

EXTENSION OF HARBOUR FACILITIES

Strong Representations Will be Made by Members of Parliament Who Came Here.

URGING NECESSITY FOR HARBOUR WORK

Government to be Interviewed and the Need of Early Attention to the Matter to be Impressed Upon Them.

Ottawa, March 22.—There will be presented to the Federal Cabinet today a resolution signed by twenty-five members of Parliament who, a few days ago, paid a visit to St. John, setting forth their views with respect to the extension of the harbour. The resolution is a work of local importance, but of truly national importance. That in this plan of development the extension of the Negro Point break-water from Partridge Island, resulting in the closing of the western channel, is the most important public undertaking in Canada today, and that irrespective of all other demands upon the treasury of this country, this enterprise should be undertaken with the least possible delay. The necessity of providing sufficient accommodation for the proper handling of Canada's commerce through the port of St. John during the winter months cannot be over-estimated, in the opinion of these representatives, and they will urge upon the government the advisability of taking immediate steps towards the construction of a break-water, and of considering at the earliest possible opportunity such plans as may seem advisable with respect to other national work at that port.

This resolution, upon which it is confidently hoped the government will take early action, is the direct result of the visit to St. John ten days ago of a party of Western members arranged by Mr. R. W. Wilmore, M. P. The resolution was drafted and signed by those members without exception at the meeting held here during the latter part of last week, and those members in presenting their views took occasion during the course of that meeting to make it clear that no words can be too strong to express their attitude in this question of national development.

BUFFALO HEADS FIND READY SALE

Montreal, March 22.—At this afternoon's sale of furs, buffalo robes and heads were disposed of. The hides went at prices ranging between \$65 and \$150, but the heads brought prices from \$250 to as high as \$1,025, the latter price being paid by Edward Spear, of New York.

Following this there came a sale of thirty-two musk-ox robes, trophies of Captain Berrill's last trip to the Arctic, which went at from \$125 for the undressed to \$175 for the dressed. It was stated at the close of the day that the total sales amounted to \$614,712. Musk skins were leaders, with a total of \$427,599.

TEAM THROUGH ICE

Moncton, March 22.—Andrew Sutherland, of Upper Dorchester lost a valuable team of horses Saturday last while driving on the ice on the Memramcook river. The horses broke through and were swept under the ice by the tide. The team was valued at \$600.00. The driver of the team had a narrow escape.

PRINCE WALES HAS TAKEN A FIRM STAND

And Announces That in Future He Will Choose His Friends for Himself.

OBJECTS TO ANY CENSORSHIP

In This Regard—Not Being Allowed His Own Way, He Absents Himself from Dance.

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London, March 21.—Since returning to London I find the popularity of the dashing young Prince of Wales increasing by leaps and bounds, due to the wonderful success of his visit to Canada and the United States. With the fair sex here, as on the other side, he is a "perfect darling." As everyone knows, the heir apparent to the British throne cannot do exactly as he likes, especially when it comes to picking his own friends among the girls. Just before his sailing for Australia last Tuesday a private dance was given at Buckingham Palace for young people, mainly in honor of the Prince. The Prince wanted some of his best girl pals invited, and made out a list. Whoever it is that handles such matters thought it proper not to invite a single girl named, and moreover told the Prince so.

FUNERAL OF CORK'S MURDERED MAYOR

Attended by 15,000 People—Feeling in the City Very Tense.

Cork, March 22.—Fifteen thousand persons marched today in the procession escorting the body of the late Thomas MacCurran, Lord Mayor of Cork, from the cathedral where funeral services for him were held to the cemetery of St. Finn Barr, where the burial took place. Some 8,000 republican volunteers, many of them in uniform, wore the ranks of the marchers, who paid tribute to the memory of the murdered head of the city government, who was shot to death early Saturday morning by an unidentified assassin.

In the funeral procession also were the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Mayors of Waterford, Kilkenny and Limerick, with the members of the corporation of those cities. Archbishop Cullen of Cork officiated at the requiem mass in the cathedral.

There is a gravely sense of feeling in the city. Bishop Cullen has appealed to the population to preserve order.

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

Ottawa, March 22.—In the House of Commons today, Sir George Foster told Hon. Mackenzie King that he was not prepared to say at the moment just what may be added to the Franchise Bill already brought down. "I do not commit myself to say that there will be no additions, but at present none are under consideration," the Acting Premier said.

