

## HON. MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES PRESENTS FIRST ALIBI OF GOVT FOR OVER-EXPENDITURES

Forest Fires Are Largely Blamed for the Deficit Chalked Up Against His Department—Agrees With Opposition That Economy Should be Practised — Defends Health

Fredericton, March 7.—Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines made an attempt today, a tremendous effort on his part, to bolster up in the public eye the Government he represents. Before the Legislative Assembly, in his calm and confident way, the Hon. Minister endeavored to explain away the deficit existing in his department for the year 1921.

Forest fires were given as the primary cause for over expenditures. From the official report there, submitted herewith the Hon. Minister's alibi in part:

Hon. Mr. Robinson said he felt sure that all had listened with great pleasure to the remarks of hon. member and second of the address, and he felt it was due to them to offer his sincere congratulations. He also wished to congratulate the Hon. Leader of the Opposition in the way he had acquitted himself in his first effort, and he would also offer his congratulations to the hon. member who had just taken his seat. (Mr. Fawcett) on the earnest effort he had put forth to bring to the notice of the people the necessity for economy. Personally he believed that the time had arrived when all should have their minds directed towards economy.

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## MR. HARDING TAKES HAND TO CHECK CUTS IN ARMY

President Declares Himself in Favor of Army of 130,000 and Navy Personnel Running Between 80,000 and 100,000.

Washington, March 7.—President Harding today took a hand in attempting to check ruthless raids on the army and navy when he declared himself in favor of an army of 130,000 and of a naval personnel running between 80,000 and 100,000. The President declared that Congress was not likely to approve such action. He stated in the most positive terms that the Administration would not sanction them.

Before assertions to the foregoing effect were made at the White House this afternoon President Harding was in consultation with the sub-committee of the House of Representatives dealing with the army. He also had some conversation with the members of the Appropriations Committee regarding naval affairs. There is reason to believe there was plain speaking by the commander-in-chief of the nation's defensive establishment.

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Two Boys and Two Men Killed in Continuation of Rioting.

Belfast, March 7.—Four deaths resulted, today, from a continuation of the disorders which have been in progress since last week. Two boys were killed when a military lorry fired into a crowd in Hanover Street, a man was shot dead this evening in Stephenson Street. A number of persons were injured during the day and tonight.

There were two more bomb outrages tonight. Another outbreak occurred following the shooting of the two boys in Hanover Street. Two soldiers were wounded by this explosion.

Colonel Power tonight issued an order empowering the crown forces to arrest any persons suspected of acting in a manner prejudicial to the city's peace.

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## COALITION HOLDS WOLVERHAMPTON

Retained Seat in By-Election Against Strong Labor Attack.

London, March 7.—In the Wolverhampton by-election today, the Coalition retained the seat against a strong Labor attack. Sir Robert Bird, Coalition Unionist, received 16,770 votes to 15,799 for the Labor candidate, A. G. Watkins.

Sir Robert Bird, father, whose death caused the vacancy had a major of 5,171 at the general elections.

## NEW BRUNSWICK-DEER EN ROUTE TO PENNA.

Interesting Experiment Which Will be Watched by All Sportsmen.

Newcastle, N. B., March 7.—The first step in an experiment, which will be watched with interest in both Canada and the United States, was made yesterday when two live Buck Deer were shipped from Newcastle to the United States for experimental purposes. Mr. L. R. Lackey, of Uniontown, Penn., who has been a frequent visitor to the Miramichi woods, and who secured the record moose head for the season of 1918, is the man who is standing the expense of the experiment, and the two deer are en route to the Government Game Preserve of the State of Georgia, where it is intended to endeavor to breed a cross with the Palow or Spotted Deer, with a view to producing a heavier animal than that which now exists in the South. Mr. Allan Keating, of Birmingham, who has been Mr. Lackey's guide for several seasons, was entrusted the duty of securing the animals, and after considerable road tape was gone through, both with the Federal and Local Governments, the necessary permission was granted for the taking of the animals and about two weeks ago, Mr. Keating secured the deer on the North West River, near Dennis. Both animals are yearlings and were kept for awhile at Mr. Keating's, where one of them became so tame as to eat out of the hand of his attendant. The animals will first be taken to Montreal, where a veterinary test of the condition will be made by officials of the United States Department of Agriculture, thence to Buffalo, New York, where a few days rest will be had, after which they proceeded to Mr. Lackey's home town, Uniontown, Penn., and finally to their destination in Georgia, which trip, when they have completed it, will have taken them over 2,700 miles from their haunts on the Miramichi. Mr. Keating accompanied the animals and will look after them throughout their long journey. The animals, leading the deer and leading them to their destination will exceed one thousand dollars and the result of the experiment will be awaited with interest.

The case was set over until this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The case against John Perry and Matthew Friars, charged with breaking and entering the warehouse of W. George, was resumed in the police court yesterday morning. The main feature of interest was Sergeant Detective Power's story of Perry's verbal confession, made to the detectives while the man was in custody. Opened in objection to this being admitted in evidence, but the court ruled that it should be allowed against Perry but not against Friars.

Sergeant Detective Power testified that, after Perry's arrest, the latter made some statements to various persons, which led to his being taken into the detective's office, where he was told to tell the truth if he had anything to say. The story told by Perry was to the effect that he had gone with others to the warehouse, where one man watched outside while another went through a hole in the floor and procured the liquor. They took the liquor to Fort Howe in a car, and afterwards to a house at 107 Somerset Street.

The detective said that, acting on this information, warrants were sworn out for the arrest of five men, one of whom was Friars. The case was postponed for further evidence. J. A. Barry appeared for Perry, and E. J. Henneberry for Friars.

Pedro Moresco and Joseph Carr were remanded yesterday morning on charges of vagrancy. One man charged with drunkenness was also remanded.

**SUCCESSFUL COMPOSER**  
The many friends of John "Jack" Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sears, will be glad to learn of the success which has come to him as a singer, writer of songs and composer. For the past year Mr. Sears has been in Belgium and recently a group of songs, the words and music both written by him, have been published by Ysaye and Co., one of the leading publishing houses of Europe. One of the songs is dedicated to his mother and another to his sister.

**SAVANNAH TRADE.**  
Savannah, March 5.—Turkeys: firm, 80-84; sales, 44; receipts, 44; shipments, 44; stock, 8,897.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 846; receipts, 494; shipments, 589; stock, 64,267.

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For real effectiveness, this old remedy is the only one that is really and cheaply prepared.

You'll never know how quickly a cough can be conquered, until you try this famous old home-made remedy. Anyone who has coughed all day and all night, will say that the immediate relief given by this remedy is a real thing. It is a moment to prepare and really there is nothing better for coughs.

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