

CENSURE OF EX-MINISTER AND MOVE TO DISMISS OFFICIALS STR OTTAWA

Recommendations for Suppressing Smuggling
Likely to Receive General Approval
When Debate Opens Next Week

CONSERVATIVES WILL ASSAIL BOIVIN

Action in Axis Case Forms Subject of Disagreement By Committee
Members and is Left for Commons; Proceedings Against 27
Firms and Reorganization of Preventive Service Suggested

OTTAWA, June 18.—Tabling of the report from the committee which investigated the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise today is preliminary to what may prove one of the bitterest debates of the present session of Parliament.

A motion for the adoption of the report, it is expected, will be made in the House by Chairman Paul Mercier on Tuesday. There is a possibility that the debate may open on Monday, but this is not regarded as likely.

The report, with its numerous recommendations, is the chief topic of discussion in Parliamentary circles tonight. Involving, as it does, censure of the former Minister of Customs, as well as a recommendation for the retirement and dismissal of a number of prominent officials of the Department of Customs, it has aroused widespread interest.

The recommendations for the suppression of smuggling follow, in certain respects, suggestions made to the committee by the Commercial Protective Association and that they will meet with general approval when the discussion takes place in the House is regarded as likely.

A Conservative amendment, involving censure of Hon. G. H. Boivin, Minister of Customs, will, it is stated, be moved during the debate. The action taken by Mr. Boivin in connection with the Moses Axis case in New Brunswick was the subject of disagreement among the members of the committee while the report was under consideration. In order that the report should be unanimous, however, it was determined to leave this contentious matter to the House of Commons. It is expected that the amendment will be moved by Hon. H. H. Stevens, who made the original charges resulting in the appointment of the committee who has been active throughout the sittings, or by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader.

SECOND MOTION TALKED OF.
The possibility of a second amendment to the report, moved by D. M. Kennedy (Progressive, Peace River), the one Progressive member on the committee is also suggested. Just what form this amendment will take is not known.

The report of the committee, in addition to recommending the retirement or dismissal of customs officials, suggests the investigation of the conduct

of others and the taking of proceedings against 27 firms which were the subject of inquiry by the committee. Reorganization of the preventive service and of the appraisal branch of the department of customs and excise is recommended, as well as reduction in the number of ports of entry in Canada.

On the fifth February, 1926, the House of Commons adopted the following resolution:
That a special committee of the House, consisting of nine members, be appointed forthwith to investigate the administration of the Department of Customs, and Excise and alleged serious lapses to the public treasury because of inefficiency or corruption on the part of officers of the Department, and others, and that such investigation extend back over each period of time, as the committee may decide and have regard to all matters affecting the prevention of smuggling, the prosecution of offenders, the seizure, storage and disposal of smuggled goods, or goods seized for purposes of excise or other taxes, the appraisal of goods for revenue purposes, the collection of customs and excise duties, the knowledge of ministers or of officials of offences or irregularities affecting the public service in said department, the efficiency of the administration thereof, and the necessity of safeguarding the public revenue and the public treasury, and that such committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to print the evidence taken before the committee, and to report from time to time.

COMMITTEE NAMED.
By a subsequent resolution the committee was constituted as follows: Mr. C. W. Bell, K. C., Hamilton West; Hon. R. B. Bennett, K. C.; D. Donahue, K. C.; A. J. Duncanson, K. C.; Elliott, K. C.; D. M. Kennedy, P. Mercer, K. C.; St. Henri, P. C.; St. Pierre, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Mr. Paul Elliott having been appointed a minister of the Crown, by resolution of the House of Commons, Mr. William

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great, and with the mass production of many products in that country, there is a correspondingly great incentive to illegally import such products into Canada. In the year 1925, smuggling assumed such large proportions, that a number of business men made representations to the government, in consequence of which an act, chapter 88 of the statutes of 1925, was passed, making smuggling an indictable offence, where the goods were of the value of more than \$200 and the penalties incurred by such smuggling increased.

