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TIME TO CONFER FOR "SAFE" PEACE IN IRELAND?

Writer Fears Wisdom of Pressing Republicans to Wall

Irish Times Advocates Conference With a Neutral Chairman and Suggests Monsignor Luzio for This Post — Give de Valera a Chance to Save His Face.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 17. — The improved prospects of early peace in Ireland as a result of the utter disorganization of the Republican movement through the recent Government successes are leading many people throughout the country to question the wisdom of pressing for a fight to the finish, says a Dublin despatch to the Times.

"The Free State has some 12,000 or 15,000 prisoners in its jails," the correspondent writes, "and the problem of their future is becoming acute. If the Government insists upon a Carthaginian peace, these men will come out of the prisons cowed for the moment, but sullen and resentful at what they consider a peace of vengeance.

"More seeds of bitterness will be sown and the spirit of revenge will be kept alive by the women. Thus the children will grow up as in the past with a spirit of hatred for the existing institutions bred in their bones.

"There is a growing feeling that De Valera should, if possible, be given a chance to save his face."

As an indication of the prevalent feeling, the correspondent quotes the Irish Times as advocating a conference between a Government representative and the Republicans with a neutral chairman. It suggests Monsignor Luzio for this post.

The newspaper admits that the idea may not be pleasing to the Government, but says a conference is the only alternative to a continuance of the fighting until the extremists have been utterly crushed. It urges that the Government could not be endangered by such a conference, which might bring a "safe" peace—the only peace the nation can afford to accept.

Dublin, April 17.—The sweep of the Nationalist troops in the county of Tipperary continues and today in an engagement with Irregulars near Rosegreen, in the Cashel district, two Irregulars were killed and three captured. Of the Free State troops, one lieutenant was seriously and six privates were slightly wounded by bomb splinters.

FOUR HUNDRED FOR ALBERTA

Only One of These Emigrants from Loch Boisdale was Rejected.

London April 17.—(Canadian Press) —"In the embarkation of 400 emigrants on the steamship Marloch, at Loch Boisdale yesterday, all bound for Alberta, Canada, only one man was rejected," writes a Scottish witness of the embarkation.

"Ship loads of this virile race, nurtured in the Scottish highlands have gone out periodically since the beginning of the nineteenth century, but this is a vastly different exodus from the Hebridian community, people hiring forth of their own volition to a land of assured prosperity, compared the old days when families were obliged through deprivation of a livelihood at home to join in the westward flow not knowing what lay before them.

"The element of compulsion is not entirely absent now, but it is an element not of man's making but of a limitation of natural fruitful conditions in the barren western isles."

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following property transfers have been recorded recently in St. John County:—

T. E. G. Armstrong and others to R. J. Armstrong, property in Germain street.

L. M. Atwell to E. E. Brown, property in Portland Place.

Annie E. Johnson to Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., property in Prince William street.

J. Kingston to J. S. Parker, property in Simonds.

Hazel Miller and husband to L. M. Duval, property in Douglas avenue.

J. Russell to G. H. Moore, property in Prince William street.

Kings County.

Heirs of W. L. Belyea to P. B. Belyea, property in Greenwich.

J. W. Provan to M. W. Jones, property in Norton and Springfield.

E. L. Vincent to F. L. Buryer, property in Rothesay.

HIGHER PAY AT N. S. STEEL PLANT ANNOUNCED.

New Glasgow, N. S., April 17—A notice was posted at the Nova Scotia Steel plant yesterday afternoon to the effect that the laborers wage had been raised to thirty cents an hour and that all other wages would be correspondingly readjusted.

Believe Fake Mutiny Was Staged on Rum Runner

Authorities Think Crew of Patricia M. Behan Fled With Proceeds of Liquor Sale—Whole Coast Reported Covered by Rum Fleet—Declared a Menace to Navigation.

New York, April 17.—Belief that the rum runner Patricia M. Behan, found adrift with sails set Sunday morning off the Long Island coast, had staged a "fake mutiny" and had fled with the $200,000 obtained from selling a cargo of 4,000 cases of whiskey, was expressed by authorities here last night.

Crew of Six.

