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CITY GASOLINE TAX IS THROWN OUT

BILL HEAVILY BOMBARDED IN COMMITTEE

Only For Year, Says Potts, Speaking In Support

OIL CO.'S OBJECT
Mayor and Attorney General Have Passage Over Status Of Lawyers

MOTOR car drivers in Saint John are among the favored today. The proposed bill by which the city was to tax gasoline was dropped in the Legislature. Following close on that came the announcement that the price of gasoline had gone down one cent a gallon. Following the lowering of the prices in the United States the price here went down so that at noon today White Rose brand gas sold for 33 cents and Premier for 31. Funds remained as it was at 37 cents retail.

By D. LEO DOLAN
Special Correspondent of The Times-Star
FREDERICTON, N. B., April 9.—The municipalities committee of the Legislature, after private consideration this morning, threw out a Saint John City bill seeking authority to enable the City of Saint John to impose a two-cent tax upon gasoline.

FREDERICTON, April 9.—Opposition of a strenuous character developed at this morning's session of the municipalities committee, when the bill which it enacted would give the City of Saint John the right to impose a tax of two cents per gallon on all gasoline sales made in that city, was before the committee. Mayor Potts, of Saint John, spoke in favor of the bill, claiming that the legislation was being requested to provide the city with additional revenue.

ONLY FOR YEAR.
He denied that this bill, if enacted, would make it necessary for other cities and towns in this province to contribute to the tax. The legislation was purely local, Mayor Potts said. This bill would only operate for a year, he said, and would become quite evident that a provincial tax on gasoline would be in force next year. He argued that the legislature might graciously give this legislation to the city and pointed out that the province had taken every possible form of revenue out of the hands of the city.

OPPOSE MEASURE.
G. H. V. Belyea, representing the Imperial Oil Company, C. A. Conlon, representing the Canadian Oil Company, Mayor R. L. Phillips and Ald. D. W. Oils, of Fredericton, opposed the bill. Mr. Belyea said that every gallon of gasoline sold in Saint John would be subject to the proposed tax and pointed out that a great portion of gasoline sold throughout the province passed through the Saint John headquarters of the companies. He claimed that every action of New Brunswick would be effected by this tax and that ultimately the consumers would have to pay the tax through increased cost. He argued further that taxes of this nature would eventually force the companies to leave Saint John and added that the oil companies now had property valued at \$2,000,000 within the city limits.

AUTO ASSOCIATION.
J. D. McKenna, M. L. A., for Kings, presented another protest against the bill from the New Brunswick Automobile Association which claimed the tax was an unjust discrimination against the automobile owners of the entire province. Mayor Potts and Attorney-General Hand had a brief interchange during the proceedings. His Worship said Mr. Belyea was simply opposing the bill because he had been paid to do so by the oil companies.

LAWYERS DEFENDED.
Hon. Mr. Rand interjected the remark that he was "fed up" with such comments regarding the action of legal men before the committee, adding that lawyers were within their rights in accepting fees to present the arguments of their clients at any time. His Worship said he meant no offence by the remark.

The bill was finally referred to the committee for private hearing, but that the measure would be favorably reported to the House. Indeed, few bills before the committee this session seemed to meet with such strong opposition from members of the committee as the gasoline act.

A SURPRISE.
Most of the Saint John legislation submitted this session has been contentious, and when W. E. Scully, M. L. A., informed the committee that two other

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New Brunswick Man Named In Divorce Suit of Marquis of Queensbury

SALE OF MOOSEPATH PARK IS UNDER WAY

Roads Leading From City To Be Opened For Automobile Traffic Saturday Morning

AUTOMOBILE owners will hail with joy announcement made this morning from W. H. McQuade, provincial tax inspector, that several roads out of Saint John will be thrown open for traffic on Saturday morning.

THESE ROADS TO BE OPEN
Acting on instructions from B. M. Hill, provincial road engineer, the following roads have been declared open, starting Saturday:
Saint John to Welsford.
Saint John to Musquodoboit.
Saint John to the bridge at Ben Lomond.
The Golden Grove Road.
The Gondola Point Road as far as the Hillhurst Hotel.
Saint John to Hammond River Bridge.

The inaugural of motor traffic on these roads this year is one of the earliest in many years, but following detailed reports of supervisors of the roads in the area affected, the authorities have decided to let down the bars.

TRADE BOARD WILL SUPPORT COUNCIL

Federicton Asks Federal Cabinet to Take Over Part of City Wharves.

FREDERICTON, April 9.—The Federicton Board of Trade will support the city council in its efforts to obtain provision in the estimates for a portion of the city wharves and their reconstruction in connection with the resolution of the Montreal Board of Trade opposing the action was taken.

