CIVIL SERVICE IS REAL "PUNCH" OF GOVERNMENT

Hon. Dr. Roche, at Annual Meeting, Makes No Reference to Spinney Bill.

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE OFFICIALS

Want Grading of Ports and Method for Hearing Personal Appeals.

Ottawa, May 4.—Members of the civil service commission, the staff, and the board of hearing and recommendation were the speakers at a luncheon given by the Dominion Customs and Excise Officers' Association today.

It was anticipated some criticisms of the Spinney amendments to the Civil Service Act would be heard, but both Hon. W. J. Roche, the chairman and Colonel N. G. Larochelle, a commissioner, skirted the fringe of the subject, reserving their opinions for the parliamentary committee on the bill.

Mr. Roche spoke of the value to the commission of suggestions from employers for improvements in the civil service. The civil service of Canada must always strive for higher efficiency, and reflect the greater nationhood of Canada.

Civil Service the "Punch."

While the government was the guiding force, the power behind the throne the civil service was the "punch." The advancement made in the service was reviewed and Dr. Roche concluded by saying he would exercise discretion in not referring to the criticism of the commission. After the luncheon, the delegates presented a number of requests to the commission. The views of the association regarding the grading of ports and procedure for hearing personal appeals received favorable replies from Dr. Roche. He announced that personal appeal boards for the outside service would begin their work shortly.

Ottawa, May 4—A sub-committee was appointed today by the Parliamentary Committee selected by the House to amend the Civil Service Act. The sub-committee will report on Friday as to what statements and particulars should be called for from the various departments.

On Friday morning the committee hopes to have three of the deputy Ministers and one Civil Service Commission representative to give evidence.

Police Court Business Slack

Month of May So Far is Very Calm in Comparison With That of April.

The month of May has brought a period of calm in police court circles after a very busy April in which arrests, fines, and imprisonments followed in rapid succession. Yesterday Frank McDonald pleaded guilty to stealing three pies, the property of Mrs. Jennie Valentyne, 426 Main street, but not guilty to stealing milk can and five quarts of milk or to being drunk.

Mrs. Valentyne stated the accused came into her shop at 9.30 Tuesday evening, and that while she was waiting on a customer disappeared, as did the pies and milk. Plain clothesman Garnet said he rounded up McDonald, the pies and the milk, at Prospect Point. The man was intoxicated. Remanded.

Three drunks pleaded guilty and were remanded.

Toronto, May 4.—Gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending April 30, were $2,424,499, a decrease of $54,142 in comparison with the corresponding week of last year.

The Cause of Colds

Men who work indoors—in offices, stores, factories and warehouses, are in constant danger of contracting coughs and colds, through over or under heated buildings and cold draughts. Their most reliable protection is

HAWKER'S Tolu and Cherry BALSAM

which quickly and effectively checks these colds, preventing dangerous complications.

Mont McDonald, Barrister, St. John, says,—"For three months I suffered with a severe bronchial cough which baffled all treatment. Hawker's Tolu and Cherry Balsam was suggested and less than two bottles completely eradicated the cough. I recommend it to all similarly afflicted."

25c. and 50c. bottles, at all drug and general stores.

The Canadian Drug Co., Limited, ST. JOHN, N.B.

Discussed Scandal of Westfield Road

Country Club Calls on Provincial Dept. of Public Works for Immediate Improvement

The scandal of the Westfield road was one of the principal topics of discussion at the meeting of the Westfield Country Club last evening, and as result of opinions expressed by many of the members a drastic resolution was adopted calling upon the provincial department of public works to take immediate action toward having some improvement made.

Reports from Members

It was also the expressed opinion of the meeting that Mr. Veniot and his road engineer should be asked to meet a committee of the club to discuss this matter. Reports from different members were to the effect that there are still many places on this road which are almost impassable, that the highway is literally covered with rocks, that it has not been dragged, that the contractors appear to be making no headway, and that in certain places travel is not merely difficult, but very dangerous indeed.

