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QUEBEC TAKES STAND ON PORT ISSUE

TRADE BOARD WOULD SUSPEND
BRITISH PACT IF NOT FULFILLED

Wants Old Country to Carry Out Terms of Preference Agreement Giving Canada Reciprocal Advantages

TORONTO HEARS MARITIME PROBLEMS

Professor Fay Sees Solution of Eastern Difficulties in Development of Own Resources—Urges Lower Freight Rates to Develop N. B. Trade with Montreal and Toronto

Canadian Press.
QUEBEC, QUE., March 13.—At the monthly meeting of the local Board of Trade yesterday, among several resolutions, unanimously adopted, was one dealing with the preferential tariff. It advocated the suspension of this agreement with Great Britain until such time as Great Britain actually starts to give to Canada the reciprocal advantages that were promised the Dominion when the agreement was entered into 20 years ago.

Use of Home Ports.
J. S. Royer declared that when he had been in Ottawa with a delegation of business men a short time ago, Premier King had informed them that in 1924 Canadian imports from Great Britain totalled \$102,000,000 under the preferential tariff and \$82,000,000 of these goods had entered Canada via American ports; \$10,000,000 had entered the country through Canadian ports, and 20 per cent. of this total benefited by the 10 per cent. preference accorded for the reason that they did not come through Canadian ports.

Maritime Problems.
TORONTO, Ont., March 13.—Before the problems confronting the Maritime Provinces can be permanently solved, they must be understood by the other provinces of the Dominion, Prof. H. Fay, of the University of Toronto, told the Women's Canadian Club here yesterday.

The Maritimes were relying overmuch on diverting certain traffic, such as wheat, to their ports, but the speaker believed that a more expeditious course would be the building up of their own traffic out of their own grand resources. These, he feels, they do not adequately appreciate.

Referring to Prince Edward Island, Prof. Fay said it was quietly prospering, because it developed its own natural purposes. Nova Scotia, in capitalizing its wonderful natural attractions, was brilliantly solving one of its problems, and the beauty of Cape Breton he compared to Switzerland.

N. B.'s Needs.
Dealing with the industrial needs of New Brunswick, he appealed for cheaper transport rates, in order to develop closer trade relationships between the Maritimes and Montreal and Toronto.

C. O. T. C. AT U. N. B. INSPECTED TODAY
Col. W. B. Anderson and Lieut. Col. H. C. Sparling Carry Out Ceremony at Capital.

Special to The Times-Star.
FREDERICTON, March 13.—The annual inspection of the University of New Brunswick contingent C. O. T. C. took place this afternoon. Col. W. B. Anderson, D. O. C., and Lieut. Col. H. C. Sparling also attending. This contingent furnished the greater part of the guard of honor for the opening of the legislature.

OWN THREATENED
Disastrous Fire Which Swept Connecticut City, Brought Under Control.

THOMASTON, Conn., March 13.—Fire which threatened a large part of the business section of Thomaston, broke out in the Weston Block in the centre of the town yesterday, swept through that block and the Webster block, nearby, set fire to the Glenn Keagle building and menaced the telephone exchange and other buildings before it was brought under control at 2:30 this morning. Firemen fought the flames for three hours.

Blackmailers May Get Lash in England
LONDON, March 13.—In the debate in the House of Commons, following announcement by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, home secretary, that he was seriously considering drastic new penalties, including flogging, for blackmail, Commander Kenworthy, Liberal, Hull, suggested that the house secretary should confer with the newspaper authorities with a view to preventing the publication of the details of crimes.

George Lansbury, Labor, Bow and Boney, said it was not the newspaper editors or proprietors who were to be corrected. It was the British public who liked to read "with." Lansbury expressed his complete opposition to the practice of flogging.

Henry Anthony Arrested on Charge of Attempted Blackmail
NO CUT FEDERAL TAXES LIKELY

EXPECT BUDGET TO ANNOUNCE FEW CHANGES

Some Revision of Customs Tariff Is Probable
REVENUE IS LESS

Receipts For 11 Months Off \$54,000,000; Expenses Cut Only \$4,000,000
Canadian Press Despatch.
OTTAWA, Ont., March 13.—No sweeping changes are expected when Hon. J. A. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, brings down his second budget next week. There will probably be some revision of the tariff but reductions of importance in taxation are unlikely. General trade conditions have not been so good as was anticipated a year ago. There has been a considerable falling off in revenue.

