

## SAYS OPPOSITION LACKS LEADERS

Premier Veniot Also Declares Party is Without Any Policies.

Sackville, N. B., July 2.—Premier Veniot, in an address at the Imperial Theatre here tonight, declared that the Opposition was leaderless and that it consisted of men whose actions were publicly repudiated by the Conservative party. A large audience was in attendance. Mayor A. Cameron presided.

Other speakers were F. L. Estabrooks, M. L. A., Sackville; Reid McManus, M. L. A., Moncton, and Hon. Fred Magee, president of the Executive Council, Port Elgin.

Not only was the Opposition leaderless, the Premier said, but it was without a policy. In this connection he cited the action of Mr. Richards, House Leader of the Opposition, who, when the Government declared that it planned to take over Grand Falls and other natural resources now in private hands, could speak only personally and not officially on the matter.

Such was the party, the Premier continued, that sought to know the date of the election. It suggested that the election was to be sprung upon it. In any case, he declared, there was nothing to prevent it organizing when it pleased. The Government had another session if it so wished, the Premier added.

### The Public Debt.

The Government was accused of adding to the public debt, the Premier declared. That was true, but not one dollar could be shown to have been misappropriated. From 1908 to 1917 the Conservatives had increased the burden on the tax payers from \$5,384,000 to \$15,000,000, in round figures. To this should be added, he declared, almost two millions in floating debt and outstanding liabilities which the Liberals had to assume. This was made up of bridge accounts, Valley Railway charges and many other lesser accounts.

Since the Liberals had assumed power not one cent which was not funded had been added to the public debt. The road expenditures were cared for by the automobile fees and the Musquash development by its earnings. The latter was now serving 10,000 customers and was saving in St. John alone, the Premier said, \$200,000 for the consumers of current.

The financial tactics of the men who make up the Opposition were called into question when Premier Veniot called attention to the neglect which they had shown in 1916 to take advantage of the exchange. When the Liberals took over the affairs of the province they found pigeonholed recommendations to buy bonds. They did at once and saved the people of New Brunswick \$210,000 by this one transaction. Consummated in 14 months, this was in contrast, the Speaker declared, to the deliberate falsification of the books in order to show a surplus which had been practised by the Conservatives.

### Good Roads.

Good roads and the prohibitory act were discussed at some length by the Premier. Federal representatives at the Good Roads' Association convention, of which he had the honor to be president, had said that the gravelled highways in New Brunswick were the best in the Dominion, and that their cost had been limited. Bridges had been constructed and they were permanent. Communications had been improved by the situation of the regular patrol system on trunk roads, and which would be further extended this year, he said, to the secondary highways.

### Prohibition.

Regarding prohibition, the Premier declared that he was strongly in favor of the enforcement of the law, but that the difficulties were many. Smuggling came under Federal jurisdiction and the loopholes in the law itself, which, on his assuming the leadership of the Government, he had pledged himself to leave unaltered, prevented the punishment of those who were dealing in liquor, he continued. Referring to education, the speaker said that the text books were sold at less than cost. Last year there was a loss of \$1,700 on them. The contents of the books themselves was selected by a committee of teachers and school inspectors who were authorities on the subject, and the legislature assumed a non-partisan attitude when they were considered.

In opening his speech Premier Veniot recalled that a monument marking Fort Cumberland near here was to be unveiled on July 16, and contrasted the feeling between the French Acadian people and the English speaking races 150 years ago with that at the present time. He paid eloquent tribute to the far-mindedness of the latter who were in the majority, that they had seen fit to select a representative of the Acadian people as Premier of this province.

### Other Speakers.

F. L. Estabrooks, who was the first speaker introduced by Mayor Cameron, dealt mainly with educational topics attacking the teachers for not suggesting improvement in school books. They were, he declared, content to work with inadequate tools. Reid McManus, M. L. A., of Moncton, who followed Mr. Estabrooks, spoke of the hydro situation and the success of the Musquash which was now paying its way in spite of the loss caused by the unprecedented floods.

The provincial debt was dealt with by Hon. Fred Magee, the third speaker, and he cited the improvement in the roads, the hydro plant, agricultural school and other works of the Government which justified the expenditures made during the last seven years.

Prior to the mass meeting an enthusiastic body of Liberals convened and elected delegates to the St. John convention. The are, Sackville town, H. C. Read, S. W. Copp, W. J. Wheel-

don and Melbourne Sears.

