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## PREMIERS REFUTE WILSON'S CLAIMS ON ADRIATIC ISSUE

### No Independent Interference in Ontario's School Management Says Drury Cabinet

#### CABINET DEFINITELY REJECTS OFFER OF MASSEY FOUNDATION TO SURVEY SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Statements Show Premier Continued to Consider Suggestion From Vincent Massey on February 14, Tho Declined by Hon. R. H. Grant on February 3.

##### MINISTER FORESAW TROUBLE

After a four-hour joint session of the Massey Foundation committee to investigate the Ontario public school system, and the Drury cabinet, the scheme was turned down yesterday when the letter of Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, was handed to the press, along with accompanying statements by Premier Drury and Vincent Massey.

The outstanding fact in a comparison of these statements is: The minister of education rejected the proposal on Feb. 3. On Feb. 10, the premier says, after an interview with Mr. Massey, "it was understood that the matter should be left in abeyance for further consideration." On Feb. 14 Mr. Massey, in a letter to Premier Drury, "submitted in formal terms a proposal for the survey and the names of those who had previously accepted." The premier goes on to say: "With this matter was left to the government, which had no intention of making any announcement until the question had been carefully considered and decided upon by the cabinet.

So that on Feb. 14 the premier had given no consideration to Hon. R. H. Grant's rejection of Feb. 3.

#### Committee's Statement.

The statement handed out by Vincent Massey follows:

- The purpose of the survey is quite misrepresented by the use of the word "probe." The idea of the Massey Foundation and of the members of the committee who consented to act, was that a service might be done by the province, the most important of the responsibilities of the provincial government, by a general stocktaking of our educational system, and an inquiry into the best educational methods applied elsewhere in Canada and in other countries.
- The idea behind the selection of the members of the committee is that, for the most part, they should represent the public—the layman rather than the official—or in other words, the consumers.
- It was felt that an independent committee could work more freely than a government commission, and would leave the government at liberty to choose how far the committee's findings should be accepted.
- No expense would be spared to make the survey complete and effective. (Continued on Page 5, Column 3).

#### SAY PRICE BROS. WILL NOT OBEY Board's Order for Appearance at Inquiry.

Decide to Fight Commerce Board's Order for Appearance at Inquiry.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(By Canadian Press.)—The order of the board of commerce to appear at an inquiry into the case of Price Brothers and Company, at the hearing by the board on Saturday morning, will not be obeyed by that firm, Price Bros. are applying thru their counsel, Aime Geoffrion, K.C., at once to the supreme court for a hearing to test the jurisdiction of the board in the control of the sale of newsprint, and Mr. Geoffrion will appear in the exchequer court Friday afternoon to sue the case for Price Brothers.

It is stated that Price Brothers have consistently refused to recognize the right of the board of commerce to order shipment from the Quebec mills of newsprint at a fixed price. The attitude of the firm, as stated by Mr. Geoffrion, is that the board's order is not a law of Canada. The order has, however, been filed in the exchequer court of Canada, and the board of commerce announces its intention of prosecuting Price Brothers for contempt.

#### TAKE SEPARATE SEATS

Members of Third Party Grasp Opportunity at Opening of Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(By Canadian Press.)—Altho no provision is made for the seating of the "cross-benchers" as a separate entity in the new house of commons, the members of the third party were not slow to grasp the opportunity of sitting as a separate body to the right of the government committee room, and the third party utilizing the section of cross benches to the right of the government or opposition members. These included Dr. Michael Clark, Red Deer; R. H. Halbert, North Ontario; J. E. Johnston, East Mountain; T. MacNutt, Salt-coats; Levi Thompson, Qu'Appelle; Caldwell, Carleton-Victoria, and Gould, Assiniboia.

#### WANT LUMBER INQUIRY.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 26.—Calgary contractors have decided to ask the board of commerce to make an inquiry into the lumber situation. They claim that prices are advancing too rapidly.

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London, Feb. 26.—The decision not to oust Turkey from Constantinople was reached by the allied supreme council only after long consideration of the difficulties in the Turkish situation, Premier Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today, when the question of the future of Turkey was brought up for debate.

#### MAJOR RUMORS RISE AS TO RESIGNATION OF JUDGE ROBSON

Counter Charges From Colleagues Suggest Interference With Court.

##### INVESTIGATION LIKELY

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Judge Robson has broken silence and given a reason for his retirement. His late colleagues declare that the reason given is not the cause of his retirement. The judge possesses a great deal of certain information and will not be satisfied with either Judge Robson's statement or the refutation of this statement by Messrs. O'Connor and Murdoch. Somebody is deceiving the public, and until the government has a thorough investigation into the recent developments in the court of commerce its usefulness is seriously impaired.

#### ORDER WHISKEY BY CARLOAD TO ENSURE DELIVERY

Montreal Merchants Cannot Bother With Small Case Orders.

##### SCOTLAND CAUTIOUS

A vast number of Toronto citizens who enjoy just a nip of whiskey before retiring for the night are going to be badly disappointed if they are depending on Montreal to supply the necessary lubricant.

The good citizen who always likes to keep his palate in training and has been purchasing an occasional bottle from a bootlegger will have to continue his custom, for the Montreal merchants are about to hand out to him an almost heart-breaking disappointment. During the past week, thousands upon thousands of dollars have been returned to Toronto citizens by Montreal liquor agents. Some of this money represented the value of orders for cases sent quite early after the Quebec city opened up, and the exercise of whistles by the receivers of Montreal liquor agents. Some of this money represented the value of orders for cases sent quite early after the Quebec city opened up, and the exercise of whistles by the receivers of Montreal liquor agents. Some of this money represented the value of orders for cases sent quite early after the Quebec city opened up, and the exercise of whistles by the receivers of Montreal liquor agents.

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#### UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND HIS ATTITUDE

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson, in his reply to the British and French premiers on the Adriatic question, adheres to his previous decision, that unless the terms of settlement are returned to the provisions of the agreement of Dec. 9, he "must take under serious consideration" the withdrawal of the treaty of Versailles and the French alliance from the senate.

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