Halifax, N. S., April 17.—The schooner Patricia M. Behan, formerly the Halifax county schooner Edith Helen Verge, 89 tons, which was found abandoned on Sunday off the United States coast with bullet marks telling a story of piracy, mutiny, or fake, carried six men when she sailed from Halifax, November 16, 1922. They were Captain George Thor, whose home address was not given; R. Nelson, 34, Mate, of Sweden; Lans Gallander, 35, cook, France; and seamen, J. Johnson, 28, Norway, A. Berkman, 39, Riga, and John Hodder, 21, Newfoundland.

One schooner was discovered with sails set and anchor dragging, at the entrance of Great South bay, by the coast guard cutter Manhattan, in command of Capt. M. J. Ryan.

The schooner was brought to the Battery by the cutter. After a closer examination, Capt. Ryan said bullet holes and empty rifle shells on the deck indicated a battle, in which obviously the pirates won.

The opinion was expressed in one quarter that the skipper, his mate and crew of probably eight men had been slain in the encounter and their bodies thrown overboard. There was not a drop of whiskey on board, but in the schooner's hold were countless pieces of burlap such as is used in wrapping up packages of whiskey, and a great many empty whiskey cases. Sheets of paper found on board, one torn from a memorandum book, indicated that the schooner was engaged in the liquor traffic.

There was food on the captain's table and provisions in the vessel sufficient to last two weeks.

On the deck were many empty .44-calibre cartridge shells of British make, and here and there were found bullet holes which might have been from the weapons of the raiders. Ropes had been cut with a sharp axe and belaying pins were scattered about.

A leaf torn from a notebook showed that from Jan. 12 to March 27 last the skipper of the vessel had disposed of 3,918 packages of liquor at from $48 to $50. It is presumed that each package contained a case. The entries stopped with "Five cases of champagne" at $60. There were no entries of sales after March 27.

The field operations of the schooner was from off Bridgeport, Conn., to Keyport, N. J., according to a notation on the leaf.

Capt. Ryan found a 25-foot motor boat in fine condition lashed to the forward deck of the schooner. It bore the name of Maid of Canada, La Have, N. S., on the stern, while on each side of the bow was painted a blue flag with a white diamond in which was the letter "R."

One Name Scratched Out.

On the stern and bow of the schooner was painted the name Patricia M. Behan, Halifax. It appears to have been freshly painted on canvas and tacked on the schooner. Underneath this, partly scratched out, was the name Edith Helen Bush. However, customs officials believe that the schooner is the Patricia M. Beman, a schooner of eighty-nine tons, reported in the maritime register in its last issue as having left Halifax, N. S., for Nassau, Bahamas, on Nov. 17, 1922. Nothing was said of her movements since that time.

Capt. Ryan remarked that no British skipper would ever leave his vessel, as it is a tradition of the sea for the captain to remain even if all hands desert.

In the skipper's cabin were found 1,000 unexploded cartridges of the same calibre as the sheels picked up on the deck, but there were no guns in the racks.

Charge Rum-Runners Menace Coast Ships

Vineyard Haven, April 17—Captains of vessels that put in here are unanimous in their declaration that rum-running craft have made extremely hazardous the coastwise trade all along the New England coast, particularly from Block Island to Cuttyhunk. They are demanding that drastic action be taken to end the off-shore violations, not only of the prohibition law but of the laws of navigation.

Voicing of these opinions by sea captains has been especially emphatic since the mystery of the fate of Capts. Carmichael and King of the steamer John Dwight, which sailed out of Newport under cover of darkness April 4. The latest theory of mariners here is that she was shadowed by pirates, attacked and sunk. The bodies of eight men were recovered, but those of the two captains were not found.

Today the seafarers here were discussing the possibility that the fishing schooner Nathalie, which was lost last winter in Vinyard sound with all hands on board, was a victim of pirates, who mistook her for a rum-runner.

Several fishing boats this week will resume efforts to find the Nathlie's hulk. Some of these friends believe that pirates attacked the schooner, and when they found out it was a case of mistaken identity sunk the vessel with those on board to prevent their telling of the attack.

From Miami to Maine.

New York, April 17.—From Florida to Maine there is now operating a continuous line of liquor fleets from foreign ports, according to a report made by Alexander Williams, a confidential investigator, who has followed the prohibition and liquor running developments for months.

