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INCREASE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Make it \$300 for Each Dependent Child... Sale of Potatoes by Weight Discussed in the House of Commons—Budget Matters—Returned Soldiers Insurance Bill.

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, June 23—Yesterday in the Commons amendments to the income tax act were introduced by Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance.

Mr. Fielding said that he hoped to table the supplementary estimates today. Premier King said that the government had thought of proposing on Saturday because so many of the members were anxious to get away but there was no desire or intention on the part of the government to shorten debate.

Answering T. L. Church, Conservative member for North Toronto, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, said the government proposed to make a compassionate allowance to families of victims who lost their lives in the wreck of the government steamer Lanabon.

A bill authorizing the government to pay to the Canadian Patriotic Fund such sums as will enable it to continue its work on the present basis (not exceed \$200,000) was given first reading.

A bill providing for the regulation of the inspection and sale of root vegetables but through committee.

Potato Bill. Holding up two small potatoes about the size of a hen's egg David Spence, Conservative member for Parkdale, exclaimed: "This is the kind of potato which can be sold as number one if the bill is accepted as it is by the agriculture committee." The house was in committee, considering a bill which provides for the grading of potatoes.

Hon. W. B. Meagher, minister of agriculture, agreed that Mr. Spence was theoretically right. The amendment made by the committee on agriculture would cause less disturbance than the original bill and yet would secure recognition of the principle of grading potatoes.

T. W. Caldwell, (Progressive, Carleton Place, N. B.), declared that the type of potatoes shown by Mr. Spence were fed to hogs in New Brunswick. He hoped the committee would pass the bill but would not bring it up until the end of July rather than see a bill passed which the shipper of the country could not count on.

Hon. J. E. Sinclair, Liberal, Quebec, said that it would benefit the producers of potatoes if the grading bill was not too slow.

A clause of the bill which provided for selling potatoes by weight prompted Mr. Spence to remark that the weight system was the only fair one for selling potatoes.

Mr. Caldwell was afraid it would cause some confusion at first in sections where people had been in the habit of buying and selling by the bushel or barrel.

Mr. Motherwell said that selling by weight was the only logical way. He pointed out that bags and barrels were not standardized and people could not be sure of what they contained.

The bill was reported, and now stands for third reading.

Third reading was given to a bill creating the Canadian wheat board. An amendment by R. M. Johnson, Progressive, for Moose Jaw, which gives the provinces the right to export wheat from that province, was carried after the Progressives had accepted a proviso that the federal government should have the right to pass upon any such prohibitions or restrictions.

Mr. Spence's bill was given third reading.

Bar Strangers From House. The House in committee discussed the resolution respecting returned soldiers insurance. This is based upon a report of the special committee on pensions and soldiers' civil re-establishment. It was adopted without amendment, and a bill based on it given first and second reading.

The resolution brought on a sharp drive to throw open the doors and to grant government insurance to all soldiers irrespective of their physical condition. Amendments to make the idea effective were moved by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative, Vancouver Centre, and Sir Henry Drayton. Support from the Liberal party was given by C. G. Power, Quebec South. Eventually the amendments were defeated in committee and the minister of finance given discretionary powers in granting insurance.

CHILD MISSING; THIRD FROM HOME IN FIVE YEARS. Ottawa, June 23—Eight-year-old Nelson D'Arcy, missing from his home here Tuesday, and who is believed to have been drowned in the Hudson Bay, is the third child of Mrs. D'Arcy to have unexpectedly disappeared or been drowned since 1917.

RE-EMERGES; 41 TIMES PRESIDENT. Ottawa, June 23—President Sam Cunniff of the A. F. of L. was re-elected without opposition today at the federation's annual convention. It was his first election to the office.

Police Say There Was a Conspiracy For Assassinations

Report of Finding of Documents Following Murder of Field Marshal Wilson—Tense Situation in Belfast—Evidence of Storm at Session of British Commons.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, June 23—The police investigating the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson have come into possession of documents, says the Central News today, disclosing a conspiracy to take the lives of several prominent persons and conduct a campaign of outrages.

The two men arrested on charge of the actual commission of the crime, Connolly and O'Brien, the agency says, are both former soldiers who have been living at Croydon, a London suburb. One was employed for some time as a night watchman in the government offices in Whitehall, obtaining his post there because of his army record.

