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The Weather Mostly Fair.

DRIVE AGAINST NEW N. B. TAXES GROWS

MODIFICATION POSSIBILITY IS REPORTED

Bankers And Insurance Companies Protest Increased Levies

TRADE HANDICAP

Contention Is That Trade Must Absorb Imposts, To Province's Detriment

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 30—

Further reports of probable modification of the provincial government's new revenue proposals, which include the increasing of certain taxes and the introduction of new taxes, were generally circulated here again today.

Canadian bankers' association are taking the initiative in an assault upon the proposal to increase the provincial taxes upon banks, while insurance companies were said to be equally militant against the proposal to increase the taxes upon fire, life, accident and guarantee insurance companies.

General business, it is contended, will have to absorb the additional taxes placed upon banks which will place industrial and commercial activities in this province under a handicap in competing with the rest of the Dominion, while it is contended insurance premiums will be higher in New Brunswick than in other provinces as a result of the increased tax burden.

It also has become known that while the province has been promised a lower rate of interest upon overdrafts at the banks, there is no assurance that this rate will be lower than upon credit balances.

AMUSEMENT TAXES

Meanwhile, further conference expected this week in relation to the proposal to alter the plan by which an additional \$50,000 can be realized this year from the amusement tax, as suggested by the theatre owners, who swooped down upon the government last week.

Proposed changes include, among other things, the raising of the tax on the moving picture theatre, and the raising of the tax on the moving picture theatre, and the raising of the tax on the moving picture theatre.

LUMBER REVENUE

At the same time belief is expressed that additional revenue is in sight from the crown lands in the immediate future.

Reconstruction of the whole fabric upon which leases and licenses are given and stampage is charged will, it is pointed out, have to be made with the changing over from log lumber to pulp and paper operations on the public domain.

In government circles today it was contended that an important step had been brought out by Col. W. E. Harrison, D. S., in Saint John, in the debate on the budget in the legislature last night when he pointed out that the reduction in revenue because of the cut in stampage rates the present government's reduction of 80 cents a thousand feet had cost the province \$80,000, or about one-third of the full loss in revenue from that source sustained this year.

There will be a session of the House tonight, Premier Baxter announced. F. G. Richard, opposition member for Kent, continues the debate on the budget this afternoon. He will be followed by F. C. Squires, government member for Carleton.

FREDERICTON, March 30—Henry T. Ross, of Montreal, secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association, appeared before the provincial government at a special cabinet meeting at noon today and it is understood to have filed formal protest of the Canadian Bankers' Association against the proposal to triple the tax upon chartered banks doing business in New Brunswick.

MOUNT A. DEBATING TEAM AT CAPITAL

Will Meet U. N. B. Aggregation Tonight—Changes in City Staff Likely

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, March 30—The debating team of the University has arrived and will meet the U. N. B. team here tonight. The judges are to be Premier Baxter, Hon. P. J. Venier, leader of the opposition, and Austin A. Allan of Moncton.

CITY CHANGES

Although the appointment of city officials does not go into effect until May 1st for the ensuing year the city council has the matter under consideration.

The election in January resulted in the return of candidates pledged to economy and the appointments are considered with that in view. Some changes or amalgamations are considered likely.

Lewis Demands Probe of Falls Road and Retaining Wall Work

Parents and Five Children Lose Lives In Fire Which Wipes Out Manitoba Home

Canadian Press

WINNIPEG, Man., March 30—

Reports of a tragedy, which wiped out an entire family of two adults and five children, were received in a special despatch to the Free Press from Williams, Minn., last night.

The despatch states that the charred body of the father and four children were found in the ruins of the Newman home, which

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SISTER SURVIVES

Papal Secretary of State Among First To Pay Tribute of Respect

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KEPT HOUSE FOR PIUS

From the days when Pius X. was a simple chaplain at Tombolo, Anna kept house for him, following him through the various stages of his career until he became Pope.

When she was torn between joy over his supreme honor and suffering at her separation from him, Pius X. for poor children and orphans. Condolences were expressed to the surviving sister today by both the Pope and the Italian government.