## INCLUDES CANADA SAYS SECRETARY

Dominion to Be Represented in The Inter-Aligned Conference in July.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press.)

London, July 2.—The forecast made exclusively by the British United Press which was contradicted by other correspondents and news services, that Canada would be represented in the Allied Conference in July is corroborated in the speech made last night by the Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, the Colonial Secretary at the Dominion Day dinner. While giving no indication of the manner of her participation Mr. Thomas stated distinctly that the British Government will not allow another Lausanne situation to arise. While it is impossible as yet to set a date for the coming Imperial Conference, it has been provisionally decided that it shall be held in the early autumn. Much of course depends on the Government's fortunes during the present session, and also the possibility of certain of the Dominions being able to attend. The Government is anxious to meet the new south African leaders, and also to make some progress towards settlement of the South African boundary question before the Conference meets.

## FIRE PROTECTION SPEAKERS' THEME

C. N. R. Officials Hear Address From Chief of Railway Service.

Fredericton, July 2.—W. H. Wilby, of Montreal, Chief of the Fire Protective Service of the Canadian National Railway, addressed the conference of district inspectors of the Department of Lands and Mines here this afternoon. His subject was the steps taken by the C. N. R. to organize for fire protection particularly in the forests and the co-operation arranged with the provinces.

Col. T. G. Loggie, retiring Deputy Minister, G. H. Prince, acting Deputy Minister, and L. S. Webb, acting Chief Forester, were present. Also C. A. Norton, of Moncton, supervisor of Fire Protection for the Atlantic Region of the C. N. R. The six district inspectors present were H. W. Bradbury, of Pinder; Harry Lynn, of Kedgwick; David Macintosh, of Nash's Creek; Edward Baldwin, of Bathurst; Michael Fletcher, of Nelson, and W. J. O'Brien, of Milltown. Other provincial officials were G. L. Fletcher, supervisor of forest, and F. A. Barkhouse, locomotive inspector and supervisor of railway protection.

### Fires in Province.

Twenty-three hundred and thirty acres of timberland in New Brunswick were burned by forest fires in the month of June, according to the reports made to the Department of Lands and Mines. Only 30 acres of the crown lands were burned, the remaining 2,300 acres being privately owned.

The damage is placed at \$5,500 to private property, \$100 to crown land property, \$10,500 to privately owned timber and \$100 to crown timber. The largest fire of the month was that which covered 1,200 acres of privately owned land at Little River, near Bathurst.

Twenty of the 54 fires in June were the result of burning piles of slash contrary to the law and several prosecutions are being carried on as a result.

## ARE WELL TREATED AFTER TRAIN WRECK

The passengers from the Halifax to Yarmouth train derailed near Annapolis Royal on July 1, arrived in the city yesterday, having had no greater inconvenience from the accident than a few hours delay on their journey. Miss Mae Cole, who was a passenger on the train and who is now visiting Mrs. D. J. Barrett, Summer street, last night gave warmest praise to the hospitality of the people of Annapolis Royal and to the care shown by the passengers by the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

### TO STUDY SPECIAL TEACHING.

Miss Beatrice Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cameron, of West St. John, left on Tuesday for Toronto, where she will take the four week summer course for teachers of opportunity classes. The St. John School Board recently approved the suggestion that another teacher and a reserve teacher for opportunity classes should be given the required training. Miss Cameron is the only teacher who has been sent to take the training. There were six opportunity classes conducted last year and they were most successful.

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A portable one-man pump mounted on a tripod, has been made to combat forest fires.

## WORK ON STRATEGY SCHEME AT SUSSEX

Officers Study Methods of Advance and Retreat—Soccer Game.

Sussex, N. B., July 2.—Camp Sussex carried on as usual today. The officers followed up the tactical scheme and attended lectures while the infantry and cavalry wings of the school continued their drill with the Demonstration Platoon from Halifax and Lieut. Hammond, respectively.

A different phase of military strategy was studied in today's tactical scheme than in either of the two previous days, when the subjects were outposts and advanced guards particularly. Today's scheme called for an advance as far as Apohaqui when a drive by the enemy forced a retreat back through the town of Sussex. What should be done in conducting both the advance and retreat, were they realities, was studied this afternoon. The morning in the camp was spent in introducing the scheme with lectures and discussing yesterday's work.