That these fleets do a tremendous business, Mr. Williams says, cannot be doubted. The biggest of these fleets are to be observed through mariner's glasses from shore and are located off Miami, north of Newport News, off Gloucester, Mass., Ambrose lightship and off Kennebunkport, Me.

"I have just completed a trip from Miami, northward along the Atlantic coast," said Mr. Williams, "and I found that so far as the importation of the choicest foreign liquors is concerned prohibition and all the laws which go with it are a farce. There is more liquor being landed on the shores of the United States at the present time than at any time since the prohibition laws were passed. Liquor is being run inland in trucks from a large number of chosen small ports and inlets and while the Government does succeed in making a capture of a liquor-laden craft now and then, it is not often and has little effect on the general supply being hustled ashore.

"The loss to the runners of an occasional craft and a cargo is a small item on the loss side of the ledger as compared to the wholesale profits booked on the page opposite in this tidal wave of liquor which is washing up on the shores of the eastern coast of the country."

Killed in Fight.

New Orleans, April 17.—A deputy sheriff and a prohibition officer were shot and killed in a fight with rum-runners at the Lake Borgue Canal bridge, near Violet, La., early today.

WAR ORDERED ON DRUG STORES

Prohibition Director in New York to Go After Them as Source of Liquor Supply.

Washington, April 17.—Prohibition Director Canfield, acting under orders from the Prohibition Commissioner, Colonel Haynes, will go after the source of supply of liquor in Greater New York.

It is declared that the prohibition unit has determined on a policy much more important than merely raiding cabarets and petty bootleggers. This policy is to reach the course from which illicit liquor is proceeding.

It is alleged that the most important of these sources are illegally conducted drug stores, both retail and wholesale. Prohibition officials here say that a certain class of drug stores in Greater New York as well as in other cities are in fact nothing but saloons, engaged in the drug business nominally to camouflage their real business. These stores are run by pharmacists. They obtain supplies of grain alcohol and other liquors under the law, and, it is alleged, proceed to concoct various alcoholic beverages and put them on the market through bootleggers.

The chief business of Director Canfield, according to officials of the prohibition unit, will be to camp on the trail of these offending drug stores. A system will be inaugurated of checking up carefully on all such establishments. It is said here there are hundreds of them in Greater New York.

This work is looked on by Colonel Haynes as of more importance than the business of trailing down individual bootleggers and kindred offenders. Division Chief Merrick is to have charge of this branch of the dry operations.

According to the prohibition unit a careful check has been made of liquor shipped from England and British ports and from other countries and that of the alcoholics actually consumed in New York. This is said to show that the greater part is made up from alcohol in the hands of illegally conducted drug stores, from moonshine and other wet goods that never saw the other side of the Atlantic or foreign territory.

DETERMINED TO BE U. S. CITIZEN

After Risking Life Twice Castle Will Ask Foster Mother to Help Him.

Detroit, April 17.—His second attempt to become a U. S. citizen having met with defeat but still determined to achieve his ambition, Leo Castle, 17, who twice risked his life by crossing from Canada to the U. S. via the girders of the International Bridge at Niagara Falls, was awaiting deportation from Detroit to Canada today.

The youth, who reached Adrian, Mich., on his second entrance into the U. S., was brought here by immigration officials today on a deportation order.

Leo announced he intended going to Edmonton, Alta., where his foster mother, a U. S. citizen lives, to ask her to bring him to the U. S.

JUGO-SLAV CABINET QUITS

London, April 17.—The Jugo-Slav cabinet headed by Nikola Pachitch, as premier, has resigned, says a Central News despatch from Belgrade today.

IS QUESTIONED ON EMIGRATION

Parliamentary Secretary Under Fire in the British Commons.

(Canadian Press)

London, April 17.—An unusually large number of questions were put to Lieut. Col. Buckley, parliamentary secretary to the overseas trade department, in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to emmigration. The first, which was somewhat of a poser, was whether the several persons serving on the Overseas Settlement Committee had ever visited the Dominions and Colonies. Colonel Buckley replied that eight of the nineteen members had not so qualified.

Colonel Buckley said that in the year ended March 31 last, 3,619 had sailed for Canada under the free passage scheme and 167 under the Empire Settlement Act. The figures as regards the other Dominions were 9,691 and 11,740 respectively, for Australia and 2,597 and 1,767, respectively for New Zealand.

