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ACQUISITION THIS YEAR'S OTTAWA REPORT

Maritime Members Press for Duncan Report Adoption

IS MAIN TOPIC

Debate on Reply to Speech From the Throne to Commence This Afternoon

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Parliamentarians eagerly await the reconvening of the House this afternoon, when the debate on the speech from the throne will commence.

Without exception, all members, irrespective of party affiliation, are anxious to get down to business with a view to adjourning Parliament on Thursday or Friday next for the Christmas recess. This feeling is particularly evident among western members, who have a long distance to travel to their homes.

L. M. Ager, youthful member Prescott, will move the address shortly after the opening of the House at 3 o'clock. He will be followed by A. E. McPherson (Liberal, Portage La Prairie), who defeated Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, former Conservative leader, in the recent general election. Mr. McPherson at one time practiced law in partnership with Mr. Meighen.

Mr. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative House leader, and Premier W. L. Mackenzie King are also expected to speak.

Among the Maritime members the report of the Royal Commission on Maritime Rights, headed by Sir Andrew Rae Dunsmuir, is the chief topic of conversation. Along the corridors and in the rooms representatives of the three Maritime Provinces are to be seen in groups discussing this important document.

MARITIME MEMBERS UNITE.

The recommendations in the report are sweeping, and meet with the general approval of Maritime members, who are pressing for alleviation of conditions in their provinces. One rumor of particular interest is that the long-demanded acquisition by the Federal Government of the Saint John Valley Railway will become a fact within a year.

HERTZOG WELCOMED

South African Premier Given Warm Reception on Arrival

Special to The Times-Star.—CAPE TOWN, S. Africa, Dec. 13.—Premier J. B. M. Hertzog returned to South Africa this morning, after attending the Imperial Conference in London and was given a very enthusiastic welcome home. Large crowds were at the dock when he landed and he was conducted amidst cheering crowds, in the street, to the civic centre, where he was given a Mayor's reception beside a statue of King Edward VII.

"We stand as men who have come into our inheritance of freedom in the fullest and most complete manner," the Premier declared amid cheers. "Not as Dutchmen and Englishmen, not as Boer and Briton, and not as nationalists and South African party adherents have we come into this inheritance, but as sons of South Africa."

Exemption Provided For Italy's Bachelors

ROME, Dec. 13.—Inability to support a wife will be just cause for exemption from the newly decreed tax on bachelors. This assurance is given by the 'Fevere', which adds that the government is finding unusual difficulties in settling rates applying the law to Italy's 3,000,000 unmarried men. Others to be exempted are priests, prelates, army officers, paupers and persons with inheritable diseases. Difficulty is expected in testing some claims for exemption. The tax will be graduated, increasing from the ages of 25 to 45, and decreasing from 45 to 65.

CONDITIONS SERIOUS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 13.—Friends of A. B. Wetmore, chief bridge engineer of the province, will regret to hear that his condition is serious. He was taken some time ago to Guelph, Ont., for treatment in the sanitarium there. It is reported that he recently met with an injury at the sanitarium. Before being taken to Guelph, Mr. Wetmore was confined to his home here with illness for a long time.

VESSLS FREED

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Sixteen of the freighters which were held captive by ice in the St. Mary's river for two weeks, had docked in the Buffalo Harbor today. Other members of the grain fleet were expected to arrive during the day.

Four United States Naval Ships Are Now In Nicaraguan Waters CIVIL SERVANTS SEEK \$300 ANNUAL INCREASE

Social Recognition Follows Admission of Germany To League of Nations' Circles

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Social return of the Germans has followed their admission to the League of Nations. By the admission of Prince Blucher, great-grandson of the German general, who was a hero at the battle of Waterloo, to the exclusive Wellington Club, a London group, for the first time since the war, re-admitted a representative of the former enemy country.

Will Rogers Elected Mayor Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 13.—Will Rogers, cowboy humorist, has been selected Mayor of Beverly Hills, a suburb of Los Angeles. Rogers, who was notified of his appointment in New York, replied that it was a surprise to him. "If I go in, there must be reform," the lariat-thrower wired to Douglas Fairbanks, first citizen of this community.