Amazement Expressed

Amazement was expressed when the report was received that the government had taken over from the contractors, as completed, that section lying between Fairville and Ketepec, on which travel is even now a matter of nerve-racking difficulty. At one place it was shown the risk is very grave, but there is offered in explanation the excuse that at this point the road is to be diverted for about a mile. This, however, may not be done for a couple of years. The whole trend of the meeting was quite naturally in condemnation of the really awful mess that has been made of this road and the apparent indifference of those in authority.

Copies of the resolution will be forwarded to Mr. Veniot, Mr. Hill, the engineer, and to local members.

FARMERS ATTACK CANAL ESTIMATE

Hon. T. A. Crerar Says West Against Spending Money on Trent-Rideau Waterways.

Ottawa, May 4.—Criticism of expenditure on the Welland and Trent canals developed when the estimates of the department of canals were up in the House this afternoon and evening. The most strenuous objection was to the vote of $5,000,000 for this year's construction on the Welland Canal, the opposition urging economy, coupled with the assertion that the Welland Canal, when finished, would prove of more benefit to the United States than it would to Canada.

For Fair Rates.

Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, who was piloting the estimates, declared that he stood for fair freight rates on the Great Lakes and that he had warned steamship companies that the government would place its own vessels on the lakes if the rates were not reasonable

Several western members, headed by Hon. T. A. Crerar, were outspoken in the belief that they as western members should not be called upon to pay toward the upkeep of the Trent Valley and Rideau Canals "for motor boats and pleasure steamers." Dr. Peter McGibbon, Muskoka, in reply, said Mr. Crerar was willing to take benefits for the west and not pay for them. Western wheat was carried free on these canals.

Two canals votes had been considered together, the one of $5,000,000 for construction on the Welland ship canal and another of $339,000 for construction and betterments on the Trent canal.

Motion is Lost.

At midnight Mr. J. Archambault, (Chambly-Vercheres) moved to reduce the former item by $4,999,999.99.

This motion (the terms of which caused much amusement on both sides) was declared lost by the Deputy Speaker.

Mr. J. A. Maharg, (Maple Creek) then made a strong protest against the Welland Canal votes. He said that the people of the West had been trying to squeeze some money for railways which would save settlers 30 to 50 cents a bushel on wheat and had been told to wait for the supplementary estimates. It was nothing more or less than a crime in such circumstances to spend $5,000,000 on a work-out of which the country was getting nothing. After half an hour of further debate the Welland Canal item was passed and one item in the post office estimates was taken up pro forma. The committee rose and the House adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Canada's Shippers Protest U. S. Order

Argue With Courts for Right to Carry Liquor in Bond Through United States.

Washington, May 4 — Protests of Canadian shippers against former Attorney-general Palmer's opinion holding transportation of liquor through the United States when shipped from one foreign country to another to be illegal, were heard today by Guy D. Goff, the assistant to the attorney-general.

Alfred Laucking, of Detroit, and Jas. M. Beck, of New York, appearing for the shippers, ocntended that the United States Government should make a distinction between liquor shipped in for a beverage purpose and liquors shipped through under bond. Since 1871, the attorneys declared, Canadian shippers, under the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, have been shipping liquors tax free through the United States o foreign destinations.

Carleton Farmers Mixing Fertilizer

Will Plant Large Acreage to Potatoes Using Their Home Made Fertilizer This Season

"Carleton county farmers are not discouraged over the setback received this year by the smash in the potato market, and all appear inclined to look for their money this year where they lost it last—in the potato field." Such is the opinion expressed by W. S. Sutton, ex-M.L.A., Woodstock, who was in the city last night.

Commercial fertilizer concerns have sent forth the report that in their opinion the farmers of Carleton would not plant their usual acreage to potatoes, basing their opinion on the fact that fertilizer sales were not up to the average sales of the past few years. Mr. Sutton says Carleton farmers, to a large extent, are using the home-made fertilizer this year; in other words they are mixing their own brands, and an acreage fully equal to last year's will be given over to spuds. This is equally true, according to Mr. Sutton, of the farmers across the border in Aroostook county.

Low Priced Seed

It must be borne in mind, said Mr Sutton, that low priced seed produces high priced stock and high priced seed low priced stock. There is an abundance of seed this year at the lowest price ever known, and with the farmers getting their fertilizer at a low figure, because of the home mixing, indications surely point to a large acreage in 1921.