The parliamentary secretary regarded as impracticable a suggestion that boards of guardians in Great Britain should arrange direct with the Dominion representatives in Great Britain for the emigration of small families whom they should be empowered to assist financially. The overseas settlement committee, said Colonel Buckley, hoped soon to issue a letter to boards of guardians regarding the various schemes under the Empire Settlement Act. He rejected a suggestion that delays in connection with family migration were attributable to any defects in the machinery of the Overseas Settlement Act. The delays, he said, were due to the great difficulties such as lack of accommodation for families in overseas country districts and also the question of maintaining families overseas while the bread winners were being trained in work on the land. He was studying this phase of the emigration question but was not yet prepared to make a statement.

Daylight Saving In Quebec Province

Quebec, April 17.—(Canadian Press) —The Quebec Board of Trade decided to take up the subject of daylight saving which has been rejected by the City Council and to study the formation of a Daylight Saving Association such as has been formed in Montreal. The matter has been referred to the general committee of the board.

In Montreal.

Montreal, April 17.—At the close of the meeting of the Montreal Daylight Saving Association here yesterday, a statement was issued to the effect that at least eighty per cent. of the Montreal business houses and workers of the city would go on daylight saving time at midnight on April 30.

Ottawa, April 17.—The period for daylight saving for Ottawa was established by the City Council last night as from May 13 to Sept. 29, inclusive. The board of control recommended from May 13 to Sept. 15, but council added the other two weeks.

D. D. For Professor Watson of Mount A.

Toronto, April 17.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was last night conferred upon Rev. Prof. Wm. G. Watson, of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., at the annual convocation in divinity at Victoria College.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis:—Pressure is relatively low in the middle Pacific states, Alberta and eastern Canada elsewhere it is normal or a little above.

Forecasts:

Mostly Fair.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, mostly fair today and on Wednesday, not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, mostly cloudy, a few snowfalls, not much change in temperature. Wednesday fair, not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature, moderate to fresh west and northwest winds.

Toronto, April 17—Temperatures:

	8 am.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	40	38	38
Victoria	46	54	46
Kamloops	54	80	50
Calgary	34	82	32
Edmonton	36	82	36
Prince Albert	32	68	30
Winnipeg	38	42	34
Sault Ste. Marie	22	36	18
Toronto	36	40	33
Kingston	34	38	32
Ottawa	32	40	32
Montreal	34	42	34
Quebec	34	40	32
St. John, N. B.	38	36	32
Halifax	36	34	34
St. John's Nfld.	32	40	30
Detroit	34	46	30
New York	44	56	40

One-Legged Man Out for Non-Stop Dancing Record

Cleveland, April 17.—Theodore Bert Sullivan, 24, is out to set a non-stop dancing record for one-legged persons. Sullivan entered a contest being conducted at a local dancing hall at 6.20 last night, and said he will establish a mark for everybody to shoot at.

NEW RECORD IN DANCE MARATHON

More Than 66 Hours--Eight Tripping Along as They are Sent Out of One City or Another.

Cleveland, April 17.—The world's continuous dancing championship came back to Cleveland and into the hands of Madeline Gottschick, at 9.06 a.m. today, when she stopped dancing at a local club after having established a new record at 66 hours and 6 minutes, beating by 18 minutes the record set by Miss Williams of Houston, Texas.

New York, April 17.—New York's eight one-stepping non-stoppers who have danced their way from this state to New Jersey and back again in their attempts to set a new dancing endurance record, despite the rulings of the law and ball-room proprietors, started a jazz journey to Connecticut last night.

Threatened by the police here they fox-trotted into a moving van, where a phonograph furnished music while they crossed the Hudson to a Fort Lee, N. J., hall. They shuffled peacefully there until yesterday afternoon. The police invited them to leave and they toddled back on to their portable dance floor, crossed the river again and went to a Harlem ball room.

Fearing that they would be found, they were transferred in a van again to the Connecticut town. All the dancers were said to be in fair condition. Chicken soup has constituted their main diet.

Undeterred by reports of a new time record of 66 hours and 6 minutes, set by a dancer in Cleveland this morning, the Tri-State Gliders said they would dance until they dropped on the floor.

The marathon record has been broken ten times in less than six weeks, records compiled here show.

