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FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PROVINCE ASKED

Royal Commission Told Aid Needed For Settlers, Farming

Restoration of Dominion Subsidy for Agriculture Called Necessary by Provincial Minister

$100,000 A YEAR FOR ADVERTISING

Hon. J. A. Murray Urges Drive for Immigrants; Issuing of Return Tickets Only to Harvesters Recommended; Encouragement of Fish and Coal Industries Requested

THE CASE for New Brunswick was elaborated this morning before the Royal Commission, sitting to hear the claims of the Maritime Provinces for a carrying out of the Confederation pact by a number of witnesses. A restoration of the federal grant to agriculture was urged by Hon. Lewis Smith, Provincial Minister of Agriculture; Hon. J. A. Murray, Superintendent of Immigration, recommended a grant of $100,000 a year for the purpose of adequately advertising the advantages of the provinces and placing settlers on the farms here. A. N. McLean advocated the removal of the sales tax on sardines and the making of the duty on imported canned fish an ad valorem instead of a straight duty. A. D. Taylor asked that the sub-vention of 50 cents a ton on New Brunswick coal be restored and made applicable to short hauls, and W. S. Fisher made a plea for equipment of the ports of these provinces and the compulsory routing of Canadian trade through these ports.

The chairman of the Commission, Sir Andrew Duncan, said the work of the Commission would have been greatly aided if their request for a summary of the evidence which it was proposed to submit had been complied with.

HON. LEWIS SMITH

The first witness was Hon. Lewis Smith, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, who said that the chief difficulty in his department was lack of money, the withdrawal of the federal subsidy crippling the work of the department. Up to three or four years ago the department received from $40,000 to $65,000. If this amount was now available, encouragement would be given to the live stock industry. Another difficulty under which the province labored was the harvest excursions, which gave a cheap rate going west, but did not give the return at the same rate. He thought if a return ticket was obtainable at the same rate, it would help to bring them back.

These excursions took young men out of the province at a time when they were needed here.

He suggested that nothing but return tickets be sold to harvesters.

The minister said the striking posters advertising these excursions were seen by immigrants coming in, and induced them to leave this province and go west.

OPPORTUNITIES HERE

Hon. Mr. Smith said if a young man really wanted to work he need not go to the west for employment; he could find it here; and that while this situation was so, he objected to the railways and the Dominion government advertising here for settlers for the West.

Asked what would be done with the federal grant if it was given the province, Mr. Smith said a part would be spent on agricultural education.

In answer to Sir Andrew, he said the province now conducted short courses for agricultural students, but it would be much better if the courses could be longer.

The minister said there was in the province about 26,000 farms of more than 50 acres each, but could not give any figures as to the number of men employed.

HON J. A. MURRAY.

Hon. J. A. Murray, superintendent of immigration for the province, said the province had for years labored under a great disability in the advertising overseas as compared with the western provinces, the emphasis being placed on the west as the place in Canada for settlers to go to.

In answer Sir Andrew asked what had been done by the province to impress on the federal immigration department the injustices complained of. Mr. Murray said immigration was a federal matter and the province was dependent on them, but the matter had been called to their attention at various times.

Since taking over his present office he had been in correspondence with every immigration agency in the British Isles and Scandinavian countries and they all asked for information.

He referred to the farm settlement board which had bought 475 farms for our own people and settlers from overseas of these 80 per cent. had been sold to New Brunswick families and 299 of them had been fully paid for.

IMMIGRANTS NEEDED.

Mr. Murray said New Brunswick needed immigrants with a small amount of capital, a minimum of £100 being required.

The farms were sold on a cash payment of 25 per cent. on farms under $1,000 and 35 per cent. on farms from $1,000 to $3,000. The total capital investment on the average farm was about $2,500, and this was the class of immigrant the province was trying to get.

The province last year sent a representative to the Scandinavian countries and his visit was being followed up, but the province needed financial aid from the Federal Government and $100,000 a year was an amount which he considered as fair for this purpose.

In answer to Sir Andrew the witness said, if there was the proper cooperation between the provinces and Ottawa the difficulty in regard to advertising the advantages of the Maritimes would be largely overcome.

Sir Andrew asked how many people the province could absorb each year. Mr. Murray said last year there had come in 791, of whom 555 were from the British Isles and Scandinavian countries, and the rest from the United States. Under the scheme adopted by the province they could absorb about 200 families yearly.