Raided and Arrested. London, June 23—Fifteen men and one woman were arrested in the raids throughout London last night in connection with the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson. It was announced in the House of Commons this morning by Lord Chancellor Chamberlain. He said that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England, and intimated that a discussion of Irish affairs would be held on Monday. Premier Lloyd George, he said, was now holding a conference on all the matters connected with the assassination of Marshal Wilson.

Prisoners Remanded. James O'Brien and James Connolly who were arrested directly after the shooting, were arraigned in the Westminster police court and charged with murder. They were remanded for one week by Magistrate Cecil Chapman.

Long before the court opened, a great crowd assembled in front of the court house, but owing to the limited accommodations the police rigorously excluded the general public, allowing in only those connected with the case and the newspaper men.

The accused men were taken to the court on a taxicab and under strong guard from the Gerald Road police station. Two officers rode inside with the driver, the prisoners were fully armed and alert. In the court room there were plain clothes officers who were watching the general public, allowing in only those connected with the case and the newspaper men.

The court proceedings lasted only a few minutes. The prisoners were formally charged with the murder of Field Marshal Wilson and the attempted assassination of Sir Henry D'Arcy and Alex. Clark, a chauffeur.

Tense in Belfast. Belfast, June 23—The situation here was one of great anxiety today, owing to the high state of feeling over the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson. Special precautions were taken in the disturbed areas, but in no case were police forced to fire on mobs seen in the streets. The casualties so far as reported by mid-morning were six wounded. Virtually every member of the Ulster government is under police protection.

Heavy rifle firing broke out in the Cullinstree road district this morning while the crew was still in effect. A wide area was soon affected and, despite the police to dislodge the gunmen, the firing continued.

The outbreak followed an attack last night on a police car in the district between Grosvenor street and Falls road, which is traversed by Cullinstree road. Incendiaries this morning destroyed a store in Grosvenor street, owned by Mrs. Margaret McCullough, mother of the Hon. J. E. Sinclair, former Sinn Fein envoy to the U. S.

"We are overwhelmed with grief here," said a message from the Ulster Unionist council to the widow of Field Marshal Wilson. "We recognize that your husband died for Ulster, and assure you he will always be recognized by us as one of the empire's most distinguished sons."

Bar Strangers From House. London, June 23—The Daily Mail understands that a third arrest was made last night of a man supposed to have acted as watcher, to cover the attempt of the assassin to escape. In consequence of the murder, the Mail asserts, the government has decided to close the public galleries in the House of Commons immediately and exclude strangers from the house. This course was adopted at the time of the dynamite outrages in the eighties and was maintained for a long time. It presumably is taken now to add the newspaper, for the protection of the Ulster members, who are said to have received threats.

In the Commons. London, June 23—There was an unusually large attendance in the House of Commons this morning in the expectation of further developments in the connection with the Wilson assassination.

Mr. Lloyd George was not present, and his absence was the cause of complaint, but Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, explained that the premier was conferring with the police authorities regarding the steps to be taken in the situation.

The Conservative "die hard" bombarded Mr. Chamberlain with questions, the cross examination lasting half an hour. Some startling suggestions were contained in the queries.

Mr. Chamberlain began by saying that everything possible was being done to protect life both in Ireland and England. There was little further information regarding the assassination, he told the house, and added it was inadvisable to make any public statement at the present time, but he gave the information of coincidence to the family.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I read that most of one session of a municipal council up river was devoted to discussion of how to protect sheep from dogs."

"There ain't no need o' wadin' time in the county council over things like that. The bull thing kin be settled by the folks in the district where the dogs is. Ain't it too bad that my man 'ud keep a sheep-killer around his place to put a loss on his neighbor. The man's wuss'n the dog. If the county council had the power to order the cut-o'-the-sals for sich a man you'd hear less about sheep bein' killed—yes, sir."

WU TING FANG OF CHINA DEAD

Shanghai, June 23—Wu Ting Fang, former minister at Washington, more recently foreign minister for Sun Yat-sen, died at Canton today, according to a Reuters dispatch.

PUGILIST AND TAXI DRIVER GET FOURTEEN YEARS

Chicago, June 23—William "Salor" Friedman, light-weight pugilist, and William "Red" Cohen, taxicab driver, were convicted of murder and sentenced to fourteen years each in the penitentiary this morning before Judge Caverly. David Edelman, brother-in-law of Judge Joseph Schulman, and Max Miller, brother of Hershey Miller, were found not guilty.