Another factor to the aid of the farmer this year is the fact that farm labor will be lower this year than for a few years past and plenty of machinery available. With an average yield and a fair market prevailing in the fall, Mr. Sutton says the Carleton farmer believes he will be in a position to recoup from his 1921 crop some of the losses sustained in marketing his 1920 crop.

Fire-Proof House For National Papers

All Party Leaders Agree That Some Way Should be Provided to Secure Them.

Ottawa, May 4—Better provision for the care of public records was urged on the House by Sir Robert Borden, former prime minister, this afternoon. Sir Robert quoted from the report of a Royal Commission to show that documents of priceless value were stored in dark rooms and passages; in inaccessible places; in places where depreciation was bound to result. Many were in buildings not fire-proof.

Decision had been reached to have a fire-proof building erected, but the war intervened and the work was not carried out.

All Are Agreed

The prime minister, the leader of the opposition and the leader of the Progressives were at one in recognising the need for every care of historical documents. But Mr. Meighen emphasized the amount of money already expended on public buildings in Ottawa. However, the situation would be considered and the government would make provision as soon as it felt justified in so doing. In passing, there was some discussion of the Snider report on the recent destruction of public documents. The report is in the hands of the government, but has not yet been made public. "The fuss made over the destruction of these documents," remarked Col. J. A. Currie, chairman of the printing committee, "was largely a tempest in a teapot."

Local Industries And Part They Play

Board of Trade Taking Initiative in Fight to Save Industries of East.

The Board of Trade is aroused to the importance of educating the public on a subject which should be of interest to every true Canadian—"The Conservation of Maritime Province Industries." Officials of the Board of Trade believe St. John would be a dead old place if it did not have the hum and thrub and snap of active and efficient industries.

The delegates from St. John who attended the Maritime conference at Moncton last week have returned home full of fight to secure that which Maritime industries are demanding for their existence—reduction of freight.

Canada Needs Our Industries.

In a circular letter addressed to Board of Trade members, Secretary Armstrong declares:

Canada needs these Maritime industries—to maintain population at the eastern gateway of the Dominion; to provide return freight for railways from Upper and Western Canada; to strengthen Canada's position as an export country, and to build up the country from end to end."

To interest the people of St. John in this important matter and with the object of initiating a series of addresses on the larger industries of the locality the Board of Trade is to hold a series of open meetings, the first on Monday evening next, for a discussion of questions pertaining to the life ad growth of Maritime industries. Educative talks are to be given, and at the first meeting will be heard from W. A. Nichols, the story of St. John's Cotton Industry and the part it is playing.

ARMED POLES MENACE BRITISH

Seeking to Make Trouble Between Allied Forces in Mining Areas.

Oppeln, May 4.—The British here are outspoken in blaming the Poles for the uprising and this has developed friction between them and the French, and there are reports in British circles that if the French fail to re-establish order and the British officers are not withdrawn they are likely to resign in a body. Major Cassel, of the British control at Tarnowits, and Colonel Bond, British control at Gross-Strehlitz have been thrown into acutely unpleasant conditions and are at present virtually helpless and surrounded by armed Poles, who do not conceal their hostility towards the British.

Face Serious Suffering.

The populations in the Southeast mining districts, where all industry is at a standstill, are facing serious suffering, unless rail communications are re-established in the next few days; there is no commerce with Czecho-Slovakia, and relief from Poland is improbable.

Although the bridge north of Oppeln was blown up a mile from the city, passengers and supplies are being transferred across the gap and being brought in under heavy Polish guards.

CONFIRM EMERGENCY ACT

London, May 4.—Both houses of parliament today confirmed the continuance of the emergency regulations to meet the coal strike risks. The regulations include the power to add an hour to the present hour of daylight saving at present in force.

See, Mama, There is Your Medicine

"YES, dear, that is the medicine which made mama well and I am sure neither of us shall ever forget it."

"Are you going to buy some?"

"No, darling, I do not need any more. You know how well I sleep now, those terrible headaches do not bother me any more and we are able to take our nice long walks every day."