Mr. Murray said the provincial schools were teaching elementary agriculture, with a view to interesting our own people in settling on the land.

A. N. McLEAN TESTIFIES

A. N. McLean, president of Connors Bros., Ltd., sardine packers, was heard for the fishing industry.

He said the Connors' plant was the last of a score of sardine plants which operated along the shores of the Bay of Fundy 30 years ago.

He advocated the organizing of the fish industry along the same lines as the great packers had organized the meat industry. Connors Bros. were the largest sardine packers in the British Empire, he said. He objected to the 2½ per cent. sales tax on canned fish, and the high freight rates. Packers in Norway land goods in western Canada cheaper than his firm could ship from the Maritime Provinces, and this should not obtain, he said. At present Norwegian packers were able to land goods in western Canada 21 cents a case cheaper than the Maritime Provinces firms.

PROTECTION NEEDED

Mr. McLean said if this country was to have protection it should apply to the Maritime Province industries. In 1885 there had been a duty of $2 a case placed on imported sardines and this should be brought up to the value of the dollar today, or the duty made an ad valoreum instead of a flat rate.

The price of the raw product was fixed at $10 a hogshead by the government as the minimum for export. This protected the fishermen and the manufacturers were entitled to the same protection, he said. Mr. McLead said the quality of the New Brunswick sardine was the highest in the world.

He said if the proper protection were provided so that the home market could be secured the plant could be operated at capacity and this would result in a reduction in price.

They asked the government to revise an antiguated tariff and bring it up to modern conditions, that the sales tax be taken off the working man's food

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Dies of Injuries In Jump From Train

OSHAWA, Ont., Aug. 3—Fong Din, a Chinaman, died in the hospital here this morning from injuries received when he jumped from an eastbound Canadian National train at Newtonville, Sunday afternoon. Fon was being taken from Toronto to Montreal, where he was wanted on a charge of illegally dealing in drugs.

Lady Astor Wants Daughter Neither English Nor American

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 3—Declaring that she wanted her daughter to be neither American nor English, but just what every other mother wants, Lady Astor, M. P. escorted her daughter, Honorable Phyllis Astor, 17, and her three youngest sons on a sight-seeing tour of Boston and Harvard University yesterday.

"The typical English girl and the typical American girl are equally horrible," the quick spoken Virginian declared. "Your 100 per cent. American is a rather awful creature. I want my girl to be, as every mother does, that fine type of woman who is above national prejudices."

Lady Astor was positive in her conviction that prohibition is here to stay in America. Terming it "A step toward moral attainment," she answered objections with references to the growth of saving deposits and general prosperity.

Evidence Stolen In Jersey Murder Case; Prosecutor Perturbed

Action Now Needed

AN EDITORIAL IN THE FINANCIAL POST

ALL THE spouting of well-meaning platform performers counts for nothing when demands for national unity are not given some practical attention, in the form of measures that will find the economic solution to sectional discontent in Canada.

Saint John people, for instance, are not much impressed by idle pleas to use Canadian ports when the Canadian government operates a practically free port in a foreign country in direct and immediate competition with Saint John, where port fees are charged.

The Canadian National Railways provide wharf and warehouse accommodation at Portland, free of charge, for all steamers doing business with that railway. Competition evidently makes this necessary. They provide similar free accommodation at Saint John, to the extent of two berths owned by the railway, but the accommodation at these two berths is so limited that very few shippers are able to take advantage of the privilege. They are forced, therefore, to dock at berths owned by the city of Saint John, or by the Dominion government, and where charges are assessed against all classes of traffic.

Saint John business men feel that the solution is to make Saint John a national port. Negotiations have taken place with the Dominion government, but it has not yet been possible to arrange satisfactory terms.

The determining hindrance seems to be that the matter has been viewed at Ottawa as a routine, departmental affair, rather than as a question of policy, a matter of more than local interest.

Sir Andrew Rae-Duncan's commission is hearing many a story of economic disadvantages unfairly forced upon Maritime Province people. If the inquiry brings them lucidly before the public it will have served a useful purpose.