READING MACHINE IS ADMIRAL'S INVENTION

Will Be Size of Fountain Pen—Fiske Says Discovery Will Do Away With Printing Presses, Typesetting and Eyeglasses.

Canadian Press

NEW YORK, March 30—A "reading machine" that folds into the size of a fountain pen, and is designed to do away with the present methods of reading bulky books, has been invented by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, the Herald-Tribune says today.

Admiral Fiske has completed a working model of the invention, which he describes as likely to render obsolete printing presses and typesetting machines and to revolutionize the publishing business. The device is also expected to make eyeglasses unnecessary for many readers who now wear them.

The invention which Admiral Fiske calls the "Fiske Reading Machine" consists of an apparatus not unlike a logotype, on which are mounted a magnifying lens for one eye, a shield for the other, and a rack to hold reading matter.

TYPE PHOTOGRAPHED

The reading matter for use with the machine is produced directly from typewritten manuscript by photography and is so microscopic as to be undecipherable with the naked eye.

The Admiral has had the first volume of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad" a book of 98,000 words, prepared as an example, and it appears as a 18 page pamphlet three and three quarters by five and three quarter inches in size.

He is anxious to go to Ottawa at once, but will not be able to leave until this evening. He will attend a funeral at Gloucester this afternoon, afterwards motoring to London, and will leave at 7 p. m. for the capital.

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NEW YORK STOCKS RALLY AFTER DROP

Some Issues Reach Lowest Point For Year Early Today

Canadian Press

LONDON, March 30—The crown colony of British Honduras has received a pleasant surprise in the form of a legacy from Lord Bliss, noted yachtsman, who died aboard his yacht Sea King, at Belise, the capital of British Honduras, on the march being estimated at \$28,000.

Lord Bliss stipulated that only British material and labor should be used in development schemes in the colony, and that £100 should be spent annually on a regatta.

A granite monument is to be erected at the grave of Lord Bliss, at Fort George, and beside it is to be an obelisk 80 feet in height showing a red light for the guidance of sailors.

COMMUNICATION CUT

Storm in Switzerland and Italy Shuts Off Western Europe

Canadian Press

PARIS, March 30—The cutting off of telephone communication between Italy and other western European countries Sunday night was due to storm conditions in Switzerland and northern Italy, the French postal authorities declared. The storms caused bad circuits on trunk lines and prevented through communication. Service has been restored to normal.

Condition of Luther Burbank Doubtful; Patient Nervous

Canadian Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif., March 30—Luther Burbank, 77, world famed horticulturalist, is waging a valiant battle against a persistent illness which has confined him to bed at his home here for the last few days.

Extreme nervousness of the patient and a seemingly constant desire to return to his work in the garden, combined to make his condition "doubtful" last night, his personal physician, Dr. Joseph H. Shaw, said.

Last night's bulletin was as follows: "Mr. Burbank is resting fairly comfortably with short periods of refreshing sleep more or less disturbed by occasional hiccoughing. Owing to his extreme age, and intense nervousness, his condition is doubtful."

This statement was taken to mean that the length of time for Mr. Burbank's recovery was uncertain. "Mr. Burbank was seized with a heart attack last Thursday night, and has been confined to a bed since."

ANOTHER ONT. MAN FOR CABINET, RUMOR

Elliott Unable to Confirm Report Following Election in West Middlesex

Canadian Press

STRATHROY, Ont., March 30—The day after his election in West Middlesex by-election Hon. J. C. Elliott, Minister of Labor, a busy man. He is anxious to go to Ottawa at once, but will not be able to leave until this evening.

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GOVERNOR IS NAMED AS STAGE ARBITER

Smith Suggested By Managers' Association to Negotiate New Actors' Contract

Canadian Press

NEW YORK, March 30—The name of Governor Alfred E. Smith for the position of arbiter between theatrical producers and playwrights, was suggested to the Producing Managers' Association at a meeting yesterday.

The proposed position was described as similar to that of Will Hays, in the motion picture industry.

