

The Daily Star

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"Province Does Not Forget" Past Four Years Declares Joseph Archambault

NEW POLICIES MAKE ELECTION ESSENTIAL

Liberal Says Since 1917 Gov't Has Bought Railways and Built Many Ships.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The government, naively remarked Joseph Archambault, Liberal member for Chambly-Verchères in the House today, "has no mandate to make love to Quebec. Mr. Archambault's speech came in further debate on the address, a debate which members now are generally following with avidity.

He had spoken on declarations from the government side of the House, urging the need for greater harmony between Quebec and the rest of the Dominion. In 1917, Mr. Archambault said, Quebec was the "contaminated black sheep" of the "ignorant, prejudiced, priest-ridden province." Now, those who had slandered Quebec wanted her favor.

Demands An Election

"If you don't want the isolation of Quebec, said Mr. Archambault, Liberal member for Chambly-Verchères, you will find that it is not Quebec, but the government that is isolated." And, relating the old fable of La Fontaine, the fox and the goat, Mr. Archambault said that Quebec was not going to be a goat and let a "fox" prime minister run up its back to get out of the wall. "Quebec does not forget."

Many New Policies

The government, Mr. Archambault said, did not secure a mandate to enunciate policies with regard to the railways, Canadian merchant marine, the imperial conference and other policies of national importance. There was no discussion of these matters in the 1917 election, and he felt sure that the Union Government would have been defeated if the people had surmised that it was going to deal with policies other than the war.

Mr. Archambault sharply criticized the government management of the railways, and reading from the annual report of the president of the Bank of Montreal, declared that there was only one solution, and that the return to private ownership.

No Ship Announcement

Dealing with the merchant marine, Mr. Archambault said the minister of marine had not been elected on a ship construction policy, or a policy of giving contracts without calling for tenders. While other nations were curtailing their shipbuilding programme and were cancelling orders already placed, Canada, instead of heeding the warning, was proceeding to construct more ships.

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HIGHER WAGES FOR EXPRESS EMPLOYEES

New Schedule of Payments Will Add About \$150,000 to Annual Pay Roll.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—It is reported today that a substantial increase in wages, amounting to \$150,000, has been awarded to the employees of the Canadian Express Co. by the Board of Conciliation appointed some time ago. The award, which also embodies concessions in matters relative to working hours, is now in the hands of the printers and will be forwarded to the head office of the company in Montreal this evening.

Affects 2,500 Employees

It will directly affect some 2,500 employees. The board has been sitting in Montreal and was formed of the following representatives:—Mr. F. H. McLaughlin, Toronto, acting for the company; Mr. James C. Gustin, also of Toronto, acting for the employees, who are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, and Mr. G. E. Gillen, Toronto, chairman. The report, it is understood from a reliable source, was unanimous.

A. O. H. of Toronto Won't Apologize

Suggestion Made by the Board of Control to End Trouble Fails at Last.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians flatly refused to apologize for the fire incident of the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Massey Hall, last year.

The order says so in a statement issued in connection with the refusal of the use of Massey Hall for this year's celebration. The suggestion of an apology came from the board of control, which heard a delegation of the concert committee of the order. The committee had been told that Massey Hall trustees would not lease the hall unless the city approved. Then the suggestion of apology was made to the committee as a way out of the difficulty.

Postal Theft Case Is Not Concluded

Moncton Trial Not Likely to End for Day or Two Yet.

Moncton, Feb. 23.—At today's session of the Westmorland County Circuit Court, Judge Chandler presiding, the case of Wm. A. Palmer, charged with theft from His Majesty's mails was continued from the previous day. The evidence of the Crown, which was conducted by Mr. Talbot, of Sunny Brae, and Stead Henderson, Wheatland Buxton, of the Moncton post office staff, was that of Mr. McWhinney, of Summerside. When court adjourned the crown had not finished its case which was expected to occupy the most of tomorrow.

UNEMPLOYED IN MONTREAL ASK FOR AID

Request City to Pay \$7 to Single; \$12 to Married Men Weekly.

THIS IN ADDITION TO THEIR RENTAL

Chairman Declines to Consider Demand When Presented by Delegation.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—Demands for unemployment doles were rejected yesterday when presented to R. N. Desary, chairman of the Administrative Commission. The request was made by a delegation of ten men who had been selected to represent 500 out-of-workers who were then massed outside the western entrance to the City Hall.

Marched to City Hall.

These men had held a meeting at the Labor Temple, St. Dominique street, after which they marched to the City Hall. Delegates presented the parade from the steps into the municipal building and on invitation of Mr. Desary ten men were selected to present their demands.

The Demand.