Indiana Boy Is Burned At Stake By Pals

United Press

WHITING, Ind., Aug. 3—George Cannac, nine, is dead, the victim of his playfellows, who "burned him at the stake." He died before rescuers could reach him. The group of playmates decided upon George as the captive to be burned in the "Indian pageant." He was tied to a stake, but the fire wouldn't light. So someone poured turpentine on the wood at his feet and on his clothing. He was in flames a moment later. Policemen were unable to learn the names of his companions, who fled, screaming, when the fire started.

URGES FIXED TERM FOR PARLIAMENT

G. G. Coote Also Would Abolish Two-party System in Canada

Canadian Press

HIGH RIVER, Alta., Aug. 3—The abolition of the two party system in Canadian politics, curtailment of the power of the Premier to precipitate a dissolution of Parliament, and the fixing of a stated term of office for a government—three or perhaps five years — were advocated by G. G. Coote, member for McLeod in the last Parliament, at a political meeting here Monday.

Mr. Coote urged drastic changes in addressing the meeting after he had been unanimously nominated U. F. A. candidate to contest the McLeod seat.

A resolution was adopted at the gathering endorsing a plan to make the United Farmers of Alberta a free and independent group at Ottawa, responsible not only to local constituencies but also to the U. F. A. as an organization.

2,000 RESUME WORK

Other Montreal Clothing Makers Are Considering Return to Labors

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—Two thousand men who quit work here last week when the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America called out on strike some 6,000 of its members, returned to work here yesterday. Five companies employing these men signed agreements satisfactory to the workers. Negotiations between other manufacturers affected by strike, and union officials, are in progress.

GENERAL MOTORS UP TO NEW HIGH PEAK

4,300 Shares Disposed of in Wall Street in Early Trading Today

NEW YORK, Aug. 3—Common stock of the General Motors Corporation continued its sensational advance on the New York stock exchange today, opening four points higher at 205, and quickly running up to a new record peak at 208½. The first sale was a block of 5,000 shares at 205, followed by a string of transactions totalling 4,800 shares.

PATENAUDE OFFERED MANY NOMINATIONS

Defers Decision on Jacques Cartier Request Until Others Heard From

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, Aug. 3—Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Minister of Justice, was offered the candidature in the constituency of Jacques Cartier by a delegation of Conservatives of the riding last night. The minister said he could not give the delegation a definite reply immediately, because he had promised to wait upon other delegations from several divisions which wished to offer him their candidatures.

"I have lived so abundantly in Jacques Cartier and been treated so fairly by its people, that I shall think twice before abandoning it and them."

TRURO BOY ADMITS STARTING TWO FIRES

Confesses to Kindling Barns When Caught by Chief of Police

Canadian Press

TRURO, N. S., Aug. 3—A 10-year-old boy today confessed that he had set two of the several recent fires, which have destroyed considerable property in this town.

The juvenile fireburg's work resulted in the destruction of two barns.

At the request of Fire Chief Forbes, Manner Wright, Deputy Fire Marshal of Halifax, visited Truro to assist in investigating the conflagrations, believed to have been of incendiary origin. The suspected boy was soon apprehended and confessed his guilt when questions were put to him. No explanation for his actions was given

FACES DEPORTATION

Scottish Girl in Toronto Must Pay Indebtedness to Hospital

Canadian Press

TORONTO, Aug. 3 — Providing Betty Roy, Scottish immigrant girl, who was ordered deported on account of being a public charge, can arrange her hospital indebtedness with the city officials, and friends will enter into a bond guaranteeing that she will not again become a public charge, she will not be deported to Scotland this week, according to the immigration authorities at Ottawa. She will interview Mayor Foster today, urging that the city forego at least part of the claim for $207.

PEACE MOVES MADE BEHIND MEXICO SCENE

Truce Proposal Is Rejected by President Calles

PROTEST BY U. S.

Obregon Announces Support of Government in Religious Controversy

Canadian Press

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 3.—Although the proposal of the Roman Catholic archbishopric for a truce in the religious situation has not been accepted by President Calles, peace manoeuvres continue behind the scenes. The manoeuvres may accomplish nothing, but considerable hope exists that they will.

President Calles, in rejecting the proposal of the Archbishopric, declared "that the federal government will only limit itself to act with the required energy to enforce the laws of this country."

