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MOVE TO BAN CIVIC VOTE FAVORED

BILL REPORTED TO LEGISLATURE BY COMMITTEE

Saint John Legislation Before Municipalities Body

SOME OPPOSITION

R. G. Magee And M. W. Parke For Present Plan; Scully Backs New Scheme

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FREDERICTON, N. B., March 24—

The primary election in civic government of Saint John will be done away with, and one election held biennially if the House favorably passes the recommendation made this morning by the Municipalities Committee to report the bill to amend the city government act. Small delegations appeared for and against the amendment, and, after a private session, it was announced the committee would report the bill to the Assembly.

It is only can be done, however, there will be no civic election this year.

NOT UNANIMOUS

The committee, it is learned, was not unanimous in reporting the bill, about five for the 20 members opposing it.

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R. G. Magee, for those opposing the bill, said that by cutting out the dual election, electors of Saint John would be placed at a disadvantage.

He declared that the dual election was a safeguard in maintaining the rule of the majority and by taking it away, a minority might readily rule when several candidates were running for office.

M. W. Parke also spoke against the bill. The amendment he declared, had no right to promote a bill of this nature on the eve of an election. There was an agitation now on foot with respect to a city manager scheme and such an amendment as proposed could wait. He contended this bill was using the electors of Saint John unfairly as it was not giving them a chance to express their own will on the matter.

J. T. Christie also spoke against the bill.

SCULLY FAVORS BILL

W. E. Scully, former M. L. A. for Saint John, spoke in favor of the bill. He declared he was one of the framers of the commission form of government, and said that there were plenty of safeguards, including the recall, in the original bill. A dual election was unfair to candidates and citizens on grounds of expense. Mr. Scully said, one election was enough for the province and Dominion, and why not one for Saint John. Dual elections were making such a thing as a close cooperation in Saint John, he asserted. The speaker said he was opposed to any change in the commission form of government, as being agitated now.

John St. McKinnon said he represented the Saint John Trades and Labor Council, and he declared the council had already passed a resolution against the dual election system.

DEMOLITION OF S. A. BUILDING STARTED

Last Services in Old Moncton Citadel Will Be Held on Sunday

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MONCTON, March 24—The last services in the old Salvation Army Citadel on Church street will be held Saturday night and Sunday, taking the form of a farewell to their old home. The work of taking down the present building was started yesterday making way for the new building going up on the same site.

FINED \$10, COSTS

Assault Case From Haverhill, York, is Disposed of at Capital

FREDERICTON, March 24—The case from Haverhill in which Walter Coverhill, aged 70 years, was charged with assault upon William F. Morris, mail driver, was tried in the Police Court this morning. The accused pleaded guilty and a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed.

Britain Demands Probe of Alleged Cruelty To Cattle Aboard Ship

Yea, Even The Poor Columba Livia May Cause Us Trouble

In Plain English, This Pigeon Got Stuck In The Stove-Pipe

THE story of how a pigeon lived for six days in the stove-pipe leading from the kitchen range in a Gilmartin street home was told yesterday by two workmen from the shop of Magee & Co., Princess street, who were called in by the householder to locate and repair the cause of imperfect functioning of the stove.

ABOUT six days ago the trouble developed—there seemed to be a lack of proper draft in the range, and the necessary heat for cooking purposes was unobtainable. The workmen were summoned and an examination of the stove failed to show anything out of order. The chimney also, showed nothing which was interfering with the draft. It was then decided that the stove-pipe was the seat of the trouble, an excess of soot being the supposed hindrance.

WHEN the pipe was dismantled and taken out of doors, the men were surprised to see a full-sized pigeon flutter weakly to the ground, the spark of life almost extinct. Its feathers were badly scorched and its body was almost jet black. After being sponged off, however, and being given a meal of crackers and warm milk, the bird began to revive and in a few hours had so far recovered that, when liberated, it flew off.

ELECTION CASE IN ALBERTA STARTED

Deputy Returning Officer Accused of Issuing Unauthorized Ballots

EDMONTON, March 24—Before a crowded court room the Athabasca and Peace River election trials opened before Mr. Justice Ives and jury.

M. J. Jenner, deputy returning officer at Frog Lake, is charged with issuing unauthorized ballots and placing in the box a number of witnesses swore they had not voted although their names were shown in the poll book as having voted. Most of them declared they had never heard of the house at which the vote was supposed to have been taken.

