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### RHODES AGAIN ASKS REPORT BE PUBLISHED

Declares Government Would Be Justified in Giving Out Duncan Document

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 12.—On receipt of a message from Premier King carrying the decision of the prime minister not to accede to his suggestion that the report of the Duncan Royal Commission investigating the economic status of the Maritime Provinces within Confederation be given immediate publicity and stating the premier's reasons for so deciding, Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia today sent another telegram, reiterating his belief that the report should be published at once and arguing against the reasons advanced by the prime minister to justify holding the report until parliament assembled in December.

Following is the reply received by Premier Rhodes in answer to his first message on the subject:

"Duncan Royal Commission was authorized by the government under an act of parliament. The report was to

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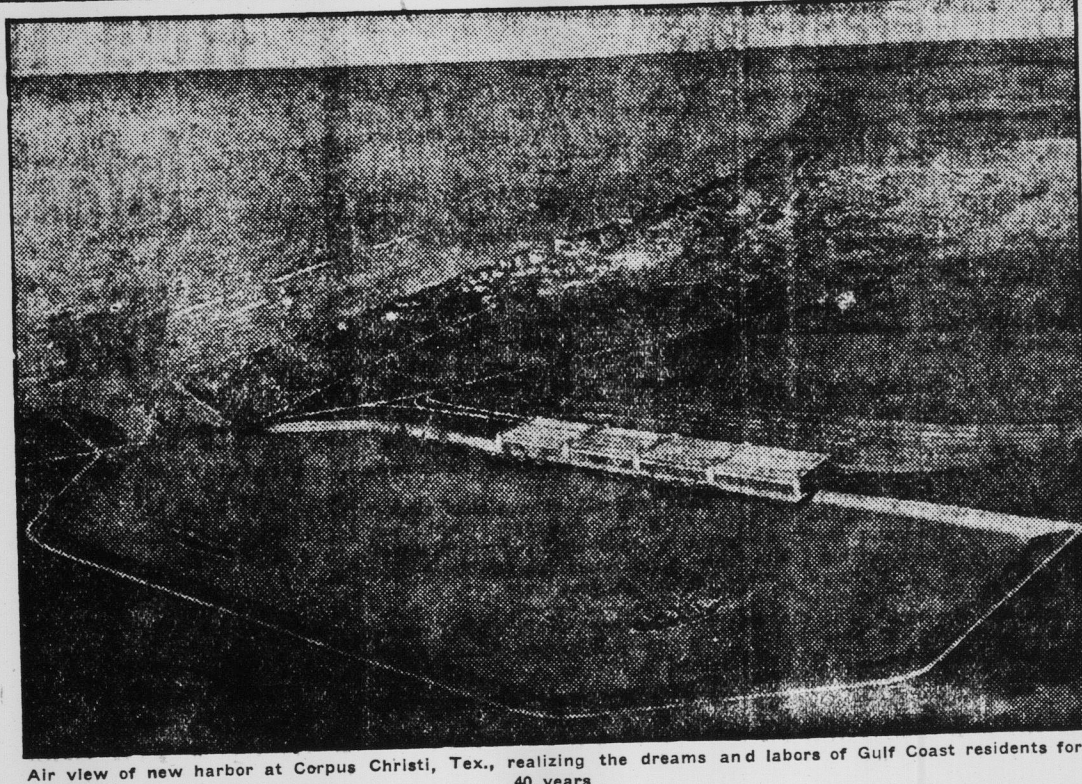
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be presented to and is addressed to the government. The expenses of the commission are voted by parliament. It is considered that the proper procedure in dealing with this report is that the government to which it is addressed should have an opportunity to study its terms and decide its action, and that the text of the report itself should have publicity by being presented to the daily elected representatives of the people in parliament at the ensuing session, which will be held shortly. "This procedure will afford full publicity in due course and leave no room for suspicion or distrust."

#### RHODES' REPLY.

The telegram sent today by Premier Rhodes to the acting prime minister, was as follows:

"In acknowledgement of the telegram of the Prime Minister dated Oct. 9, I have to point out that the Duncan Commission was created by order-in-council under the general powers contained in the Public Inquiries Act, and that in quite properly taking this action the government did not consult, nor did it ask for nor receive any specific authorization from parliament. You have access to the report, and I have not, but I would be surprised to learn that it is not addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General, as is the practice in the case of reports of Royal Commissions."