DEPARTMENT DEGENERATES.
The evidence submitted to the committee leads to the general conclusion that for a long time the department of customs and excise has been slowly degenerating in efficiency, and that the process was greatly accelerated in the last few years. Apparently the Hon. Jacques Bureau, then Minister of Customs, failed to appreciate and properly discharge the responsibilities of his office, and as a result there was a lack of efficient,

continuous and vigorous control of subordinate by the headquarters staff at Ottawa.
7.—The procedure provided by the customs act in the matter of customs seizures is as follows: Upon making a seizure the collector or seizing officer forthwith reports the circumstances of the case to the commissioner of customs, (Section 174). Thereupon the commissioner notifies the owner or claimant of the thing seized, stating the reasons for the seizure, and calls upon such owner or claimant to furnish within 30 days, any evidence he may desire to submit (Section 175). After the expiration of 30 days or sooner, if evidence is forthcoming on the part of the owner or claimant,

"the commissioner may consider and weigh the circumstances of the case and report his opinion and recommendation thereon to the minister." (Section 176).

PROCEDURE NOT FOLLOWED.

The minister thereupon either gives his decision and states the terms upon which the things seized or detained may be released or the penalty or forfeiture remitted or refers the decision to the court. (Section 177). The committee finds that this procedure was not followed. Although, as a rule the facts are correctly recited in the summary submitted to the minister, the opinion is not infrequently

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RED RASH ON FACE AND NECK

Formed Eruptions, Suffered Much at Night, Cuticura Heals.

"I was troubled with a rash that broke out on my face and neck. It was very red, and the irritation made me scratch it in my sleep. After scratching, little, sore eruptions formed. I suffered much at night, and my sleep was broken. It looked hopeless until I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After a few days the eruptions started to heal, and after using five cakes of Soap and five or six boxes of Ointment I was healed." (Signed) G. Harding, 2233 Florian St., Montreal, Que.

Daily use of Cuticura Soap, with touches of Cuticura Ointment now and then, keeps the skin fresh, smooth and clear. Cuticura is ideal for the skin.

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Take a boat trip to Skagway or Wrangell. See the Taku Glacier and other scenery typical of Alaska. The Great Lakes Route from Sarnia to Port Arthur via Northern Navigation Co.'s steamers does not cost more than the cost of water travel.

As the cost of maintenance, our institution is being operated well within the per capita basis of that of others operated under similar conditions. 80 cents per child per day is considered economical management, we are operating on a per capita of 76 cents per child per day. Possibly this might be further reduced by cutting down the food supply and reducing the educational and supervisory staffs, but the question is, how long would you tolerate any such economic measures on our part.

In the foregoing I have tried to give you a fair idea of conditions as they are, but I wish to go further, and in my capacity as a vice-president of the Board of Directors, give you an earnest invitation to visit and inspect the Home, accept neither my word or those who criticize, see for yourself. I would like to point out that you have an institution that does credit to those who put it where it is. But let me implore you, in the name of Him who took the little ones into His loving arms, and gave us that divine injunction, "Suffer Little Children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," do not allow this valuable plant to fall into disuse, or the children to suffer through any lack of financial support. I have met more than one who have said that we will never be able to carry on the work that it is going to be impossible for us to support. We must not lose sight of the fact, that we have over two hundred thousand Protestants in the province. Just think what it would mean if each family gave a small annual contribution.

In closing I would like to make a further suggestion to those who have been blessed with a fair amount of money. When providing for the distribution of the surplus, prepare to rendering up an account of their stewardship. Just think what it would mean if each family gave a small annual contribution.

Yours very truly,
MABEL SYDNEY SMITH,
Second Vice-President,
Saint John, N. B.,
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TO THE PROTESTANT PEOPLE
OF NEW BRUNSWICK:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our fiscal year, which closed on April 30, last, showed an average of 180 children in our care every day and a total cost for maintenance of \$50,000. We expect the total cost for maintenance to be a little more in this larger average number of children in our care every day. We expect the cost per child per day will be a few cents less. We estimate that we will want \$54,000 for maintenance, about twenty-five cents per Protestant of the population of this province. Surely not too much to expect.

Not several centres of population other than Saint John do something of a community nature in 1926 for the maintenance of this splendid cause? Because even with the \$11,000 from the combined efforts of the Saint John County Benevolent Societies at the Orphan Fair last fall we were able to find \$8,400 in the last fiscal year, increasing our bank overdraft from \$16,000 to \$25,000. Since then we have increased our indebtedness to \$27,000. Remember that the six per cent. interest on this overdraft constitutes a maintenance