

SIR ADAM BECK'S SALARY TOTALS \$18,000 A YEAR

Chairman of Hydro Commission Receives \$12,000, Partly From Province and Partly From Municipalities, and \$6,000 From the Ontario Power Company as President—His Colleagues Ask for Increase of Their Salaries From \$4,000 to \$6,000 a Year Each.

TORONTO, April 25.—Revelation was made in the Legislature today that Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, in addition to \$12,000 a year which he has been receiving, partly from the province and partly from the hydro municipalities, has been drawing \$6,000 a year as president of the Ontario Power Company, which is operated by the hydro commission.

This fact came out in connection with the government's bill to permit Hon. I. N. Lucas, former attorney-general for Ontario, a member of the hydro commission, and Hon. D. Carmichael, minister without portfolio, also a member of the hydro commission, to receive \$6,000 per annum, instead of their original salaries of \$4,000 each. It came out that these two, since January 1, 1920, had been drawing \$2,000 a year more than they were entitled to by legislation, and doing so with the government's approval.

The bill before the House today was to legalize the increased salaries of Messrs. Lucas and Carmichael, as Attorney-General Raney had concluded that the payments in question were not illegal. The bill, however, makes no mention of Sir Adam Beck's case, and according to the attorney-general's view, he is illegally drawing money as salary.

Treat All the Same.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Conservative leader, without commenting upon the salary question itself, declared that the government should not treat the chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission differently from his two associates on the commission.

Attorney-General Raney declared that the government had no official knowledge of the additional \$6,000 drawn by Sir Adam Beck.

BRITAIN HAS PAID 203,000,000 POUNDS OF DEBT IN TWO YEARS

Surplus of Revenue Over Expenditure £230,000,000 — No New Taxes—No Reductions — £20,000,000 Paid Off Debt To Canada—£75,000,000 To United States Debts To Japan, Spain, Uruguay and Holland Wiped Out—Removal of Excess Profits Tax Leading Feature.

LONDON, April 25.—Austen Chamberlain, former chancellor of the exchequer, taking the place of the present chancellor, Sir Robert S. Horne, presented the budget in the House of Commons today. Its leading feature, removal of the excess profits duty, was announced some time ago. The chancellor's estimates of revenue and expenditure of a year ago have been borne out with remarkable accuracy, a surplus of £220,000,000, only about £4,000,000 under the estimated surplus, being recorded.

No Additional Taxation.

No additional taxation is proposed, and there will be no further reduction of taxation in the current year. The chief points are the removal of the surtax on cigars and replacement of the present fixed duty of 7 shillings and an ad valorem duty of 1-3 per cent on sparkling wines by a specific duty of 15 shillings per gallon. These changes have been made because the higher duties proved unremunerative and were injurious to Britain's allies.

The corporation profits tax proved to be a disappointment, producing only £650,000 instead of the expected £2,000,000, but the chancellor hoped the tax would justify itself the coming year.

Most Remarkable Year.

The chancellor characterized the last year as one of the most remarkable in Britain's history, and declared that the results were satisfactory when it was taken into consideration that his last statement was made when trade was booming and prospects were rosy, and that upon that sunny prospect there descended with almost unequalled suddenness and completeness deep depression, which still continued.

The House was chiefly interested in details concerning debt reduction, especially the announcement that the debt to the United States has been reduced by £75,000,000 sterling during the last year, and that interest on the debt to the United States must be provided for next year.

Canada Gets £20,000,000.

The debt to Canada has been reduced by £20,000,000 in the year, while all debts to Japan, Spain, Argentina, Uruguay and Holland had been wiped out. He emphasized the importance of reducing the external debt, because it interfered with exchange and trade, and announced as a remarkable achievement that in two years the external debt had been reduced by £203,000,000. In this connection he said that the remaining £1/2 per cent five-year notes maturing at New York in November, amounting to eleven million dollars, would be paid off, while an arrangement had been made with Canadian banks to pay the Canadian debt by monthly instalments.

To Fund War Debt.

With regard to the internal debt, Mr. Chamberlain regretted that it was impossible yet to fund the floating debt, which had been reduced in the course of the year only by £37,000,000, instead of the anticipated £70,000,000, but a start would be made to fund the war debt. A new loan of £100,000,000 would be issued immediately for conversion into war bonds maturing in 1925. Draconic reductions in the country's expenditure in every department had been ordered, and Mr. Chamberlain concluded by declaring that the foundation had been laid for steady recovery when industrial disputes are settled and trade begins its revival.