Arthur Hammerstein made the suggestion in a telegram to Wm. A. Brady, and Mr. Brady voiced his approval of it, after a meeting of the producers to consider the new contract agreement with the playwrights. It was at first erroneously reported that Mr. Brady had wired the governor offering him the position at a salary of \$50,000 a year.

BUCHAREST—King Ferdinand today charged General Fofana Averescu, former Premier, with the task of forming a government to succeed that of Premier Bratianu, which resigned last Saturday.

NEW YORK—Hawthorne Lewis Smyth, 15-year-old high school boy, who never took a painting lesson in his life, has sold his first work exhibited at the "unknown artists' exhibition" for its set price, \$50.

STONINGTON, Conn.—Muriel Miner, 19, and her sister, Mildred, 16, charging that an attempt is being made to frighten them off their farm, have threatened to shoot "an ape-man" dressed in skin, who has appeared on their land.

PUEBLO, Co.—Budd DeBris, 65, pioneer turfman, who in 1892 drove Nancy Hanks, the trooper, a mile in the then unhardened time of 2:05 1/4, is dead.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 30—The International Paper Company of New York is seeking to acquire a large forest area on the northeast coast where a sulphite mill will be established. An agreement with the government valuating the negotiations, was introduced into the legislature last night.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND CITY MINISTERS

Owing to Good Friday being a holiday, it will be necessary for all advertising copy for Saturday's Times-Star to be in our office not later than 2:30 Thursday.

Ministers in preparing church announcements, kindly bear in mind that our office is closed on Good Friday.

A New World Venice

When the Allegheny River flooded Oil City, Pa., in the worst flood in its history, citizens did a lot of their daily duties by boat. This picture was taken in the heart of Oil City's business district when the water was at its height.

London Amused by No-Bobbing Order of Calgary Hospital

By HERBERT BAILEY

British United Press

LONDON, March 30—The drastic action of the hospital authorities at Calgary "in confining to barracks nurses with bobbed hair" has aroused much amusement here, and the Daily Telegraph devotes one of its editorials to the problem, in which it says that the governor of the hospital, being in a position from which it was possible for nurses to be seen, was "to be expected to emerge with dignity, took the wrong course. Though it is a grievous offence for nurses to have their hair short, if she keeps it short for three months she is presumably purged of her sin."

"We do not believe either in Calgary or elsewhere it is worth while to make hair-dressing a matter of morals. The Puritans insisted that no man who wore lovelocks could be saved, with the result that post-wigs were introduced. We hope they will be careful in Calgary."

British Artists Vote 11 to One in Favor of Modern Picturitude

British United Press

LONDON, March 30—Women are more beautiful today than at any previous time in the world's history, famous British painters have decided by a vote of 11 to 1.

The one dissenting vote was cast by a woman, Miss Heppburn Edwards, vice-president of the Royal Society of miniature painters.

Philip Connard, R., thought that there had been no change in feminine beauty.

"The seas, skies, trees, hills and flowers are just as beautiful today as they have always been," he declared.

"So are the women."

Walter W. Russell, R., said that shingled heads, lineless, fashionable figures made the modern woman look less good-looking than she really was.

SAYS WOMEN TODAY MORE BEAUTIFUL

Witness Tells of Members Handling Insurance For Provincial Property

Canadian Press

TORONTO, March 30—It was stated by a witness at the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of the Ontario Legislature, last night, that members of the legislature during the regime of the Drury government had done business with the government.

J. H. Ferguson, of the firm of Burns and Ferguson, when being examined about insurance on government buildings in general, said:

"During the regime of the United Farmers of Ontario, I gave the Hon. Mr. Biggs a tender for insurance. It was for the fleet of automobiles. I heard no more until Edgar Watson told me he had charge of placing the insurance on the autos. I then gave him a higher quotation than I gave Mr. Biggs. It was a joke to me that Watson got it at a higher quotation. He received the commission from my office."

W. E. Raney—"What did he get?"

"About 13 per cent," replied the witness.