The poll clerk swore that of the 75 names on the list only about 50 voted.

NEW N. B. TAXATION CONSIDERED SURE

Government Caucus Completes Consideration of Budget—May Be Delayed

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FREDERICTON, March 24—Final details in connection with the budget speech tomorrow with the exception of one item, were completed at the caucus of government members last night, the meeting lasting until after midnight, and considering a number of subjects, the main one being new sources of revenue for the provincial treasury. The lone piece of unfinished business is before a special committee this morning. That there will be new taxes and increases in existing levies is undoubted here and that the proposals will cause much surprise seems certain.

There is a possibility that the budget speech might not be delivered until Friday afternoon, according to Hon. Mr. Leger, provincial secretary treasurer. Hon. Mr. Leger added, however, that he felt sure that present arrangements would be adhered to and the speech delivered tomorrow.

MRS. TODD IS GUEST

Luncheon Given at Norman School Household Science Department

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FREDERICTON, March 24—In the household science department of the Provincial Normal School at noon today luncheon was served for Mrs. W. F. Todd, wife of the Lieut. Governor, Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter, wife of the Premier, Mrs. W. S. Carter, wife of the Chief Superintendent of Education, Mrs. H. V. Bridges, wife of the principal of the Normal School and others. The luncheon was directed by Miss Knapp, instructor in the department. A girl from each class in the school was selected to serve.

BANDIT GANG IS ROUNDED UP BY N. Y. POLICE

Six Men And Woman Blamed For \$1,000,000 Thefts

FACE 2 MURDERS

Easy Money And Luxurious Living Motives Of Desperate Robber Band

Canadian Press

NEW YORK, March 24—All the members of what is regarded as the most desperate criminal gang years were in custody today, Richard Reese Whitmore, of Baltimore, is the leader of the gang.

The loot of the band of six men and a woman, known as "the tiger girl," is estimated at \$1,000,000, obtained mostly by sensational jewel robberies. In addition, at least two murders are laid to them. Members of the gang were dressed in the height of fashion, and had expensive automobiles.

FREQUENT CABARETS

The frequent night clubs and exclusive cabarets of the class frequently padlocked, where police say they planned some of their largest coups. The first members of the band to be arrested, were caught while leaving a club.

The last man, William J. Uhlback, sought for participating in two diamond robberies amounting to \$100,000, was laid to the band. He was arrested last night in a furnished room. Detectives trailed him to the place and then used his room as a hideout. He was a shield behind which to burst into the room. Uhlback, they said, snatched a pistol from a table but was overpowered.

Uhlback, police asserted, told them a Simon Gilman, once a member of the gang, was killed last December for talking at orders. His body was found propped against a tombstone in Trinity Churchyard. Joseph Ross, believed to be another member of the gang, was murdered in Elizabeth, N. J.

DEATH FOR BALKERS

"Whitmore," the detectives quoted Uhlback as saying, "was a way of doing away with subordinates who balk at orders. All of Whitmore's band admit previous convictions for robbery and say their motive was to get easy money for gambling, opium smoking, and luxurious living in New York."

Although a veritable arsenal was found on arrests of the various members of the gang, District Attorney Barton said that not a shot had been fired by them in any of their alleged robberies in New York.

LIFE OF CRIME

Whitmore, who is wanted in Baltimore on a charge of murdering Robert Holtzman, sixty-year-old prison guard during his escape a year ago, comes of a respectable family, but as early as his Sunday school days, turned to petty thieving which resulted in his confinement at a reformatory. "The tiger girl," who says she was married to Whitmore nine years ago, is described by the police as a typical "gunman's moll," whose function is to carry the gang's weapons so they may evade arrest if searched. She is charged with the murder of a man in New York.

Others under indictment are "Shuffles" Goldberg, Antony Paladino and Jacob and Leon Kraemer.

RECEIVES ADDRESS

Reply to Speech From Throne is Received By Lieutenant Governor

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FREDERICTON, March 24—At 2.30 this afternoon His Honor the Lieut. Governor received the address in his office. The address was presented by the usual committee of the House of Assembly, the mover, A. J. Brooks, of Kings, the seconder, Frank Lavoie, of Northumberland, and Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, president of the executive council.