LABOR DEFENCE COUNCIL AT THE U. S. CAPITAL

Cincinnati, June 23—With the avowed purpose of meeting all legal attacks aimed at labor unions, the American Federation of Labor has added to its program of curbing the power exercised by the courts by directing the establishment, at Washington, of a labor defence council, which may be filed under the recent supreme court decisions adverse to labor.

LT. GEN. SIR PHILIP CHETWOOD IS NEW ADJT. GENERAL

London, June 23—General Sir Philip Chetwood, who has been appointed to succeed Sir George MacDonogh as adjutant general of the forces on September 11, when his present post of deputy chief of the imperial general staff will cease to exist.

CLOSE CALL ON THE MIRAMICHI

Newcastle, N. B., June 23—While Michael Bransfield, Jr., of Hardwick, was drifting for salmon in the Miramichi Bay last night his fishing boat was struck by a fire which threatened to burn the water's edge. Other fishermen arrived just in time to save the young man.

END TROUBLE IN NEW YORK CLOTHING INDUSTRY

New York, June 23—An early end of the general walkout in New York men's clothing industry was predicted by both union and contractor officials last night, following conferences. These officials said an agreement had been reached whereby the contractors would approve all settlements made by the union with manufacturers.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. S. reports, director of meteorological services.

Synopsis—A trough of pressure extends from Arizona to an extensive region of low pressure over Northeastern Canada. Pressure is high over the northern and southeastern states. Scattered showers are reported from the west, and general rains from Quebec and maritime provinces. Weather in Ontario has been fair.

Partly Fair; Fog. Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, showers in many localities, but partly fair and warmer today and on Saturday. Fog in Bay of Fundy and in southwestern Nova Scotia. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy with a few scattered showers today and Saturday. New England—Fair tonight and Saturday, warm tomorrow; moderate westerly winds.

The Rivers Raging; Lowlands Flooded And Crops Ruined

Millions of Feet of Logs Adrift; Bridges Strained or Gone; Roads Washed Out and Whole Train Service is Disorganized.

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., June 23—The St. John River is now at the greatest Summer freshet in many years. In the spring of 1887 the water reached a higher point than it has reached yet, but never in June has so great a flood of water poured down. At noon today the height of water was approaching eighteen feet above summer level, and the river still was rising.

During the night the water came up three feet and six inches more this morning. Crop damage in all low lying districts will be enormous, in some cases crops are now under several feet of water and have been ruined. There are numerous cases of crops which are generally supposed to be safe from a summer freshet being submerged.

The high roads in Masseyville, Lincoln and Sheffield, Sunbury county, are under water several feet in places. Lumbermen and mill owners are in a quandary. Preparations for rafting on the St. John River were confined this year to the Mitchell boom where the expectation was that a few million feet would be rafted, as the cut had been light and much lumber is being saved at mills on the upper river. Today with the lumber of F. E. Sayre carried away by a heavy freshet, the boom was left as a tremendous current can bring it, there appears to be no place in which to hold the logs.

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Further down the river the Hartland bridge was carried away for the third time in the last few years.

The trains. For the first time in the history of the C. P. R. in these parts five of their regular passenger trains, three from Montreal and two from Boston, were to arrive in the city this afternoon within an hour. The Montreal train which was here yesterday at noon and which met with a mishap ten miles east of Brownville, the second Montreal train due here at 7:15 this morning and the regular train due here at 1:18 this afternoon arrived one following the other. The Boston train due here yesterday afternoon and the regular due here today also came along within a few minutes of each other.

The three Montreal trains were first delayed by the derailment near Brownville which was cleaned up last evening at eight o'clock. When they proceeded on their journey they were held up at Mattawamkeag where they were delayed due to a mishap near there. Recipients were not made to the roadbed until early this morning.

The two Boston trains were also held up as a result of bad washouts on the Maine Central. One of the worst washouts on the Maine Central was at Drew, about thirteen miles east of Mattawamkeag.

In addition to the trouble experienced as a result of the accident yesterday morning the torrential freshet in the Beauséjour River has thrown the C. P. R. system in the northern section of the district out of order and caused havoc to some of their bridges as well as along their roadbed.