RELIGION CALLS HALT TO SOVIET PERSECUTION

Indignant Protest by Heads of Communions in Britain

War on Belief Opposed — Appeal to All Who Have at Heart Well-being of the World.

London, April 17—The attitude of the Soviet Government toward the Christian Church of the world, as manifested in the recent execution of Vicar-General Butchkavitch and the condemnation of Archbishop Zepliak, forms the subject of an indignant protest issued over the names of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, Cardinal Bourne, Rabbi Hertz, General Bramwell Booth and other religious heads, representing nearly every sect in Great Britain.

Addressed to "all men and women of good-will," the document exhorts those who have at heart the well-being of the world and the maintenance of religious liberty to register their condemnation of the Soviet's actions.

Ruthless Warfare on Belief.

"The last few weeks," says the protest, "have witnessed a portent which has filled all generous-hearted men and women with horror. The ruthless warfare which the Soviet Government has long carried on against all forms of religious belief has come to a head.

"Hundreds of thousands of religious people and the ministers of religion, of all ranks and creeds, have been subjected to savage prosecution, the express object of which has been to root religion out of the land. The central facts for which religion stands have been systematically outraged and insulted. The most sacred of religious festivals (Easter) has been made the occasion for blasphemous travesty.

"The Bolsheviks themselves have not disguised the purpose they have in view. In their own journal they declared: 'We must carry on our agitation against religion just as systematically as we do in political questions, but with even more determination. Although we have declared war on the denizens of heaven, it is by no means easy to sweep them from the households of the workmen.'"

For the Sake of the Workmen.

The pronouncement then says it is for the sake of these workmen and the whole people of Russia, and for the preservation in their hearts of their faith in God, that the signers appeal.

"We represent many religious communions and many political opinions," it goes on, "but we are united in the indignation and horror with which we regard the present policy of systematic prosecution of religion in all its forms. Such a policy cannot be tolerated in silence by those who value religion or liberty. Our protest will, we are confident, evoke a response everywhere on the part of those who have at heart the well-being of the world."

PRESS VIEWS ON BRITISH BUDGET

General Reception of Baldwin Proposals Favorable.

Adverse Comment Because Duty on Sugar and Tea Not Reduced and it is Called Rich Man's Budget — Lloyd George Liberals are Not Satisfied.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 17—The new budget is on the whole very favorably received by the morning newspapers. This is also the attitude of the financial and business interests as expressed in brief interviews. The papers representing Labor and Lloyd Georgian Liberalism are, however, almost entirely hostile to Mr. Baldwin's proposals.

The Times is especially eulogistic and thinks that the division of the large surplus is almost ideal. The protectionist Post, for which no budget is altogether good unless it includes a general customs tariff on manufacturers and agricultural produce, nevertheless thinks that the public will receive the budget gratefully.

The Moderate Conservative Daily Telegraph thinks that the budget holds the scales evenly between debt redemption and relief from taxation and sees little ground for fault finding.

The Imperialist Daily Mirror pronounces the budget sound and statesmanlike, and thinks it should enable the government to recover some of the ground it has lost.

The Independent Express calls it a model budget, while the moderate Liberal Westminster Gazette says it is mainly honest and far-seeing and will probably be popular.

The Daily News, of Asquithian Liberal convictions, considers it fairly honest and thinks that Stanley Baldwin is entitled to praise for his adherence to sound financial principles.

In several comments, however, considerable regret is expressed that the chancellor did not reduce the sugar duty. Some writers also point out that he neglected the tea duty. These two points are among those against which most of the criticism is directed.

The Daily Herald, Labor's organ, attacks it as a rich man's budget, "all for the rich, nothing for the poor," and announces that the Laborites will submit drastic amendments.

The Chronicle, as Lloyd George's mouthpiece, says the Liberals consider that the budget will cause profound disappointment.

POWER COMPANY CASE UNLIKELY HEARD UNTIL MAY

Mayor Gets Word From Hon. Mr. Baxter— Building Injunction Matter is Over for a Week.

It is possible that the case in which the New Brunswick Power Company is attempting by injunction to prevent the City of St. John from going into competition with the company in the distribution of electrical energy will not come before the courts until some time in May, so Mayor Fisher announced this morning. He said that information to this effect was sent to him by Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., city solicitor, who is now in Fredericton.