Prairie Provinces Ask For Accounting, Says Hon. T. A. Crerar

Claims Position of Dominion Government in Regard To Provincial Resources Is "Absurd and Unfair"—"Nothing Better Than Crown Colonies."

Ottawa, April 25.—By Canadian Press.—The claim of the dominion provinces to a proprietary interest in the natural resources of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is "absurd and unfair," declared Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive group in the House of Commons tonight.

"If that position is correct, the Prairie Provinces are nothing but crown colonies of the rest of Canada," said Mr. Crerar, "and that is a position they will not tolerate."

Ask for Accounting.

The Prairie Provinces, he said, asked for an accounting of the lands alienated by the Dominion Government and for subsidies based upon the real value of that land. The provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia controlled their own resources. The former had 100,000 population, and Nova Scotia 250,000. Saskatchewan and Alberta controlled her 250 square miles of coal lands, while Alberta, with more than 250,000 square miles, was denied that right.

The debate on natural resources arose from a resolution moved by J. A. Campbell (Nelson, Man.) that the transfer by the Dominion to the western provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—of their natural resources should not be longer delayed.

Transfer Promised.

Mr. Campbell declared that the constitutional rights of the western provinces had been and were being ignored. The Conservative party had definitely included in their platform the transfer of public lands and resources to the western provinces. In 1911 Sir Robert Borden had promised that this transfer would be made "in the not far distant future." The question now was whether or not the Government intended to implement that promise. Mr. Campbell challenged anyone to find a clause in the British North America act giving the Dominion jurisdiction over land or natural resources.

The prime minister in reply reminded the House that it was an easy matter to talk of provincial rights, but difficult to reach a settlement. If a subsidy were given them the whole Dominion was interested. This difficult question had been a traditional subject of debate. As far as the voice of the people could be judged at election times they had acquiesced in the arrangement of subsidies instead of lands. No one, he said, had ever asked for the return of the money on the terms which had been put forward.

Mackenzie King Approves.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King said he was heartily in accord with the spirit of the resolution. It was in keeping with the spirit of the resolution approved by the National Liberal convention of 1919.

An amendment that the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta should be given control of their resources without further delay on terms fair to all the provinces was moved by Hon. C. J. Doherty, and carried. Dr. Campbell then said this made his resolution meaningless and withdrew it.

H. M. Mowat (Parkdale) gave notice that he would introduce a bill to set aside Monday in the week of November 11, each year as a public holiday to commemorate Armistice Day.

Third reading was given to Hon. A. K. McLean's bill to amend the Canada shipping act in respect to harbor rules and infractions.

When the House met the prime minister laid before the members a statement with regard to the prime ministers' conference to be held in London in June. This meeting, he said, would be preparatory to the special constitutional conference to be held later. There would be a general review of the main features of foreign relations, particularly as affecting the dominions and the question of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance to decide. Efforts would be made to reach a common understanding as to policy in such external affairs as concerned all parts of the empire. The premier proposed that the House devote Wednesday to discussion of the course which Canada's representatives at the June conference should follow.

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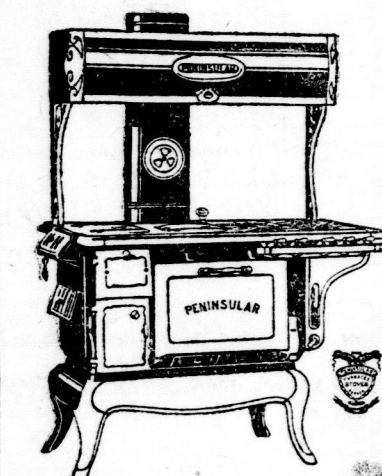
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5 Union Rugs, 3x3 1/2	REGULAR \$21.00	\$16.50	2 Seamless Wilton Rugs, 9x10.6	REGULAR \$72.25	\$72.25	1 Tapestry Rug, 3x3	REGULAR \$27.00	\$23.25
2 Seamless Velvet Rugs, 7.6x9	REGULAR \$85.00	\$72.25	1 Seamless Velvet Rug, 3x4	REGULAR \$90.00	\$76.50	1 Seamless Wilton Rug, 2 1/2 x 3	REGULAR \$75.00	\$63.25
						3 Tapestry Rugs, 3x3 1/2	REGULAR \$35.00	\$29.50

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DEATH OF MRS. LYDIA LUNDY.