#### EXPENSES LACK BEARING.

"The question of expenses has no bearing on the matter, as these have been incurred and must be met in any event. But apart from this, and on its merits, I direct your attention to the fact that the parliament as such cannot deal with the report except it be by way of academic discussion, for the reason that to carry out its provisions involves the consideration of a money bill which can only be dealt with by parliament through its introduction in parliament with the approval of the crown. This being so, publication only requires the consent of the government, which doubtless would be readily granted."

#### CHANCE FOR PERUSAL.

"Apart from and in addition to the reasons contained in my telegram to the Prime Minister of Oct. 8, which I respectfully submit have not been met, the immediate publication of the report will afford all members of parliament as well as the governments and people of the Maritime Provinces a more complete opportunity for its study than would be the case when parliament assembles two months hence. Such consideration I again point out, can in no way prejudice the ultimate action of the government. On the contrary, it would then have the chance of an enlightened public opinion."

### SAINT JOHN DEMAND ANSWERED BY ROBB

Acting Minister Declares Nobody Authorized to Publish Duncan Report

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—The government has decided that the Sir Andrew Macdonald report on the claims and rights of the Maritime Provinces should not be made public until it has been presented in the House of Commons.

Acting Premier Robb today wrote to Maritime Conservatives in answer to a resolution which they adopted at a special meeting here yesterday. The resolution demanded the immediate publication of the report. Mr. Robb has replied that the Maritime commission of inquiry was authorized by act of parliament, that the expenses of the commission were voted by parliament, and that the government considers the proper procedure is to release the report for publication only when it is tabled in the House of Commons.

In answer to the Saint John Board of Trade which telegraphed Mr. Robb to know if R. L. Calder, K.C., one of the customs inquiry counsel, was authorized to discuss the Duncan report in a public speech, Mr. Robb has replied that the government has authorized nobody to publish any part of the report, and that his attention has not been drawn to any public reference by Mr. Calder to the Maritimes report. He adds that the report was handed in to the former government on the eve of its departure from office and that the present government had not had time to consider it properly.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The "Y" Jinx Club of the Y. W. C. A. at its first meeting of the season, held this week, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Miss Myra Fowler, vice-president, Miss Mary Gray, secretary, Miss Norma Farlee. Committees were appointed also. One committee was named to complete plans for the rose festival and another committee was appointed to prepare the season's program for the club, which is looking forward to much activity and splendid success.

### LADY E. DIMSDALE IS DECLARED SUICIDE

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Suicide while of unclouded mind was the coroner's inquest verdict today of Lady Elizabeth Dimsdale, who died recently in a London hotel after taking poison.

She was the widow of Sir John Dimsdale, son of a former Lord Mayor of London.

Sir John took his own life by shooting in 1923. Later in the same year Lady Elizabeth was charged with attempting suicide by drowning in the sea off Whitstable.

Lady Elizabeth had complained of poverty.

### WILL BE HEARD IN CITY NEXT SUNDAY

Three Prominent Clergymen Are Coming to Saint John Week-end

Three distinguished clergymen will spend the week-end in Saint John and will be heard in city pulpits.

Very Rev. James Harvey, D.D., of Edinburgh, Scotland, has come to Canada to be one of the chief speakers at the series of Dominion and World Service Conferences of the United Church of Canada now being held in different centres throughout the country. Dr. Harvey is one of the most distinguished ministers of the United Free Church of Scotland, and was Moderator in 1925, and since 1919 has been the chief clerk of the General Assembly. He comes to Canada as a worthy representative of a great church.

Dr. Harvey will preach in Portland United church on Sunday morning and will take part in the dedication services of the St. David's Memorial Hall in the afternoon.

Rev. Robert Laird, D.D., is General Director of the Maintenance and Extension Fund of the Church, and is well known in the Maritime as an inspiring and outstanding preacher. Dr. Laird will come to Saint John direct from the great Maritime conference now being held in Halifax, and will visit the West Side Kirk on Sunday morning and Centenary in the evening.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, M.A., has spent many years as a missionary in Japan, and is also one of the speakers in the conferences being held. Dr. Armstrong will be heard in Queen Square United church on Sunday morning.

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### HON. C. A. STEEVES MEMBER OF N. B. BAR 50 YEARS

Moncton Magistrate Left Saint John for Moncton Soon After Admission

MONCTON, Oct. 12.—Police Magistrate C. A. Steeves of this city, this month completed his fiftieth year as a member of the Bar of the Province of New Brunswick, having been admitted as a barrister in the Michaelmas term of the Supreme Court, in 1876.