Drop in Revenue.
When Mr. Robb makes his statement the fiscal year will not have been completed, but during the 11 months of the fiscal year up to February 28, there was a drop in current revenue of \$54,000,000, while current expenditure was only \$4,000,000 less than in the corresponding 11 months previous. The net debt at the end of February was two millions more than on February 28, 1924.

Short Session Likely.
Yet while no fiscal changes of great consequence are expected, announcement that the budget is to be brought down next week, has set political circles agog with gossip. The announcement is generally interpreted as implying a short session, closing possibly by May 24. The main bone of contention will be proposed subsidy to the Peterborough steamship line.

Another York Co. Member to Retire
S. B. Hunter, 9 Years in Legislature, Says He Will Not Be Candidate.

Special to The Times-Star.
FREDERICTON, March 13.—Another veteran Conservative member, representing York in the Legislature, will retire from public life at the end of this session. S. B. Hunter of Harvey Station, announced to The Times-Star today, that he would not be a candidate for re-election this year, and he has decided to step aside for some other member of our party in York.

Speakers for McGee Centenary Announced
OTTAWA, March 13.—The major preparations for the dinner to be given April 13 in honor of the D'Arcy McGee centenary are completed. It is announced that addresses will be delivered by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. Rodolphe Demeure, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Martin Connors, president of the New York Bar, Chief Justice F. R. Latchford, and T. D'Arcy McGee, of Ottawa.

PLAN LONG FLIGHTS
British Air Minister Announces Scheme of Services Within Empire.

LONDON, March 13.—During a discussion in the House of Commons yesterday on air estimates, the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, announced that he proposed to organize long distance air flights within the Empire. The service would concentrate first on routes in Africa from Cairo to Cape Town and from Cairo to Lake Tzad.

ARMSTRONG BETTER
Condition of Nova Scotia Premier Improved—Must Remain in Bed.

Canadian Press Despatch.
HALIFAX, N.S., March 12.—The condition of Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Premier of Nova Scotia, who has been confined to his room several days, was said to be much improved, but it was said that the Premier would be forced to remain in bed several days longer.

Sends Excuse By Air Route
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 13.—(United Press.)—William Myers couldn't attend his classes at the high school Thursday. In days of yesterday he might have telephoned or sent a note. But William is a modern lad, attending a modern school. He radioed his excuse to the science department for delivery to his teachers.

COALITION NAMES MARX CANDIDATE
Will Stand For Election as German President—Simons Oath Scored.

BERLIN, March 13.—Shortly after the oath of the President of the German Republic was administered to Dr. Walter Simons as successor to the late President Friedrich Ebert, yesterday, Dr. Wilhelm Marx, Premier of Prussia, was unanimously nominated as the coalition presidential candidate of the Clerical and Middle parties in the forthcoming elections.

Government Ship Doing Buoy Work
New Mark Placed at Blonde Rock—Other Labor Accomplished.

YARMOUTH, March 12.—The Canadian Government steamer Dollard, Capt. Bayers, doing buoy and light house work, returned to Yarmouth this afternoon after spending several days at points between Yarmouth and St. John's. While out the ship replaced or attended a very large number of buoys, and among the lot was a new one put down at Blonde Rock, replacing the one which during a recent gale had its superstructure torn away and destroyed. Tomorrow the ship is taking up the spar buoys in Yarmouth harbor, which, during the winter months, and will put out for the channel, and will place a new bell buoy at Port Maitland, and another at the Larcher Shoal, and the Northwest Ledge automatic off Brier Island.

ACTS DESPITE FALL
Tenors Sings 45 Minutes With Fingers Broken and Other Injuries.

Canadian Press Despatch.
NEW YORK, March 12.—The jinx that seems to have pursued singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company this season, attached itself yesterday to Curt Taucher, German tenor, who narrowly escaped death when he fell 21 feet from the stage to a platform directly above the engine room during a matinee performance of Wagner's "Siegfried."

FREE STATERS WIN
Two Government Candidates Win Seats, Vacated by Nationalists.

DUBLIN, March 13.—Two more Government victories are reported to have been secured today from the elections held to fill vacancies caused by Nationalist resignations from the Dail. In Kilkenny the Free State Bolger, received 24,142 vote to 16,830 for Barry, Republican.

SETS HOUSE ON FIRE AFTER NEW TYPE OF MOTOR PROVES FAILURE.

British United Press.
LONDON, March 12.—Maddened by his failure to invent a new type of automobile motor on which he had spent years of his life and all his fortune, A. J. J. Gularid set the night in his workshop smashing a full size model of his invention to bits with a hammer. He then ascended to his apartments, wrote a farewell letter and let the building on fire.