Friday morning candidates seeking to qualify for commissions in the infantry will take practical and written examinations. The cavalry will be given their examinations in the afternoon. These activities are part of the school work.

In the camp proper the officers will continue to work out their tactical schemes until Friday. The whole camp disbands on Saturday.

After work in the afternoon today the Royal Canadian Regiment Platoon from Halifax played a game of soccer on the Sussex A. A. field with the St. Andrews' team from St. John and won 3 to 0.

## THREE CRUISERS MAY COME HERE

While it is certain that St. John will not be a port of call for the special cruiser squadron now on its way from Vancouver to the Panama Canal, it is practically assured that during the two weeks' visit of the Royal Canadian Navy destroyer Patriot in September, three cruisers of the North American and West Indies station of the 8th light cruiser squadron will arrive in port.

Exactly how long they will remain is not known, but it is probable that the Cape Town, Calcutta and either the Constance or the Curlew will be chosen to make the St. John call. The Cape Town was in port last season when she was the flagship of the squadron commander, and if she visits St. John he will be on board. Sir Michael Culme Seymour has been appointed second sea lord of the Admiralty.

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San Pedro, Cal., July 3.—An enormous sperm whale, part of a large school playing about the ship, was struck by the Panama-Pacific liner Finland and cut in half while the liner was off the Mexican coast recently, it was reported on the arrival of the Finland here.

A large portion of the dead mammal became fast to the bow of the steamer in the collision and remained there two days before it could be removed, Captain Munroe said. The Finland was delayed several hours by the collision.

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## DELEGATION TO SEE THORNTON

Will Present Claims of Port at Montreal Next Monday.

A delegation from St. John consisting of Mayor Frank L. Potts, Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, Commissioner Bullock and F. M. Ross, manager of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., will be received by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, on Monday at 11 o'clock, in his office in Montreal. The delegation will present special pleas on behalf of the port of St. John.

Mayor Potts received a telegram from Sir Henry Thornton last evening in which the C. N. R. president explained that he could not come to the Maritime Provinces, but would be willing to receive a delegation at the hour stated.

While Mayor Potts did not care to state exactly what pleas would be presented, he said the invitation to send a delegation would be accepted. It is understood that the port committee will present matters in connection with the export business of St. John when appearing before Sir Henry Thornton, and that a meeting of the committee will be held here before the delegation leaves for Montreal. As the delegation includes city hall representatives it is possible that other matters will also be presented.


Australian saltbush, which grows on arid, unfertilized land in Northwestern United States, has been found to be ideal food for sheep.

## ST. JOHN MEN ARE ON BIG WARSHIPS

Word has reached the city that Lieut. H. Alastair Morrison, R. C. N. V. R. has been appointed to H. M. S. Hood and has joined that ship at Vancouver.

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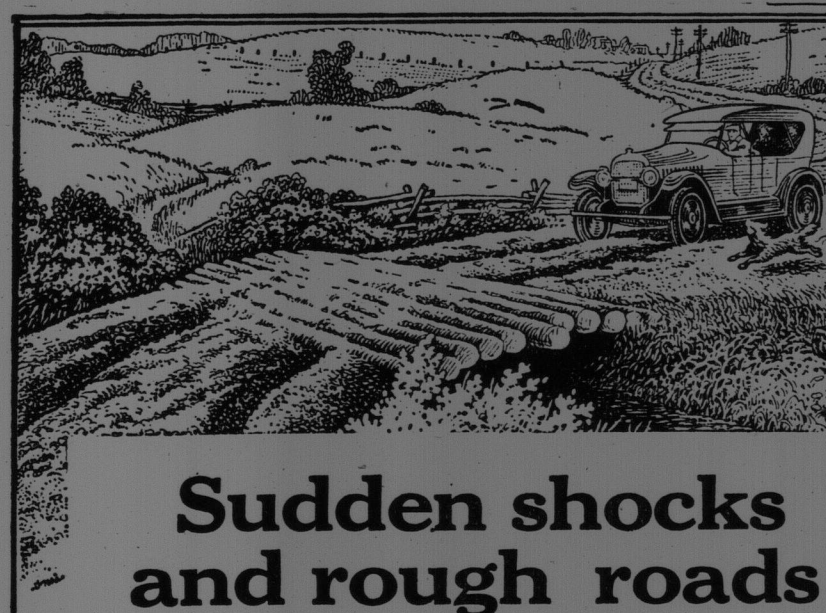
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