GERMANY HAS QUIETENED DOWN

Calmness Prevades Berlin and Leipzig—Noske Has Retired.

Paris, March 22.—Berlin is calm, according to reports reaching the German peace delegation here tonight. Part of the strikers have resumed work and the posts and railroads are working, but not the subway or tramways.

MORE MURDERS IN DUBLIN.

Dublin, March 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—There was a riot here tonight, in which two men were shot dead and four were seriously wounded.

DUCHESS GETS WHAT ASKED FOR

Duke Must Comply With Order for Restitution of Conjugal Rights Within Fourteen Days.

London, March 22.—The application of the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Countess Vanderbilt, for a decree for the restitution of conjugal rights, was granted by the Court today, with a petition of the Duchess, filed last week, as the usual appointment to divorce in this country. The Court orders the decree to be obeyed within fourteen days after its service upon the Duke. The couple were married in New York in 1895 and have two children. They have been separated for several years.

NO INCREASE IN PENSIONS YET FOR RAILWAY MEN

Ottawa, March 22.—In the House of Commons today it was announced that no provision for increased pensions for superannuated employees of the Intercolonial Railway could be made pending the completion of a scheme under which it is proposed to make uniform pension rules for all Canadian National Railway employees.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DROPPED DOWN DEAD

St. Johnsbury, Vt., March 22.—Israel O. Marshall, aged 62, dropped dead in a body to a church where a rosary was being recited for the soul of the murdered Lord Mayor of Cork, Thomas MacCurran. After the services the men returned to work.

SOME DIVIDENDS JUST DECLARED

Montreal, March 22.—Dividends have been declared as follows: Tuckett Tobacco Co., common, 1 per cent; preferred, 1 3/4 per cent, payable April 15th to shareholders of record March 31st. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Ltd., 1 3/4 per cent on common and 2 per cent on preferred, payable April 15th to shareholders of record March 31st. The Montreal Theatre, 3 1/2 per cent on preferred, for quarter ending March 31st, payable April 15th to shareholders of record March 31st. Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., 1 3/4 per cent on preferred, payable March 31st of record March 24th.

Japan's postal service is the cheapest in the world.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL VISIT RUSSIA

Sending a Mission There to Investigate Conditions Under Soviet Gov't.

SOVIETS PROBABLY RECIPROCATE

United States Has Been Invited to Join in Mission, But Has Not as Yet Replied.

London, March 21.—The Supreme Council of the League of Nations is expecting hourly a reply from the Russian Soviet Government giving the terms on which the League's special mission will be allowed to investigate the internal conditions of Soviet Russia. It is anticipated that the League's mission, which is to consist of ten commissioners, five representing the big Allied Powers, and five from neutral countries, will probably be headed by Fridtjof Nansen, presented his resignation to President Ebert this afternoon and the President accepted it. Other Cabinet changes are imminent.

BELL TELEPHONE CO. SPECIAL MEETING

Montreal, March 22.—Notices are out calling a special general meeting of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, at 10:30 a.m., on March 31st, at 10:30 a.m., for the following purposes:

(A) To consider, and if deemed advisable to pass and approve, by resolution, the report of the directors of the company to issue additional bonds and debentures to an amount of \$3,000,000.

(B) To consider, and if deemed advisable to pass and approve, by resolution, the report of the directors of the company to amend the charter of the company by increasing the amount of its authorized capital stock and to amend the present powers of the company to issue bonds or debentures.

(C) To consider, and if deemed advisable to pass and approve, by resolution, the report of the directors of the company to amend the charter of the company by increasing the amount of its authorized capital stock and to amend the present powers of the company to issue bonds or debentures.

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ANOTHER ARREST FOR RAILWAY THEFTS

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., March 22.—C. N. R. Officer Wedge today effected another arrest in connection with the C. N. R. thefts at Napodogan. Ever since the clean-up began along the Transcanadian, the police have been searching for one Grant, who disappeared from Napodogan when the first arrests were made. Grant was recently located in Campbellton where he was arrested and brought to Moncton today. He has been taken to Fredericton for trial.

QUEBEC MAKES A NEW ISSUE

Montreal, March 22.—The purchase of \$3,500,000 of Province of Quebec 4 1/2 per cent bonds has been made by the National City Company and Harris Forbes & Co. through the Bank of Montreal. They are today making the offering of the issue in New York at the price of 95.84, being on a 7 per cent basis.

THE FISCAL POLICY.