The Chancery court, before which the case was to have been heard, was scheduled to sit today, but was adjourned for one week owing to the absence of Mr. Justice White. For this reason the injunction case, brought by the city against Mayor Fisher to restrain him from making repairs to a wooden structure in the first fire district, also goes over for one week.

Judge White is sitting in Appeals Court in Fredericton.

Before Mr. Justice Barry in chambers this morning an application for certiorari was heard in the matter of Schechter against Hum Lee. This matter was up in the city court and consisted in a claim for $17 for the sale of chattels. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff. It was then taken up on review before Judge Armstrong who dismissed the order for review. The case was argued this morning for certiorari. W. M. Ryan appeared for Schechter and W. R. Scott for Hum Lee.

The semi-annual meeting of the Maritime Province branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada is announced by the secretary for Thursday evening of this week in Amherst. Arrangements for Canadian representation at the Olympic and for maritime committees for the same are to be taken up. The evening session makes it possible for the St. John and Halifax delegates to leave their homes in the afternoon of Thursday and return early Friday.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, By Hen!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I went down to that there City Hall yisterday mornin'—an' agin in the afternoon. Them there Commissioners orto be proud o' the attention they're gittin' these days. It beat all what a crowd o' folks went down an' sot an' stood around listenin' to what was goin' on. They was all one way in the mornin'—an' I guess if anybody hed ast fer a show o' hands in the afternoon the'd a'been mighty few on t'other side then. The town's gittin' het up some over this here hydro—aint it? That there fust delegation that went down a while ago started somethin'—sure. I don't know but what they done some good—even if they did wake up the wrong passenger. Well, sir, I hed a reel good time—an' I will say if I ever got into any trouble I'd like to hev that Mr. Sanderson say a word fer me. If he aint a lawyer he orto be—even if he don't alwus win over the jury. I'm goin' down to City Hall agin. It's better'n a movie show—Yes, Sir."

ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRATION

Minister Outlines Proposals to Aid Colonization Association— Grant of $10,000 a Month Under Certain Conditions.

(By Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, April 17.—During the debate on immigration in the House yesterday, Hon. Chas. Stewart, acting minister of immigration, outlined to the House conditions of the arrangements under which the Government agreed to give assistance to the Canada Colonization Association.

These "tentative proposals" as Mr. Stewart termed them were as follows:

1—The Association agreed to continue to list and offer for sale lands along existing railway lines on their thirty-two years payment plan at six per cent. interest.

2—Lands and location to be subject to inspection to determine suitability and fix maximum prices, this to be undertaken either by the Provincial or Dominion Government.

3—The association agreed that all money received from subscribers, commissions on sales of land, or Government grants would be utilized to carry on settlement work.

4—The Association agreed to furnish to the Department of Immigration, monthly reports of their activities and a list of all lands sold, and where located.

5—The Association agreed to continue to employ a firm of chartered accountants, subject to the approval of the Minister of Immigration, to make monthly audits to accompany reports from the Association, and that the books and financial statements will at all times be open for Government inspection.

6—The Minister of Immigration to be satisfied from monthly reports that satisfactory progress in settlement is being made, and that the continuance of financial support by the subscribers will be maintained, and these reports shall be the basis upon which he shall authorize payments of the proposed grant of $10,000 each month.

PROTEST AGAINST HON. F. B. CARVELL

Vancouver Board of Trade Writes to Premier King — Complaint re Freight Rates.

Ottawa, April 17.—(Canadian Press.) —That Hon. F. B. Carvell, chief commissioner of the Dominion Railway Board, had shown "entire disregard for the ethics of his position" is stated in a letter sent by the Vancouver Board of Trade to Premier King, which was tabled last night in reply to a request made by G. G. Coote, Progressive member for MacLeod, Alta.

The letter of the Vancouver Board of Trade, which was signed by the board's secretary, W. E. Payne, and dated April 5, quotes a resolution by the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia approving the policy of the British Columbia Government in regard to the equalization of freight rates provided the interests of the interior points were guarded, and a letter from Mr. Carvell to F. A. Starkey, commissioner of those Associated Boards of Trade, in which the chief commissioner of the railway commission described the freight rate programme of the British Columbia Government as "more political than real because eighty-five per cent. of your business is carried on commodity rates and therefore in no way affected by Hon. Mr. Oliver's campaign."