"Inasmuch as the Minister of Labor at Ottawa has declared that it is the duty of the state to provide for unemployment, and has further declared that the city of Montreal was not fulfilling its obligations in this respect; and inasmuch as the Federal Government has advised that all municipalities take definite action in this matter, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the unemployed of Montreal, demand that the city of Montreal pay to every unemployed man in this city the following scale: \$7 plus rental to every single man per week; \$12 plus rental to every married man with the addition of \$3 for every child.

Second Reading For Unemployment Bill

London, Feb. 23.—After considerable criticism from the Laborites regarding its inadequacy the government bill increasing unemployment insurance payments passed its second reading in the House of Commons today under a clause motion, which was carried 148 to 58. John Robert Clynes had previously declared that the laborites would abstain from voting.

Earlier in the day Mr. Clynes introduced a bill dealing with the unemployment problem in accordance with the Labor Party's views. This being a private measure, it had no chance of being carried.

Great Church Ablaze

Fire in World Famous Church at Loreto, the Chiesa Bella, Casa Santa, Destroyed the Altar and the Statue of the Virgin.

Roma, Feb. 23.—Fire in the world famous church at Loreto, the Chiesa Bella, Casa Santa, destroyed the altar and the statue of the Virgin, says a dispatch from Loreto today. The fire was caused by a short circuit.

PHONOGRAPH WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Close Contest in All the Races But Two Victors Are Picked at Last.

NEW PHONOGRAPH OFFER IS MADE

Another Big Announcement in Standard's Prize Contest to Be Made Tomorrow.

Several weeks ago The Standard made the announcement that two magnificent \$250.00 Starr Phonographs would be given away to two contestants (1 in each district) who turned in the greatest amount of money for subscriptions collected by midnight, Saturday, Feb. 19th.

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MANY THREATS TO "GET" SPRACKLIN

Preacher-Inspector Goes Into Witness Box in His Own Defence.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 23.—The climax in the Spracklin manslaughter case was reached here tonight when the stand in his own defence at 7 p.m. The defence evidence was started this afternoon and was mainly perfunctory. The only points brought out was the statement that Trumble had made threats against the pastor's life and that he owned a revolver and was in the habit of carrying it.

Witnesses declared that Trumble had a revolver and was in the habit of carrying it. The witness declared that he had seen Trumble with a revolver in his hand immediately after the shooting, and the statement of Mark Heaton, Spracklin's aide, that he saw a revolver holster on Trumble's person as he was lying on the floor in a dazed condition and a revolver on the floor beside him. Both Bannion and Heaton were called as Crown witnesses, although Heaton was not examined by the Crown.

IRISH MURDERED THREE IN FIGHT

Two Policemen and a Woman Die in Ambuscade in County Donegal.

Belfast, Feb. 23.—The ambuscade at Meade Hill, County Donegal, last night resulted in the death of two policemen and a young woman, the body of the latter of whom was found today lying in a yard. The woman had been shot through the heart.

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Boston, Feb. 23.—The drowning of John Boos and Wm. St. Marks, dory mates on several fishing trips, was reported as a mystery by the schooner Minerva when she came to port today.

REPEAL DAYLIGHT SAVING

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The bill designed to repeal the present daylight saving law in New York State was passed by the assembly today. There is a provision in the measure intended to give cities and incorporated villages permission to adopt daylight saving ordinances if they so desire.

LIQUOR BILL INTRODUCED.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.—Attorney General J. W. B. Farris introduced the government liquor control bill in the legislature this afternoon. All spirits and malt liquors will be sold by the government. There is no provision made for the licensed sale of any intoxicating beverage by private parties.

REDS ARE DEFEATED.

London, Feb. 23.—The London Times reports that it has received information to the effect that the Georgians have repulsed the Bolshevik attack on Tiflis and made 2,000 men prisoner. The capital is said to be considered out of danger and the strategic position of the Georgians is favorable.

SHIP IS RELEASED.

New York, Feb. 23.—Detained for 28 hours at quarantine, while health of crew sought, say typhus carriers in her cargo, the steamer Aquatania finally docked this afternoon.

ELECTION IN RESTIGOUCHE IS CANCELLED

Court at Dalhousie Pronounces it Void After Hearing Evidence for a Week.

EACH SIDE WILL PAY OWN EXPENSES

Case Will Be Carried to the Supreme Court of Appeals

Dalhousie, Feb. 23.—Judge Barry, who has been hearing to evidence for the past week on the Restigouche election hearing, rendered his decision today. No surprise came with the finding of Justice Barry as his verdict was in line with what was generally expected.

H. Hinds both returns of Sheriff Craig were void, the election void, and orders that each party pay their own costs.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who conducted the case in behalf of Messrs. Stewart and Dietz, whom the Sheriff declared elected in his first return, is not by any means satisfied with the finding and will take the case to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

By this decision of Judge Barry, Restigouche County will be deprived of representation in the next legislative Assembly.

SENATOR QUILTS GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT CRERAR

Senator Turfiff of the West Will Set on the Cross Benches.