What is considered as giving added strength to the hand of President Calles in enforcing the new religious regulation, is the statement given to The Associated Press in Nogales, Arizona, by former President Obregon, who announced his support of the government in the religious controversy. General Obregon is a potential presidential candidate in the 1928 election.

U. S. PROTEST MADE

What is considered here as a virtual protest by United States Consul-General Weddell, has been deposited with the Department of State. It concerns the taking over by the Mexican government of the Episcopal Church of San Jose De Gracia, last Saturday night.

It is asserted that the Mexican Episcopal clergyman in charge of the church, failed to register as required by the Mexican government, and as soon as this technicality is overcome, the church will be returned to his charge.

The transfer of Roman Catholic churches into the hands of municipality appointed citizens' committee, who will have charge of them during the absence of the priests, continued quietly yesterday and today, is expected to be completed shortly. When the work of checking up inventories of church property is completed, the doors of churches will be open and worshippers will be free to enter and pray when they so desire.

VALUABLES MISSING

The cathedral in Mexico City continues closed. The municipal committee refuses to accept the inventories given it, declaring that several gold vessels are missing. The committees have reported to municipal authorities that valuable articles are missing from almost every Roman Catholic church in Mexico City. The authorities have ordered an investigation.

Unofficially the theory is advanced that some church articles may have been removed by priests to their new homes or elsewhere for the purpose of protecting them.

A number of the priests although without churches, are remaining in their parishes. They are wearing civilian clothes, and living in the homes of relatives or friends or in boarding houses. They are prepared to officiate in a private capacity when parishioners need their services. Many of the clergymen are assuming lay occupations until church services are resumed again.

Some have left or are leaving Mexico, but apparently not in large numbers.

BOYCOTT IS FEARED

The economic boycott called by the National League for Defence of Religious Liberty for the purpose of slowing down business in an endeavor to have the government rescind or ameliorate its religious regulations, is having no effect so far as Mexico City is concerned. Business men, however, greatly fear that it will manifest itself here later. Meanwhile reports from many parts of the republic tell a different story. People in towns, villages, and some of the largest cities, especially in the central states, are wearing mourning and draping their houses in black, and eating only sufficient food to sustain life. They are avoiding amusements and purchasing nothing they can do without.

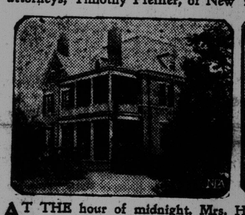
Both the government officials and the Roman Catholic leaders are pleased with the tranquility prevailing.

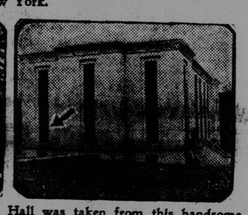
Houses Wrecked By Earthquake In Cuba

HAVANA, Aug. 3—An earthquake destroyed six houses and damaged nine others near Manzanillo, Oriente Province, early this morning. No lives were lost and no one was injured. The tremor was of short duration.

Minister's Widow Jailed

MRS. FRANCES HALL, the central figure now in the "murder mystery of the century," who is held for the slaying of her husband, Rev. Edw. W. Hall, and his companion, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, walking with one of her attorneys, Timothy Pfeiffer, of New York.





AT THE hour of midnight, Mrs. Hall was taken from this handsome home in New Brunswick, N. J., to the cell marked by the arrow in the Somerset county jail at Somerville. She was denied bond.

Fredericton People Keenly Interested In Taxation Problems Here

SAINT JOHN'S taxation problem, particularly that phase of it bearing upon the Saint John Assessment Act as the specialized instrument, is being followed with almost nervous interest by the people of the City of Fredericton. An act or system similar to the Saint John method is about to be employed at the capital, and judging from the reports cropping up through the press and from individuals, Fredericton taxpayers are bracing themselves for almost any untoward eventuality.

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DR. W. C. KIERSTEAD of the University of New Brunswick faculty, who was one of the framers of the Saint John Assessment Act, and who has made an exhaustive study of taxation systems about the continent, is said to have been prominent in moulding the Fredericton plan. It would appear from gossip heard in business and household circles in Fredericton, the proposed new law up there—because of its similarity to the Saint John system—is being anticipated with apprehension.