ROCKEFELLER AID FOR ROME MALARIA FIGHT

ROME, March 30—Governor Cremonesi of Rome today concluded an agreement with the Rockefeller Foundation for the latter to aid in the Government's anti-malaria campaign.

The Foundation will build a station near Fiumicino on the coastal plains where malaria is prevalent in an effort to rid the entire Roman Riviera of the scourge.

THREATENS PEKING

Britain May Withdraw Diplomatic Recognition as Result of Protest

Canadian Press

LONDON, March 30—Possibility of withdrawal of Great Britain's diplomatic recognition of the Peking government was admitted here today.

Officials refused either to confirm or to deny reports from Shanghai that the British Minister in Peking had threatened to withdraw unless the Chinese government ceased its alleged interference with the foreign inspector-general of customs.

SALES OF FULL STRENGTH BEER LEGALIZED IN U.S. DRUG STORES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30—Two large breweries have been granted permits by the prohibition enforcement department to make accessible to drug stores medicinal beer, comparable in alcoholic content to the pre-prohibition beer. No prescriptions will be required of consumers who feel the need of more and better health.

The only restrictions on sale of the medicinal beer will be the number of cases drug stores may handle. Alcoholic content of 3.75 by volume, will be allowed, and from five to 25 cases may be furnished drug stores weekly, according to their size.

Instead of 7 to 10 per cent of malt solids as in pre-prohibition beer, the "health booster" will contain 23 per cent. As a result, officials explain, excessive drinking of the tonic will produce illness. The difference in alcoholic content is much less pronounced, pre-prohibition beer having contained from 8 to 9 per cent by volume.

COST CLAIMED TOO HEAVY BY LOCAL MEMBER

Public Accounts Committee Accedes To Request

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, March 30—Full investigation into the road and retaining wall work on the county side of the Reversing Falls bridge done last summer by the Maritime Construction Company, Limited, was demanded by James Lewis, M. L. A. for Saint John, at the meeting of the public accounts committee this morning here, with B. Frank Smith in the chair.

Mr. Lewis asked for production of records of this work, particularly those bearing on authority to proceed with it, and also copies of letters from J. King Kelley, K. C., county secretary-treasurer, to former Premier Venier.

Mr. Lewis claimed there was a heavy over-expenditure on this work, and he wanted to find out who was responsible and who benefited by it. Chairman Smith instructed department officials to produce such records, and it is probable the matter will be gone into tomorrow morning.

ROAD RECORDS

The committee then proceeded to the examinations of the permanent road accounts in the comptroller-general's report. W. A. Landon, comptroller-general, submitted vouchers for Kings county.

In reply to Mr. Taylor, the comptroller-general said the Workmen's Compensation Act the public works department paid actual compensation and a proportion of administration costs. A regular assessment was not paid, the arrangement being similar to that with the Federal government.

B. H. Kinghorn, chief road engineer, appeared before the committee and was asked concerning the trunk road being constructed across Restigouche and Madawaska counties from Campbellton to the Saint John river.

The chairman expressed doubt of ever putting settlers in that country or of constructing the highway. Some millions of dollars worth of timber was burned down as a result of the settlements being there.

It was pointed out that from St. Quentin to Kedgewick the highway was constructed new. Expenditures had been \$128,000.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—A fairly deep depression covers the Lower Mississippi Valley, while high pressure extends from the western provinces across the Great Lakes to the Middle Atlantic coast. The weather has been cold over the greater part of the Dominion, with light snow in Alberta.

Mostly Fair

FORECASTS:

MARITIME—Fresh to strong northwest winds, fair, moderately cold tonight. Wednesday, northwest to northeast winds, mostly fair, not much change in temperature.

NEW ENGLAND—Increasing cloudiness tonight; Wednesday rain with rising temperature, moderate north, shifting to east winds and increasing.

TEMPERATURES

TORONTO, March 30—

Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Lowest

Victoria . . . 46 56 46

Winnipeg . . . 10 26 6

Toronto . . . 28 39 0

Montreal . . . 28 39 14

Saint John . . . 24 28 18

Halifax . . . 28 28 22

New York . . . 58 46 38