

Delegates To The Eleventh Annual Meeting of The Canadian Bar Association Now In Session Here



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SMUGGLING IN N. B. IS AIRED AT INQUIRY

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Lemieux Accepts Explanation by William Duff Over Alleged Statements; Probe Will Not Return to Halifax

SAYS REPORTER'S AFFIDAVIT IS 'VAGUE'

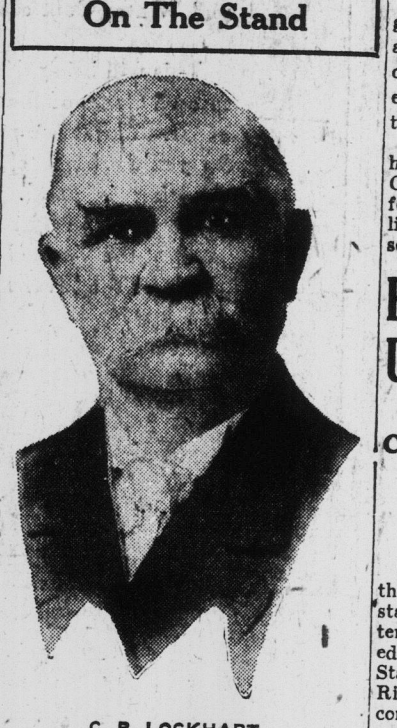
Local Customs Collector Advocates Reduction of \$2 in Duty on Spirits and Also Changes in Act; Inspector Hoyt Tells of Organization in Province

EXISTENCE of a "rum row" off the Wolves Islands, near the Maine border, was disclosed in the testimony this morning of C. B. Lockhart, Collector of Customs at Saint John, before the Royal Commission to investigate the customs service, which held its first hearing today in the Court House with Sir Francois Lemieux, Chief Justice of Quebec, presiding.

Laying off the Wolves, the rum runners were in a favorable position, Mr. Lockhart, said in reply to R. L. Calder, K. C., of Montreal, counsel for the commission, to land cargoes either in New Brunswick or in the United States. He added he had recommended a patrol for the southern coast of New Brunswick. Included in other recommendations by Mr. Lockhart to improve the efficiency of preventing smuggling of liquor, was an amendment in the law regarding burden of proof, and a reduction of \$2 on the duty for spirits.

An appeal for the "powerful and moral" support of the press of Canada to aid the customs Royal Commission in preparing a profitable and effective report for submission to Parliament to make changes in the personnel or for new legislation was made by Sir Francois Lemieux, this morning.

Sir Francois declared that he had received many requests from all parts of Canada to investigate matters at those points and that during the turmoil of an election there might be a tendency to use the Commission for political purposes. He strongly commended any such tactics and said he would not have accepted a gratuitous and honorary task he thought the character of the inquiry would be other than national in scope.



C. B. LOCKHART, Collector of Customs, here, who told of smuggling along New Brunswick's southern coast at the opening hearing of the customs probe today in the Saint John Court House.

TEXT OF STATEMENT.

The text of Sir Francois' public statement is as follows:

It was decided by the Parliament of Canada to make an investigation in the whole of the Dominion on the actual and past administration of the Customs. And the desire of the Parliament was that this investigation be made by a Judge chosen by the Judges of the Exchequer Court of Canada.

I accepted to conduct this investigation, because an eminent man in public life, Sir Henry Deynton, was of opinion that this investigation should not be held for political ends but should have a national character and be made in the public interest, in order to prevent frauds committed in the administration of the customs. I would not have accepted the gratuitous and

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It is asserted by The Daily Mail that it understands that the Home Office agreed that press comments made by M. Tomski constituted "interference in the domestic affairs of Great Britain," and that he therefore should not receive a British passport visa.

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GENEVA, Sept. 2.—Dr. Mionich, Minister of Jugo Slavia, is slated for the presidency of the Assembly of the League of Nations, which begins its sessions tomorrow. The temporary chairman will be Dr. Edouard Benes, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia.

Peace or Finish Fight Seen Within 48 Hours

By HERBERT BAILEY
British United Press.
LONDON, Sept. 2.—The next 48 hours will prove decisively whether the final or whether the miners are going to make proposals which may lead to peace.

FOSTER OBJECTS TO U. S. RESERVATION

Canada Representative Opposes Demand For Control of International Court

GENEVA, Sept. 2.—Opposition to the United States reservation that the statutes of the permanent court of international justice could not be amended without the consent of the United States, was strenuously advanced by Right Hon. Sir George Foster at the conference of members of the court considering the reservations here yesterday.

Sir George's position was warmly supported by M. Markovitch, former minister of justice of Jugo Slavia.