Then, after some reference to detailed considerations on freight rates, the letter comments on Mr. Carvell's letter in these terms:—

"Speaking for the Vancouver Board of Trade, we are entitled to assume that the railway commission for Canada are appointed by the Government for the purpose of impartially dealing with all cases that come within their jurisdiction, and that its duties do not permit it, or any of its members, to comment in a public way upon any case that may be within their jurisdiction other than at the time of rendering judgment."

THE BASEBALL SEASON OPENS IN THE BIG LEAGUES

"Play Ball" the Cry on the Fields This Afternoon

The Opposing Pitchers in Some of the Contests — Wreck at New Park of the Chicago Cubs—Landis to See the First Boston Game Under Matty.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, April 17.—Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, is the local stage on which the National League is to open the 1923 pennant race today, with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Philadelphia Quakers as the battling teams. Early weather predictions were "fair and warmer."

Many followers of the Giants, who will open in Boston, will go to Brooklyn to see the debut of Arthur Fletcher, the lantern-jawed shortstop, formerly captain of the manhattan team, as manager of the Quakers this season.

Lefthanded Dutch Ruether was to start on the mound for the Dodgers, and either Lee Meadows or Jimmy Ring was to oppose him for Philadelphia. Hank Deberry for Brooklyn and Walter Henline, for the Phillies, both youngsters, were slated to start behind the bat.

In Chicago, the Cubs will dedicate their new park with the Pittsburg Pirates as opponents. The new stands will offer a seating capacity of 31,000, and indications are that virtually all seats will be filled. The veteran Grover Cleveland Alexander probably will start on the mound for the Cubs, and Wilbur Cooper has been announced as the hurler for the Pirates. Charley Hollocher, the regular shortstop and team captain, is ill at St. Louis, and probably will not be available to the Cubs Before May 1. Kelleher will take his place. Newly installed plumbing at the remodelled park has been wercked, it became known today, supposedly as a result of labor troubles. The damage was estimated at thousands of dollars.

The opening clash between the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds will take place at Redland Field this afternoon. Pete Donohue, star right hander, was Manager Moran's choice of pitchers. Branch Rickey, chief of the Cardinals, was undecided until the last minute whether he would send Doak or Pfeffer to the mound. The St. Louis team did not arrive in Cincinnati until this morning, having taken their final practice on their home grounds yesterday.

Manager Fred Mitchell, of the Boston Braves, has a revamped team which he thinks may develop into the best seen there since the famous outfit of 1914. Kenesaw M. Landis, big boss of baseball, has gone to Boston to see the first game of the Braves under their new president, Christy Mathewson. It looked like either Tim McNamara, last season a rookie, or the veteran Rube Marquard, as Mitchell's choice for the box today, against the New York Giants, whose selection of hurlers was unknown until the last minute.

Racing News Bill.

Toronto, April 17—The bill which will prohibit the publication or sale of racing information passed third reading in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

TO FIGHT PLAN OF PREMIER DRURY

Conservative and Liberal Leaders Make Announcements in Toronto.

Toronto, April 17—If the government of Ontario persists that redistribution is to be carried out along the lines laid down by Premier Drury on last Friday then it will be fought at every ditch.

This assurance was given by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, and put in a milder form by W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal, when they spoke on the second reading of the redistribution bill last night.

From Premier Drury, the Conservative leader secured the information that the redistribution committee would decide how much proportional representation there was to be and in what districts it was to be tried.

Mr. Sinclair was also opposed to proportional representation at the present time.

Mr. Ferguson contended that the Premier in submitting four separate units of representation as a basis of redistribution was far away from what had always been accepted in Canada by both old parties as the proper basis—namely representation by population. The Conservative leader said there must be some variance between the rural and the urban units but in a general way representation by population held.

Grand Trunk Train Goes Off The Track

Kitchener, Ont., April 17.—Grand Trunk express train from Toronto due here at 8.11 p.m. was wrecked at Shantz station, two miles east of Breslau last night, according to but meagre reports reaching here early today.

Every car and the tender left the rails and the wreckage with rails and ties is piled on both sides of the track. No one was seriously injured.