Loss in Fire.
Robert McDonald met with a heavy loss in a fire which damaged his residence, Westmorland street. He had the sum of \$100 in the pocket of a pair of trousers and also lost valuable personal effects including his wife's fur coat. Insurance has been applied for. The house, which was owned by Herbert Estabrooks, is not badly damaged.

INGLEWOOD CASE TO GO OVER AGAIN

Hearing Set For Next Tuesday is to be Indefinitely Postponed.

Hearing into the \$750,000 arbitration claim of the Inglewood Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., against the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission which was set for resumption on Tuesday next, has been indefinitely postponed by Mr. Justice LeBlanc, according to H. A. Porter, one of the counsel for the company, today.

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500,000 TO EMIGRATE

34,000 Families Plan Leaving Great Britain For New Australian Homes.

BRITISH UNITED PRESS.
LONDON, April 9.—Nearly half a million Britons will be sent to people a vast section of Australia within the next decade. The Colonial Office announced a scheme which is to absorb some of the surplus population of the mother country. Some 34,000 families will be transported. Land, equipment and training will be provided free. The Australian government will raise loans of approximately \$170,000,000 and the British government will contribute.

CRITICIZES N. S. CABINET.
OTTAWA, April 9.—Tom Moore, president of Trades and Labor Congress, yesterday criticized the Nova Scotia government and also the "narrow interpretation" of the Red Cross society regarding the use of \$20,000 recently granted by the government for the relief of Cape Breton miners.

SILASE. RICE DECLINES TO NAME BUYER

Present Owner Refuses To Make Any Statement

LAWYER IN CASE
Paul C. Quinn, Barrister, Acknowledges Deal is Being Considered

A report that negotiations are being carried on for the purchase of Moosepath Park, one of the oldest and most famous racing tracks in the province, was confirmed today. Silase E. Rice, owner of the park, acknowledged that the property may change hands in the course of a few days. He did not wish to make any statement regarding the proposed sale at the present time.

TOMORROW being Good Friday, there will be no issue of The Evening Times-Star.

LAUDS HINDENBURG
Ludendorff, on 60th Birthday, Passes on Banquet For Field Marshal.

MUNICH, April 9.—The nomination yesterday of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as a candidate for the presidency of the German Reich coincided with the celebration of the sixtieth birthday of General Von Ludendorff, who took the occasion to eulogize Von Hindenburg as "the best soldier in the old German army."

C.N.R. EMPLOYS MORE

Average For 100 Miles is 425; While on C. P. R. it is 416.

OTTAWA, April 9.—A comparison of employment on the two Canadian railway systems is made in answers to a series of questions in the House of Commons.

HELD FOR DEATH
Manlaughter Charge Against Survivor of Quare in Laprairie, Que.

MONTREAL, April 9.—A coroner's jury this morning sent Modeste Serre, 25, of Laprairie, to stand trial for the criminal courts on a charge of manlaughter in connection with the death shortly before midnight, on Saturday last, of Adolphe Delorme, which took place following a quarrel. Medical examination showed that Delorme had received a blow in the face, which fractured his nose.

TEACHER HONORED

150 Former Pupils Launch Memorial Fund For Mulvey at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, April 9.—Turning back time, 25, 30 and more years ago, one hundred and fifty men and women last night gathered in the "Old School House," recalled the early days, and paid tribute to their master, John H. Mulvey, pioneer educationalist of Manitoba, who died recently.

SIX LOST; 3 MISSING

Fifteen Members of Dutch Steamer Crew Are Saved After Collision.

LONDON, April 9.—A Lloyd's report from Flushing says that six members of the crew lost their lives when the Dutch steamer Jonge Catherine was sunk in collision with the steamer Clan Monroe, and that three men are missing. The dead have been landed at Flushing. Fifteen members of the crew have been saved.

Man Drops 1,900 Feet From Moving Plane
VANCOUVER, April 9.—Flying Officer A. Carter again demonstrated the feasibility of using parachutes in landing from an aeroplane, when he dropped 1,900 feet from a swiftly-moving plane, and alighted safely on Lulu Island, yesterday. On Tuesday, Carter made a jump of 800 feet.

IN DERBIDS BY \$100,000 OFFER TO PETERSEN

Donald Macleod Confirms Offer to Federal Cabinet

10-SHIP SERVICE
No Need to Build New Ships For Proposed Programme, He Declares

SAYS GENERAL VOTE IN JUNE OR JULY
Sir James Loughheed, in Calgary, Tells of Gossip at Ottawa.