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Burglar Held By Dog Until Police Arrive

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 2.—Laddie, a collie dog owned by Constable Wm. Kennedy, of Cape Elizabeth, last night cornered a burglar, Alfred James Duffy, of Yarmouth, N. S., and held him until officers arrived.

Duffy, according to police, admitted that he served five years in prison at Rochester, N. Y., for stealing horses and three years at Thomaston, Maine, for robbery. Duffy admits three burglaries of a number that occurred here recently, the police say.

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USE A BROGUET

Cobham Reaches Port Darwin on Homeward Run From Australia

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The world's longest flight for distance flying has been broken by Lieutenant Challe and Captain Weiser, who flew from Paris to Bender-Abbas, South of Baghdad, a distance of 3,100 miles. They arrived at Bender-Abbas Wednesday afternoon, having made the trip in 25 hours.

The previous distance record was 2,800 miles made in a flight from Paris to Omsk, Siberia.

Challe and Weiser used a Broguet plane weighing four tons and equipped with a 500 horsepower motor.

MANCHESTER TO HONOR SEVEN EMPIRE HEADS

Freedom of City Proposal Passes After Row

MANCHESTER, Eng., Sept. 2.—A proposal to confer the freedom of the city on the seven Dominion premiers who will visit Manchester in October, while in England, to attend the Imperial Conference, caused an uproar in the city council yesterday before it was finally carried.

A Labor member of the council denounced the proposal as "wholesale giving away of the freedom." It had been urged, he said, that the conferring of these freedoms would bring trade to Manchester, but he was of the opinion that the freedom of the city was not for sale for a hypothetical increase in trade.

The Lord Mayor declared that he had made the proposal and if a mistake had been made, he was responsible. The proposal was put to a vote amid protests and carried, the meeting breaking up in disorder.

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ASSN. IN SESSION

Maritime Conference Opens at Antigonish; President Welcomes Delegates

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Sept. 2.—The fourth annual meeting of the Maritime Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association, opened at St. Martha's Hospital here yesterday. Rt. Rev. James Morrison, Bishop of Antigonish, celebrated mass at 9:30 a.m. and addressed the delegates. At 10 o'clock the delegates were formally welcomed to Antigonish by Rev. Lewis Maclellan, president of the Board of Directors of the hospital. Father Maclellan was followed by the president of the Maritime branch of the association, Rev. Sister Anna Seton, of the Halifax Infirmary, in a brief address. A paper on "Training of character in schools of nursing," by Rev. Sister Camillus, of the Saint John Infirmary, was read. A discussion participated in by the delegates in general, followed.

The sessions of the conference are presided over by Rev. Sister Anna Seton, secretary, with Rev. Sister Elizabeth Seton as president.

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Modern Dress Has Chicago Cops Baffled

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Bobby hair, rolled stockings and short skirts are interfering with the police department's attempt to enforce the 10 p. m. curfew for girls under 16 years of age here. After two nights of work among late promenaders, the police reported to their chief that they could not tell the young ones from the old ones because they all dressed alike.

CONTRAST IS MADE AT LAW MEET

J. E. Read Reports on Achievements in Dominion

BORDEN IS HEARD

Former Premier Urges Support for Nations League and International Court

THE standard of education in the law schools of Canada is high, as it is comparatively low in the United States, according to addresses and reports delivered today at the morning session of the eleventh annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association. These facts were brought out during the report on legal education, presented by J. E. Read, K. C., dean of the faculty of the Dalhousie Law School, at Halifax, and an address on legal education in the United States, delivered by Dr. Everest Fraser, dean of the faculty of law of the University of Minnesota.

At the opening of the session the delegates listened to a short and interesting address on international law by Sir Robert Borden, when the consideration of the report of the committee covering that subject was concluded. Sir Robert made a strong plea for support of the League of Nations and the Court of International Justice.

TAINTED FOOD POISONS 130 PIGNICKERS

Many Serious Cases at Peoria Christian Endeavor Outing

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 2.—One hundred and thirty persons were poisoned here yesterday at the annual City Union Christian Endeavor picnic. Potomato poisoning, developing from picnic lunches, is believed responsible. A list of 80 persons were reported ill, some seriously, while the remainder recovered after first aid treatment.

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New Zealand and Australia Satisfied With Empire Conditions, Say Premiers

By HERBERT BAILEY
British United Press
LONDON, Sept. 2.—Notable prominence is given in the London press today to the reports of speeches made by Premier Coates of New Zealand and Premier Bruce of Australia on the eve of their departure for the Imperial Conference.

Opening the debate in the New Zealand House on Imperial affairs yesterday, Mr. Coates is reported as saying: "New Zealand recognizes that in questions of foreign policy it is not always possible to give effect to separate views from all the Dominions, and conditions will arise where it is necessary that New Zealand shall leave the ultimate decision with the Imperial government."

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