GALT, April 25.—Another old and highly-esteemed resident died this morning in the person of Mrs. Lydia Lundy, relict of the late Dr. Lundy. Deceased, who was in her 87th year, lived with her daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Graham, 107 Wellington street. She had enjoyed her usual health until Sunday, when she was stricken with paralysis, and died at 2 o'clock this morning without regaining consciousness. She was born near Newmarket, and had lived in Galt and Preston for 40 years. Two daughters survive, Mrs. Graham, and Mrs. P. C. Hughes of Edmonton.

CAYUGA

CAYUGA, April 25.—The Cayuga Dramatic Club presented its drama, "The Arrival of Kitty," in Hagersville on Thursday night and cleared \$60, which will be added to the soldiers' memorial fund.

The ladies of Knox Church realized \$25 from a sale of home-made cooking held here on Saturday.

The Evans property, on the bank of the Grand River, was put up for sale on Saturday, and was bid up to \$3,000. As this was less than the reserve bid the property was not sold.

HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS.

QUEBEC, April 25.—Hundreds of applications for licenses and permits have been received by the Quebec liquor commission for the city of Quebec, one of the commissioners stated today. It was explained that it would be impossible to grant all the applications. Applications for restaurant licenses, which permit the sale of wines and beers at meals between 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., have been made by practically all local restaurant owners and hotel keepers.

APPROVE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

TORONTO, April 25.—At the closing session of the Toronto Methodist Ministerial Association, the following resolution, moved by Dr. S. J. Bland, seconded by Dr. W. H. Hincks, was unanimously carried:

Resolved that this Toronto Methodist Ministerial Association has noticed with cordial approval the proposal recently made by S. R. Parsons that a round table conference should be held between builders and labor unions, with a view to reaching an agreement regarding wage scales. This association earnestly hopes that this proposal will be wisely indorsed and carried out.

We believe that in such conference the spirit of consideration and fair play will be found on both sides. It believes, moreover, that nothing but the resumption of industry on a wide scale can avert a grave situation.

No arbitrator has as yet been appointed to adjudicate on the Toronto Street Railway clean-up, it was learned on reliable authority.

ST. MARYS

ST. MARYS, April 25.—The River Thames rose to spring flood proportions on Saturday, owing to the excessive rains.

The town council has struck the tax rate for this year at 30 1/2 mills, the same as last year.

The public school estimates for this year are placed at \$17,000 and the Collegiate Institute estimates at \$14,000.

The St. Marys Park Board has acquired the riverbed and adjoining lands of the River Thames and Trout Creek from the St. Marys Milling Company for the sum of \$15,000, for which the town council will issue 30-year debentures.

STOLE \$50 FROM BROTHER.

SARNIA, April 25.—Clarence Smith, 19-year-old Point Edward youth, was today sentenced to not less than six months and not more than two years at the Burwash Prison Farm by Magistrate J. J. Jarvis for the theft of \$50 from his brother William last Friday. When arrested he had only \$1.25 of the money left, and a revolver. He stated the revolver was for "ornamental" purposes only.

TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS.

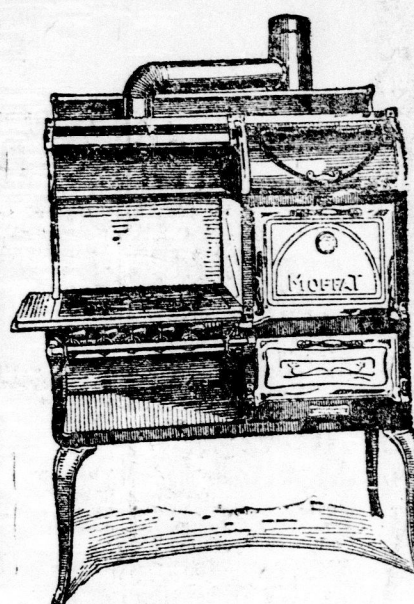
WASHINGTON, April 25.—Negotiations with Great Britain for the funding of her \$5,000,000,000 war debt to the United States will be resumed soon, Secretary Mellon announced today.

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