LORD CROMER NEXT GOV.-GEN'L, REPORT

British United Press

LONDON, March 24—Lord Cromer is going to Canada next July, it is learned on the highest authority in connection with the Governor-Generalship.

Prince Clears Huge Hedge In Daring Ride

\$200,000 Loss In Tampa Fire

LONDON, March 24—Members of the Queen Hunt were still talking today of the daring way the Prince of Wales led the field during Monday's run. The field was held up at a gate which could not be opened. Leaving his companions, the Prince unsuitably set his horse at a formidable and dense hedge about seven feet high and, helped by his daring rider, the animal cleared the obstacle beautifully. A short distance further the Prince repeated his exploit, taking another equally high hedge, and only a few yards to spare. After a long chase, the fox saved his brush by going to ground.

NEWS SERVICE ITEM REDUCED ONE-HALF

Canadian Press

OTTAWA, Ont., March 24—On motion of Hon. G. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, an item amounting to \$32,000 to provide for British and foreign news service, was reduced to \$16,000 in the House of Commons, last night. This action was taken by Mr. Dunning on the suggestion of the opposition benches. It was also suggested by two Conservative members that the whole item should be eliminated.

Mr. Robb explained, when the item was introduced, that the contract with Reuters, the agency concerned, expired on July 31 of the present year. "But we are anxious for the vote because we may be able to renew the contract with them," he added. This contract provided for the transmission by cable of news to the United Kingdom of an average of 10,000 words monthly by Canadian news designed to promote the interests of Canada. The agency engaged to disseminate news generally throughout the United Kingdom, the British Dominions and elsewhere "in order to maintain a service in Canada of Canadian activities, commercial, financial, industrial and agricultural."

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AMERICAN SLAIN

Railway Employee Brutally Beaten By Gang of Mexican Laborers

British United Press

MEXICO CITY, March 24—Joe Hall, an American murdered by laborers Saturday night, was first stoned and while unconscious was tied to a pole and dragged for a long distance over rough ground. Details of the murder, which reached Mexico City Tuesday, from Italian, Mayrati, province where the tragedy occurred, said that the murderers were allegedly connected with the Southern Pacific railway. Hall was with the National Railways. He is the second American murdered in Mexico within the last two weeks in a representation of an Ambassador Sheffield has asked for instructions.

HAVE TASTE OF WAR

Battalion of German Soldiers Roused From Sleep By Munitions Blast

BERLIN, March 24—A battalion of peace-time soldiers had a taste of war today when the munitions depot on the floor above where they were sleeping, caught fire, discharging 2,000 rounds of machine-gun ammunition. The barracks is in the suburb of Babelsberg. The troops turned out at the first crackling explosion and summoned the fire department. It is believed that none were injured.

N. S. Sells Bond Issue To Bank of Montreal

HALIFAX, March 24—The province of Nova Scotia will receive exactly \$4,971,150 for the issue of \$5,000,000 4½ per cent coupon debentures in the bid of the Bank of Montreal and associates which was yesterday accepted. With eight principals and their associates bidding for the issue, which is to have been either 4 or for 4½ per cent for either 20, 10, or 5 years, the bid of the Bank of Montreal of \$4,973,150 for 1-year 4½ per cent debentures was accepted.

MUSQUASH POWER OFF; INDUSTRY IS HALTED; STREET CARS STALLED

Defect in Transformer Station Cause of Interruption of Service This Morning—N. B. Power Company Takes Over Load.

TROUBLE on the Musquash power system caused an interruption to electric service this morning which for a time brought to a standstill all plants depending on electricity for their motive power.

The interruption came about 10 o'clock and, as a whole, had here is now being carried by the Musquash system, a sudden stop was put to business, the lights went out and the street cars were brought to a halt where they stood.

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104 Reported Lost As Ship Is Destroyed

LONDON, March 24—A despatch to Lloyd's from Manaus, Brazil, today reports that 104 lives were lost in the destruction of the Brazilian steamer Paes de Carvalho, by fire at sea.

The steamer was bound from Manaus for Torturua. She carried a full cargo, including inflammable goods. The disaster occurred March 22, near Courry.