Amend Legal Status Of Trade Union Bodies

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a letter to his constituents in the Hipping division of Essex, declares that the Government is making a searching review of the trades unions of Great Britain with the intention of introducing legislation amending the trades unions' legal position.

TWO DIE IN FIRE AT NORWAY, ME.

Mrs. M. Smart and 3-Year-Old Son Perish—Walked Through Snow

NORWAY, Maine, Dec. 13.—Fire that raged through an isolated little farmhouse five miles from this village, had taken a toll of two lives in a family of seven yesterday. Mrs. Marian Smart, 26, and her three-year-old son, Walter, were the victims.

MONCTON THIS WEEK

Lumber Inquiry There on Thursday and Friday

The provincial commission inquiring into the conditions in the lumber industry in this province—Mr. Justice Grimmer and P. C. Beattie—will meet in Moncton on Thursday and Friday of this week. Last week they spent three days in Chatham. Good progress is being made with the enquiry. Mr. Beattie said this morning.

Briand's Nobel Prize Money To Buy Pigs

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Foreign Minister's Christmas present in the form of half the Nobel peace prize for 1926, will enrich the French treasury to the equivalent of about \$5,000,000 in taxes. The remainder, approximately \$1,000,000, will go to buy sheep and pigs and build a new wing on his country house at Cocheret, on the river Eure. M. Briand is regarded as far from rich as wealthy men go today.

An Appreciation of Service

The following letter of appreciation was received this morning by The Evening Times-Star from Rev. James Dunlop, pastor of Charlotte Street Baptist Church:

In writing this note, I am in doubt as to whether my courage outruns my discretion; but, if the quality of an act, as moralists say, is in the intention, then penning this note is indeed a very virtuous act.

"When a worshipper is enriched by the church services, an expression of thanks is very frequently and sincerely made to the preacher. One wonders whether an editor and his staff ever receive, from readers, when some article or issue of the paper renders unique communal service, any expression of appreciation. An editor may seem somewhat impersonal, invisible and afar off. He works behind the scenes and is not as well known to his constituency as the minister is to his congregation.

In my case, may I, as a reader, take the liberty of saying "thanks" for these recent issues of The Evening Times-Star. The publication of Dr. Brittain's report dealing with civic affairs, and the publication of the Duncan Royal Commission Report, dealing with Maritime affairs, along with a very excellent Christmas number, is a very fine communal effort, and a very fine example of public spirit and citizenship, as well as business enterprise. If the purpose of a daily paper as a news carrier, is to shape, as well as reflect public opinion, by providing up-to-date, accurate and authoritative information, then the purpose has been realized in the highest possible degree in these recent issues.

Yours very truly, JAMES DUNLOP. 97 Lancaster Street, West Saint John, Dec. 11, 1926.

RAISE WOULD DATE BACK TO APRIL 1, 1925

Conference of All Branches Held in Ottawa Saturday

CUT OUT BONUS

Amendments Sought to Superannuation Act—To Intervene Gov't

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—A flat increase of \$300 a year, retroactive from April 1 last, for all classes of civil servants, a number of amendments to the superannuation act, and the establishment of civil service councils, will be asked of the Dominion Government. This was decided upon at a conference, held here Saturday, of representatives of all branches of the civil service throughout the Dominion.

Lists of deserving children continue to pour in from the managers of city churches and the officials of philanthropic societies; they indicate that the number of kiddies to be cared for this Christmas will be as long as last year, if not longer. We want to assure that not one of them will be forgotten. A small contribution today will mean that on Christmas Day you can delight in the thought that you have at least "brought the touch of a rosy sun" into the life of at least one of God's children.

DEDUCT BONUS

The recommendation dealing with a flat increase in salary suggests that the amount of bonus included in salary at present may be deducted from such flat increase, also that such increase do not prejudice the claims of persons or groups concerned.

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the superannuation act, suggested at conference, include the following: Reduction of interest on arrears of contributions; overseas military or naval service to count as service under the act; the period during which a civil servant may elect to come under the provisions of the act, be extended for another year; additional contributions for women and unmarried men of the service; periods of prior service on N. W. M. Police, the R. N. W. M. Police and the R. C. M. Police to be deemed service under the act; permanent employees of the public works or other department paid fixed yearly salary, based on prevailing rates to be permitted to benefit under the act; and that the act be amended to provide for a board to administer it on which the service shall be represented.

