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Storm Almost Delayed Opening Of New Brunswick Legislature

ST. JOHN PEOPLE AT FREDERICTON FOR THE OPENING

Fredericton, March 8—Herbert Leblanc of College Bridge, who succeeds H. A. Dionne of Edmundston as en-

ONLY FOUR MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PREMIER, PRESENT; SPEAKER DELAYED

New Lieutenant-Governor Delivers Speech From Throne—Three of Four New Members Sworn in; Fourth Delayed by Storm—Miss Canada's Train Held Up—Talk of Disbanding Farmers' Party, Members to Merge With Other Parties.

Fredericton, March 8—Old King Boreas' last kick of the winter almost prevented the opening of the eighth Legislature of New Brunswick today, according to schedule.

ASQUITH AGAINST A CENTRAL PARTY

Not the Way to Liberal Unity, He Says

Neville Chamberlain Becomes Minister of Health in Bonar Law Cabinet and Joynson-Hicks is Postmaster—General Matters in Commons.

Cambridge, England, March 8—Former Premier H. H. Asquith, in a speech here last night made only the faintest response to the overtures of Lloyd George for Liberal unity, and expressly denied that such unity could be achieved with an anti-Labor platform, or by means of a so-called Centre party.

A new Premier, a new Lieutenant Governor, the presence of several new members, all added to the interest in the events and the throng of people also had the extra thrill which the uncertainty as to when Miss Canada would arrive provided.

At one time this morning it looked as if the opening ceremonies might have been postponed, but Premier Veniot caused an informal roll call of members to be made before noon and as more than the required quorum of fourteen were then on hand it was decided to proceed with the opening, according to the programme.

Fredericton, Mar. 8.—The third session of the eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick opened this afternoon. The occasion was marked by the first appearance of a new Lieutenant Governor, Hon. W. F. Todd of St. Stephen and of a new Premier, Hon. P. J. Veniot of Bathurst.

Government Meeting Off. One feature of the opening which was cancelled, was the meeting of the Government scheduled for Tuesday night to put the finishing touches upon the preparations. Premier Veniot, however, had been here since Monday.

Government's Reception. Following the ceremonies, the House adjourned to meet tomorrow afternoon at a reception at the Queen Hotel by Governor Todd and Mrs. Todd.

Speech From the Throne. Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—That serious consideration will be given to the advisability of utilizing this valuable asset in an endeavor to reach as far as possible those portions of the province not now served by the present hydro system, and that should such a decision be reached before the close of the present session of the legislature, you will be asked to pass such legislation as is necessary to meet the requirements of the same, was as far as the speech from the throne, read by Hon. W. F. Todd, Lieutenant-Governor, in opening the session of the Provincial Legislature here this afternoon, went in regard to the possibilities of the development of the Grand Falls on the St. John river being undertaken as a public enterprise.

Public's Loans. One of the most important and at the same time most definite announcements was that of the adoption of a policy whereby municipalities will be given authority to borrow money for the purpose of relieving the financial stress of farmers by the issue of long term bonds wherever expedient.

Three of the four new members, elected at by-elections since the last session, J. D. McKenna, King's; A. F. Neales, Charlottetown; and Dr. L. J. Violette of Madawaska, the oath was administered by the Chief Justice, Sir J. D. Hazen, A. J. Doucet, Gloucester, was not present.

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'THE MAN WHO WON THE WAR'



From London Opinion.

FACING LONG PRISON TERM, MRS. SALUDES TWICE MORE ATTEMPTS TO END HER LIFE

Found Guilty of Second Degree Murder in Death of New York Broker, Swallows Something in Court, Dashes Head Against Wall of Cell.

(Canadian Press) New York, March 8.—The jury, exhorting by the court to try Mrs. Paulette Saludes for the murder of Oscar Martellere, a broker, with their heads instead of their hearts yesterday returned a verdict of guilty of second degree murder, carrying sentence of twenty years to life, instead of death in the electric chair.

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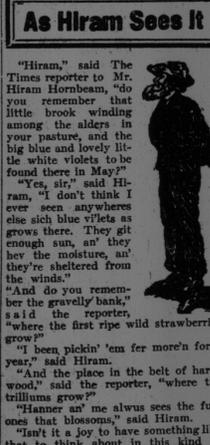
CANADA INTEREST IN U. S. CATTLE BILL

Washington, March 8.—(Canadian Press)—Attention was called yesterday in the House of Commons by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. A. A. Macdonald, to the fact that the C. N. R. board had made a report on the proposal that the Dominion take over the St. John Valley Railway.