"You never used to walk, did you?"

"Not for a long time. My nerves were so bad that I could not do anything, and I am afraid I was often very cross and irritable with you and daddy, but, thanks to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, that day has gone by and I know what it is to be well and happy."

"Why don't all the sick people use your medicine?"

"Far more of them would if they only knew of the good it would do them. I have told lots of my friends and they nearly all have been benefited just as I was."

Clear brain, splendid circulation, ruddy complexion, sound, restful sleep, good digestion, greater strength of mind and body and better health are the results of using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. 50c a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Spring Weakness

In Overcome and the blood purified and vitalized by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

BEER LICENSES FOR PROVINCE

One Hundred and Three Have Been Issued to Date—Last Year 689.

One hundred and three beer licenses for 1921 have been issued throughout the province to date by the local prohibition office. Fourty-four have been issued in the city and thirteen in the county. There are a number still to be issued.

The licenses issued for the whole province totalled 689 last year.

REV. I. M. BAIRD DEAD

Yarmouth, N. S., May 4—Rev. Ira M. Baird, 50 years old, former pastor of Temple United Baptist church, Yarmouth south, and recently a resident of New London, N. H., died here today.

Subways of Paris Losing Patronage

Riders Seeking Sunshine and Pure Air Use Surface Lines.

Paris, May 4.—Parisian business men, laborers and shop girls prefer to ride home from work until sunshine and pure air—in other words, in omnibuses an tirmaways—than descend into the gloom and foul odors of the subways.

Transportation statistics furnished the United Press by the Paris municipal bureau show that underground railways lost 40,000,000 passengers during 1920 alone. A large proportion of these shifted to the omnibuses, despite the fact that the buses charge higher fares.

Surface means of transport are crowding underground lines steadily in Paris. Last year 560,000,000 rode in tramways and 180,000,000 in omnibuses, as compared to a total of 560,000,000 in the two subway systems, the Metro and the Nord Sud.

Officials attribute the popularity of the buses both to the fact that they are speedier and more direct and to the more pleasant conditions of travel. There is no question of better advertising or competition, because all lines in Paris are owned by the city.

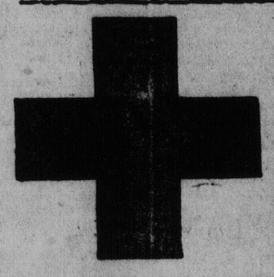
Toronto, May 4.—Liquor is pouring into Toronto at the rate of at least seven cases a day, according to statements credited to local officials of the express companies, and this food is said to have been keeping up for the past two weeks.

ASPIRIN

Only "Bayer" is Genuine

Warning! Take no chances with substitutes for genuine "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin." Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting Aspirin at all. In every Bayer package are directions for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Made in Canada. Aspirin is the trade mark (registered in Canada), of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.

The Crusade for Good Health



31 Nations United in the League of Red Cross Societies

CANADA

Extracts from Royal Proclamation:

George the Fifth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in anywise concern,

—GREETING

WHEREAS THE RED CROSS SOCIETY will conduct a MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN in the months of MAY and JUNE next, and it is deemed to be of the greatest importance to the well-being of our people throughout the DOMINION that the purpose of the RED CROSS SOCIETY in carrying on its peace-time programme for the IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH, the PREVENTION OF DISEASE and the MITIGATION OF SUFFERING should be realized to the greatest possible extent.

NOW THEREFORE, by and with the advice of OUR PRIVY COUNCIL for Canada, we have thought fit to issue this our proclamation commending the said MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN of the RED CROSS SOCIETY to the sympathetic attention and support of all our loving subjects throughout Canada and to all others to whom these presents shall come.

AND FURTHERMORE WE hereby appeal to and invite OUR PEOPLE of this dominion generally, and those of them particularly who may be able to bring this matter to the attention of PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, to co-operate heartily in this movement for the enrollment of members in the RED CROSS SOCIETY as part of a NATIONAL CRUSADE FOR GOOD HEALTH.

Join the CANADIAN RED CROSS

New Brunswick Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society Starts It's Crusade - -

MAY 24th

MEMBERS FEE

Adults $1.00 Children 25c.