Mussolini's Voice On Radio Tuesday

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The voice of Mussolini, dictator of Italy, will be heard over the radio Tuesday night, marking the first time in broadcasting history that the voices of an European statesman has been brought here. Station WGN Chicago will broadcast the speech which the Italian Premier delivered several weeks ago in Chigi Palace. His voice was recorded by a new electrical device. The speech, which is nine minutes long is in English translation.

Ferdinand's Death Only Matter of Time

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The death of King Ferdinand of Roumania is now a matter of weeks—a few months at best—in the opinion of most reliable informed travelers reaching Paris from Bucharest. "These travelers affirm that the recent series of operations performed upon the sick monarch were only temporary expedients, and that the cancerous growth within the intestines, which is the real trouble, has not been touched."

22-Year-Old Girl Held For Bank Theft

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 13.—Charged with the single-handed robbery Saturday of the Farmers National Bank at Buda, a small town near here, Miss Rebecca Bradley, 22 years old, Austin girl, was released from the Hays county jail at San Marcos on \$5,000 bond early yesterday. Tonight she is at home with her widowed mother in Austin and is to appear today.

\$7,000 Fire Damage To Sydney Buildings

SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 13.—Damage estimated at \$7,000 was caused by the last night which gutted the Olympic Candy Kitchen, on Charlotte street, McClellens book store, next door, suffered some damage through smoke and water.

Mummy, Where's Santa Claus?

THE Empty Stocking Fund sailed past the \$1,000 mark this morning and is now well on its way towards the next milestone. It is too much to expect that, by Saturday night, the total will have reached \$2,000, and that Christmas week will add the necessary sum to bring it past \$3,000, the amount which it is estimated will be needed to provide that there will be no kiddie in the city like that shown in the picture to the right?

THAT the appeal on behalf of the youngsters in the city is far-reaching is indicated by two letters received by the Stocking Fund committee this morning, both enclosing substantial contributions. One is from Daytona Beach, Florida, accompanying a check for \$10, and the other from Iroquois Falls, Ont., with a money order for \$5, and each case the donor is a former Saint John resident.

ENCLOSED you will find \$1, which I gladly give to make some red tappy, and wish it were \$100!" writes a contributor from Blackville, N. B. This is the spirit which is going to put the Empty Stocking Fund over the top. The dollar or two which you may give may burst a little, but who one considers that two, three or maybe more poor kiddies will taste the only joys of Christmas while that donation, isn't it worth while?

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TODAY'S contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund included two very nice club donations, Geo. Roy, Jr., 1.00, and the members of the Corona Candy Co. Ltd., and one of \$5 from the office staff of C. E. L. Jarvis & Sons, Ltd.

Here's how the fund stands today: Previously acknowledged \$ 931.53 D. J. M. 2.00 A. Friend 1.00 M. E. H. 1.00 A. Friend 5.00 R. S. M. 25.00 A. Friend 1.00 X. Y. Z. 2.00 E. B. 2.00 G. G. 2.50 Jim Roy 2.50 Friend 2.00 H. S. S. Blackville 1.00

E. R. Machum 10.00 Friend, Sussex 2.00 N. G. B. 1.00 Factory employes and office staff, Corona Co. Ltd. 48.70 Jack Holly 5.00 A. Friend 1.00 R. W. Hovey 15.00 Staff, C. E. L. Jarvis & Sons 5.00 L. A. G. and G. G. A. H. I. 5.00 quois Falls, Ont. 5.00 Total \$1,071.23

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Temperatures

Table with columns: Location, Highest, Lowest. Locations include Victoria, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Saint John.

FORECASTS: MARITIME—Fresh northwest winds, fair; Tuesday—Fresh winds, cloudy; probably some snow or rain in west. NEW ENGLAND—Rain tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature tonight and on the east coast Tuesday. Fresh probably strong southeast and south winds.

Synopsis: A deep depression centred this morning over Lake Michigan, moving northwards and another over Newfoundland, while high pressure and decidedly cold weather extends from the Mackenzie Valley across the Western Provinces to the southwest states. Comparatively mild weather prevails from Ontario eastward.

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Below zero