In the month of February following his admission to the Bar he moved to Moncton from Saint John to take up practice of his profession.

Judge Steeves, in commenting on members of the legal profession in this country at that time, said that many eminent members of the Bar then had offices in Moncton, and among them were the late Hon. Daniel Hanington, at one time member of Parliament and Minister of Marine and Fisheries; and a younger man, A. D. Hickman, who gave great promise of achieving a position of importance, but who died while still a young man. Judge Steeves and twice judge was also there.

In Moncton itself those practicing were the late R. A. Borden, later a judge; Harvey Atkinson, now residing in Victoria, B. C.; C. A. Holstead and T. B. Moore, among others.

#### AN ACTIVE LIFE.

During his residence in Moncton Judge Steeves has been active in many branches of civic life, and has served as an alderman and as a member of the Board of School Trustees. Fourteen years ago he was named Police Magistrate and Civil Court Judge for the city. In his career on the Bench he has tried all sorts of cases ranging from attempted murder to lying and larceny. Criminal cases have totaled 11,386 in that period and he has heard 23,381 civil court actions, a grand total of 34,767 cases. Last year alone he heard more than 600 criminal actions and nearly 6,000 civil court cases.

The number of cases has been increasing constantly. Judge Steeves said, from about 800 when he took office in 1918 to the present enormous total, brought about to some extent by the enlargement of the scope of his authority by an act passed in 1918 permitting him to try indictable offences.

#### RECALLS BENCH AND BAR.

Going back into the years Judge Steeves recalled some of the members of the Bar as it was constituted at that time, 1876, and those who were studying in Saint John, while he himself was preparing for the practice of his profession. Sir John C. Allen was then Chief Justice of the Province, and those prominent in Saint John included A. L. Palmer, with whom Judge Steeves studied, later a member of the Federal House and a judge of the Supreme Court; S. R. Thompson, one of the greatest orators that New Brunswick ever produced; Charles Brown, later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; W. H. Tuck, later Chief Justice of the Province; Sir Frederic Barker, later Chief Justice; R. D. Stockton, member of the local House and afterwards of the Federal Parliament; Hon. William Engley, member of both Parliaments, and of a Federal Cabinet, and afterwards Governor of the Province; C. N. Skinner, also a member of both Houses; J. G. Forbes, Police Magistrate in Saint John for 40 years; C. W. Weidman, member of both Parliaments; W. H. Sinnott, Clerk of the Eschequer Court; and, among others, Geo. R. King, afterwards member of the Local Legislature and of the Federal House of Commons, Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, and still later of the Supreme Court of Canada.

### LAW STUDENTS THEN.

Among the younger men, students and others, were included C. A. Palmer, son of Judge Palmer; W. W. Wells, afterwards County Court Judge for Westmorland county; T. C. Allen, Registrar of the Supreme Court at Fredericton; A. S. White, Judge of the Supreme Court, and probably others whom Judge Steeves said he may have forgotten.

In 1877, the late Judge Chandler, of this city, was Deputy Clerk of the Equity Court in Saint John; A. E. Oulton was Judge of Probate and William Backhouse was Registrar of Docks at Dorchester. In Saint John, D. S. Carr, who was known the province over, was practicing; R. B. Smith, at the same time as Judge Steeves, and W. A. Truman, who died a few years ago in Campbellton.

### CHAS. H. COBURN IS GIVEN PRIMOTION

Former Saint John Man Overseas With Famous Players Lasky Corporation

Charles H. Coburn, formerly manager in Saint John for the General Film Company and afterwards visiting here in the capacity of auditor for the Fox Film Corporation, who has been with the Famous Players Lasky for the last eight years, has been promoted to chief of the auditing staff for Great Britain and Europe and is at present in London installing the American system of film book-keeping in the British agencies of the Famous Players Lasky, Paramount Pictures.

Mr. Coburn is a chartered accountant, has risen rapidly in the fiscal department of the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and his election for the installing of the financial system overseas is complimentary to his capabilities.

At a banquet ten days ago in the Trocadero in London, which was set together of the British exchange managers, publicity and office executives of the Famous Players Lasky, Mr. Coburn was extended a very cordial welcome. Being the son of an Englishman he received a double welcome.

Saint John friends are delighted to learn of Mr. Coburn's success. When in Saint John a few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Coburn and family resided in Garden street. Saint John is the home of Mrs. Coburn, who was formerly Miss Alice Golding, daughter of the late J. N. Golding.

#### MEETING POSTPONED.

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