CALGARY, Alta., April 9.—Sir James Loughheed, Conservative leader in the Senate, stated to the Canadian Press that the general impression at Ottawa is that a general election will take place very soon, probably late in June or early in July. Sir James said that his own personal opinion was that a general election would follow shortly after the passing of the budget and estimates.

THREE CHILDREN DIE

Succumb to Effects of Automobile Fire—Driver Badly Injured.

SAGINAW, Mich., April 9.—Elatine, 5, and Betty, 4, daughters of Lawrence Boyd, and Katherine Clements, 5, were burned so badly in an automobile fire that they died last night in a hospital here. Mr. Boyd, the driver, was badly burned in attempting to rescue the children.

11 KILLED; 50 HURT

Explosion Occurs as Fireworks Are Being Unloaded at Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 9.—It is believed 11 workmen were killed and nearly 50 injured in the explosion Tuesday on a lighter from which fireworks were being unloaded for the celebration of the feast of St. John. The force of the explosion destroyed most of the bodies. Forty-six persons received emergency hospital treatment.

2 BLOWN TO PIECES

Premature Explosion at Hamilton Kills Two, Injures One Fatally.

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Shell Explodes Prematurely in Bore of Italian Battleship Gun.

ROME, April 9.—The official version of the explosion on the battleship Carlo Duilio, off Spezia, yesterday, says it occurred during experimental firing. One of the projectiles exploded owing to internal combustion, and five sailors were asphyxiated, and 15 others suffered burns. The damage to the vessel was almost insignificant.

Burma Police Clash With Indian Robbers

LONDON, April 9.—A despatch from Rangoon, Burma, reports that Police Superintendent A. J. Jones, and a small armed party clashed today with a number of Dacoits, murderous Indian robbers who act in small units. The Dacoits were reported to have been captured near the Siamese frontier. One Dacoit was killed, three were wounded, and several were captured.

Ont. Church Union Bill Passes Committee Stage

TRONTO, April 9.—Following a long controversy the Ontario Legislature, at 123 o'clock this morning in committee of the whole, reported the church union bill which will come up for third and final reading in the assembly today. During the evening a number of amendments were thrown out to a violent argument which resulted in the bill being passed.

SIR JAMES DUNN ALSO DEFENDANT IN WIFE'S ACTION

Co-respondent in The Case Is Native Of Bathurst

LONDON IS AGOG
Notices of Two Similar Cases In High Society Published Wednesday

New York World Cable. (Copyright.)
LONDON, April 9.—The Marquis of Queensbury has filed a divorce petition against the Marchioness, citing as co-respondent, Sir James Hansel Dunn, according to the Westminster Gazette today.

PIT PONIES TAKEN FROM SYDNEY MINES
No Progress in Dispute Between British Empire Steel Corporation and Miners.

SYDNEY, N. S., April 9.—The transference of 50 pit ponies from Sydney Mines to Sydney for stabling, and announcement that at a mass meeting in Glace Bay this afternoon the acceptance of the \$5,000 from "Russian miners" for relief purposes, would be considered by the men, were the chief developments in the labor situation this morning.

TWO MORE CASES.
The other two cases announced in the Daily Mirror Wednesday are the divorce proceedings of Viscount Gort, V. C., against his wife and those of Lady Kitty Vincent against Brigadier General Sir Berkeley Vincent. Both men are prominent in military as well as social circles.

HERRIOT TAKES UP CUDGELS IN HOUSE
French Premier Assails Finance Policies of Former Administration.

PARIS, April 9.—Premier Herriot, suddenly assuming the offensive in the Chamber of Deputies today, made sweeping charges of faulty administration of the treasury against every government since the armistice, blaming them for the present financial crisis.

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THE WEATHER
SYNOPSIS—The high area which was north of Lake Superior yesterday has moved southeastward to the Middle Atlantic coast, and the southwestern low pressure is now centered over Missouri. The weather has been fair with moderate temperature from Ontario eastward, and the wind warm in the western provinces.

SHOWERS.
MARTIME—Fresh northerly winds, fair and cool. Friday, moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy, probably showers near the sea.

NEW ENGLAND.—Fair and slightly warmer tonight; Friday, increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by showers Friday afternoon or night. Variable winds becoming moderate to fresh southeast and sou'by.

TEMPERATURES.
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WINDS.
Toronto: 43. Saint John: 43. Montreal: 49. 41. 39. Saint John: 52. 44. 26. Toronto: 44. 33. 28. New York: 44. 62. 49.

Girl, Charged With Murder, Threatens To Choke Lawyer

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The orderly, threatened to disrupt an order superior court insanity proceeding against the girl today.

IN A FUROR.
In a furor yesterday the 17-year-old girl, charged with the murder of her mother, cut off the closing arguments of her young attorney with the remark: "I could choke you."