station, said that all over Saint John business and social buildings and residences as well as given a colorful dressing with bunting and flags and devices that will help give the city a real special week appearance.

GOOD ANIMAL SHOW. The live stock exhibit this year is attracting a large number of visitors and there is expected to be a good exhibit of the beef class and better competition in the dressings than ever before. The swine department has also attracted many entries, attention being paid particularly to the bacon hog. A good entry list has been received for the exhibition and poultry departments and the attention is given in the latter to the classes for registration and approved performance points.

AMUSEMENTS. In regard to the amusement features, special acts have been secured that will provide thrills, laughter and general entertainment for the large crowds. The midway will have many features, it was said, and there also will be dancing in the dining hall each evening, the tables being removed to provide the space for this form of entertainment.

250 DOGS TO BE SHOWN. There will be about 250 dogs in competition at the annual show of the N. B. Kennel Club which will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. The entries closed last Monday and the supplementary list last night. There will be between 40 and 50 outside dogs here and the competition for the Canadian Kennel Club cup given for the best dog or bitch is expected to be keen. The cup has arrived here and is a handsome trophy. There also will be a cup for the best of each breed, in all about 44 cups, valued at \$800.

Australian Movie Star Seeks Divorce. SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 2.—Louise Lovely, a well known film actress, has taken action for divorce against her husband Wilton Welch, to whom she was married in 1912. Miss Lovely, who was Australian born and now considerable fame in the United States, returned here in 1924 and has since made a few films under her husband's direction.

2 Shot, 1 Wounded in Battle With Gunmen. GARY, Ind., Sept. 2.—Two men were shot and killed and a patrolman received terrible injuries and was taken to a hospital yesterday. Nothing is known as to the identity of the slayers.

TORRENTIAL RAINS DAMAGE CROPS IN WEST. Rivers Turned Into Ragging Cataracts; Highways Inundated. BRIDGES WRECKED. Many Districts in Manitoba and Alberta Flooded by Heavy Downfall.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 3.—Several bridges washed away, irrigation ditches flooded, many highways inundated, rivers turned into raging torrents, and a week's delay to harvesting operations, constitute the toll of torrential rainfalls which prevailed in practically all districts of Alberta the first half of this week. Southern districts reported cloudbursts, with resultant damage to crops and highways. A six year record has been broken by the heavy deluge.

ONE WEEK'S DELAY. It will be early next week before harvesting can be resumed in Manitoba. Conditions are much more favorable for resumption of harvesting operations in Saskatchewan. This province has not experienced the continuous rainfall of the other two western provinces. Reports from Edmonton early today, said that the Macleod River, west of the capital, was a raging torrent, and that several bridges in the city districts, had been washed away. Coal shipments were at a standstill, while railway gangs were in an effort to relieve traffic.

BUBONIC OUTBREAK ADDS TO DISASTER. Two Die of Plague in Azores; Quake Razed 1,500 Houses; Killed 25.

HORTA, Azores, Sept. 3.—There have been four cases of bubonic plague and two deaths from the disease since last Tuesday's disastrous earthquake, in which it is estimated 1,500 houses were destroyed and at least 25 persons were killed and several hundred injured. The governor of the islands, who also is a physician, said today that the general situation was satisfactory and that the two remaining bubonic victims had been isolated.

MINERS MAKE FIRST MOVE TOWARD PEACE. Authorize Executive to Submit Proposals for New National Agreement.

EIGHT KILLED IN MICHIGAN CRASH. Interurban Cars Collide on Curve Near Monroe; Injured Total 26.

RUM-RUNNER TAKEN. Evelyn D., Bound For Nova Scotia, Captured Off Miami; Jail Cell.

Unity of Empire at Stake When Imperial Conference Meets, Is French Viewpoint. London Daily News asserts that this is interpreted in Australia as a "straight from the shoulder declaration of Australia's attitude toward any move that will weaken the links of the Empire."

Did It For Her Kiddies



Mrs. Ederle, may claim superiority in the matter of endurance swimming. Scores of men have attempted the swim from the French coast to Dover, or vice versa. Of this large number but five have navigated the stretch successfully when Mrs. Ederle succeeded.

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CELEBRATES CENTURY. CHICOPEE, Mass., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Almatia Bennett will be 100 years old September 8, and on that day will keep a six year date with an aviator to fly over Portland, Maine in celebration of the event.

GIRL GOING STRONG IN CHANNEL SWIM. "Miss Maclaren" of London, is Out to Beat Gertrude Ederle's Record.

Empire and declares, "it cannot be said too often that the unity of the British Empire is at stake." In the same article Quotidian says, "the Canadian Liberal party, which includes half the adult male population of Canada, wishes to limit or rather to annul the prerogatives of Dominion Governor-Generals and also asks that each Dominion shall have its own diplomats and shall not be involved in international affairs except upon its own will and motion."

HEADS LAW BODY FOR 11TH TERM

J. J. F. Winslow, Fred-erickson, Chosen Vice-Pres. for N. B.

IN TORONTO NEXT. Miss M. F. Lathrop Scores Ultra-Feminists at Course of Address.

THE Canadian Bar Association at its final business session here this morning, re-elected for the eleventh consecutive time, Sir James Aikins, lieutenant governor of Manitoba, as president. Sir James thus has the unique honor of being the head of this organization ever since its inception.

ULTRA-FEMINISTS SCORED. An address of interest, punctuated by frequent humorous passages was delivered by Miss Mary P. Lathrop of Denver, Colorado, a member of the bar of that state and the first woman member of the American Bar Association.

THE WEATHER. SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high from the Great Lakes eastward, and has increased over the Western Provinces and British Columbia, while over the Western and Southwestern States, it continues low. The weather has been mostly fair and cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, it continued with showers in the west.

FORECASTS. MARITIME—Moderate north to northeast winds; fair and cool today and Saturday. NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight, and Saturday; little change in temperature, fresh northeast and east winds.

TEMPERATURES. Lowest 8 a. m. Yesterday night. Victoria ... 66 70 54. Winnipeg ... 54 64 54. Toronto ... 56 64 54. Montreal ... 62 62 46. Quebec ... 56 64 50. Saint John ... 62 62 44. Halifax ... 60 62 46.