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COMING back to the Saint John situation, an interesting sidelight on real estate under the existing tax system is presented in the case of a gentleman desirous of buying a new home. He was offered one of the best residential properties in the city, a home made available through a death in the family, but upon looking up the house on the assessors' list it was found to be taxed just $2,000 more than the stiff price asked. In other words the prospective purchaser would be burdened from the outset with an overplus of taxes that would make his property exceedingly costly, a levy out of all proportion with its true value.

Famed Statesman In South Africa Dead

Canadian Press

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 3—Right Hon. John Xavier Merrimen, M. P., one of South Africa's leading statesmen, died today. He was boron in Somersetshire, England, in 1841, and went to South Africa in 1849. He was Prime Minister and Treasurer of the South African Government in 1908-1910.

Veteran Librarian Succumbs Suddenly

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 3—A. N. Young, veteran librarian of the Dominion Geological Survey, succumber to a paralytic stroke while driving in his automobile near Almonte, Ont., last night. He was in his 65th year. "Don" Young, star flying wing of the Ottawa Senator championship rugby team, is a son.

Restrictions Put On Papal Audiences of Non-Catholies

ROME, Aug. 3—A more rigid system of vigilance over audiences of non-Catholics at the Vatican has been instituted, it is officially announced. Before such audiences are granted, it was said, it must be made clear that they are not desired merely to satisfy curiosity. The applicants are to be asked whether they really desire to be received through a feeling of piety and respect for the Pontiff.

The announcement was made in denial of a report that audiences by the Pope to all non-Catholics had been suspended, after the refusal of some non-Catholics to kneel as the Pontiff passed. It was added that several incidents had arisen in which non-Catholics showed an attitude unbecoming the occasion, and it was because of this that the more rigid control was instituted.

STATEMENTS OF FIVE PERSONS GONE FROM SAFE

Simpson Believes Enough Left to Indict Three

SILENT ON PLANS

Convinced That "Pig Woman" Did Not Invent Story Told Previously

Canadian Press

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 3—Important evidence in the sensational Hall-Mills murder case, including statements of five persons uder suspicion, was missing today from the official files. Transcripts of statements made by witnesses in the initial inquiry four years ago have been removed from the safe of the warden of Somerset county jail, according to State Senator Simpson, newly appointed special prosecutor, who declared he was horrified by the discovery.

Nevertheless Senator Simpson expressed the belief he had sufficient evidence at hand to indict a woman and at least two men for the murder of Rev. Dr. Edward W. Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

DOCUMENTS SOUGHT.

One of the first steps would be to learn how the evidence disappeared, he said, and who is responsible for its disappearance. The warden of Somerset County jail referred all questions to Prosecutor Bergen of Somerset County, but the latter declined to comment.

Senator Simpson declined to say whether he believed the evidence was sufficient to warrant the arrest last week of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain rector, now free in $15,000 bail. He said it was probable that the only witness he would call in the near future, would be Mrs. Gibson, the "pig woman."

BELIEVES WOMAN'S STORY.

The prosecutor said he was "absolutely convinced," after an examination of Mrs. Gibson, yesterday, that she is not the type of person who through sheer imagination, could invent any of the evidence which she gives for the night of the murder."

The senator said that Mrs. Gibson told him she recognized a woman and two of the men.

U. S. ASKED TO STATE MEXICAN POLICY

Knights of Columbus Has Resolution For Action at Supreme Convention

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 3—Resolutions asking that the United States government declare itself one way or the other, in regard to the religious situation in Mexico, were ready for presentation when the annual supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus opened today.

Approximately 25,000 delegates from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Porto Rico, Cuba and Panama, were expected to attend the convention, which will be opened with a solumn pontifical high mass at the cathedral, with Cardinal Dougherty officiating.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high over Manitoba, and the Northwest States and relatively low from the Great Lakes eastward. The weather has been mostly cloudy, with local showers in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and fair and moderately warm in the West.

FORECASTS:

SCATTERED SHOWERS.

MARITIME—Moderate southwest winds, cloudy and unsettled today and most of Wednesday, with scattered showers.

NEW ENGLAND—Mostly fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate fresh to southwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.

TORONTO, Aug. 3, 1926.

	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday	Lowest during night
Victoria	54	68	54
Toronto	72	84	69
Montreal	76	70	64
Saint John	58	60	52
Halifax	66	70	58
New York	—	88	—
Char'town	66	74	60