KING OFFERS GIFT

Address Casket, Presented to Edw. VII. Tendered For Canadian Building

LONDON, March 24—His Majesty King George has offered Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner, in London, for preservation in a permanent loan the handsome casket which contained the address presented to King Edward by the survivors of the war of 1812-14 at Queenstown Heights in 1810, when King Edward, as the Prince of Wales, was a visitor in the Dominion.

The casket is of black walnut, Canadian oak and Canadian maple. It is of beautiful workmanship and is richly carved, and on it is a representation of the Prince of Wales' plume.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 24—Sterling exchange irregular. Great Britain 487½; France 589; Italy 40½; Germany 52.80. Canadian dollars 5-16 of one per cent discount.

CHAMBERLAIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO ENVOYS FROM DOMINIONS

Canadian Press

LONDON, March 24—Sir Austen Chamberlain opened his speech in the House of Commons debate on the Geneva situation, yesterday by saying he wished to pay a debt to the Dominions and India which pressed strongly upon him. There were present at Geneva during the arduous and anxious fortnight he passed there, representatives of all the British Dominions and India and it was his good fortune throughout to be in the closest touch and consultation with them.

They all met almost daily in his room, Sir Austen continued, and communications of the most confidential character passed among them more than once daily. He desired to express the debt that he owed them for the sympathy and support which they accorded him in one of the most difficult tasks, if not indeed the most difficult task, that it had ever been his lot to undertake.

QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT

Members Agitate For Inquiry Into Animal Treatment

SEEK NEW RULES

Would Frame Regulations Compelling Ships To Carry Humane Killer

British United Press

LONDON, March 24—The revelations of the sufferings undergone by cattle on the voyage to England from Canada are causing an agitation in Parliament for an exhaustive inquiry, and members of both Houses intend to raise the question.

In the House of Commons, Rennie Smith asked the Minister of Agriculture yesterday if it was true that, owing to no humane killer being aboard the Manchester Produce, attempts were made to kill the animals with a small hammer, and asking him to make regulations compelling all cattle ships to carry a humane killer.

QUESTIONS ASKED

Hon. Rupert Guinness will tomorrow ask the Minister of Agriculture if police forces were used to drive live cattle overboard on the same ship, while in the House of Lords, Lord Lambourne is asking the government what steps he intends to take to prevent a recurrence of the appalling suffering caused a cargo of cattle from Canada, and if likely that the question will lead to a debate in the Upper House.

Many members who advocated the withdrawal of the embargo on cattle fear that this agitation may end in a re-imposition of the prohibitory order.

100 TO ONE SHOT IS LINCOLN WINNER

King of Clubs Captures Early Spring Handicap; Zionist, Favorite, Second

Canadian Press

LINCOLN, Eng., March 24—King of Clubs won the Lincolnshire handicap, the first big race of the season, here today. The winner is owned by W. J. Belleroy.

Zionist, owned by the Aga Khan, was second in the field of twenty-six, and J. Duggan's Vestington Star was third.

The handicap is run over a straight mile and carries a purse of £1,000 with extras. King of Clubs, a 100 to one shot, came in to win by a head from Zionist, which was the favorite at 9 to 1. The other winners were Vestington Star, which trailed Zionist by three-quarters of a length, was 25 to 1.

PASQUEAU TO HANG

VANCOUVER, March 24—Denilo Pasqueau, Porto Rican, was last evening found guilty by an assize court jury of murder in connection with the slaying of Nurse Anne Hoodless, in the General Hospital here, on the evening of December 2 last. He was sentenced by Mr. Justice Marbury to be hanged on July 14.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—The area of low pressure which was over the lake region yesterday, now covers the St. Lawrence Valley, New England, States and Maritime Provinces, and another depression is approaching the lower lakes from the westward, while pressure is quite high over the northwestern portion of the continent. Snow or rain has fallen in all sections from Ontario eastward and in the west the weather has been cooler and unsettled.

Unsettled

FORECASTS:

MARITIME—Fresh winds with rain. Thursday, fresh winds and still unsettled with showers, probably snow flurries in north.

NEW ENGLAND—Cloudy tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature; fresh, possibly strong west backing to south winds.

Temperatures.

Lowest Highest during 24 hours

Victoria 40 60 40

Calgary 28 44 28

Edmonton 24 40 24

Winnipeg 24 40 24

Montreal 36 52 36

Saint John 36 52 36

New York 48 64 48