SAINT JOHN
SINCE the suggestion was made recently that the city revert to the old name of Parrottown, there has been much discussion as to the desirability of so radical a change. Along with leading business men and citizens, The Times-Star is of the opinion that the best way at the moment to make the name of the city distinctive is to spell out the name Saint John, instead of the abbreviated form that has become so prevalent, and beginning with today's issue The Times-Star will in future use the extended form, already being used by many business houses, with the hope that it will become universal.

Tong War Threatens
\$10,000 DEMAND ON PURITY CO., WARRANT SAYS

Disclosure To Board Of Health Alleged Threat
DETECTIVE THERE
Biddiscombe and Stenographer Hear Proposition Made and Warrant Is Issued

Charged by the police with demanding \$10,000 for withholding information from the Board of Health officials which he claimed would put the Purity Ice Cream Co. Ltd out of business inside 24 hours, Harry LeBaron Anthony, until about four months ago a clerk in the employ of the company, was arrested on a warrant at noon today by Sgt. Detective Power and Detective Patrick Biddiscombe and will face the charge at a hearing in the police court either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

According to the detectives, Anthony is alleged to have gone to A. D. Stern, manager of the company, yesterday afternoon with his proposition. He is said to have informed Mr. Stern that the Board of Health had told him that if a single quart of milk of the company were turned back and put in the cold room for sale later on, the Board of Health would close up the business inside 24 hours. As his price for withholding evidence to substantiate such a charge, Anthony is said to have demanded \$10,000.

Manager's Statement.
Stern explained today that when a team was sent out with several quarts of milk, it was bound to return with several bottles not delivered. The practice of the company is to have this milk churned and not put in the cold room for sale later on, as claimed by defendant.

F. T. Tilly, milk inspector for the Board of Health, stated that not any official of the Board of Health had ever made any threat as claimed by Anthony. The board, he said, was not likely to deal with a clerk who had left the company when it paid officials of its own to look after this work.

Was Surprised.
Mr. Stern said he was dumfounded when Anthony walked into his office yesterday afternoon with his proposal. He was indignant over the matter and ordered Anthony out of the office, he said, but later on re-considered his decision, and, having the man might work harm to the company by his talk, he asked him to come to the office this morning and talk the question over again. He took the precaution, he said, of having a stenographic report of the conversation taken down unknown to Anthony and for further corroboration he had invited Detective Biddiscombe to be present. The detective and the stenographer were hidden from the others while the conversation took place.

As a result of his repeating the offer this morning in the presence of these witnesses, a warrant was sworn out and served on Anthony. The warrant declares that Anthony told the company's manager that in case he refused to give the money to him, there were others in the city who would pay the same amount for putting the Purity Ice Cream Co. Ltd. out of business.

Anthony, Mr. Stern said, is a man of about 35 years, unmarried. He had been with the company, the manager said, until about four months ago when he left the company on his own volition.

THOS. C. WIGGINS NOT IN COURT AGAIN TODAY IN TAXI CASE.

When a civic ordinance case, operating a taxicab without a city license, against Thomas C. Wiggins was called in court this morning by Magistrate Henderson, Wiggins was not present. His Honor said he had been given to understand that Wiggins was not in the city. He directed that another summons be issued, returnable on Tuesday of next week when the case would be proceeded with without any further delay.

SECOND SUMMONS
Thos. C. Wiggins Not in Court Again Today in Taxi Case.

MAY ENTER CABINET
Montreal Reports Says Dr. W. L. McDougall Slated For Portfolio.

MONTREAL, March 13.—The Herald today prints the following:—It is rumored today that Dr. W. L. McDougall, chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, is slated for a cabinet portfolio, and coupled with this, is the report that the present member for Gleggarry is to retire.

The Weather
SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high throughout Canada, while an important depression is approaching the Great Lakes from the southwest. The weather continues very cold in the western provinces, and northern Ontario, and quite moderate from southern Ontario eastward.

FORECASTS:
Winds With Rain.
MARITIME—Moderate winds, fair, Saturday, fair, followed by force night by increasing southeast winds with rain.
NEW ENGLAND—Unsettled, probably followed by rain late tonight and Saturday, rising temperature, from southeast winds.
TEMPERATURES:
TORONTO, March 13.—Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night
Victoria ... 42 48 42
Calgary ... 18 14 22
Edmonton ... 18 2 22
Winnipeg ... 14 6 20
Toronto ... 34 35 32
Montreal ... 34 28 22
Saint John ... 28 42 20
Halifax ... 30 40 24
New York ... 38 48 26
Below zero.