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As Hiram Sees It



By Hen

YOUTH, ILT BY GIRL, TOOK POISON

Staggered Ten Miles Across Country, Writing 'Diary of Death'

Hammond, La., March 8.—After swallowing thirty grains of arsenic, following his rejection by a girl he refused to marry, a youth of twenty, who says he is G. H. Devine, staggered ten miles through the moonlight Sunday night from Tickfaw to Hammond across the Bayou. Since Martellere's death she has failed at suicide seven times.

DISRUPTION OF GIANT LIQUOR RING CLAIMED

(By Canadian Press) Detroit, Mich., March 8.—One of the largest smuggling gangs in the United States has been broken up, according to Earl J. Davis, United States District Attorney in the arrest of four men alleged to have utilized the yacht of a millionaire Bay City lumberman to smuggle liquor from Toronto.

TOOK CARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Storm-stayed Little Ones Made 'Comfy' in Home of R. D. Campbell, Fairville.

The parents of the school children from Marton and South Bay were subject to some keen anxiety for a few hours last evening, owing to the fact that word had been received that all trains west had been cancelled. This word meant that the children who attend the Fairville school from those two districts would have to spend the night away from home.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The storm has now reached Newfoundland, having caused snow and high winds in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Pressure is now high and the weather fair and moderately cold from the Great Lakes eastward. The temperature has risen somewhat in the west with light snow in some districts.

JOIE RAY BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

Defeated Ritola in a Five Thousand Meter Race Before Monster Crowd.

New York, March 8.—Jole Ray, of the Illinois A. C. Chicago, last night defeated Willie Ritola, of the Finnish American A. C. of New York, by fifty yards in a five thousand meter race at the annual track and field games of the Western Union A. A., before a monster crowd.

GAGETOWN GAME CASES

Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—(Special)—Hearing in the Gagetown Game cases before Police Magistrate Limerick, has been postponed until March 20. A witness failed to appear and J. B. Dickson, counsel for the prosecution, has requested that steps be taken to produce him.

Hope to See Normal Service by Tonight After Great Storm

RAILWAYS FIGHTING DRIFTS WITH SUCCESS THROUGH DAY

The Valley train due in the city yesterday afternoon was stuck at Black Rock and a crew of men were sent to shove it over the hump. She was expected early this afternoon.

C. P. R. and C. N. R. Reports of Disruption Due to Blizzard—Street Railway Getting Out of Difficulties—Empress Crossing Bay This Afternoon.

The street railway was forced to suspend operations yesterday afternoon as it was found impossible to keep the lines open due to the drifting snow. Some of the cars were stalled in the north end for hours and were removed to the shed last evening after the sweepers went to their assistance.

SEALING FLEET AWAY AIRPLANE TO AID IN HUNT

St. John's, Nfld., March 8.—Reduced to eight vessels, the low mark in the history of the industry, the Newfoundland sealing fleet put out for the ice fields yesterday in quest of the floating seal herd. New features this season in the annual hunt will be the taking of motion pictures of the sealing operations, and the use of an airplane as an official part of the fleet activity.

Motion Pictures of Operations to be Taken During Trip

Only five vessels of the reduced fleet which will hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, left this port yesterday. The eight steamers carry 1,200 men. Unless they meet with usually good success they are not expected to return before the end of April.

Planes Departed

As late as 1919, twenty-three vessels were engaged in the Newfoundland seal fishery. Employed as mine sweepers were lost and losses have been heavy in recent years. The steamer Neptune carried with her an airplane similar to that used by Sir Ernest Shackleton on the steamer Quest during his Antarctic explorations. The plan is to have the pilot make daily flights when weather conditions permit from convenient sections of the ice field to discover the seal herds. The machine requires an area of smooth ice about 100 yards square to rise and descend.

ON INSPECTION TRIP

R. I. Dodsworth, O.B.E., of London, Eng., one of the directors of the Furness-Withy Co. Ltd., arrived in St. John on Tuesday night's train from Halifax, accompanied by his wife, who remained in the city until this morning when he left for Boston.

OF THE WHARVES ALONG THE YARMOUTH WATERFRONT

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 8.—The roads were blocked and all tied up as a result of the storm. The departure of the Abegweits hockey team for Sussex today has been deferred. There are one hundred passengers for different parts of the Island stalled at Borden.

IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., March 8.—Nova Scotia today was recovering from the most violent storm of an unusually severe winter. Along the coast line where the greatest damage was occasioned the population were engaged among the wreckage of wharves, fishing stages and small boats in an endeavor to salvage as much as possible.

ON THE ISLANDS

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YARMOUTH FLOOD

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