Ottawa, March 22.—In the House of Commons today, Dr. Michael Chark said that an article appearing in newspapers today stated that Hon. C. C. Ballantyne had announced that the government's fiscal policy would be brought down on May 1. Mr. Ballantyne stated that he did not say that a new fiscal policy would be announced on May 1.

THE INTERESTS OF MARITIME PROVINCES

Motion in N. S. Legislature for Conference of the Three Provinces Interested.

Halifax, March 22.—In the House of assembly today Mr. Torrey, the member for Guysboro gave notice of a resolution calling for a conference of representatives of the governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island to insist upon the rights of the Maritime Provinces which he claims have been neglected by the Federal Government through their policy of Western preference. Among the questions to be considered will be compensation to the Maritime Provinces for Western school lands; for subsidies to the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and for territory annexed to the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

MONCTON SEEKS NEW LEGISLATION

To Amend the Act Relating to Civic Elections, But Opposition Develops.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., March 22.—Proposed civic legislation introduced by Mayor McMonaghan and amended by the Board of Trade tonight. The City Council is asking for legislation to amend the Act relating to civic elections. The amendments propose to give votes to all paying a poll tax. At present the qualification to vote is that the elector must be an owner of property to the value of \$100. The proposal is to change the date of holding civic elections from Monday to Saturday. A third change is to amend the Act relating to the qualifications of candidates for mayor and aldermen. The Labor Council wants the qualification based on real estate or income. The Board of Trade unanimously opposed all these proposed changes and will petition the legislature to leave the clauses relating to as they are at present.

MORE ABOUT THE STEEL MERGER

(Canadian Press.)
New York, March 22.—The absorption of the Nova Scotia Steel Company by the Dominion Steel Corporation is merely a "possibility" as yet, according to Mark Workman, president of the latter corporation, who has been in New York for the last four days, accompanied by J. H. Plummer, former president and a member of the board of directors of Dominion Steel.

Questioned by the Canadian Press, Mr. Plummer said he declined to discuss the reported amalgamation, but did not deny that it might ultimately be brought about.

"It is a possibility, of course," he said; "such a move has been discussed on several previous occasions."

Mr. Workman said that control of Nova Scotia Steel was in American hands. "I will say," he added, "that I have not seen any of the American stockholders or their representatives during my visit to New York. My trip was on other business entirely."

Questioned as to the possible haste of amalgamation, Mr. Workman said that if effected it would be an absorption of Scotia by Dominion Steel, but declined to enter into a discussion of details. Regarding an announcement made by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, that the Government within a few days would officially notify the Dominion Steel Company that it would take 75,000 tons of steel ship plates, Mr. Workman said it would have no bearing on the possible merger. The Government order, he said, would amount to about 75 per cent of the Dominion Steel output.

LIQUOR SEIZED

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 22.—Last week a quantity of liquor, consigned to parties in Prince County and shipped into this province from the mainland was seized by the prohibition authorities. Today under the Doherty Act the magistrate ordered the liquor confiscated and handed over to the prohibition commission. There are 19 similar cases of liquor seized in transit, to come up for trial.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 22.—Last week two lads named Raymond Peters, aged eleven, and Patrick Sark, from the Indian reservation at Lennox Island, started skating with the wind on Richmond Bay. When they attempted to return home they were unable to make headway against the wind and had to spend all night on the ice. The dead body of Peters was found on the morning fifteen miles from home, and his companion living, but almost perished a mile beyond.

BIRTH CONTROL IS DISCUSSED BY BRISBANE

Should There be General Knowledge and Consideration of This Important Subject?

HOLLAND IN THE LEAD WITH GOOD RESULTS

False Modesty Blamed for Much of the Distress Arising from Poverty and Other Evils of Over-Population.

"To be or not to be" is never decided by the child that comes into the world, often not by parents, but left to accident. Birth control, enabling men and women to control family increase, is discussed openly everywhere except the United States, where it is discussed a little. The subject is reviewed in "Pioneers of Birth Control" by Victor Robinson, published by the Voluntary Parenthood League, 206 Broadway, New York City. This book gives no information as to the methods of birth control. Only a man sure of his wisdom, would assume responsibility for telling how to keep children out of the world. Men and women of highest character have both opposed and advocated widespread knowledge as to birth control. It may be that such knowledge now would be beneficial. There is no doubt such knowledge has been most fortunate in times past.

Birth control advocates quote Milton's "Paradise Lost": "Miserable it is, To be to others cause of misery. Our own begotten, and of our loins Into this cursed world a wretched race It lies as yet conception to prevent. The race unblessed, to bring yet unborn."