Reports received at headquarters this morning indicate that the water in the Beauséjour was falling, but the waters in the St. John and Tobique rivers is still rising. They say there is no truth in the report that their bridge at Bristol was carried away and is still holding. Their bridge near Hartland was also holding up to noon today despite the fact that there are 4,000,000 feet of logs and a large quantity of debris from the highway bridge pressing against it. (Continued on page 9, sixth column.)

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TARIFF MATTERS CHIEF SUBJECT

This Morning at St. Andrews Convention. Protection, Prices, Currency, Dumping and Other Phases—St. John Men on Executive of Manufacturers.

Resolutions passed today at the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at St. Andrews included the following: That the Workmen's Compensation Board should be judicial or those who pay have representation and that the employers should pay a share of the cost of operation.

That the government should strive to increase desirable immigration. Definition of federal and provincial taxation to avoid duplication and expense. Extension of industrial research. Expression of thanks to those who assisted in the "Fryduse in Canada" campaign.

Taxation by the dominion government of imported pre-arranged. Provision by the government of adequate steamship passenger and refrigeration accommodation between Canada and the British West Indies, British Guiana and Bermuda.

Thanks to the lieutenant-governor, premier and members of the New Brunswick Government, the mayor of St. Andrews, the transportation companies, the management and staff of the Algonquin Hotel, the Canadian Press Association, the newspapers of the maritime provinces, the chairman, officers and members of the Maritime division.

(Special to Times) St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, June 23—Tariff matters predominated at this morning's session of the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Several members voiced the opinion that steps should be taken to show consumers the fallacy of a common belief that Canadian manufacturers used protective tariff to inflate the selling prices of their goods.

A discussion of means to prevent the dumping of goods from Germany and other countries which had a depreciable currency was also included in the report of the transportation committee was also submitted and was followed by the election of officers and group of resolutions committee.

The report of the tariff committee was presented by J. Picard, Quebec. Thomas Roden, treasurer, said regarding the charge that manufacturers took advantage of the tariff to raise selling prices, that the great majority did not fix costs with reference to the tariff at all. It was the aim of members to bring costs to the lowest possible level.

H. G. Waddie, Hamilton, thought that when one manufacturer or group of manufacturers brought a matter before the tariff committee, all similar industries should be consulted.

F. W. Stewart of Montreal, said that in a statement made when retiring from the post of treasurer, Mr. Murdoch, the present minister of labor asserted that the price of collars in Canada was equal to the United States product plus duty and freight charges. He said as a matter the price in both countries were the same. He thought that an effort should be made to show the public that advantage was not being taken of protection to boost prices.

J. R. Bristol, manager of the tariff department delivered a short talk on the depreciation of currency and its effect on the imports of goods from Germany. He was of the opinion that the customs department should appoint inspectors to fix a fair value on goods imported from such countries and that a certificate of original should accompany all shipments.

R. P. Sparks of Ottawa said that while the dumping of goods from Germany was not theoretically, they could not be put into effect without a better system of appraisal.

Mr. Howard Smith was of the opinion that this was due to the fact that there were too many customs houses in the country.

Mr. Bristol said a reduction of the number of customs houses would be a great improvement. He said that in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick there were numerous small places where a customs house was necessary for the reporting and clearance of vessels. If these were taken away the move would be followed by strenuous objection.

The Officers. The announcement of the selection of J. R. Shaw as president was greeted with applause. Mr. Shaw expressed his thanks for the honor and solicited the support of the members.

A resolution of appreciation of the services of the retiring president, W. S. Fisher, was moved by Sir Alex. Berton. According to the resolution, H. Howard Smith said the organization had passed through a difficult year in fine manner under Mr. Fisher's guidance.

Mr. Fisher expressed his appreciation of the support given him during the year, both by the members and by the association's most efficient staff.

Railway Matters. Following the receipt of the report of the transportation committee, C. Howard Smith delivered an interesting talk on the railway situation in Canada, in which he said that the mileage in the country was at least double the requirements. He suggested that one remedy was immigration. Canada, he said, had 42,000 miles of rail for 8,720,000 people, or a mile for every 206 inhabitants, a higher ratio than in any other country in the world.

The government controlled 22,000 miles which last year showed a deficit of \$72,366,288. Some 600 miles, he thought, could be eliminated, and a reduction in the number of trains could be effected in other localities. Immigration, he said, would help to remedy the situation. The separate operation of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National lines should be considered. (Continued on page 9, fourth column.)