Dreadful stories are told of children, ten, fifteen and more born in city garrets, or dark cellars, creeping in the night, or a little while, then buried. Why bring them into life? you ask. Yet if birth control from the beginning had been understood, you might imagine Nancy Hanks and her husband, Lincoln, saying to each other: "Let us wait until we cover this dirt floor with boards, until we have one or two windows to let in the sunlight. It would be unfair to bring children into the world in such a place as this." If that conversation had occurred and birth control had been understood, the world might not have had Abraham Lincoln.

Life at best has been hard. Every birth has meant agony for the mother, ever since Eve's foolish sin fastened the curse upon her. Children are a burden, "hostages to fortune." The earth needed population that it would never have had if our primitive ancestors had understood birth control.

Are human beings sufficiently civilized now to possess the knowledge that has been wisely kept from them? If so, they should have the knowledge, otherwise not.

One thing is certain, human beings are sufficiently far advanced at least to discuss poverty. The human race is no longer made up of a few that read and think of many that dig and take their opinions from their bellies.

In Holland, birth control is public by law, with government sanction. The poorest woman is permitted to (Continued on page eleven.)

If all the freight cars in use on American railroads were placed end to end they would stretch continuously for over twenty thousand miles.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR Tabled

Includes \$1,250,000 for Improvements to St. John Harbour.

AND \$500,000 FOR DREDGING, MAR. PROV.

Total Estimates Show a Considerable Decrease as Compared With Last Year's Figures.

Ottawa, March 22.—(Canadian Press.)—After numerous revisions and much haggling, the main estimates for the coming fiscal year were tabled by Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, in the House of Commons this afternoon. They provide for heavy reductions in public expenditure as compared with the estimates of last year.

Last year's estimates totalled 990,000,000; the main estimates for 1920-1921 amount to \$537,000,000. However, was an appropriation of \$350,000,000 for demobilization, the provisions for demobilization in the coming year is \$35,000,000 with the exception of \$2,000,000 for completion of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa. There is no provision for expenditure on public buildings on capital account. The government ship-building programme, is reduced from \$20,000,000 to \$20,000,000, but there is an increase in capital expenditures on harbor and river improvements of \$3,501,000.00 to \$4,400,000.00 of which \$897,000.00 are re-votes.

The exact total of the estimates for 1920-21 is \$537,149,428.00, of which \$440,466,222.00 is asked for consolidated fund services (\$250,752,522.00 being required to be voted by Parliament) and \$19,743,111.57 authorized by statute) \$3,199,935.00 for capital services, and \$38,462,400.00 to meet outstanding and other accounts for demobilization purposes.

Some Decreases.
The net decreases shown by services, over all corresponding appropriations for 1919-20 are: Total appropriations a decrease of \$33,702,803.84; consolidated revenue appropriations, a decrease of \$11,233,453.48, and capital appropriations a decrease of \$40,022,750.16.

The appropriations authorized by statute require \$123,755,511.57, or an increase of \$25,924,596.68 over 1919-20; \$35,423,613.87 of this amount is needed for increased payments on account of interest on the public debt redeemed necessary by the flotation of the 1919 Victory loan; and \$49,928.91 for sundry other services, being \$170,000.00 for administration of justice; \$70,132.81 for pensions (other than the arising out of the war) \$100,000.00 for superannuation; \$125,500.00 for Ottawa improvement commission and \$25,000.00 for other services.

Some of the chief items of special interest compared with 1919-20 are: Railways and Canals, capital—the miscellaneous railway equipment is reduced from \$35,000,000 to \$16,925,500.00, of which \$2,360,322.00 is a re-vote.

The Welland Ship Canal vote is increased from \$3,500,000 to \$5,500,000. The Canadian Government Railways construction and betterments are reduced from \$11,121,681 to \$8,221,154, of which \$5,036,005 is a re-vote.

Railways and Canals income—To provide for a loan not exceeding \$48,611,077, repayable on demand with interest payable half yearly at rate of six per cent, and for construction and betterments in connection with the Canadian National Railway system (Continued on page nine.)

TOMORROW

Britain—The Savior of Europe

By COL. McRAE

An intensely interesting review of conditions of today in those impoverished countries where national bankruptcy, famine, anarchy and widespread indifference prevail.

All eyes are turned to Britain, which nation has never failed and which is today alone capable of lending aid.

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